

**INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Public Meeting 11 May 2021**  
**7.00pm to 9.00pm**  
**Eastlake Football Club**  
**3 Oxley Street Griffith**

**Record**

**1. Welcome and introduction**

Marea Fatseas, Deputy Chair ISCCC welcomed attendees, Assembly members (Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA and Peter Cain MLA), special guests (David Jones, ACT Health; Tui Davidson and Catherine Bell, Tender Funerals) and residents

**2. Attendees and apologies**

There were 37 attendees in person and 15 attending via zoom.

Apologies were received from Alicia Payne MLA, David Smith MP; Bean; Andrew Leigh MP, Senator Katy Gallagher; Andrew Barr MLA; Shane Rattenbury MLA, Elizabeth Lee MLA; Tara Cheyne MLA; Nicole Lawder MLA; Nick Swain, Kingston Barton Residents Group; Melissa Bennett, Red Hill Residents Group; Leo Dobes, Griffith Narrabundah Community Association; Leslie Fisk

**3. Canberra Hospital Master Plan, ACT Health Phase 2**

Key points include:

- A Canberra Hospital Master Plan is being developed to guide the future physical development of the hospital. It will guide development over the next 20 years. The planning process has completed the first step and is now in the second step.
- Step One involved seeking stakeholder and community feedback (including hospital staff); asset assessment, clinical services plan, Territory-wide health services planning and ACT Major Projects site analysis.
- Residents have been given ample opportunity to provide feedback.
- A listening report is about to be released.
- Step 2, the current phase involves developing Master Plan options and seeking feedback.
- Feedback from Phase one can still be viewed on YourSay. This includes comments provided.
- Needs identified in Phase 1 included concerns about car parking, the requirement for clinical service upgrades, amenities such as cafes and waiting areas, access and connectivity across the campus, OH&S and safety, staff attraction and retention, outdoor areas including green space.

Read more by selecting the link below:

[Canberra Hospital Master Plan - phase 1 review.pptx \(isccc.org.au\)](https://isccc.org.au/Canberra-Hospital-Master-Plan-phase-1-review.pptx)

#### Issues raised by residents

- Public availability of all feedback received during the consultation
- The importance of a new hydrotherapy pool preferably closer to the Inner South
- Alleged dangerous colocation of oxygen and diesel cylinders.
- Concerns that some Garran residents felt that they had not been adequately consulted.
- Improved integration of out-of-hospital care.
- Accessible parking close to the Emergency Department
- Improving availability of specialists
- Improved Public Transport to the hospital
- Improved access to Walk in Centres in the Inner South.

#### **4. Not for profit funeral home – Tender Funerals**

Key points include:

- Tender funerals is an incorporated not for profit association.
- The original Tender Funerals was established in 2016 in Port Kembla to provide funeral services to those in need. After three years of successfully operating and growing national interest, Tender Funerals Australia was established.
- Tender funerals provide services and support focussed on client needs
- Tender will be very transparent about cost and choice
- Currently running fund raising projects with a goal of raising \$150,000 which will unlock additional funding from Social Ventures Australia. Tender Canberra currently have seed funding from the Snow foundation. They would like our assistance in promoting them. If anyone has leads on potential premises that would also be appreciated.
- Donations are tax deductible and can be made to <https://chuffed.org/project/tender-funerals-canberra>
- Further information can be obtained by emailing [tenderfuneralscanberra@gmail.com](mailto:tenderfuneralscanberra@gmail.com)

## Issues raised by residents

- Legal Processes
  - Tender Funerals will need to submit a Development Application
- Competitiveness with the private sector options

## **5. Residents Groups Reports**

### Deakin Residents Association

- Has applied for a grant of Floriade bulbs
- A safety bump has been restored on Hopetown Crescent by the Government after 5 months.
- Deakin feels deprived of bike paths.
- On Kent Street near Equinox towers there is a sign for a DA to dig a hole in the ground but there were no other details. Another DA is about to be lodged with the details of what is to go on top of the hole. This seems a rather strange process.

