



Inner South Canberra Community Council

Public Meeting 8 March 2022

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Zoom

Final record

1. Welcome and introduction Gary Kent, Chair ISCCC

While 91 people registered to attend, there were 54 participants. The Chair acknowledged the attendance of Shane Rattenbury MLA, Mark Parton MLA; Rebecca Vassarotti MLA; and Kim Rubenstein, Independent Senate Candidate for the Federal Election

Apologies

Elizabeth Lee MLA; Dr Marisa Patterson MLA, Peter Cain MLA.

Gary announced that he was resigning as chair of the ISCCC Committee, commencing tomorrow. After 12 years as Chair or Deputy Chair, he considers it is time to focus on other activities he is involved with. As President of the National Trust, he has a strong interest in Inner South heritage issues.

Marea Fatseas, Deputy Chair, moved a vote of thanks to Gary for his outstanding leadership of the Council. Seconded John Edquist. The meeting voted in favour.

2. Resident Group Reports

Oaks Estate Residents Association

The AGM was held in February 2022. A new Committee was elected. Fiona McGregor will continue as a representative on the ISCCC Committee.

The focus will be on community development. Significant issues included how to upgrade public housing, public transport, planning for the longer term as the Commonwealth Government stops funding the St Vincent de Paul program there, traffic through Oaks Estate, the importance of the river corridor.

Red Hill Residents Group

Issues include the Parks development near the shops, Parking and Traffic management, Breaches of ACAT conditions at the former Morling Lodge site.

Kingston and Barton Residents Group

The group is looking at organising an 'Adopt a Park' event during Tree Week in Telopea Park. There are several DAs under consideration in the area. East Lake and Kingston Arts Precinct are separate items on the agenda for this public meeting.

Yarralumla Residents Association

Involved in the recent Clean Up Australia event. Issues include the Canberra Brickworks redevelopment, Forestry Place consultation. In summary, YRA will continue to address density, traffic issues including reviewing the traffic management plan.

Forrest Residents Group

Current interests include the Empire Circuit Ageing in Place Demonstration Housing Project; and planning to hold an annual meeting. Other issues of interest include what will happen to the sites of the Old Sri Lankan Embassy and the former Italo-Australian Club.

Old Narrabundah Community Council

The Narrabundah Community Festival is coming up on 2 April between 10.00am and 2.00pm at the Tennis Courts. Local politicians will be present, food and music will be offered at the free event. The Wetlands Group helped with the Clean Up Australia Day event in weeding. The Community Garden group will be hiring out space at the festival for any who want small plots to care for. In addition, the Tennis Courts have been painted.

Deakin Residents Association

There is a development proposal for a non-standard block in the suburb. The proposal is to cram 4 townhouses onto a single RZ1 Block. Deakin Residents Association have put in a submission opposing this. It is also seeking to network with other areas to explore solutions to the non-standard block issues.

Raising London Circuit is to enable Light Rail to cross Commonwealth Ave. Traffic capacity will be reduced by a considerable amount as will parking. The ACT Government has set up a Disruption Taskforce. There have been many submissions lodged against the proposal to raise London Circuit. The ISCCC submission is available on its website

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Griffith Narrabundah Community Association

The next Environment and Planning Forum will include non-Standard Blocks on the agenda.

Re Planning Review. The view is that there is a need for flexibility but also for rules. The emphasis should be on rules first and then flexibility within the rules.

People were invited to contact David Denham if they wanted further copies of the ISCCC District Strategy.

Housing ACT has surrendered a Development Application for public housing. The surrendered DA treated government tenants as second-class citizens. Housing ACT has been refusing to meet the GNCA.

Few taxis are parking in the taxi rank in Franklin Street in Manuka. A submission has been put in to re-zone some of the parking for short term parking.

There was a break-in at the Griffith shops, highlighting that there are no CCTV cameras. A submission has been lodged to the ACT Government asking for them to be installed.

The GNCA's raffle is about to take place.

3. Updates from Members of the Legislative Assembly and introductions of present Federal Election Candidates

Mention was briefly made of:

- International Women's Day
- Environmental and Community Emission zero grants
- New car parking in the city
- Appointment of a dedicated Coroner
- Kim Rubenstein, Independent Senate Candidate for Canberra introduced herself

4. Dairy Road-next phase Estate Development Plan

Alice Buck, Senior Development Manager with the Molonglo Group provided an update on progress with 1 Dairy Road. In 2021 Dairy Road was rezoned by the ACT Government. The site now allows for a mix of uses including commercial, light industrial, residential, creative and cultural activity. The next phase involves the Estate Development Plan (EDP). This outlines the landscaping and engineering framework that will support the future neighbourhood. The EDP includes a focus on new active travel paths, public infrastructure and improved access to the rest of Canberra, as well as a regenerative landscaping approach to ensure natural ecologies are protected.

