

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION E-NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 2021

Hello good folk of Downer

How lovely to be seeing faces again- unmasked and out and about.

As a celebration, DCA is putting on a **BBQ and a dedication* ceremony** in our lovely **Downer Square**. So please put **Monday 6 December, 6pm** in your diary. * A tree and seat in the memory of Downer resident and Canberra VIP- Ivan Potas.

Stay on for the quick DCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). **We welcome new committee members!** You can nominate on the night. A nomination form is attached.

The Square now has a dedicated **kids library**, underneath the adult one. Bring the “tin lids” along and a couple of “much loved” books and make a swap. Extra books welcome.

Are you a well organised and engaging person? Heads-up that we will be local-advertising for the **paid position of Centre Co-ordinator** early in the new year. For information, please send an email to downercentre@gmail.com and Stephen will give you the details and duty statement.

A Fenton Street resident has been in touch with the sad tale of a Tawny Frogmouth (see photo) that had been part of a nesting pair in the Fenton Street Park. The male was apparently killed by eating bait/poison. Please be aware that snail and rat baits are killers of wildlife. It's worthwhile considering that there are alternatives to these baits. If you would like to see the end of them in the ACT, you might consider writing to the ACT Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, asking her to prohibit the sale of rat and snail bait: <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/members/tenth-assembly-members/kurrajong/vassarotti-rebecca>. There's also a campaign to try to get Bunnings to stop selling rat poison: <https://www.actforbirds.org/ratpoison>

The ACT Gov invites you to have your say on Play Spaces. Deadline is 14 December.

Have YourSay on the future of our play spaces

Community consultation is now open on the draft ACT Play Space Strategy and a proposed new inner north play space via www.yoursayconversations.act.gov.au

“Inner north play space - a proposed new play space and recreation park for the inner north, to provide a wider range of outdoor recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.”

And last but certainly not least, we have new noticeboards at the Downer Community Centre - as part of encouraging community communication and connection – a thank you to NCCC for the grant - much appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Downer Community Centre on Monday 6 December at 6pm!



**Nomination for election to the Management Committee of
THE DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Nominee: _____ (please print)

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date _____

----- **NOMINATED BY:** -----

DCA Member #1: (please print name) _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

DCA Member #2: (please print name) _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Note: Nominee must be a member of DCA to join Committee [forms available to join if required]