### Yarralumla Residents Association

- Restored two heritage street signs
- About to start work on restoring fire hydrants
- Successfully held a Heritage Walk as part of the Heritage Festival
- CSIRO Forestry Place DA lodged. YRA will survey residents

### Old Narrabundah Community Council

- Have applied for a Commonwealth Grant for the tennis courts
- Continue work on the Community Gardens
- Support Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands

### Kingston Barton Residents Group

- Several large redevelopment proposals recently in the Kingston area. The pre-DA consultation process is developer-led and the projects are excessively large, e.g:
  - Leichhardt Street development includes a proposal for 27 apartments on a single residential block

- Giles Street proposal by GEOCON adjacent to largely two storey Kingston Shops: they are proposing 8 storeys.
- Some success in our work against the Fyshwick waste 'processing' proposals. The Fragmentiser and EPA concerns are still current.

#### Forrest Residents Group

- Continued interest in and concern for retention of the historical character of Forrest, which is representative of the history of the National Capital also.
- Continued interest planning permission relating to houses in NCA and Heritage areas of Forrest, in particular one recent case where the DA was described in existing in perpetuity.
- Continued interest in restoration and maintenance of street furniture. Evidenced by the successful grant received from Heritage Society and ACT Roads to restore the heritage street signs in Forrest.
- Continues to be a Pop-Up Group focussed on areas and issues of interest to residents and wider community groups, including connecting with Yarralumla, Deakin, Kingston Barton groups on Historic Fire Hydrants.
- Keen to continue meeting with Local Members of the Legislative Assembly who are interested to discuss Forrest and related heritage and planning matters.

#### Griffith Narrabundah Community Association

- Manor House has been of prime consideration
- The Community is horrified by the Manor House proposal
- There is concern that the selection criteria to select demonstration housing are not known
- There is no information about how assessment and evaluation of demonstration housing will work
- People in an area want certainty about what they will be living near
- Regarding the demography of South Canberra there is no shortage of accommodation. There is no need for increasing density in the densest part of Canberra
- The Group is having discussions with Kurrajong members about the proposal.
- On another matter the apparent removal of logons and legacy data for Access Canberra.
  - The Government advised that the system needed to be reformatted to meet whole of government needs. Historical data is being retained and is accessible on request.

## **6. Members of the Legislative Assembly in attendance were invited to provide brief updates.**

### Issues raised in discussion

- Building standard for apartment building cladding
  - A concessional loan scheme for building owners to rectify flammable cladding is being developed. A fire risk assessment of the building is required before planning rectification.
- Relationship between heritage and planning
- More affordable housing particularly for the younger generation
  - There was robust discussion about the government supply of land, the testing of demonstration housing, urban infill, and the management of green space.

## **7. Local Issues**

### ACT Planning Review

- The ISCCC has written to the ACT Government about its concerns and has offered to work with it.
- There is concern that there is no conversation about the Draft Territory Plan.
- There is currently no trust in the planning system. This needs to be restored.
- Developers must know the rules.
- The Community and Government must know what to expect.
- There is an emphasis on being flexible but flexible about what parameters?
- There is mention about sustainable growth but growth can't be sustainable. All growth comes to an end. There is a need to work towards a sustainable and resilient city.
- Nothing should be DA Exempt.

### Kingston Arts Precinct

- There has been a lack of compliance with the 2014 Master Plan and generally a non-transparent process.
- While there has been a developer-led Community Panel, there has been little change from the initial concept plan.
- There has been an expectation that there will be the opportunity for further community consultation, this has not occurred to date. We are told the Estate Development Plan is awaiting sign-off by the Suburban Land Agency.
- While it is understood the Heritage Council has provided advice on the proposal, several organisations have tried to obtain a copy without any success.

### Yarralumla Brickworks

- The Environmental Impact Statement is expected soon.
- There won't be much time to put in a submission.
- Some issues of concern include transport, bicycle paths and view corridors.
- The next step will be Draft Estate Development Plan.

### 8. Other Business

- The issue of a Corruption Commission was raised. The Government advised that the Integrity Commission was set up and has received a number of referrals. Anyone can lodge a submission.

9.15pm – Meeting Closed