



Priorities for design of the new Manuka Oval Media Centre

Representatives of local community, sporting and business groups met on 2 March 2017 to discuss the design of the Manuka Oval Media Centre. The meeting included a presentation by architect firm, Populous.

The following key principles were developed during the meeting and are proposed as important considerations associated with the construction of a Media Centre.

- Design of the building should complement the **heritage** aspects of the Manuka Oval precinct. This includes respecting the 'circle of trees' that surround the Oval and are an important part of the Manuka Oval experience.
- The design of the building needs to be of a **high quality**, reflecting the existing standard of design at Manuka Oval.
- The incorporation of multi-purpose **function spaces** should be a high priority in the design of the Media Centre. This function space should be easily accessible by users. The operation of the function space should consider concessional pricing for community organisations.
- In establishing a **main entrance** on Canberra Avenue, consideration should be given to improving public transport access and pedestrian movements around the site, particularly during large events. .

It was noted that a number of these extend beyond the design of the building but were agreed as important to note at this time, including:

- **Parking** continues to be a challenge in the area and construction of new facilities on the site should take into consideration any additional parking implications. Continuing to address parking challenges associated with events at Manuka Oval is important.
- Consideration should be given to any impact of the new Media Centre and associated major events on the **tele-communications infrastructure** in the area.
- The **construction** process should seek to minimise negative impact on the Manuka community, businesses and traffic moving through the area.
- Improved facilities for major sporting events and new functions spaces are likely to increase use of the facility, even if some of these activities are smaller in nature. The impact of an **increased number of events** on the local community and businesses needs to be considered.
- **Communication** with the local community, nearby businesses, and organisations within the Manuka Oval precinct should continue throughout design, construction and operation of the Media Centre and associated function facilities.