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Hello good folks of Downer and friends

It's been a while, so here is a potpourri of things that may be of interest for some or perhaps all - with links galore.

A big thank you to the **Tradies Club Dickson** for the very generous donation of \$15,000 towards replacing the troublesome gas heaters in the two halls with reverse cycle electricity.

The DCA has not had its 5 year **lease** renewed. We are on a month by month arrangement. Should this drag on, we may launch a petition. In the meantime, the Centre will be a venue for the "The Voice" referendum. We will have a sausage sizzle!

Some general AEC info here

<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/2023-referendum.htm>

Our neighbours, the **Wellstation Scouts**, had a large pine branch pierce their roof and ceiling. While insurance will hopefully cover the repairs, the Tradies have stepped in to provide a donation to assist with internal works. The DCA is also amenable to providing a grant towards making the scout hall a more pleasant and safe environment.

Come spring our Square will be blossoming with bulbs and violets as part of **Floriade** in the suburbs.

We have been alerted to a new Commonwealth Gov program called "**Care-Finder**".

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/care-finder-program>

This is their blurb-

"The care finder program delivers a national, face-to-face network of care finders. It provides support for vulnerable older people to interact with My Aged Care, access aged care services and access other relevant supports in the community."

There are 5 providers in the ACT

<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/help-care-finder>

Thank you to the folk at Meridian for the info.

DCA has been approached by Clean-Air Canberra- <https://cleanaircanberra.com/> to support their campaign. We said we would let Downer folk know about their organisation and campaign and let you folk do whatever.

Nearly done! - bit on Dickson. Opportunity to Have Your Say on place names for the Coles precinct of Dickson due to open September.

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/naming-our-places/new-place-names-dickson>

And lastly on the subject of names of public places and spaces-

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/act/stale-male-or-beyond-the-pale-the-suburbs-named-after-dubious-leaders-20230530-p5dcfr.html>

Smiles, Jacqui

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