

# **INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS 2010 - 2015**

On 7 July 2010 the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) was formally established at a public meeting with founding member groups Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA), Yarralumla Residents Association (YRA), Old Narrabundah Community Council (ONCC) and an associate member Inner South SEE-change. A number of individuals also joined as members. At this meeting the members adopted a constitution and elected office bearers.

Since 2010, the Oaks Estate Progress Association, Red Hill Residents Group, Kingston-Barton Residents Group and Deakin Residents Association have also joined the ISCCC.

The ISCCC is a 'federation' of Inner South residents groups and operates with and through these organisations.

The purpose of this document is to provide an indication of the major work undertaken by the ISCCC during its first five years of operation. The following list highlights the main achievements during the period June 2010 to 30 June 2015.

In addition the ISCCC has been involved from time to time in a range of other activities such as developing and maintaining working relationships with Government bodies at both Federal, such as NCA, and local levels such as ACTPLA and TAMS, making submissions on individual DCPs and DAs often in support of its Resident Groups.

The ISCCC has also developed a good working relationship with the media, in particular so that significant media presence now occurs with the ISCCC being seen as the 'voice of the community.'

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## 2010-11

During the year the ISCCC:

- Began reviews of Draft Variations 301 and 303 which then became DV306
- Participated in the Ministerial 2010 Territory Plan Code Review Reference Group for DV306.
- Made Submissions in response to major Draft Variations and Development Applications, and to the National Capital Authority's (NCA) proposal for parking in the Parliamentary Triangle.
- Attended Government forums LDA and PDF aimed at exchanging information and views.
- Wrote regular monthly columns for the Chronicle newspaper on issues relevant to the Inner South community.
- Held Committee meetings each month, and public forums several times during the year. Both types of meetings were open to members of the community
- Public Forums were held on the following topics:
  - ACT Government Reform (the Hawke Report);
  - various planning proposals including Canberra Brickworks, proposed changes to roads in Deakin and Yarralumla resulting from the Molonglo Development and the proposal to redevelop the Brumbies Griffith site for housing;
  - the case for Neighbourhood Plans led by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects), and the Planning Institute of Australia);
  - ***Residential Tenancies (Minimum Standards) Act Amendment Bill 2011*** - Minister Rattenbury MLA
  - DV 306 briefing by the ACT Government, June 2011.
  - the draft Transport for Canberra Strategy and Park 'n Ride, Bike 'n Ride proposals, and a public transport survey;
  - *Minimising adverse effects of Multi-Unit Development in Residential Zone 2* by Caroline Le Couteur MLA, Member for Molonglo and, for discussion *The Kingston Plan: A precedent for other Group Centres?*
- Presentations were made to the Committee on the Clean Economy Strategy (ACTG) and on Eastlake development and Jerrabomberra wetlands (Conservation Council ACT).
- Deakin and Red Hill suburban residents groups became ISCCC members March 2011.
- Residents of Barton, Kingston and Symonston expressed interest in forming suburban groups.
- The ISCCC website was launched in February 2011

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## 2011-12

Kevin Gill who was largely responsible for getting the ISCCC established and was the inaugural Chair, resigned on 18 June 2012.

In 2011-12 the ISCCC:

