



Frencham Place, Downer ACT 2602

# Around Downer

## Downer Community Association Newsletter

February 2015

### IMPORTANT DATES

• **Sunday 1st March ,  
9 am - 12 noon  
Cleanup Australia Day**

• **Monday 2nd March,  
7 pm  
DCA Management  
Committee meeting**

Downer residents are always welcome to attend these meetings, held on the 1st Monday of each month (except January).

### DCA COMMITTEE, 2015

A new committee was elected at the AGM of the DCA on Monday 24th November 2014. The Office bearers for the coming year are:

**Convenor:** Di Fielding  
**Secretary:** Jane Ahern  
**Treasurer:** Stephen Sedgwick  
**Public Officer:** Brian Callahan

Other Committee members are: Patti Kendall, Caroline Le Couteur, Denys Garden, Chris Paterson, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy and Miles Boak.



Dealing with the rubbish collected on Cleanup Australia Day 2014

### **CLEANUP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Clean Up Australia Day is firmly entrenched in the Australian environmental calendar. The DCA encourages everyone to join in and help clean up our suburb.

Everyone is welcome to be involved. However, first register at the Community Centre and collect bags. Clean up Downer central area or ovals, or take on a smaller park, your own street or some other location. Come for a few minutes, or a couple of hours. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**Date:** Sunday 1 March 2015

**Time:** 9 am - 12 noon

**Registration Place:** Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place

**Bring:** Sturdy shoes, gloves, hat, & drink bottle.

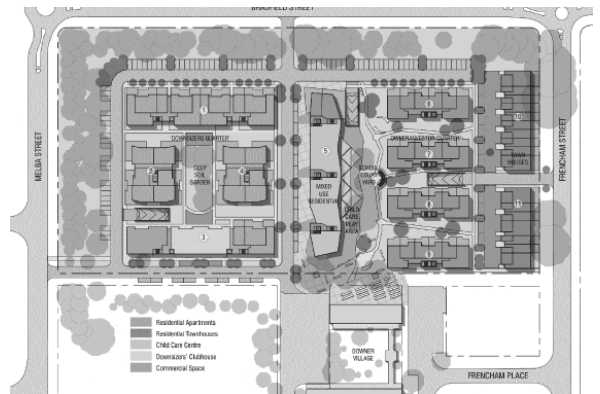
For more information, see Downer's entry on Clean Up Australia's website

[www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/  
Downer+Parks+and+Gardens](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/Downer+Parks+and+Gardens)

Or contact DCA organisers Miles Boak on 6262 5851 or 0427 919 192 or Barbara Burns on 6161 7846.

### **DOWNER SCHOOL SITE UPDATE**

The Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (DV322) to allow the redevelopment of the former Downer School site was exhibited from 8th November to 19th December 2014. The proposal is to rezone block 17 section 61, Downer (school site) from CFZ community facility zone to RZ5 high density residential zone. It also will amend the Downer precinct map and code to guide future development on the land.



The most recent plan of the proposed development on the school site

21 submissions were received in the exhibition period. You can see these at:

[www.planning.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/  
pdf\\_file/0017/40490/  
DV322\\_public\\_submissions\\_portfolio.pdf](http://www.planning.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/40490/DV322_public_submissions_portfolio.pdf)

Note that some people have had difficulty opening these files, and you may need to update Adobe Reader to the latest version.

DCA made a submission on DV322, which is available at :

[http://  
www.downercommunityassociation.org/  
uploads/1/2/4/3/12436620/  
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community-association-submission-in-  
response-to-dtpv-322.pdf](http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/uploads/1/2/4/3/12436620/down-community-association-submission-in-response-to-dtpv-322.pdf)

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

For room rentals and any other issues to do with the Centre, contact the Centre Coordinator, Jingwen Wang on 6249 6443 or email [downercentre@gmail.com](mailto:downercentre@gmail.com)  
For further information about the Centre facilities see our website (address below).

## DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

To reach the Management Committee by email for other matters, use [downerassociation@gmail.com](mailto:downerassociation@gmail.com)

## DCA WEBSITE

[www.downercommunityassociation.org](http://www.downercommunityassociation.org)

The website has information about the Community Centre, room rentals, membership and other forms, etc. There are copies of previous Newsletters and Management Committee minutes, and information and photos from previous Fairs.

## BOOKS & CDs

There are still copies of the book 'Downer@50' and the follow up CD released in 2010. If you don't have these, they are available at \$10 for the pair. Phone 6249 8392 or email [downerassociation@gmail.com](mailto:downerassociation@gmail.com)

The next step in the process is for the Environment and Planning Directorate to respond to the matters raised. Given the scale of the project and public interest, the matter will be referred to the Legislative Assembly Planning Committee before the Minister will be able to approve the rezoning. Hopefully, before this happens, the Environment and Planning Directorate will make changes in response to the submissions received.

The DCA will be maintaining dialogue with EPD and Community Housing Canberra, the likely owner of the site, and will be keeping a close eye on developments to ensure the best outcomes for Downer residents.

## DICKSON SHOPS DEVELOPMENT

This is a large development with two new supermarkets, shops, offices, 155 apartments and two levels of underground parking. The period for comment on this Development Application closed on 10th February, and hopefully, many of you were able to make comments. Whether you agree with this development or not, it will make big changes to Dickson, and affect Downer residents, particularly those close to Dickson.

If you have not seen the plans for the Dickson Shops development, they are still available at:

[http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/your\\_say/comment/pubnote#D](http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/your_say/comment/pubnote#D) under BADHAM STREET.

Eventually, all public comments will be available for viewing, probably at the same address.

For your interest, the DCA submission is on our website at:

[http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/uploads/1/2/4/3/12436620/dca\\_submission\\_on\\_da\\_201426717.pdf](http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/uploads/1/2/4/3/12436620/dca_submission_on_da_201426717.pdf)

Local shopkeepers in Dickson have started a petition to the Minister for Planning, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA. If you are interested in supporting them, please make sure to sign it as soon as you can and let others know!

For your interest, a new Facebook page has been set up for the Dickson community at:

[www.facebook.com/dicksoniamagnifica](http://www.facebook.com/dicksoniamagnifica)

If you use Facebook, you might be interested in seeing what's going on, staying informed, sharing information and debating current issues.

## STOP PRESS!

There will be a **Party at the Downer Shops** this year on **Saturday 2nd May 2015**. Further details later! If you would like to be involved in running a stall on the day or assisting in any other way, please call the DCA Convenor, Di Fielding on 6241 1372 or email us on [downerassociation@gmail.com](mailto:downerassociation@gmail.com)



The big shave-off at the 2014 Party at the Shops