

# DCA 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024 – DOWNER COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm

Meeting commenced 7.35pm Concluded 9pm

Chaired by Robyn Rennie, Convenor.

**PRESENT:** Robyn Rennie, Jacqui Pinkava, Amit Barkay, Suzanne Pitson, John Godwin, Robyn Sirr, Jeannette Fiero, Aniko Carey

**APOLOGIES:** Jane Teasey, Sue Dyer, Leon Arundell, Miles Boak, Pam Behncke, Peter Carey

1. **CORRESPONDENCE** 6 Feb - 29 Feb. Jacqui Pinkava listed these and referred to the items in bold, for further attention in the meeting's agenda.

INCOMING:

14 Feb- S Dyer- her input to the NCCC on election issues for the inner north- Leon cced.

16 Feb- S Dyer- Advice that City Renewal Authority now has authority over Section 72 including the Dickson pool- so expansion of its remit. Public consultation proposed soon!

**20 Feb- Alison Percival Tradies- invite to drop-in session 29 Feb on Tradies plans in Dickson**

21, 29 Feb - TCCS re new tree protection laws.

**25 Feb – J Goffman- request for DCA support for Dickson's Once Upon a Time Centenary support**

29 Feb – P Struys re Fenton St Park Maintenance.

4 Mar – S Dyer - Feedback on Tradies Building Project session; consult re Dickson Shops project; Lunar New year 2024.

4 Mar - P Manse - SeeChange is awaiting rent invoice. (actioned)

OUTGOING:

8 Feb- DCA E-Bulletin- Watson Play Space info, FOGO and recycling info

29 Feb- DCA E-Bulletin invite to Clean up Oz on 3 March. And another re- new tree protection laws plus tree competition.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** 5 February 2024 – approved. Jacqui will put on website.

**REPORTS:**

3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES ACTION ITEMS (excluding items from Centre liaison and Treasurer in items 5 and 6)**

- a. Certificate of Incorporated Association for DCA was forwarded by Miles in email of 26 February 2024, and has now been filed by Jacqui.
- b. TCCS changing parking signs from “No Parking” to “Delivery Zone” in commercial tenant area. Over to Landlord to follow up with ACT Government to action this.
- c. Feedback on Clean Up Downer Day held 3/3/24 – Amit/John/Robyn  
7 bags were collected by 7 volunteers: including 4 from DCA committee and MLA Rebecca Vassarotti; this contribution is noted with appreciation. Discussed: significant decrease in participation compared to previous years; this event had minimal promotion; the need for more and earlier promotion of the event if we run it next year; it was agreed to create an “event cheat sheet” so new volunteers can assist earlier, with 2025 Clean Up Downer event organising.

**ACTION: Robyn to prepare a Cheat Sheet re Clean Up Downer event, in consultation with Miles, and with Aniko regarding her promotion ideas.**

#### 4. CENTRE LIAISON action items and report (Amit)

Update from Amit re: onboarding for new Coordinator:

- Amy, new Coordinator is settling in and working well; payment has commenced.
- He actioned DCA committee decision in February to purchase a thankyou voucher for Steven's (past Coordinator and Treasurer) service to Downer Community Association.
- Steven's handover to Amy is underway, though still incomplete.
- Amit and Amy have begun search for a new booking/invoice system, and noted that a policy for booking cancellations and refund needs development.

**ACTION: Amy to draft a Centre booking cancellation and refund policy; Amy and Amit to continue to investigate options for a new booking and invoicing system.**

Update re clearing of items by Centre clients, and storage space rationalisation:

- Issue remains problematic, and clutter makes adequate cleaning difficult.
- All clients were emailed requesting them to identify and label their items, yet hardly anyone has completed it.

**ACTION: Amy to email clients with an update that their items need to be identified and storage consolidated by 29 March, previewing that a storage surcharge fee may be charged from April.**

#### 5. TREASURER'S action items and report (Miles)

Update re moving funds from special projects into a term deposit account; set up of a new account for future grants; and 2 DCA signatories for new Beyond Bank account.

This matter is still in progress:

- Robyn R and Amit have signed for Beyond Bank; account is not yet opened.
- Closure of CBA account and transfer of monies to Beyond Bank is on hold until Miles returns from NZ.
- Payments can be made in the interim from CBA account.

Treasurer report, was emailed to Committee by Miles on 3 March. Miles was unavailable to discuss it further tonight.

**ACTION: Miles to update re progress of CBA account closure, transfer of funds into new Beyond Bank account and term deposit account set up.**

#### 6. SEE CHANGE (Amit)

Amit updated that SeeChange is still awaiting hearing from ACT Government re installation of an EV charging station, previously due by end of first quarter 2024.

#### 7. NCCC MEETING REPORT

It was noted that Leon has emailed NCC with feedback re: Thoroughbred Park proposal. Leon's report is held over to next meeting, due to his inability to attend tonight.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 8. MATTER ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Dickson Green Master plan – Robyn Rennie and John Godwin attended Drop in Session at The Tradies, with opportunity to view architectural drawings, and to participate in informal discussion re The Tradies proposed development on their land. Their feedback:

- the development is proposed for commencement in 2025. A DA has not been submitted. Project time frame is 7 years.
- the block to be developed includes the current club/hotel, squash courts and gym, the nursery, and the carpark between Woollies and The Tradies. Existing buildings will be demolished. The carpark will be the first section to be developed, and eventually (?) there will be a 3-level underground carpark.
- buildings will comprise a mix of height levels, through to a 12-story building on the nursery site.
- the proposed plan will include a central green space, fronting a redeveloped/landscaped Sullivan's Creek.
- detailed questions re building use were generally met with a 'we're flexible' response, but the mix is currently presented as residential and retail. The Tradies will remain.

**DCA will stay in touch with DRA (Dickson Residents Association) on this matter.**

#### **9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Fenton Park – Jacqui updated that:

- planting of native plants will begin on Sunday 10/3; Lisa from ACT Government is organising mulch delivery from TCCS; the group is awaiting container of IBC water delivery; Downer preschool will let group use their water 3-4 times per year;
- the group has an additional request for DCA: can we make a one off gift of \$100 to Downer preschool for their provision of amenity and goodwill

**DECISION: additional \$100 approved.**

b. Dickson's Once Upon a Time Centenary support

- \$500 has been requested by email by Jane Goffman.

**DECISION: This request was approved between Feb and March meetings by email and endorsed by DCA meeting.**

<p><b>ACTION: Robyn R to inform Jane Goffman that up to \$500 can be reimbursed with provision of receipts, with thanks to Jane and gratitude for her continuing commitment to the inner north community.</b></p>
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c. Lights for Cole St park (carried over from Feb agenda)

- **Hold over to next meeting**

d. Community pathway to light rail stop (carried over from Feb agenda) - Following up on incomplete action that was promised to improve this.

- **Hold over to next meeting**

**NEXT DCA MEETING: MONDAY 1 APRIL      NB: NEW TIME 7pm**

**Robyn Rennie – DCA Convenor**

**Robyn Sirr – Minute Secretary**