

INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

2013 ISCCC AGM

Introduction

The ISCCC AGM in November 2011 endorsed a strategic plan for the Council's work over the four-year period 2011 to 2015.

This report summarises action taken in the past 12 months to implement the agreed actions in the strategic plan. The intention is to spread action over the four-year period covered by the Strategy.

In summary, in the past year, the ISCCC has:

- Advocated to the ACT Government, in writing to the Minister (22 Aug 2013) and through meeting with ACTPLA officials (May 2013), for collaboration with the community in development of its new local planning documents called "suburb precinct codes". The Government has undertaken to incorporate statements of desired character into suburb precinct codes, and to consult the community as part of the amendment process.
- Written to the Chief Minister (23 Feb 2013) seeking financial support for a planning advocate through the 2013-14 budget process, and continues to lobby on this issue in cooperation with the Combined Community Councils.
- Taken strong action concerning exempt residential developments, including by writing to Minister Corbell (24 April 2013); raising it with the media in May 2013 leading to significant media coverage, and cooperating on these issues with the President of Engineers Australia Canberra Division.
- Developed and started to implement its new communications and engagement plan, including through media engagement, further development of the ISCCC website, preparation of a pamphlet on the ISCCC, and the establishment and use of Facebook and Twitter accounts. The ISCCC contributed financially to support the communication activities of member resident associations with inner South Canberra residents.
- Held discussions on heritage issues with Duncan Marshall, head of ACT Heritage Council on 11 June and 8 October 2013. The ISCCC lodged a submission to the ACT Government on 16 June 2013 concerning the Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013, including coverage of ISCCC concerns about proposed Ministerial call-in powers.
- Developed and submitted to the ACT Government the ISCCC transport strategy following a survey of Inner South residents in 2012 about transport.

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- Lodged other submissions to the ACT Government, for example on the Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 (16 June 2013), and the ACT Government's Water Strategy (August 2013).
- Supported residents of Symonston in their discussions with the ACT Government about proposed facilities to be established in that suburb.

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Desired outcome: Inner South Canberra residents are happy with the amenity and community well-being of the Inner South

	Strategy	Actions	Responsibility and timeframe	Performance Measures
1.1	Promote Inner South issues to government in collaboration with residents' groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the community and the ACT Government on a strategic plan for the development of Inner South Canberra. 2. Respond to Government calls for comment on key strategic documents. 3. Liaise with other Community Councils and residents' groups on matters of common interest, and collaborate where appropriate. 4. Advocate to Government Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Federal Parliament (MPs) on Inner South issues 	<p>Committee develops draft outline of strategic plan by June 2012</p> <p>ISCCC committee engages with ACT Government with a view to a draft strategic plan being prepared by 2013, Canberra's centenary.</p> <p>For other actions: Committee, ongoing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community and ACT Government satisfaction with the strategic plan – ISCCC has advocated to ACT Government for community collaboration in developing suburb precinct codes. The Government has undertaken to incorporate statements of desired character into suburb precinct codes, and consult the community on this. 2. Timely ISCCC responses and advocacy – submissions have met required timelines. 3. Continuing support for ISCCC amongst members, Legislative Assembly and Government – TAMS Minister Rattenbury addressed 30 May 2013 ISCCC public meeting, and responded to issues of concern. Other Molonglo MLAs eg Mr Doszpot, have attended ISCCC meetings. MP for Canberra Gai Brodtmann has attended and provided updates on relevant developments.