- made submissions on
  - ACT Government Reform (the Hawke Report);
  - DVs 306 (first and second issues) and 307 to both the ACT Government and the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services
  - the ACT Government draft Planning Strategy
  - the Draft Transport For Canberra Strategy,
  - the ACT Government Weathering the Change Draft Action Plan 2,
  - the NCA's review of the National Capital Open Space System
  - ACAT processes and the need for community legal aid, 20 September 2011 and 16 March 2012
- Supported GNCA in dealing with DV307 which proposed a change of lease allowing 131 apartments to be built on the Brumbies club site.
- undertook a community survey on Inner South transport with 210 respondents and finalized its Transport Strategy for the Inner South for submission to ACTG.
- had meetings with consultants and ACTG staff on various matters such as bus stops and bus transport plans, Manuka Oval development and trees.
- reviewed Neighbourhood Plans and explored key elements of the Inner North Canberra and other Precinct Codes of relevance to future Inner South Canberra Precinct Codes
- actively participated in the ACT Combined Community Councils forums ever since the inaugural meeting which was arranged and hosted by Tuggeranong Community Council, and in that capacity met with the Chief Minister. The ISCCC hosted the second, December 2011, meeting.
- Participated in the ACTPLA Planning and Development Forum; the Kingston Foreshore Stakeholders meetings and the Airport Consultative Group
- Contributed to the LDA planning of section 49 Kingston (arts precinct), September 2011.
- hosted a presentation by the Economic Development Directorate on the Manuka Oval development
- hosted a talk by the Director General Environment and Sustainability Directorate
- Public Forums were held on the following topics:
  - DV 306 for community input (August 2011).
  - Kingston Arts precinct (Purdon and Associates in September 2011).
  - pre DA consultation (March 2012)
  - Public transport – ACTG draft Transport Strategy, Park 'n Ride, Bike 'n Ride presentations including Canberra Avenue proposals by AECOM (April 2012)

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At the 2011 – 2012 AGM the ISCCC hosted two speakers:

- (a) “Our changing suburbs – what, when and how and why don’t I know about it?”  
Craig Simmons and Jim Corrigan, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate ACT Government. Matters covered included challenges of ‘one rule’ for old and new suburbs, particularly for RZ1 and RZ2, and managing consequences of exempt Development Applications
- (b) “A proposal to re-zone the majority of the blocks included within Section 19 Forrest, from a mix of existing zonings comprising Commercial CZ6 (three blocks); Residential RZ1 (two existing multi unit developments) and a single block zoned as Community Facility CFZ; to a uniform Commercial CZ5 – Mixed Use zone across all six blocks” - Claire Middleton ACT Planners and architect, with representatives of the blocks involved.

Through its member groups, the ISCCC has also:

- Contributed strongly to the debates on the future of the Canberra Brickworks
- Participated in various ACAT submissions with a view to protecting the character of the Inner South
- Provided information of interest to Inner South residents on the ISCCC website [isccc.org.au](http://isccc.org.au).
- Letter box dropped a number (time and quantity) of newsletters from the ISCCC and its member residents groups
- Supported and facilitated the establishment of the Kingston and Barton Residents Group, and welcomed it as a member of the ISCCC (November 2011)
- welcomed the Oaks Estate Progress Association as a member of the ISCCC (May 2012)
- continued the monthly column in the Canberra Chronicle and regular Chronicle articles covering ISCCC and constituent group issues

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## 2012-13

In 2012-13 the ISCCC

- made submissions on:
  - For the ACT Budget in 2013-14 and outyears for the provision of seed and ongoing funding for an independent community planning advocate to ensure reasonable planning objections from the community are presented equitably before the Administrative and Civil Appeals Tribunal (ACAT) in fulfilling its role in the broader planning framework for the Australian Capital Territory, 28 February 2013
  - the ACT Government draft Planning Strategy
  - Oaks Estate planning
  - The proposed development of the Brumbies site, block 15, Section 42, Griffith
  - Exempt developments and redevelopment of duplex residences
  - DV306
  - amendments to the Territory Plan, specifically regarding Precinct Codes
  - The size of the Legislative Assembly
  - Concessional lease policy specifically on deconcessionalisation
  - Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
  - ISCCC Transport Strategy
  - Gawler Crescent, Deakin, development
  - YMCA Sailing Club Development Application
- appeared before ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee review of Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan, on 11 July 2012
- Actively participated in the ACT Combined Community Councils forums.
- Participated in the ACTPLA Planning and Development Forum
- Hosted Council Forums on:
  - Meet the candidates for the ACT Legislative Assembly (September 2012)
  - Health Matters – facilities and services for the Inner South South Side Community Services and Health Care Consumers Association; statistics on community health by Medicare Local
  - Minister Rattenbury's portfolio highlights with regard to the Inner South
- wrote to Minister Corbell (24 April 2013) about exempt developments and raised it with media (May 2013), leading to significant coverage
- wrote to the Chief Minister (23 February 2013) calling for a planning advocate, and contributed on this issue in cooperation with the Combined Community Councils (CCC).
- drafted a possible precinct code outline, wrote to Min. Corbell (22 August 2013), and met officials (May 2013) to seek cooperation

