



P.O. Box 4082  
HAWKER ACT 2614  
[secretary@friendsofhawkervillage.com](mailto:secretary@friendsofhawkervillage.com)  
0435 534 998

COVERING PAGE, SCULLIN, WEETANGERA AND HAWKER

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

This has been another busy year with many of the same issues arising in our catchment suburbs of Hawker, Page, Scullin and Weetangera.

- Yet again, there has been no action to commence the construction of a childcare centre on the former Hawker Tennis Centre, despite two DAs for a childcare centre on the site having been approved over the years. There has been a continuing lack of maintenance of the site since 2009 when the centre was sold.
- Another complaint about the former TAB premises in the Hawker shops resulted in the clearance of the space but the intended new shop fit-out has not occurred.
- The No Stopping sign promised for the inner side of Alroy Circuit, encouraging traffic to become one-way so that children can be dropped-off/picked-up on the side near the school, has not yet appeared, despite safety concerns.
- The continual heavy rain over the past year has resulted in further damage to and worsening maintenance of roads, footpaths and nature strips.

The year started with an application to ACAT to be a joined party in a DA matter to build a five-bedroomed house in Mayo St, Weetangera for supportive youth accommodation. The appeal was terminated when the main applicant withdrew their application. Subsequently, a meeting was held with Child and Youth Protection Services to discuss the issues of concern.

The year ended with an application to ACAT for an amendment to a DA regarding densification of a block at 150 Belconnen Way, Scullin. This ACAT application also became null and void when the developer withdrew their amendment to the DA. A similar amendment was subsequently lodged but was not publicly notified. A complaint to ACT Planning has been lodged about this process.

There were 23 development applications in our four suburbs over the twelve-month period: three in Hawker; eleven in Page; six in Scullin and only three in Weetangera (but seven since 1 July 2022). FoHV made a submission to those with particular issues of concern. We also contributed to the consultation on the widening of William Hovell Drive and its impact on adjacent housing on the western edge of Hawker. It was great to see the involvement of the

local community in this consultation, as well as for proposals in Smith Street, Weetangera and Alexandria Street, Hawker.

Submissions were made to three inquiries: the Inquiry into Environmental Volunteerism, Housing Choices (DV365), and the Planning Review. The latter is currently before the ACT Legislative Assembly for consideration. We consider that significant refinement of the existing legislation is required for coping with a continually increasing population in a warming climate. There should be an emphasis on resident needs and strengthening the garden city concept rather than operating cap in hand for the financial interests of the development industry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Lyons', written in a cursive style.

Colin Lyons,  
Convenor  
Friends of Hawker Village Incorporated

5 November 2022