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1.2	<p>Build community and other stakeholder participation in planning and other relevant issues through communication and engagement, and improvements in participation processes, including access to justice through ACAT.</p> <p>“Work with the Combined Community Councils to represent community groups at ESDD’s Planning Development Forum and work together on common issues.</p>	<p>1. Develop a community engagement and communications plan in collaboration with, and principally operationalised by member organisations, possibly including:</p> <p>1.1 An online engagement option for Inner South residents to gauge and/or pledge support.</p> <p>1.2 A leaflet explaining the role of the ISCCC</p> <p>2. Through member organisations, promote communication and cooperation between residents (e.g. newsletter, website, billboards), and facilitate establishment of groups in unrepresented areas.</p> <p>3. With other Community Councils seek Legislative Assembly / ACT Government support for a fully resourced planning advocacy agency under the auspices of the Combined Community Councils.</p>	<p>1. Committee by 31 March 2012.</p> <p>2. Committee, working with suburban groups, ongoing.</p> <p>3. ISCCC Committee, in line with ACT election timetable and in collaboration with other Community Councils.</p>	<p>1. Communications and engagement plan, and public relations strategy, developed and implemented: Communications plan has been developed and implemented. 1.1 Website now includes Facebook and Twitter accounts 1.2 ISCCC leaflet drafted</p> <p>2. Good attendance at Council/member group forums and/or active e-mail communication – Active e-mail contact with member groups, & ISCCC contributed financially to their communication activities.</p> <p>3. Commitment from Assembly election candidates to provide funding for such an agency - ISCCC wrote to the Chief Minister (23 Feb 2013) calling for a planning advocate, and advocates on this issue in cooperation with the Combined Community Councils (CCC). The ISCCC has also worked with the CCC on other issues and to represent community groups at the ACT Government Planning&Development Forum.</p>

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2	<p>Promote Quality Planning and Development.</p> <p><i>Note: the context of this strategy is to have appropriate regard to existing policies etc such as the National Capital Plan, the Territory Plan, the Garden City Principles, the Griffin legacy, Neighbourhood Plans and precinct codes.</i></p>	<p>1. Advocate legislation that promotes quality development and protects the unique characteristics of the Inner South, including by:</p> <p>1.1 Distilling important recommendations from residents' groups and other community councils relating to Draft Variations, including DV306, to the Territory Plan so as to identify priority actions for the ISCCC.</p> <p>1.2 Supporting the review, development and recognition of local plans for Inner South suburbs and advocating their inclusion in the Territory Plan.</p> <p>1.3 Advocating notification of all immediate neighbours for Code Track development applications, and full public notification (including zone and whether heritage-listed) for all Merit Track development applications.</p> <p>2. Advocate to Government Ministers, MLAs and MPs on Inner South planning and development issues.</p> <p>3. Advocate for improved process and consultation including the engagement of a planning advocacy agency.</p>	<p>1. ISCCC Committee, in conjunction with residents' associations or representatives, ongoing.</p> <p>2. ISCCC committee, ongoing.</p> <p>3. ISCCC Committee, ongoing.</p>	<p>1.1 Priority actions taken relating to Draft Variations – advocacy on DV306 in 2012.</p> <p>1.2. Local plans developed for Inner South suburbs – ISCCC drafted a possible precinct code outline, wrote to Min. Corbell (22 Aug '13), and met officials (May '13) to seek cooperation.</p> <p>1.3 ISCCC Committee met with President, Engineers Australia, Canberra Division, to discuss cooperation re- building quality.</p> <p>3. Submissions lodged are well founded, and reflect community input - they reflect input from member groups which, in turn, reflect their members' input. Public forums facilitate input.</p> <p>4. Priority issues are communicated to relevant politicians – ISCCC wrote to Minister Corbell (24April2013) about exempt developments; raised it with media (May 2013), leading to significant coverage.</p> <p>5. Appropriate improvements made to the planning process – ACTPLA issued Construction Note 1302 to tighten up building approval process.</p>

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3	Safeguard the heritage of the Inner South.	<p>1. With regard to the Inner South Canberra Heritage Register:</p> <p>1.1 Lobby for Heritage Register requirements to be applied.</p> <p>1.2. Advocate for timely consideration of Inner South heritage applications.</p> <p>2. Promote community awareness of heritage values and issues in the Inner South.</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<p>1. Timely and effective ISCCC submissions and advocacy: . Discussions on heritage issues with Duncan Marshall, head of ACT Heritage Council on 11 June and 8 October 2013. . Lodged a submission to the ACT Government on 16 June 2013 concerning the Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2013, including coverage of ISCCC concerns about proposed Ministerial call-in powers.</p> <p>2. Increased community awareness of heritage values and issues in the Inner South – ISCCC promoted a heritage walk through the heritage listed Blandfordia 5 zone in Griffith.</p>

