



## Inner South Canberra Community Council

**INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC**  
**Annual General Meeting 7pm, 9 November 2021**  
**Zoom online meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair (Gary Kent) acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land and welcomed attendees including government representatives, and members of the ISCCC, representatives of residents groups, members of the public, and government representatives including Shane Rattenbury MLA.

### **2. Apologies**

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Elizabeth Lee MLA; John Keeley; Adish Chauhan

### **3. Minutes of the meeting of the 2020 AGM** were accepted.

Moved: John Edquist Seconded: John Bell. Carried.

### **4. Chair's Report** - The Chair spoke to his report which will be made available on the ISCCC website. See [www.isccc.org.au](http://www.isccc.org.au).

Highlights included:

- The ISCCC commenced its second decade representing the interests of the residents of the Inner South. Most action occurs by the 8 member resident groups.
- A number of Public Meetings and Council meetings were held during the year.
- Issues discussed included our Annual Planning Meeting, updates from MLAs, updates from Residents Groups, Fyshwick Waste Facilities, development of the Dairy Road Precinct, Urban Forest Strategy, Candidates Forum before the last Assembly Election, ACT Government Planning review, including work on the Inner South District Strategy, Canberra Hospital Masterplan, Transport including Light Rail, Canberra Brickworks, development of the Kingston Arts Precinct, Manor House, redevelopment of Gowrie Court at Narrabundah.
- Eight residents groups also had regular meetings. Some of the government funding is provided to the eight residents groups to assist them with their work.
- Participated in external meetings including the Combined Community Council meetings, the ACT Environment and Planning Forums, Community Panels for the Canberra Brickworks and the Kingston Arts Precinct.

- Submissions included National Capital Authority (NCA) Draft Amendment 95 – North Curtin Diplomatic Estate and Urban Area – the Curtin horse paddocks; DV377 Dairy Road; ACT Urban Forest Strategy; Hi-Quality Facility in Fyshwick – acknowledged Barbara Moore’s work, Planning and Development Amendment Act 2021, ACT Planning System Review and Reform Project, Forestry Place development in Yarralumla
- Future Directions, the 2019/20 Survey of residents has driven our work and we will look to updating this.
- Enhanced Communication Strategy including a large email list, twitter and Facebook posts. We have complemented this with a bimonthly column in City News.
- Some of the emerging issues include Light Rail Stage 2 including the Environmental Impact Statement. Working with Woden Valley Community Council on our consultation on Light Rail, next year’s Federal Election, continue to engage with ACT Government on the Planning Review including on the Inner South District Strategy, continuing engagement with the Community Panel for the Canberra Brickworks, community consultation on the Kingston Arts Precinct, monitor changes in the bus networks, increased rates for Inner South Residents
- Continue a focus on capacity building of the Inner South Community Council and the Residents Groups
- For the first time the area covers both Kurrajong and Murrumbidgee electorates
- Review if we are fulfilling the ISCCC’s mandate
- Thanked the ISCCC members, the Committee members, the Planning and the Transport sub-committees, the executives of the Resident Group Committees. A special mention was made of John Keeley, a founding member of the ISCCC committee who has retired, and the elected ISCCC Committee members
- Acknowledged the strength of the full debates engaged by members.
- Acknowledged the engagement of the local members in the work of the ISCCC.

Moved Marea Fatseas, Seconded David Denham Carried

5. **Treasurer’s report:** The Treasurer, David Johnstone spoke to the Financial Report. The report as at 30 June 2021 was shared on the screen. It was noted that the income was \$13 306, mainly the ACT Government Grant, spent slightly more than we received \$14 209.68. The closing balance as at 30 June 2021 was \$11,227.89.

The ISCCC also managed the Forrest Heritage Grant. This was for the restoration of Heritage Street signs. This included income of \$13,200.50 and expenditure of \$35,733.50. The Heritage Grant of \$22 553 was fully expended.

