

Old Narrabundah Community Council Inc

Monthly Meeting

Monday 20 June 2022, 7 – 8.00 pm

Tennis Hut, Kootara Crescent

Chair: Bronwyn

Attendees: John, Beatrice, Bronwyn, Dave, Alayne, Tony L, Mark.

Apologies: Andy

MINUTES

Item 1. Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

Tony L opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of Country, in his Wiradjuri language, wishing to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people and nation on whose land this meeting is held – and paying respects to their elders past and present.

Item 2. Previous minutes and matters arising from March 2021 meeting

Tony noted that the homeless person who had taken up residence at the wetlands had now vacated his camp, but in doing so, there is a whole lot of rubbish and material left behind. Dave and Alayne will ask ACT government to clean up the mess, via a request on their Fix My Street account.

Beatrice moved that the previous minutes be accepted, with no amendments (seconded by John). Bron will ask CS1 for information on their upcoming community event (which is likely to be held in November).

Item 3. Narrabundah Neighbourhood Oval

Mark advised of the recent increase in destructive behaviour at the oval, where people are using the oval for burnouts with quad bikes. This has caused extensive damage – deep rutting, deep gouging and ripped surfaces across the whole oval – rendering the oval practically unusable and presenting a high level of hazard and risk for recreational users. Swift action has been taken by ONCC. Bron has emailed Ross Burden (Senior Director, TCCS), notifying him of the issue, seeking remediation of the damage, and seeking appropriate interventions aimed at stopping future entry of quad bikes.

It is encouraging to note that within a week of this request, a team from ACT Services has visited the oval to assess the damage and plan for its remediation. We will continue to monitor developments.

Dave and Alayne will ask ACT government to fix the broken lights along the walking path adjacent to the oval (via their Fix my Street account).

Item 4. Noise – Monaro Highway

At our April 2022 meeting, we resolved to approach TCCS to raise the issue of excessive road traffic noise coming from Monaro Highway adjacent to the wetlands – noise which affects the wetlands experience and which emanates across the whole Old Narrabundah precinct. In particular, we wanted authorities to consider the introduction of noise barriers along this stretch. To date, Bron has not had any response from TCCS representatives.

As a result, Bron will now write to Chris Steel (Minister for City Services, and Minister for Roads and Active Travel), appraising him of the issue and our desire for noise barriers. The letter will also incorporate Beatrice's idea for urban forest plantings on the wetland side of any noise barrier, as a way of improving the aesthetic, ameliorating the micro-climate (heat reflecting from the barriers), and further buffering the wetlands from highway impacts.

Item 5. Update – Tennis Sub-Committee

Mark advised that the Tennis Sub-committee had met recently, and had agreed the following:

- Re. the lights grant, John will ask for a formal quote. Once we have the quote, Andy will go back to the Department and seek approval to re-purpose the remainder to replace the rotting pergola adjacent to the tennis hut (based on a quote from his carpenter contact)
- Andy will follow up on the earlier enquiry from a coaching group, to see if we can secure coaching services that align with our vision for a community tennis centre.

Andy has organised Sports Clean to come and repair the surfaces of both courts (damaged by cockatoos), on their next visit. TCCS has agreed to foot the bill for this exercise. The meeting discussed ways to stop this type of cockatoo damage occurring again, noting that it was a real dilemma with not too many options available. We will keep looking for solutions.

Mark tabled the new *Narrabundah Community Tennis Courts Asset Maintenance Plan 2022-25*.

Item 6. Upgrades to improve access and pedestrian/vehicular safety at Sturt and Jerrabomberra Ave

Bron noted that there had been no response to her two earlier emails to Ben Hubbard and Colin Maher (TCCS representatives), seeking an update on their feasibility study (which they advised, back in December, would be complete by now).

Bron will now phone them directly to get an update on progress.

Item 7. Other business

John advised on ONCC's current bank balance, which includes grant monies. Figure does not include tennis court hire monies (which will need to be transferred by end financial year).

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