



Inner South Canberra Community Council

Newsletter

November 2020

Engage with your community. Stay informed.

Your voice in the inner south

The Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) is a volunteer-run organisation formed in 2010 to provide a unified and strong voice for residents of Canberra's inner south. We are the peak body for eight inner south residents' groups and work closely with these member groups to reach out and engage with our community.

We invite you to attend ISCCC events and to join your local residents' group. This newsletter provides you with a snapshot of our current priorities and activities. It also provides details about upcoming Annual General Meetings where you can find out more, raise any issues, and elect representatives for the coming year.

The ISCCC's current priorities are to advocate for:

- **better maintenance and renewal** of our street trees and verges, urban forest, paths, and other public spaces
- **meaningful community engagement** on planning and development to achieve better outcomes
- **better engagement** with inner south residents about housing choice and diversity, including social housing
- **urban renewal that respects and conserves** precincts and places of heritage value
- **forward planning for Fyshwick**, a light industrial suburb unsuitable for proposed major waste facilities
- **improved public transport** and an integrated land use/transport policy to avoid traffic congestion.

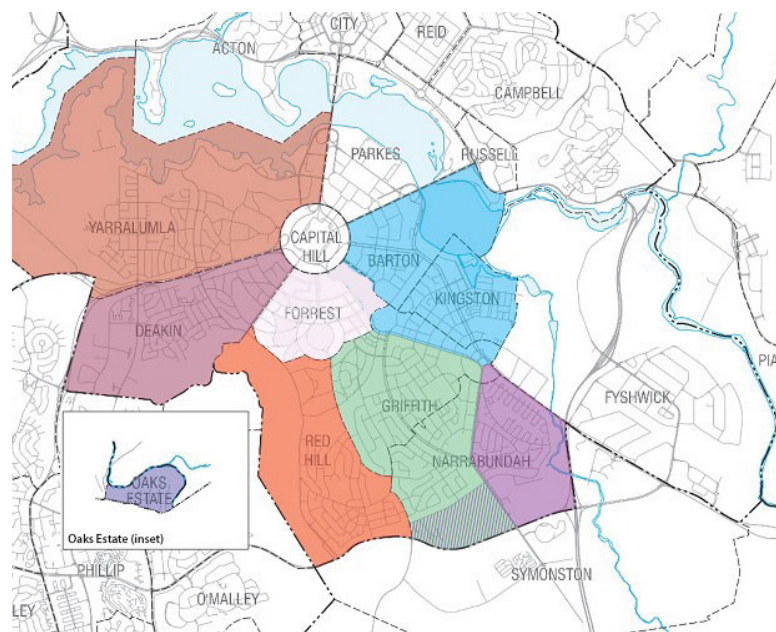
The ISCCC's priorities are informed by the responses of 555 residents to our online survey in 2019/20. Read the full survey report at www.isccc.org.au/final-report-on-isccc-online-community-survey-2019-20

Stay informed and join us for the ISCCC AGM on **Tuesday, 10 November 2020 at 7:00pm, Eastlake Football Club, Griffith**. COVID-19 restrictions will apply so bookings are essential. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom. For information on how to book to attend, or for the link to the Zoom meeting, email: info@isccc.org.au.

Want to become involved? Elections for the ISCCC Committee positions of: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Webmaster, Ordinary Member (2 positions), Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer will be held at the AGM. Nominate now using the nomination form on the ISCCC website at: www.isccc.org.au

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Chair, Inner South Canberra Community Council



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Deakin Residents Association (DRA)

www.deakinresidents.asn.au E: secretary@deakinresidents.asn.au

Join us for a public meeting of the Deakin Residents Association (DRA) on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 6:30pm at the Bridge Club, Duff Street, Deakin or join the meeting via Zoom.

Guest speaker Ian Bushnell, Senior Journalist for the RiotACT and a former News Editor and Chief of Reporting staff at The Canberra Times will speak on the ACT election results and the history, coverage and objectives of the RiotACT which is based in Deakin. Ian will also discuss the need for a master plan for Deakin and Yarralumla, something the DRA has been lobbying for over many years.