The primary purpose of Molonglo's presentation was to alert the inner south community to the fact that a formal community engagement process will be commenced within a few weeks. Molonglo will establish a dedicated website for the EDP process and also be hosting public information sessions as an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about this process. Details will be provided to ISCCC and Molonglo encouraged the inner south community to participate in the sessions.

5. Kingston Arts Precinct

Engagement first followed by design. SLA started in re-engaging with stakeholders in Nov/Dec 21. A new beginning to the engagement process was started with a smoking ceremony on 8 December 2021. The first stage of the vision will be to formally name the space, taking guidance from First Nations people. The phrase adopted for the engagement is a 'Place Led approach' and will better engage the Ngunnawal people. The Community Panel has been re-established to engage with community and stakeholders.

For the last couple of months SLA have been reviewing processes undertaken in 2019-20.

Consideration needs to be given to:

- Industrial heritage of the site and how it defines the place now and will in the future needs to be explored further
- location of electrical infrastructure and whether it needs to be relocated

- Whether public car parking is above ground or underground

The first part of this year will be spent on continued engagement with the community and stakeholders and the second part of the year on design issues.

6. Fyshwick Business Association

An update was provided by Rob Evans, President of the Association. It is the voice of over 1000 business owners and 15,500 workers. Research has shown that 97% of Canberrans visit Fyshwick each year. It is an evolving light industrial, creative, recreational, hospitality, commercial, retail and professional precinct.

A key focus has been cleaning up streets. A new focus has included relocating the Kingston Railway Station to the Queanbeyan end of Fyshwick. This would allow a green corridor and the possibility of Light Rail through the area. The Association has been engaging with a range of stakeholders on the idea and the feedback has been positive.

7. East Lake Precinct

Richard Johnston and others initiated a meeting with the project team leading the development of the East Lake Precinct.

Tender submissions for the lead planning consultant were currently being evaluated. EPSDD would be able to make an appointment soon and stakeholder & community participation sessions should get under way in a couple of months.

The group flagged some issues with the project team including the possibility of relocating the Canberra Railway Station. Rebecca Vassarotti MLA advised that the Government has announced that the existing amount of social housing will be retained in East Lake.

8. Light Rail

There are information sessions coming up. The details were read out and are available at the link [Information Sessions - Light Rail to Woden \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au/Information-Sessions-Light-Rail-to-Woden)

The Secretary will arrange to send the link through the ISCCC networks.

The contract for the civil works component of the London Circuit project is due to be signed by the end of April, with negotiations between the ACT government and CMET on procurement of additional light rail vehicles and the expansion of the line ongoing.

Steps are being taken to upgrade ticketing to allow use of mobile phones to tap on and off public transport.

Questions from the floor were raised about the viability of Electric Buses over Light Rail, the cost of Light Rail and the effect of Covid on the demand for transport including Light Rail..

Shane Rattenbury MLA said that the ACT Government is continuing to purchase Electric Buses. The complete system will include both Electric buses and Light Rail. He also raised the build-up

of motor vehicles in a system that only relied on Electric buses.

John Bell raised the issue that Electric buses can be coupled together and questioned how Light Rail could be justified. Shane Rattenbury acknowledged that John had this view.

Kim Rubenstein invited input around the role of the National Capital Authority. Some discussion followed and Kim invited any ongoing input.

9. Meeting Closed 9.00pm



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We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where we live and work, and pay our respects to the elders past, present and future.



Involving community in the
place-led approach

SLA – Place Delivery Agency

- Why place and not land?
 - Our vision: ‘Creating great places where communities thrive’
 - Engagement first than design
 - We build relationships with communities in order to release land
- What does the industry think about it?
 - Industry has a better understanding of community expectations
 - Committed to ongoing consultation during design development
 - SLA stays on board



Place engagement history – how it all started

1. Canberra Brickworks Precinct

- Community Panel established in late 2015 and still going
- Precinct Objectives (3 pages doc) prepared for Request for Proposal release in early 2016
- Place Leaders Asia Pacific Award (commendation) – Canberra Brickworks Precinct Delivery Strategy (2019)