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- advocated to ACT Government for community collaboration in developing suburb precinct codes. The Government undertook to incorporate statements of desired character into suburb precinct codes, and consult the community on this.
- promoted a heritage walk through the heritage listed Blandfordia 5 zone in Griffith
- Discussed the *Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013* with Duncan Marshall, head of ACT Heritage Council, 11 June 2013
- ISCCC website redeveloped and launched, including a capability for readers to submit comments (November 2012).

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## 2013-14

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- made submissions on:
  - ACT Government's Water Strategy (29 August 2013).
  - Precinct Codes to ACT Government (TAMS Minister Rattenbury) 30 July 2013
  - Call in powers in the *Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*
  - Government policy on lease variation charges, 10 December 2013
  - The *Planning and Development (Project Facilitation) Bill 2014*, June 2014
  - The *Land Development (Symonston Mental Health Facility) Amendment Bill 2014*
  - The Canberra Airport Master Plan.
- held public forums on
  - Planning our suburbs for community wellbeing, prosperity and environmental equality with Professor Barbara Norman, Foundation Chair, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Canberra, and also Chair of the ACT Government's Climate Change Council, Dr Andrew MacKenzie, Assistant Professor Landscape Architecture, University of Canberra, Hamish Sinclair, ACT Board Director, Planning Institute of Australia and Catherine Kiernan ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (27 March 2014)
  - Manuka Oval developments and impacts and Proposed National Heritage Listing of Canberra (July 2013)
- Participated in the 'Northern Boundary Definition Workshop' for DV 306, 14 March 2014
- Participated in the Canberra Airport consultation group (CACAAG)
- Enhanced the website with Twitter and Facebook, December 2013

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## 2014-15

In 2014-15 the ISCCC

- Made submissions on
  - On the Yarralumla and Deakin infill proposal, 14 July 2014
  - To the Minister for Planning, Mr Gentleman on the Planning and Development (Capital Metro) Legislation Amendment Bill 2014, 9 February 2015
- In a variety of ways supported residents groups and Symonston residents in addressing issues associated with the
  - Yarralumla and Deakin infill proposal
  - public housing redevelopment proposals for Griffith, Narrabundah and Red Hill, known as the Omnibus Territory Plan Variation.
  - Manuka Occasional Child Care Centre relocation proposal.
  - Temporary jail at Symonston.
- held public forums on
  - Yarralumla and Deakin infill, 7 July 2014
  - 'Mr Fluffy' Residential Asbestos in the ACT, 5 March 2015



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## 2015-16

- Made submissions on
  - To both the ACTG and the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and TAMS on the Draft Variation to retitle residential blocks which are zoned RZ1 and acquired under the 'Mr Fluffy' buy-back scheme being retitled equivalent to RZ2 (Draft Variation 343) (21 July 2015). The ISCCC also appeared before the Standing Committee on this matter (3 September 2015).
  - The Red Hill public housing redevelopment (DV 334) (31 August 2015)
  - The Inner South Public Housing redevelopment Draft Variations 332,333, and 334, 17 August 2015
  - The Heritage listing of the ACT
  - The *Exposure Draft of National Capital Plan* to the NCA (22 July 2015).
- Participated in a Workshop with ACTCOSS on the urban infill process and how public housing tenants will continue to be part of the inner south community, on 7 October 2015.