

## DCA E-NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

Happy Spring fellow Downerites.

The Garden Suburb is looking quite lovely with yellow wattle and pink prunus blossoms everywhere. Now for news and invite for your views...

Firstly - the Development Application aka **DA for Goodwin** (on the last bit of the old school site) has been partially approved by the planning people. This means that they have to do something about increasing the set back from Bradfield Street. Significant modification to the size of their building A or seeking a reconsideration. The feeling is that Goodwin will challenge.

Secondly- the **DCA constitution** is out of step with the governance requirements of the new Associations Incorporation Act. So we have redrafted it. Those requirements require the members of DCA (you folk who reside in Downer) to approve the changes. Here is your opportunity- go to

our home page: <http://www.downercommunityassociation.org>

or you can go directly to

<http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/constitution.html>

The draft of the Constitution will then be voted on at the DCA AGM which is likely to be late November. You will be invited!

Thirdly- Should you choose to go to the home page, some of you may discover the **DCA website** for the first time. It too is slowly undergoing an update. So while you can, marvel at all the old photos of how the Square used to be! Happy to receive comments about what needs to be done to improve the website!

Lastly- **Wednesday Gang Gang get togethers**. Nadia, the person who gave us a tree in memory of her husband, has, with even more community spirit, started up a casual morning coffee group- 10am Wednesdays at Gang Gang. She is particularly keen for those who live alone to come along.

And simply out of interest- the latest **ABS statistics on Downer** from the 2021 Census, click here

<https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/801051055>

You will discover that 27% of Downer residents live alone and lots of other interesting stats.