

Inner South Canberra Community Council

Annual Report to AGM

17th November 2016

The Inner South Canberra Community Council Incorporated (ISCCC) was established in July 2010 with the primary aim of representing and promoting the interests of the residents of Inner South Canberra.

The constitutional objects of the Inner South Canberra Community Council are:

- (a) To protect and enhance the amenity and environmental community well-being of Inner South Canberra residents and the broader community;
- (b) To promote and represent Inner South Canberra residents in respect of the above;
- (c) To actively promote communication and coordination among residents and local community groups;
- (d) To contribute to the planning of Inner South Canberra, consistent with the above objectives; and
- (e) To assist in ensuring all groups, especially the more vulnerable, are adequately represented.

Relationship of ISCCC and local residents' groups

The governance arrangements of the Council recognise and respect the vital and enduring role played by existing residents associations in advancing the interests of the residents of their suburbs. These arrangements reflect the intention that the Council complement and assist, rather than duplicate or supplant, the role of these associations.

To this end, the Council focuses its energies on matters of common interest to Inner South Canberra as a whole, as set out in the objectives stated in clause 2 of the ISCCC Constitution (above).

Manuka Oval precinct

The unsolicited bid from Greater Western Sydney (GWS) and Grocon to develop the Manuka Oval Precinct (Manuka Green proposal) was one such matter of common interest. To ascertain community views on the proposal ISCCC organised a joint public forum with Kingston Barton Residents Group (KBRG) and Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA) on 28th April. Guest speakers were Gary Rake, EPD and Tony Harris, former NSW Auditor General. About 350 people attended and passed motions against the bid which were sent to the government and media.

Subsequently the Chair and presidents of KBRG and GNCA met the Chief Minister and strongly recommended developing a Master Plan for the Oval Precinct and surrounds. The ACT government refused the unsolicited bid. Congratulations to all who contributed to such a satisfactory outcome. However we all realise there is a long way to go and welcome input such as Hugh Griffin's presentation to the committee, KBRG's package of information, the presentations of Tony Powell and Jane Goffman to KBRG's AGM last week and Barbara Moore's presentation to the next committee meeting.

ISCCC and KBRG have regular meetings with Events ACT regarding Manuka Oval.

Heritage

Heritage has also been important to ISCCC and Resident Groups. KBRG and the Oaks Estate Progress Association (OEPA) ran very successful activities during Heritage Week in April. ISCCC has maintained working relationships with the ACT Heritage Council and the National Trust.

ISCCC has made submissions on the ACT Heritage Strategy 2016 – 2021 and a proposed development in a heritage area in Forrest.

Congratulations to KBRG, particularly Ian Morison, for winning a National Trust award for Significant Contribution to Heritage Conservation for its conservation and management of the Barton Heritage Precinct's Streetscape.

New Residents Group for Forrest

We are very pleased to support the formation of a new residents group for the suburb of Forrest filling a gap in coverage of Inner South Canberra. Issues for the new group are the NCA overlay between State and National Circuits (which also covers part of Deakin), the new hotel on the site of the Italo-Australia club and parking and traffic issues due to Federal Offices nearby. The new Group is currently working with ISCCC, the Jewish Centre and the Creche regarding the block on the corner of Canberra and National Circuit, which has been rezoned from community use.

Federal Government.

The ISCCC has made representations to the Federal government on the Exposure Draft of the National Capital Plan and the revised National Capital Plan (Draft Amendment 86). As a result Telopea Park has remained under the National Capital Authority.

ISCCC led organisation of the first ACT Combined Community Councils (CCC) public forum, a “Meet the Federal Candidates” at the Albert Hall on 16th June.

ACT Government

ISCCC has consolidated working relationships with Government bodies such as ACTPLA and TCCS making submissions on individual DCPs and DAs often in support of its Resident Groups. In addition to the issues already covered, the ISCCC has made representations to the ACT government on:

- Improved Government services for Oaks Estate.
- The proposal to change the *Planning and Development Act 2007* with respect to the Mr Fluffy issue (DV343).
- The proposed redevelopment of Stuart Flats (DV332), Gowrie Court (DV333) and Red Hill Flats (DV334).
- The proposed development at Kingston shops (Section 19).
- A proposed development of 30 apartments on Canberra Ave, Forrest.
- The draft ACT Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
- Residential Solar Access Provisions (DV346)

- Proposed development at the Canberra Brickworks Precinct (including membership of the Community)
- Symonston Secure Mental Health Facility

The ISCCC has also participated in the ACTPLA Environment and Planning Forum and the ACT Waste Feasibility Study. ISCCC is represented on the Molonglo Catchment Group and ACT Basin Priority Project.

Public meetings

Forum on Canberra Brickworks Precinct with members of the Community Panel who are representatives from ISCCC, YRA, National Trust ACT, SEE Change and the Land Development Authority (LDA) on 31st March 2016.

Forum on Public Transport – Guest speakers Meegan Fitzharris MLA and Alistair Coe MLA on 2 June 2016.

“Meet the Kurrajong Candidates” Forum on 27th September 2016.

Communications

The ISCCC has:

- Provided information of interest to Inner South Canberra residents on the ISCCC website isccc.org.au.
- Continued the ISCCC monthly column in the Canberra Chronicle and regular Chronicle articles covering ISCCC and constituent group issues.
- Continued Facebook and Twitter Accounts which link to the ISCCC website and now has 633 followers on Twitter.
- Promoted ISCCC news further into the Inner South Canberra community by supporting and contributing to member resident group’s newsletters.

ISCCC member groups have organised and promoted community activities such as heritage activities and street parties.