The AGM of the DRA and election of office bearers will follow the guest speaker. The DRA Constitution was recently changed to expand the committee and the DRA is now looking for more people to join.

Become a member now and help us to become more active on issues such as perceived overdevelopment, Kent Street traffic, and excessively bright streetlights. To ensure effective action, it is vital for more residents to become involved. The imminent development of Equinox 2 will require close scrutiny but DRA can't do it without more active members.

We all want action on issues that impact on our community such as bike routes, dead street trees, and the revitalisation of La Trobe Park. Are you interested in helping us establish a volunteer group to support the upkeep and maintenance of La Trobe Park? If so, we want to hear from you. Become a member today.

Forrest Residents Group (FRG)

www.forrestresidents.asn.au E: mail@forrestresidents.asn.au

The Forrest Residents Group operates on a pop-up basis to deal with issues as they arise and provide residents with news and information about the suburb. The Group has engaged actively with Forrest residents on several issues in the past year, including proposed developments, urban forest and heritage issues. New members welcome.

In response to concerns that parking was having adverse impacts on the median and trees on Melbourne Avenue, the Forrest Residents Group and Deakin Residents Association cooperated with the ACT Government and Canberra Girls Grammar School to find solutions. As a result, bollards now protect the relevant section of the Melbourne Avenue median.

Under the auspices of the ISCCC, the Forrest Residents Group is using an ACT Government heritage grant to restore the Forrest street signs in Dominion Circuit and other sites. Forrest volunteers will be painting the letter plates on the street signs before Christmas.

Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA)

www.gnca.org.au E: info@gnca.org.au

After the smoke from the bushfires and the damaging hailstorm, along came Covid 19, which is still with us. It caused the abandonment of our fundraising raffle and the delivery of our April Newsletter by volunteers.

Nevertheless, we have increased our membership numbers to 394. We will need our resources and those of the other groups in the ISCCC to persuade the new government to provide better planning outcomes. At present, the inner south has one of the highest densities of population in Canberra and there are already more than 2000 dwellings in the pipeline.

The Territory Plan should be changed to mandate larger planting areas in residential blocks, otherwise we are doomed to more concrete and tarmac, where we need trees. We must aim to maintain the characteristics we value most in our streets and suburbs.

GNCA now supports four volunteer groups in Griffith to work on managing our urban parks: Bass Gardens, Blaxland Park, Griffith Park/Wells Gardens and the Griffith Woodlands Group (La Perouse Park). We are very grateful to the Government for installing new footpaths in Blaxland Park. They are wonderful assets.

The GNCA persuaded the Government to improve the streetscapes in Manuka by stopping parking on the land around the Manuka Occasional Childcare Association – we hope more improvements will follow.



Kingston and Barton Residents Group (KBRG)

www.kbrg.org.au Facebook: [kingston&bartonresidentsgroup](https://www.facebook.com/kingston&bartonresidentsgroup)
Instagram: [kingstonandbartonresidents](https://www.instagram.com/kingstonandbartonresidents)

The Kingston and Barton Residents Group (KBRG) AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 6.30pm.

The meeting will be a hybrid physical and Zoom meeting. Details are on our website and Facebook page.

In 2020, the KBRG has:

- **focussed** on the Kingston Arts Precinct, and remains an active member of the Community Panel;
- **continued to support** residents in their opposition to a 6-8 storey Geocon proposal for Giles Street Kingston and secured statements from all major political parties against the current proposal;
- **supported local residents** with development applications and tree related issues;
- **provided support and updates** throughout the bushfires, hailstorm and COVID-19 pandemic;
- **been very active** in responding to the proposed waste facilities in Fyshwick.

As part of Floriade Reimagined, the KBRG, 50 plus volunteers and more than 40 businesses joined forces to plant more than 8000 bulbs and annuals and host a Spring Minifest to celebrate. Floriade Reimagined has been a great success in bringing the local community and businesses together during these times.

Our focus for 2021 includes the Kingston Arts Precinct, Geocon's Giles Street proposal, activation of the Kingston Shops and Telopea Park.

Oaks Estate Residents Association [OERA]

E: info@oera.org

The Oaks Estate Residents Association has now joined the Inner South Canberra Community Council as a member group after its inaugural Annual General Meeting, held on 8 August 2020.

