

Old Narrabundah Community Council Inc

Monthly Meeting

Monday 12 July, 7 – 8.20pm

Tennis Hut, Kootara Crescent

Chair: Bronwyn S.

Attendees: As per Attendance Sheet ([Attachment 1](#))

Apologies: Rick, John

MINUTES

Victoria opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of Country, including acknowledging the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people, and Ngunnawal people past and present, and paying our respects as we go forward.

Item 1. Previous minutes and matters arising from March 2021 meeting

Andy moved (seconded by Beatrice) that the meeting accept the previous minutes, with no amendments.

Item 2. Site Management Planning

The *Amendment to the Motion (B) – materials and equipment management protocol*, which was endorsed at the last ONCC meeting, called for the establishment of a sub-committee to develop an overall Site Management Plan (SMP) for the whole site, encompassing tennis courts and community gardens.

In light of this, Bronwyn called for volunteers to form a sub-committee, to take things forward. Victoria and Andy volunteered to be on the sub-committee. The meeting thanked both for nominating and endorsed their selection. It was also agreed that Rik and Tony B should be asked if they would like to be on the sub-committee, given their previous expressions of interest. **Andy will ask them if they would like to join.** It was also agreed that the sub-committee would not be closed to other members joining, down the track, but that numbers should not get too big so as to be unwieldy.

Item 3. Sub-committee reports

Wetlands

With no *Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands (FNW)* members in attendance, there was no update provided. Mark reiterated that day-to-day management responsibility for the wetlands had now passed from the contractors back to ACT government, and that this would provide ONCC with an opportunity to engage more directly, going forward.

Gardens

Victoria noted that there had not been much activity over the last month, with winter dormancy and key personnel sidelined with other commitments. However, the gardens remain a focus and the team will continue to carry out works and planning in line the Community Gardens Action Plan (which was tabled at ONCC meeting in Autumn).

Tennis facilities upgrade project

Mark advised that the new power board in the Hut, with multiple new power and light circuits, had been successfully installed and paid for. This ticks off one of the key objectives under the tennis grant, providing the tennis facility with safe power supply for multiple uses, as well as security lighting and capacity for court night lights at a future stage.

Andy advised that Sports Clean would be in touch soon to schedule in required works to bring centre court up to a good standard, in line with what we agreed during their previous scoping visit. That is, cutting open and pulling back the synthetic grass, removal of tree roots (ONCC), base levelling and compaction, gluing grass back into position and servicing the court (including deep clean, scrape, re-sanding and post-spray).

Andy also noted that the sign had been made up (thanks Ingvar), but that we would need to wait until the website and online booking system was ready, before we erect the sign. Andy has been working with Lance

to iron out remaining issues with the Square Up package. We also need to set up a basic transaction account to allow simple deposits and withdrawals without the need to seek authority from the account holder (i.e. one that doesn't require multiple signatures). **Andy will work with John on this.** Hopeful it will all be up and running in a few weeks.

Mark advised that plumbing works to install two new toilets in the hut, and associated new drainage, was scheduled for mid-August. Mark also advised that the Tennis Sub-committee would be meeting with tennis coach Mike to discuss his proposal to expand his coaching program at the tennis courts. This development has the potential to significantly boost tennis activity at the site and raise revenue, in line with our goal of rejuvenating the site and encouraging greater community engagement.

Andy and Mark reported that TCCS (trees officer) had visited the courts to assess trees overhanging the hut and trees causing root damage to the courts. The officer noted that all of the trees were within the leased premises (therefore considered 'privately-owned'), and therefore would very likely not qualify for government-assisted pruning. He will report back to his TCCS supervisor, who will then make a decision about the extent to which TCCS can or can't provide tree-management support. The meeting agreed to await the formal advice from TCCS on trees-management, before deciding next steps.

Item 4. Letter to TCCS re. better crossing facilities on Sturt Avenue.

Victoria advised that John had sent the letter to TCCS that had been drafted by Rohanna and Bron. We will await the government's response before deciding on next steps/further advocacy.

Item 5. ISCCC update and district plans

Barbara spoke to ACT planning review and the government's proposal to divide Canberra into eight different districts. She noted key budget commitments including light rail stage 2 and a feasibility study for a walk-in health centre in the inner south. Barbara spoke to, and provided colour copies of, the proposed Inner South District Consolidated Policy Plan and the Inner South Key Features graphic. She noted that the Kingston Barton Residents Group (KBRG) had provided a consolidated submission via the 'Have Your Say' portal, and she encouraged individuals and ONCC to do the same.

With the public consultation phase closing on Sunday 18 July, the meeting decided it would be too difficult to draft a submission from scratch (not enough time). But agreed that we could leverage off KBRG's submission and tailor our response to suit (including noting the need for better pedestrian/cycle access between Narrabundah and Griffith across Sturt Avenue). **Bron will attempt to draft an ONCC submission along these lines, to meet the deadline.**

Item 6. Other business

Nil.

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