



ISCCC newsletter September 2023

Welcome to the ISCCC's first Spring 2023 newsletter!

Hold the Date - ISCCC Public Forum 10 Oct: new Territory Plan and heritage arrangements

Join the ISCCC at our next public forum which will address the recently announced changes to the ACT's planning system, specifically the Territory Plan and supporting documents, which will affect how planning and development will occur in future. We will identify some of the main changes, including by showing how the new system will work for the following case studies:

1. Knockdown rebuilds
2. Dual occupancies
3. Social, supportive housing

The new Chairperson of the ACT Heritage Council, Duncan Marshall AM, will also speak at the public forum about the Heritage Council and new heritage arrangements.

The ISCCC's public forum will be in-person at the Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley Street, Griffith, at 7-9pm, on Tuesday 10 October. Please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLURL>

Planning changes announced on 11 September 2023

The ACT Government announced details of the new Territory Plan and supporting documents on 11 September. You can find them at:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/planning-our-city/planning-system>

There is an ACT Government hotline and information on training sessions at:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/planning-our-city/planning-system/training-education>

A summary of the documents compiled by retired urban planner and architect, and President of the Kingston and Barton Residents Group, Richard Johnston, is at:

<https://www.isccc.org.au/acts-new-planning-system-key-documents-released>

A key change is that the new system will allow dual occupancies on 800 sq metre and larger blocks in RZ1 (single dwelling zone), and higher density in RZ2 zones near shops.

Throughout the consultation process on the planning review, the ISCCC has advocated for strong, mandatory rules to ensure enough green space for planting is provided on blocks, and that access to sunlight and privacy from overlooking are protected. The ISCCC is still concerned that these and other rules in the existing Territory Plan have been watered down by placing them in supporting documents like technical planning specifications that are labelled as "possible solutions". The ISCCC also considers there is inadequate information at present on how the new "outcomes based" rather than "rules based" system will be enforced, monitored and evaluated.

Have your say on ACT Heritage Jurisdictional Review by 13 October

The ACT Heritage Jurisdictional Review has explored best practice models for heritage laws, frameworks and arrangements in other jurisdictions and proposed a suite of reforms for the ACT. Community input is now being sought on these proposed strategic reforms, and to inform the development of an Action Plan. Provide feedback via the [online community surveys](#).

Oaks Estate Floriade Festival, Saturday 7 October 2023, 11am to 3pm

Experience a vibrant day with local bush bands' music, delicious sausage sizzles, and a diverse range of market stalls. Kids and adults are in for a treat with kite flying, bubbly adventures and fun games. Venue: Gillespie Park, Oaks Estate.

Kingston Barton Residents Group Floriade Celebration, Sunday 8 October, 10-1pm

The Floriade celebration will be held in Green Square, Kingston. Activities will include:

- Floriade Community Garden Activities for children - Diggers and Dinosaurs and Paint and play
- Fancy dress for children 10-11am.
- Dress up in Favourite book characters for children - Babies to 10 years old
- Phillip Esau will be playing Jazz instrumental music 10am - 1pm

Community information stalls welcome

Call Robby 0410157296

Canberra City Farm Open Day, Sunday 8 October, 11am-2pm, 2 Dairy Road, Fyshwick

Come along to the Canberra City Farm open day. There will be tours of the farm, seedlings and produce to purchase, pizza, and much more. ACT Wildlife will be running its Fruit Tree Netting Swap, so everyone is invited to bring along their unsafe garden netting and to swap old, large-mesh nets for wildlife-friendly nets for FREE. More information [here](#).

Overwintering Project Art Exhibition, 9 September-28 October

The exhibition will be at the [Megalo Print Studio](#), 21 Wentworth Ave, Kingston, open Tuesday to Saturday at 9.30am-5.00pm. The works have been inspired by migratory shorebirds and their non-breeding habitat in Australia/New Zealand, including the Latham's Snipe and its habitat at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands.

Deakin Residents' Association receives Heritage Grant

Congratulations to the Deakin Residents' Association, which has been awarded an ACT Government heritage grant of \$14,780 to install two more Canberra Tracks interpretative signs, at the Deakin shops and at Latrobe Park. These signs will document Deakin's heritage, emphasising its importance in the historical development and legacy of Canberra as the national capital.

Women's Shed Canberra unveils mobile van

The Women's' Shed, based at Thor's Hammer in Mildura Street Griffith, has unveiled a mobile van that will allow it to take workshops out to the Canberra community.

<https://the-riotact.com/have-shed-have-van-now-canberra-women-on-the-move-to-help-their-own/704047>

ACT Government Environment and Planning Forum bulletin

Here is an update from the ACT Government on planning and environment issues:

https://www.planning.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2277015/epf-update-202308.pdf

Update on Kingston Arts Precinct

Since mid-July 2023, the KAP Principal Design Team has:

- Held an engagement workshop with Nggunawal representatives in mid-August to workshop the precinct concept design options.
- Participated in a Walk on Country across three locations (Kingston Arts Precinct Site, National Gallery of Australia Sculpture Garden and the Jerrabomberra Wetlands) guided by a Nggunawal representative. Nggunawal culture and values will be integrated into the precinct, architectural and public realm design response.
- Met with arts organisations to clarify and confirm the Functional Design Brief for their future accommodation in the Kingston Arts Precinct.

Updates will continue through the Your Say platform at [this link](#).

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