The elected officeholders are Fiona MacGregor (President), Robert Howard (Secretary) and Tania Buda (Treasurer). The ISCCC looks forward to working with the OERA.

Old Narrabundah Community Council Inc (ONCC)

www.narrabundah.org.au E: info@narrabundah.org.au

The ONCC represents the interests of residents of the old Narrabundah area (loosely bordered by Sturt Avenue, Matina/Goyder Streets and Canberra Avenue).

Join us for our AGM on Monday, 9 November 2020 at 7:00pm in the Tennis Hut, Kootara Crescent, Narrabundah.

Our focus in 2020 -2021 includes:

- **Work** with Molonglo Conservation Group and promote community events at the Narrabundah Wetlands.
- **Develop** options to improve the community tennis courts and increase participation in the community gardens on Kootara Crescent.
- **Contribute** to the overall campaign against the proposals to establish large Fyshwick waste facilities in close proximity to old Narrabundah residents.
- **Negotiate** with Transport Canberra to restore a direct full service bus connection from old Narrabundah to Woden (Route 902), and a local school bus service
- **Support** local residents impacted by development applications, including advocating for conservation of significant trees in our local landscape.

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Red Hill Residents Group (RHRG)

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Join us for our AGM at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 4 November 2020. Due to COVID restrictions the meeting will be held via Zoom. To be added to the mailing list email: redhillresidentsgroup@gmail.com.

It has been a year of significant construction in Red Hill, with work being undertaken behind the Red Hill shops (The Parks) and on the old Morling Lodge site (Yarra Rossa). Construction commenced on the terraces at The Parks in September, with the central park 'Lady Nelson Park' expected by late 2020. Yarra Rossa is on schedule and due to be completed in July 2021. The developers keep us well informed of significant actions on site, and we continue to monitor construction traffic impacts.

Yarralumla Residents Association (YRA)

www.yarralumlaresidents.org.au E: info@yarralumlaresidents.org.au

The YRA AGM will be held on Tuesday, 24 November at 7.30pm at the Yarralumla Primary School Hall. YRA Committee members are elected at the AGM. There are currently vacancies on the Committee. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact YRA at info@yarralumlaresidents.org.au. Nominations can be accepted at the meeting.

The Yarralumla Residents Association:

- is a member of the **Community Panel** discussing the development of the Old Brickworks site with the developer DOMA. For the latest information go to: www.brickworkscommunity.com.au. Construction has started on the new access road to the Brickworks and an upgrade to Dudley Street.
- is in discussions about the potential development of the CSIRO site on Banks Street, now known as Forestry Place. Find out more at www.forestryplace.com.au.
- has been successful in obtaining funding under the ACT Heritage Grants Program to restore the two concrete street signs on the corner of Banks and Hooker and Banks and Bentham Streets.
- participated in **Floriade Reimagined**, with a fine display of flowers at the Yarralumla Shops and nearby pocket park.

- **Tree Group** is now working along Denman and Dudley streets removing woody weeds. This is part of the fire reduction risk strategy for Yarralumla. The tree group meets near the Yarralumla Uniting Church at 9:00am on Tuesdays. To join the volunteer group, contact Peter Pharaoh at Trees@yra.org.au.
- participating in the **annual clean-up of the Lake Burley Griffin** shoreline around Weston Park on Saturday, 15 November from 8:00am to noon. If you can help, if only for an hour or two, it would be much appreciated. Meet at the YRA marquee opposite the Yarralumla Play Station.

Fyshwick Business Association (FBA)

www.fyshwickbusiness.com.au

The Future of Fyshwick Waste Proposals

In response to massive community opposition, the ACT election campaign saw all parties commit to not supporting large scale waste facilities in Fyshwick. Consequently, whatever the makeup of the incoming government, the ACT Legislative Assembly has an obligation to honour this commitment.

At the earliest opportunity, we will commence discussions with government and the community around a sensible Master Plan that will rule out any future proposals for inappropriate massive waste facilities in Fyshwick. The Fyshwick Business Association supports innovative waste management and resource recovery solutions but believes they should be co-located in Hume.

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