

## Old Narrabundah Community Council Inc

### Monthly Meeting

Monday 13 September, 7 – 7.40pm  
via Zoom

Chair: John Keeley

Attendees: Barbara, Peter M, John, Victoria, Bronwyn, Lisa, Andy, Anne, Tony L, Mark

Apologies: Richard, Golnaz, Rik

#### MINUTES

Tony opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of Country, in his Wiradjuri language, paying respects to the Ngunnawal people and nation on whose land this meeting is held – paying respects to ancestors past and present and all other nations present.

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

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

Re. the item on seeking a quote for pruning the overhanging limbs and dead branches overhanging the hut – Bron recommended we extend this by getting quotes for pruning and/or removal of trees (especially weed tree species) across the whole tennis courts/gardens site. She noted that this would not tie us into proceeding with any of the works (likely too expensive to do all recommended works), but would give us a sense of what we might be able to do and how we might prioritise. The meeting agreed this suggestion and John will get quotes.

Re. the item on encouraging ISCCC to publicise the minutes of their meetings – Beatrice reported that she raised this at the last ISCCC meeting, but did not get much buy-in from the committee (who remain concerned about litigation and other risks). John conceded that we could not do too much more, but would keep pursuing this issue to achieve greater transparency.

#### Item 2. Tennis courts and update on grant spending

Andy reiterated advice from the last meeting, that we remain essentially in a holding pattern with the Sports Clean (Court 2 renovation) and plumbing works (Hut) components re. the project grant. The courts remain closed, but we expect that a government announcement is imminent, concerning the re-opening of courts for limited social tennis.

Andy noted that quite a few people had been playing tennis during lockdown – having used their knowledge of the lock combination to let themselves in (we have been unable to change the combination, because the lock is somehow damaged). Andy has put a new lock on the gate (temporarily) to resolve this issue.

Re. coach Mike's proposal for exclusive coaching rights at the courts, the Tennis Sub-Committee agreed to consider his proposal and will get back to him with a preferred position, including regarding a fee structure.

#### Item 3. Community gardens update

Victoria tabled the latest Gardens Sub-Committee report and spoke to it. The gardens group is:

- looking to plant fruit trees as soon as the sub-soil (currently saturated) dries out a bit
- looking to remediate boggy conditions and improve site drainage
- progressing well with the construction of raised garden beds
- close to finalising a draft site plan, for ONCC approval
- looking to instigate a number of spring working bees.

#### Item 4. Wetlands report

John advised that developers had made a \$50,000 donation to the Molonglo Conservation Group (MCG), to partially offset the removal of the significant signpost tree at Manuka, as part of the hotel development and

demolition of the Capitol Theatre site. Anne thought that the donation should be put to the best and highest usage – possibly to ONCC for trees in the community area or possibly near Jerrabomberra Creek. John thought that as the money had been given to MCG, we would have to work with them to try to get good outcomes for Narrabundah. John recommended we identify parcels of land for significant trees around Narrabundah. The meeting agreed that we should approach MCG and try to get some trees from the donation. John will write.

#### **Item 5. ISCCC issues**

Beatrice advised that the next ISCCC meeting would discuss the Territory Plan Review and district plans. The draft inner south district plan will be presented at the next meeting and there would also be a short presentation on light rail stage 2b. Barbara explained the EIS process for light rail stage 2b. Bron noted that the EIS was not imminent, due to the current focus on remaining approvals for 2A. Beatrice advised that her planned presentation to ISCCC on Stage 2b had been postponed (on the basis there would not enough time available at the next meeting).

#### **Item 6. Other business**

Mark sought ONCC approval to spend \$44 on a new combination lock for the tennis courts, in order to improve the security situation (given the current lock is damaged, as per Item 2). The meeting approved this request.

Anne advised that a proposed development including a crematorium (corner Narrabundah Lane and Mugga Lane) is a live DA on the ACTPLA website. The meeting agreed to keep an eye on this development.

John advised he had received a letter from a member of the community, raising a number of local issues that he wanted ONCC to deal with. John will respond and invite a response to the next meeting so ONCC can expand on these issues.

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