Moved David Denham, Seconded John Bell Carried

6. Reports from MLAs: Shane Rattenbury highlighted:

- Draft Variation 369 about Living Infrastructure. He noted that it is one of the few national and global initiatives that requires trees to be planted on private land blocks. It implements earlier government commitments to 30% targets for canopy cover and permeable surfaces. It was acknowledged that more work is needed including the review of the Tree Protection Act and the Estate Development Code. This year's budget includes the planting of an additional 54,000 trees over the next 4 years.
- Annual Report of the Urban Forest Strategy has been released. It has a breakdown of tree coverage by suburbs. Kingston was highlighted as an area that needs higher tree coverage. He undertook to send the ISCCC Secretary a link to the report.
- Industry is pushing back on the Draft Variations. It is a contested space.

Issues highlighted in discussion included:

- Query about the number of trees that need to be planted. Shane Rattenbury undertook to review this information.
- Redirect funds from Kangaroo culling
- The need to address public housing and housing affordability. Shane Rattenbury indicated that they would like to increase Community Housing.
- It would be good to get the current percentage of public housing in each suburb. Shane Rattenbury offered to follow up this data.

## **7. Resident Group Reports**

### **Griffith Narrabundah Community Association**

Highlights:

- Submission on Manor House
- Supportive housing involving 3 dwellings on one RZ1 block. Association would like to know the Government plans for the Inner South
- ISCCC Inner South District Strategy work. It would like this to influence the Chief Planner's work in this area.
- Will be giving a presentation to the Environment Planning Forum about views on the five themes forming part of the Planning Review documentation
- Has been successful in winning two government grants.

### **Oaks Estate Residents Association**

Highlights:

- AGM has been postponed to 30 November.
- DV328 Oaks Estate is a key focus for the Association. Concerns about any development in the area includes traffic, parking and rubbish collection.

- Land designation sale will bring more traffic and the development of more commercial property putting the urban village nature of Oaks Estate at risk
- There is an overall concern about the lack of value given to the heritage of Oaks Estate and to Aboriginal cultural heritage issues.
- There are continuing concerns about maintenance of social housing.
- Grateful for St Vincent de Paul support in the area
- Concern that residents cannot be guaranteed Commonwealth support

### **Deakin Residents Association**

#### Highlights:

- 4,500 Tulips and an equivalent number of pansies and violets were planted as part of Floriade. This has been successful in attracting members.
- Have held meetings discussing Light Rail. The presentations are on the DRA website [Deakin Residents Association – A Garden Community for the Future](#)
- Next consideration will be focused on the raising of National Circuit which will interrupt traffic between the city and the Inner South.
- Developments being monitored include Equinox on Kent Street; the private mental health clinic; St Luke's Church site being redeveloped into child care without adequate car parking.
- AGM will be held on 24 November.

### **Red Hill Residents Group**

#### Highlights:

- The Annual General Meeting was held on 4 November and the new committee was elected.
- The Parks (Red Hill Flats) – concerns remain over traffic and parking. A meeting will be held next week with DOMA/Stockland (likely to include discussion on the Beagle/Roebuck Street parking proposal). Residents have had challenges with kerb parking and dangerous traffic movements in general.
- Yarra Rossa (Morling Lodge) is progressing well, with two site visits offered to local residents during the year.
- Quiros Street Childcare Centre has been delayed, but should be completed soon, and will be managed by Wonderschool.
- Submissions were made on the Symonston Crematorium development application, with issues focused on ecology of the area (birds and trees) and traffic management.
- Generally, issues continue around traffic and parking across the suburb.

### **Forrest Residents Group**

#### Highlights:

- Developer intentions for the old Italo Club site – Block 9 Section 19 Forrest. There is a proposal to seek a zoning change to allow two 7-storey residential apartment towers, (rezoned to CZ5 mixed-use). This would impact the suburb significantly and set a precedent for other non-main streets. FRG is considering seeking a different zoning change, restricting the height and limiting use to residential.