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4	Protect Urban Open Space	<p>1. Respond to National Capital Authority policy documents on the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS).</p> <p>2. Promote ISCCC position on urban open space issues, including protection of access, interface with urban development, urban forest, waterways, community gardens and biodiversity issues.</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<p>1. Timely submissions to relevant Commonwealth and ACT Government authorities on relevant issues – ISCCC lodged a timely submission in late 2011 for the NCA's review of the NCOSS, and is still awaiting the NCA's release of the final report on the outcome of the review.</p>
5	Support environmental, economic and social resilience and sustainability in Inner South Canberra.	<p>1. Develop an ISCCC strategy on resilience and sustainability in planning for the Inner South.</p> <p>2. Monitor major new developments in Inner South to ensure they meet relevant standards in energy, water use and transport efficiency.</p> <p>3. In collaboration with other community councils and residents' associations invite experts and government officers to speak on relevant topics, often rotating meetings in collaboration with local residents' groups.</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing.	<p>1. Strategy endorsed by ISCCC members – ISCCC agreed to develop this strategy in the context of the development of precinct codes.</p> <p>2. ISCCC has contributed to planning on sustainable urban development – ISCCC lodged submissions on ACT Government's Water Strategy (August 2013).</p> <p>3. Discussions held with relevant experts, they are invited to address ISCCC/ local public meetings etc – relevant experts will be invited in coming year/s.</p>

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6	Promote the development of high quality transport networks.	<p>Identify and assess relevant work already done by others in this area.</p> <p>Prepare gap identification and needs analysis for public transport, pedestrian and cycle networks, taking into account information on costs/benefits.</p> <p>Proactively develop ISCCC's priorities and strategy in conjunction with ACT and Commonwealth Governments.</p> <p>Make submissions to ACT and Commonwealth as necessary.</p>	<p>Sub-committee, in conjunction with residents' associations' assessment of work done by others by 28 February 2012.</p> <p>Survey by 31 March 2012. Develop gap analysis by 30 April 2012.</p> <p>Develop priorities and action plan by 30 June 2012.</p> <p>ISCCC Committee Ongoing.</p>	<p>Actions completed on time and to the satisfaction of the Committee</p> <p>Document prepared to the satisfaction of the Committee. ACT and Commonwealth Government input sought – ISCCC Transport Strategy finalised (following community survey in 2012), and submitted to ACT Government (Rattenbury, TAMS Minister) 30 July 2013.</p> <p>Advocacy made in a timely and professional manner. ACT Molonglo MLAs and relevant ACT Federal MPs are fully informed of the ISCCC position.</p>

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7	<p>Promote provision of appropriate infrastructure and support services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local suburban shopping centres • Education and sporting facilities • Community facilities and concessional leases • Community services. 	<p>Review Neighbourhood Plans and ACT Government's Infrastructure Plans, to identify gaps and requirements.</p> <p>Identify priorities.</p> <p>Advocate to ACT / Commonwealth Governments on identified needs.</p> <p>Respond to ACT / Commonwealth Governments policy and discussion papers as required.</p>	<p>ISCCC Committee, ongoing (responsive to election cycles).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and gap analysis completed – action on this issue is planned for 2014/15 as appropriate. 2. Priorities and strategy developed and agreed by ISCCC. 3. ISCCC provides timely input and advocacy. Election mandates reflect Inner South Canberra needs. 4. Timely input to policy and discussion papers by ISCCC and policies influenced.

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8	<p>Build evidence base for ISCCC policy and advocacy by analysing demographic data to understand trends and implications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing population • Social Infrastructure • Indigenous matters • Appropriate mix of housing 	<p>1. Analyse relevant data (Census, ACT Government etc) and identify implications.</p> <p>2. Facilitate community access to the data, analysis and implications (e.g. website, Council Forums)</p>	ISCCC Committee, ongoing	<p>Relevant, timely and accurate information is readily available, and is used – links to ABS and ACT Government demographic data have now been placed on the ISCCC website.</p> <p>ISCCC advocacy is evidence based.</p>