

## **GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROPOSALS FOR LATROBE PARK**

Canberra Girls Grammar School has contacted the Deakin Residents Association regarding the school's interest in taking a 25-30 year lease over the sports field and maintenance sheds in Latrobe Park.

The school would offer to invest approximately \$1million to upgrade and maintain the facilities of the ground, including installing a 300 metre running track and building new changing and toilet facilities.

For the term of the lease, the school would seek exclusive or pre-emptive rights to use of the sports field between 8.00am and 5.00pm on all school days, with occasional use at weekends. Public access would be available at other times, or by arrangement.

They are also interested in obtaining use of the storage depot (between the field and the Scout Hall) for school purposes.

Deakin Residents Association needs to know the views of residents and other groups who currently use or otherwise value the public open space of Latrobe Park, in order to determine a response to this proposal. The School has asked for our views, hopes for our support, and wishes to discuss any local concerns before directly approaching the ACT Government.

### **INFORMATION SESSION: 7PM, THURSDAY 12 May 2016**

Administrative Wing, off Melbourne Avenue

CGGS invites residents to attend an information session at the school, where they will describe what they hope to do, and take questions and comments. The meeting will be at the Administrative Wing of the school (enter from Melbourne Avenue main entrance).

DRA is not ready to support this proposal without a better understanding and careful evaluation of the pros and cons of such a development on what is currently public open space, and precisely what terms would apply to any agreement with the ACT Government.

We encourage your participation in the Information Session to assist us in this, and to ensure that CGGS is fully aware of residents' interests and concerns.