### **Kingston and Barton Residents Group**

#### Highlights:

- The AGM was held on 4 November. Richard Johnston is the new President.
- Work on Fyshwick Waste led to successful outcomes during the past year.
- Involvement in the establishment of the Fyshwick Business Association
- The Fire Station fashion parade was cancelled and the grant funds have been returned to the ACT Government.
- The Floriade planting was organised by Robby McGarvey and carried out by her brilliant band of helpers, with support from the Women’s Shed, the National Trust, the Kingston Organic Community Gardeners, local shopkeepers, Bunnings, Lend Lease, and all the local MLAs (including Chief Minister Andrew Barr pushing a wheelbarrow) for which we are very grateful.
- Significant Development proposals that the group continues to deal with include the Kingston Arts Precinct, Geocon’s Giles Street Kingston (Kingston Chambers) redevelopment, Morris Properties 52-56 Leichhardt Street redevelopment proposals, and the proposed 6 storey office building at 40 Brisbane Avenue Barton.
- Involvement in the ACT Planning System Review & Reform project. KBRG has worked with the ISCCC to develop an Inner South Canberra District Strategy from the bottom up. The KBRG Acting President contributed substantially through being a member of the ISCCC Planning Committee and presented the draft to the ISCCC Public Meeting on 14 September 2021.
- The development of the Kingston Arts Precinct will be a key focus in the future.

### **Yarralumla Residents Association**

#### Highlights:

- The AGM has been held. Steve Foley is the new President
- Red bows decorated the Yarralumla streets last Christmas. They will be placed around the streets again this Christmas.
- There were 3,200 bulbs planted in the suburb as part of Floriade
- YRA is involved in tree maintenance in the suburb
- There has been a big increase in membership with the group now representing one in four residents.
- Developments of interest in the area include CSIRO Forestry Place site, LDK retirement village and the Canberra Brickworks site.
- Issues include poorly maintained infrastructure, 300 trees removed and 100 have died, footpaths are not linked, there are potholes.

- Current and proposed developments will increase the Yarralumla population significantly.
- There have been substantial rate increases in Yarralumla.

## **Old Narrabundah Community Council**

### Highlights:

- Bronwyn Shirley is the new President
- There are three sub groups – Tennis, Community Gardens and Narrabundah Wetlands
- Will look at setting up temporary pop-up groups to manage specific projects
- Planning to keep meetings to 30 minutes to assist Committee members who work full time.
- The tennis grant has nearly been spent. ONCC will apply for another one most probably to focus on improving lighting.
- They may need to seek an extension to the grant as some of the work associated with the tennis courts has been delayed due to the impact of Covid 19.
- Volunteer work supporting the tennis club has included painting the hut and fixing doors.
- There are a few more plot holders of the community gardens.
- ONCC is also seeking better pathway connections in the suburb.

**7. Election of Committee:** The meeting chair invited John Bell to be returning officer for the nomination of Chair and remaining positions.

There being only one nomination for Chair, Gary Kent was declared the Chair for the upcoming year.

John Bell and the Secretary confirmed the names of the nominees, as follows:

Deputy Chair: Marea Fatseas  
 Secretary: Kathie Potts  
 Treasurer: David Johnstone  
 Public Relations Officer: Adish Chauhan  
 Assistant Treasurer: Deb Price  
 Ordinary Member: John Edquist  
 Ordinary Member: Anne Forrest

It was noted that the positions of Assistant Secretary and Web Master were still open.

## **8. Acceptance of nominees of residents associations/groups for Committee membership:**

The following nominees from Residents Groups were accepted:

Red Hill Residents Group: Melissa Bennett, David Templeman

Old Narrabundah Community Council: Bronwyn Shirley, Beatrice Bodart-Bailley

Kingston and Barton Residents Group: Richard Johnston, Peter Moore

Yarralumla Residents Association: Steve Foley, Peter Pharaoh

Deakin Residents Association: George Wilson, John Bell - until further notice, AGM 24 November

Griffith Narrabundah Community Association: Colin Waters, David Denham, until further notice, AGM 24 November

Oaks Estate: Fiona MacGregor, Meagan Cousins, until further notice, AGM 30 November.

Forrest Residents Group: Elizabeth Goodbody, Tui Davidson, until further notice

### **9. General Business:**

Carol Russell and Barbara Moore raised ongoing concerns about proposed Fyshwick Waste Facilities. The Chair undertook to explore how best to continue advocacy work on these issues.

**Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.**