2. Gold Creek Homestead Precinct

- Community Panel established in early 2019
- Precinct Development Brief prepared for Request for Tender release
- Commendation at the 2020 PIA ACT Awards for Planning Excellence for Public Engagement and Community Planning

3. Belconnen Lakeshore

- Broad community engagement undertaken in late 2020/early 2021
- Place Design Brief prepared for Request for Proposal release in June 2021



Project progress summary

1. Re-engagement (Nov/Dec 2021)

- Arts organisations, Community Panel, Heritage Council, National Capital Authority, EvoEnergy, ACT Government directorates
- 8 December - Smoking ceremony

2. What have we learnt from the design review process (Jan/Feb 2021)

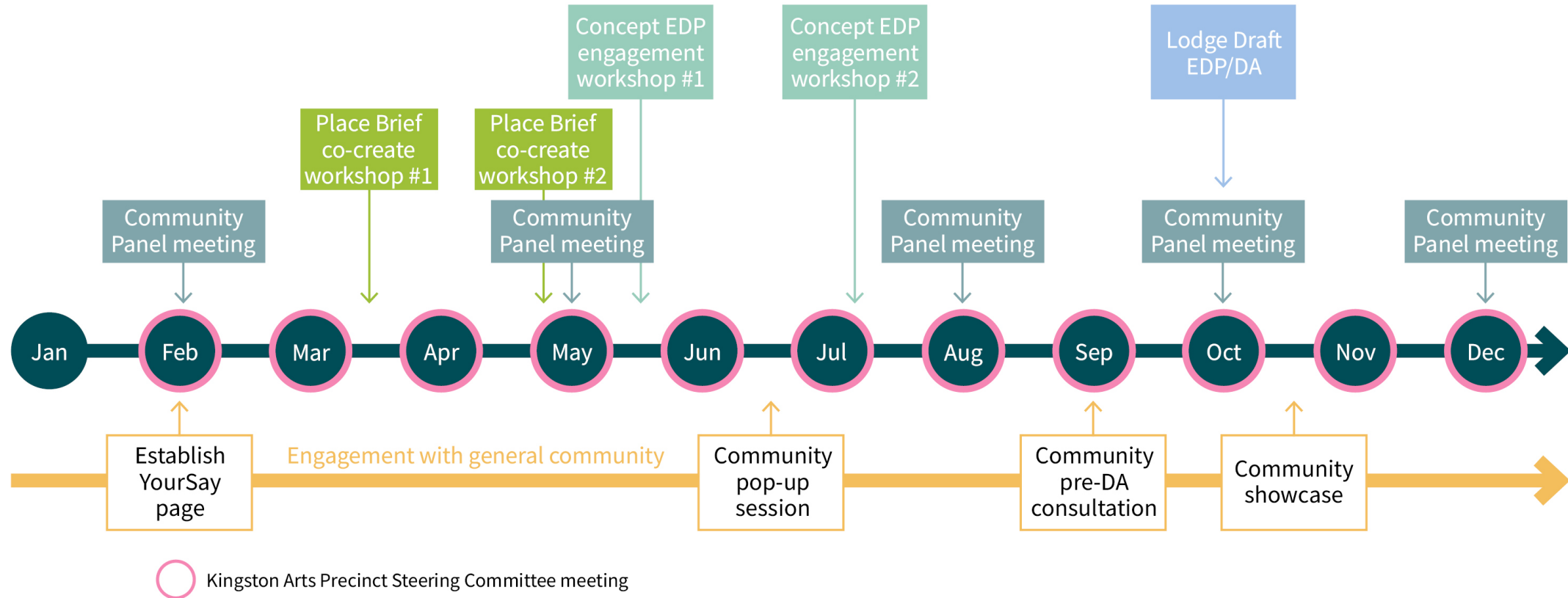
- Industrial heritage of the site and how it defines the place needs to be explored further;
- Future location of the electrical infrastructure impacts the place;
- Undergrounding the carpark is possible but complex.

3. Why we need the Place led approach (March – June 2021)

- To reflect on engagement to date and include arts organisations and Kingston Foreshore residents;
- To include Ngunnawal connection to the land;
- To create future public use of the place plan that can facilitate decisions about retail and events;
- To aim higher in achieving sustainability outcomes;
- Other themes will emerge....

Project progress by mid June 2022

Stakeholder engagement program



Place Brief Co-create Workshop

Have Your Say
on the Kingston Arts Precinct Place Brief

Workshop 1 - 31 March, 6pm-9pm



- All members of the Community can help shape the Place Brief
- All ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate

Thank you



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