

Downer Community Association

Minutes of meeting - Monday, 5 August 2024, 7pm-8:30pm.

Agenda item 1: Welcome and apologies – Robyn Rennie

In attendance: Robyn Rennie, Amy Barthet, Leon Arundell, Aniko Carey, Peter Comisari, John Godwin, Jacqui Pinkava, Jane Teasy, Nina Lucas

Apologies: Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Peter Carey, Sue Dyer, Suzanne Pitson, Robyn SIRR,

Agenda item 2 – Correspondence – Jacqui Pinkava

3 July - confirmation that DCA added to the ACT Territory Plan subscription list

9 July- response from HESTA super fund outlining info required- forwarded to Amit.

9 July – Goodwin - letter introducing new Board Chair- FIO

11 July - Greens. Have a new subscription portal. Inviting DCA to subscribe to their newsletter. It was agreed that DCA not respond to this request.

26 July- Amit- copy of letter Robyn signed to HESTA

1 Aug- Teja Sekhon (year 5 student). *See discussion, Agenda Item 12.*

3 August- Kara Yougentob- Majura Primary School modernisation. *See discussion, Agenda item 12.*

Agenda item 3 – Minutes

- The Minutes of the previous committee meeting (1 July) were agreed.

Agenda item 4 : Action Items arising from previous meeting

- It was AGREED that a quote of \$1500 for carpet cleaning would be accepted. Amit to action.
- It was AGREED that the a like-for-like stove/oven would be purchased, with DCA paying the first \$500 of the purchase cost, and the ACT Government paying the balance.
 - **Amit to follow up.**
- Sound proofing panels in East Hall- Amit waiting answer from ACT Property and ACT Heritage (panels need to be removable as they are not original to the building).
- It was AGREED not to proceed with replacement of the hot water system.
- No decision was made re Centre cleaning.
 - **Decide at September meeting.**

Agenda Item 5 – Centre Liaison Report – Amy Barthet

- SpacetoCo is now up and running, with continued good support from the providers, and good feedback from booking clients.
- In the interests of understanding, and to ensure equitable application, Amit will speak to users re the rental price increases.
- New room hire rates to be loaded on website under Community Centre tab..
 - **Jacqui to do. Done.**
- There was an issue (oven failure) with the first party booking. This was resolved, and a part-refund was provided.

- An incident that occurred in the toilet facilities in association with a Gang Gang event was discussed briefly. Gang Gang have responded appropriately. No access to the DCA toilet by café patrons if Centre is being used by clients.
- Chairs will be refurbished progressively.
- The sharing of DCA office space with SEChange is working well.

Agenda item 6 – Treasurer’s report – Miles (Treasurer)

- Given absences of Miles and Amit, there was no Treasurer’s Report.
- As signatory to account, Robyn has access to the on-line bank reports.

ACTION: Robyn to send screenshot of current holdings to committee

Agenda Item 7 – NCCC Meeting Report – Leon (DCA Rep)

- Leon recommended the videos from the presentations: **Housing Crisis in the ACT: Crisis What Crisis?** Presented at the July meeting of the NCCC.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owiBonsVWpA>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiZxVMHjWdY>

Agenda item 8 - Updated constitution and agree date for November AGM – Leon

- A proposed amendment to the Constitution will be posted on the DCA website in the required time before the AGM on 25 November 2024.

Agenda Item 9 - Letter to ACT politicians cc Opposition- Investment in Downer

- Minor amendments to Suzanne’s draft were discussed and agreed.

ACTION: Robyn Rennie will sign and Jacqui will email. Done 7 Aug.

Agenda item 10 - Report back on meeting with Dickson Tradies – Robyn

The visit to Ms Ricky Newham from The Tradies went well. They’re happy with what we have done with their money (ie. reverse cycle air-conditioning), and they are keen to continue supporting the DCA. Amit suggested refurbishing electrical appliances in the kitchen and soundproofing in the East room.

- **Robyn will stay in contact with Ricky and let her know what the committee decides.**

Agenda item 11 - Around Downer letter box drop

- Newsletters (some 1,700) were allocated for distribution.
- Thank you to Denys for layout and to the Carey’s for printing and folding.

Agenda Item 12 – Other business- arising from Correspondence

- **Majura Primary Expansion and Modernisation.** Nina Lucas, a representative of the Majura Primary School P&C, was invited to speak (at the beginning of the meeting)

on the subject of the current issues facing future Majura Primary School, what they had been promised previously, the shortfall in what they will now get, and the lack of consultation involved in the process. The committee agreed to write to Kurrajong elected representatives in support of the school.

ACTION: John Godwin to write letter using words provided by the Majura Primary P&C Action Group.

- **Teja Sekhon's request for a basketball court in Downer.** Teja is a Year 5 student has written to request a basketball space (half court and hoop) be provided in Downer. His letter makes a good case for community support, and he has suggested location options.
 - **It was agreed that DCA would respond, supporting his proposal, and guiding him in appropriate directions. Jacqui actioned this on 6 August.**

The next meeting

2 September at 7 pm.

Robyn Rennie
Convenor

Ag Secretary
John Godwin

Date: