

Old Narrabundah Community Council Inc

Monthly Meeting

Monday 13 February 2023, 7 – 8.00 pm

Tennis Hut, Kootara Crescent

Meeting Chair: Bron

Attendees: Dave, Alayne, Lisa, Roanna, Anne, John, Mark

Apologies: Beatrice, Andy

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Item 1. Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

Bron opened the meeting, and acknowledged the Ngunnawal people and nation on whose land this meeting is held.

Item 2. Previous minutes and matters arising from October 2022 meeting

Although October Minutes had been finalised, they were not available at the meeting. The meeting agreed to pass this item on to the next meeting in March.

Item 3. Planning - Narrabundah Community Festival

John confirmed he had sent invites to regular contributors, notifying that the Festival would be on Saturday 1 April, running from 10am – 2.00pm, at the tennis courts (largely set up at court 3, as per last year).

- Dave and Alayne volunteered to coordinate the ONCC BBQ (we may have 2, one at the main gate and one outside the tennis hut)
- Bron volunteered to look after the ONCC table at the main gate.
- Rory and Lisa will coordinate the pamphlet drop (around 1,400 residences)
- It was noted that Victoria and John will likely coordinate an ONCC gardens table and food option
- The TSC will organise tennis action and information on the day
- John will look for a coffee provider (noting the difficulties with this last year)
- Mark will look for music options (will try to get The Jeff and Deeg Band, who played last year).

The meeting endorsed a big vote of thanks to John, for taking on the main/overarching festival coordinator role.

Item 4. Gardens sub-committee (GSC) update

No GSC representatives were at the meeting to provide an update. However, the meeting noted that really good progress was apparent, and that the gardens were looking in good shape and much improved – there seemed to be good momentum and a growing gardens membership/community.

Item 5. Tennis sub-committee (TSC) update

Mark noted that the good work at the gardens had prompted a corresponding effort at the tennis courts (a healthy competition of sorts). The TSC had cleaned up the site and decommissioned 2 of the 4 demonstration garden beds (as agreed – these were in a run-down state and we have no intention of keeping them, preferring instead to create an open space adjacent to the huts, more suited to recreation within the tennis centre). TSC will finish the job in coming weeks. Soil is being barrowed over to the community gardens.

The new pergola with roof has been built, thus acquitting the final phase of the tennis lights grant.

Mark reported that Andy and John had met with a prospective new tennis coach. Things look promising and the interested person will furnish a proposal for ONCC consideration shortly (we anticipate it will be along similar lines to the arrangement we had with our previous coach, including a commitment to schools and community engagement).

We are close to finalising our affiliation with Tennis ACT, which includes gaining access to their booking system - which will allow for both courts to be booked (including centre court under lights), something we haven't had for a very long time. Andy is leading on this.

Item 6. Wetlands update

No wetlands representatives were at the meeting to provide a report. John reiterated that ONCC's wetlands activities are being capably lead by Sarah and Tony L, and that we work in concert with the Molonglo Conservation Group.

Item 7. ONCC meeting dates

Lisa advised on the raft of public holidays coinciding with ONCC meeting dates over coming months (March, April and June). For March, it was agreed to schedule an alternative meeting date on Tuesday 14, at which time we would also consider alternative meeting dates for April and June.

Item 8. Other business

Dave and Alayne will assess whether a follow up note to Fix My Street is required, regarding squatter and dumping issues adjacent to the wetlands.

John and Bron reported on progress with the district strategies being developed under the revised Territory Plan and proposed changes to the Planning Act. Noting concerns around possible six storey development at Nimbin Street, urban intensification from Canberra Avenue all the way up to the green belt adjacent to the Early Childhood Centre, and the poor quality of maps that had been developed to date. They encouraged people to make comment and provide submissions, and to attend a pop-up information session at the shops in coming days. The meeting agreed that an ONCC submission might be warranted shortly.

John advised that ONCC had received a letter from the Registrar General, notifying us that the ACT Government is in the process of reviewing its corporations regulations, and asking for comment. John believes there are no real issue for us, but noted there could be some issues with the proposed dropping of audited books from the system (potentially increasing risks around theft and corporate fraud).

In Victoria's absence, John provided an update on finances and balance sheets, and tabled the current statement. The meeting agreed that we needed to include a Treasurer's Report as a standing agenda item for all future meetings.

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