

Inner South Canberra Community Council

Welcome to our Inner South Canberra Community Council column.

We hope you enjoy this potted compilation of the activities of our local residents' associations.

ISCCC is working with the ACT Government on the ACT Planning Review project. We are currently providing our views on a possible new system of District Plans. We are looking to make substantial input to any Inner South Canberra District Plan, to ensure local views and needs, and the special character of our suburbs, are well represented.

Our next public meeting will be at the Eastlake Club in Griffith, 7pm, Tuesday 13 July, with special guest speaker ACT Government Minister, Emma Davidson MLA, Member for Murrumbidgee. Hear reports from our local members of parliament and inner south residents' groups, and updates on key local matters such as Light Rail, and the Canberra Brickworks and Kingston Arts Precinct developments. You can also join on-line via Zoom – details here: www.isccc.org.au/events/category/meetings

Best wishes,

Gary Kent
Chair



Oaks Estate Residents Association

The OERA and Molonglo Catchment Conservation Group held a successful clean up day on Sunday 16 May. 27 volunteers retrieved over 20 bags of rubbish from the western bank of the Queanbeyan/Molonglo river at Oaks Estate. The MCGC is also planning a tree planting project on community land in Oaks Estate.

The OERA will hold a community morning tea and AGM at:

11.00 on Saturday, 21 August at the Oaks Estate Community Hall.

Kingston And Barton Residents Group

This year we were allocated 6,000 bulbs and 6,000 annuals for Floriade in the Suburbs, 50% more than last year! Planting occurred on the weekend of 5/6 in planter beds in Kennedy St at the Kingston shops. Thanks to our sponsors, local shopkeepers, our Kurrajong MLAs, all of whom took part and our brilliant volunteers, and especially our chief organiser Robbie McGarvey.

We met the Suburban Land Agency, ArtsACT and the ACT Heritage Council on 7 June to discuss the Kingston Arts Precinct development and gained some reassurance that the ACT Heritage Council is not yet satisfied that Geoccon's design concept appropriately deals with the heritage issues.

Forrest Residents Group

Current areas of interest for the FRG include:

- the potential impact of planning and development on the character of our suburb
- the continuity of areas of Canberra that make a positive contribution to the National Capital and its historic profile
- the care and condition of public spaces/trees/street furniture that could be negatively impacted by neglect, including our heritage spaces.
- improvements in local transport and pedestrian access.

Griffith Narrabundah Community Association

GNCA is working to persuade the ACT Government to withdraw Draft Variation 375 which, if approved, will allow a 4-unit, 2-storey Manor House with 9 car parks to be built in Griffith in an area of low rise, predominantly single dwelling and low density housing. Canberra residents require certainty and trust, regarding what can be built near them. Random rezoning of single blocks is bad planning.

Elizabeth Lee MLA has agreed to circulate a petition against this proposal: www.elizabethlee.com.au/manor-house

We hope you can add your name to help ensure the Variation is referred to the Assembly's Planning Committee. More than 520 people made submissions against Draft Variation 375 and 4 supported it.

Old Narrabundah Community Council

ONCC has received \$20,000 from the Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme to upgrade the community tennis courts and tennis hut on Kootara Crescent, Narrabundah. We welcome the support of the local Federal Member for Canberra, Alicia Payne MP.

If you are interested in playing tennis or would like to find out more about the ONCC go to narrabundah.org.au or contact us on info@narrabundah.org.au

Yarralumla Residents Association

A developer has applied for Commonwealth Government and National Capital Authority approval of the Forestry Place development. This involves the development of the heritage-listed CSIRO site on Banks St to build 300 3 to 5 storey apartments, a 130 bed aged care centre, conversion of Forestry House into a hotel and addition of 1000m of commercial space. YRA has surveyed Yarralumla residents on the proposal and the results are being analysed.

The Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club has sought NCA approval to refurbish the Snapper fish and ship shop and the Club's ground floor and to construct a new outdoor dining area, including a pop-up bar and gelato café. YRA has prepared a draft supportive submission which can be viewed on our website at: www.yarralumlaresidents.org.au

The YRA Tree Group has been busy pruning and clearing undergrowth across Yarralumla nearly every Tuesday for the last 4 months.

YRA Committee members and volunteers have planted over 3,000 tulip bulbs and annuals at the Yarralumla shops and at the pocket park on the corner of Novar and Hooker Streets.



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Volunteer bulb planters at Kingston shops, including local member for Kurrajong Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA.



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