

Around Downer

Downer Community Association

Newsletter September 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 15th Oct, 7 pm
City & Gateway
Public meeting
(Confirm date from
our website)

Sun 28th Oct,
9.30-11.30 am
Dickson-Downer
Heritage Walk

Sat 17th Nov,
10 am-2 pm
Party at the Shops
Followed by
DCA Ann Gen Meeting!

DCA Management Committee, 2018

Convenor: Miles Boak
Secretary: Jacqui Pinkava
Treasurer: Stephen Sedgwick
Public Officer: Brian Callahan

Other Committee members:
Amit Barkay, Denys Garden, Sam
Hussey-Smith, Patti Kendall, Greg
Mulvaney, Robyn Rennie

You can contact the Committee on
our email address:
downerassociation@gmail.com

Want to become a DCA member?

Membership is free, and allows us
to contact you more easily when we
have important information.

Membership forms are available on
our website. Print the form, fill in
and give to a Committee member,
or put through the slot in the DCA
Office door at the Community Cen-
tre.

**We need new younger mem-
bers on the Committee!**

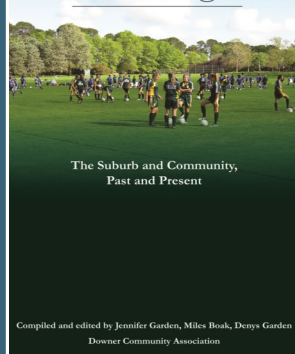
See details over the page.

Note the dates in the adjacent column

A series of important events is coming up before the end of the year:

- The City & Gateway plan for development of Northbourne Ave/Federal Hwy will have a big impact on Downer. The DCA is organising a public meeting so residents can hear the latest thinking from the ACT Government. **However, we are still waiting on confirmation of the date.**
- Another Dickson-Downer Heritage Walk is being organised to reveal more history of the Dickson and Downer areas. Cost: \$10, which includes guided walk & morning tea. Bookings essential. See details over the page.
- Upgrade of Downer Square is expected to be finished in early November. To celebrate, DCA is holding a Party at the Shops on 17th November. Following the party, the Annual General Meeting of the DCA will be held in the Community Centre. More details under 'Party at the Shops' over page.

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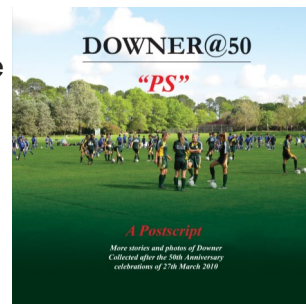


The Book is Back!

DOWNER@50 has been reprint-
ed and copies are again available
for sale. You can get a copy at
Gang Gang Café, or email downerassociation@gmail.com. The
cost for both the book and the
follow-up CD is still \$10. Howev-
er, we are running out of CDs, so
don't wait too long!

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Upgrade to Downer Square

The ACT Government is well advanced
with work on Downer Square. This is the
first upgrade since 1998, when a Bicen-
tennial project was undertaken by DCA
and Downer residents. The new work
was planned by a landscape architect in
response to comments from Downer res-
idents. While not all items in the wish list
have been included, the work includes:



- Removal of rotted and dangerous structures. Repair of brick paving
- Repair and repainting of entrance
- Provision of rubberised surface around rocks and replanting grass. Provision of irrigation
- Replacement of gravelled areas with textured concrete

COMMUNITY CENTRE

For room rentals and any other issues to do with the Centre, contact the Centre Coordinator on downercentre@gmail.com, or leave a message on **0404 758 576**.

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

DCA WEBSITE

www.downercommunityassociation.org

The website has information about the Community Centre, room rentals, membership and other forms, etc. There are also copies of previous Minutes and Newsletters, information on planning issues, and photos from previous Fairs.

BOOKS & CDs

Now available.
See Page 1.

DO YOU GET OUR EMAILS?

If you are a DCA member (and give us an email address) we can send you more frequent information.

Joining is easy. Forms are on the DCA website. You can also contact us by email.

City & Gateway Urban Renewal Framework

The draft City and Gateway Framework was released on 1st March for public consultation. Details are at <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/city-and-gateway-draft-urban-design-framework>. This covers future development on the strip along Northbourne Avenue from Stirling Ave in Watson to the City. There will be major effects on the areas of Downer closest to Northbourne Avenue and the Federal Highway.

A workshop was held at the Downer Community Centre on 9th April, and further comments were invited from interested people. A report of the Downer Workshop has been released (see above website).

DCA is organising a public meeting on the Gateway Framework on Monday 15th October at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. Note that ACT Planning has yet to agree to this meeting. **Please check our website to confirm this date!**

Dickson-Downer National Trust Heritage Walk

Sunday 28 October 2018, 9.30-11.30 am

This walk explores Dickson and Downer's rich and varied history. Beginning at Dickson Library, the walk goes via Dickson Pool and the 1920's aerodrome near ANCA (where two young RAAF aircrew lost their lives), to Downer Shops, the site of a CSIRO research station in the 1940s and 1950s.

Expert heritage architects and urban planners will trace significant design themes and the major characters that shaped what was once the farflung frontier of North Canberra. Hear about the change from rabbit-infested soldier settlements on rural blocks to the modern city we have today, and see historic photos and maps marking key events.

Cost: \$10 which includes guided walk & morning tea
Bookings essential. Please search Dickson heritage on Eventbrite.com.au

Party at the Shops

With the completion of the works on Downer Square in early November and now that the shops are operating, there is reason to celebrate. A party is planned on Saturday 17th November 10am-2pm. There will be all the usual activities, so come along and enjoy a day out in Downer.

As in the past, we welcome residents who want to run stalls, have suitcase sales, provide music, etc. Please contact us on downerassociation@gmail.com.

This year the DCA Annual General Meeting will be held after the party, to save people coming out again at night. Find out what the DCA has been doing during the last year, and take part in the election of the Management Committee for 2019.

Perhaps you want to be involved with the Committee and have some influence on what happens in Downer? We are looking for younger residents to be on the Committee, as some of the older members are considering reducing their commitment. Don't let DCA wind down—the next generation needs to step up!

Details of how to nominate are on our website at <http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/dca-annual-general-meeting.html>

Saturday 17th November

10am-2pm

