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AROUND DOWNER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4 February 2019 7:00pm - Public meeting on “**Don’t Dump on Downer**” - Say “**No**” to urban intensification. At Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place.

Sunday 3 March 2019 9:00am-12pm - Clean-up Australia Day in Downer - register at Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place.

Get involved in the Don’t Dump on Downer campaign

Say ‘No’ to urban intensification of our suburb

The ACT Government has released two documents in recent months – the *ACT Planning Strategy 2018* and the *City and Gateway Urban Design Framework 2018* – and together, these documents identify most of Downer residential areas for urban intensification. Both documents are now available on the ACT Government ‘Have Your Say’ website: <https://www.planning.act.gov.au/act-planning-strategy> and https://www.planning.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1296986/CITY-AND-GATEWAY-Urban-Design-Framework.pdf. The key concerns are:

- Downer is the next head on the chopping block with the march of “progress” up Northbourne Avenue
- Downer is singled out in the latest round of planning changes as the only suburb to go from existing low density housing (R1 suburban zone) to high density housing (R5 zone) that allows apartments up to 18 metres in height
- ACT-style higher density zones are now widely recognised as the most unsustainable residential housing in Australia. It is creating treeless heat islands in what was once an inland garden city
- Urban intensification "ACT-style" creates the perfect storm: Lack of compliance with (what?), disregard of planning controls, and handing open slather to developers... BTW of which the ACT Government is the biggest!
- No one is protecting residents or the community’s interests in these arbitrary decisions

The ACT Government’s ‘Have Your Say’ website claims that, *[t]he community has been our strong partner in developing the Framework and we encourage Canberrans to continue contributing in the next steps of the Framework’s implementation*. Previous feedback from the Downer community is not reflected in the documents.

So come along to the residents meeting on **Monday 4 February 2019, 7:00 pm at the Downer Community Hall** and make your views known and help formulate a community response to the ACT Government planning representatives.

Representatives from the ACT Transport Network are also scheduled to appear at the meeting and will speak to transport changes impacting on Downer.

Clean-up Australia Day in Downer

Sunday 3rd March 2019

Clean Up Australia Day is firmly entrenched in the Australian environmental calendar, and is an open to everyone to participate.

You are welcome to start at Downer Central area or Oval or take on a smaller park or a street. But first come to the Centre to register and collect bags. Come for a couple of minutes, or a couple of hours. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Sunday 3 March 2019

Time: 9 am - 12 noon

Registration Place: Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place

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

Some cold drinks will be provided.

For more information, go to the Clean Up Australia Day website at:

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>.

Or contact Downer organiser Miles Boak 6262 5851 or 0427 919 192



Peter's Wine Shop Downer Shops, Frencham Place, Downer

**Open 7 days: Monday to Thursday 10 am to 7 pm,
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 8 pm, Sunday 10:30 am to 5:30 pm**

Peter is Peter Dietsch, and his new shop is a welcome addition to our community/shops precinct. He is keen to embrace the Downer locals, and the locals are keen to have him here. Peter has worked in retail and hospitality for more than 40 years. He has also written wine columns for newspapers, and has run wine appreciation courses. He says his happiest times involve the sharing of good food and good wine with good people.



His shop motto is, "Wine for your life, and more great things to drink...". You'll find plenty of Canberra district wines in his shop, including some from a vineyard which is owned by a long-time Downer resident. And there's the brilliant new Big River gin being made by Clyde Morton, who is also a Downerite. There are wines here which are not available in the big liquor retailers, along with small-production beers and spirits.

Peter is also helping our community by providing non-liquor items which can be bought without leaving Downer. These include bread and milk (including soy), juices, soft drinks and bottled waters. There is even kombucha, because customers have asked for it. There are also party snacks like chips and peanuts, and newspapers too when they are available.

If there is something else you'd like to see in his shop, just ask Peter and he'll do his best to get it for you!