



**Community organisations meeting on Manuka Oval Media Centre
Feedback on how the proposed design responds to guiding principles established by the
community meeting**

Representatives of local community, sporting and business groups met on 23 March 2017 to consider the draft design of the Manuka Oval Media Centre. The meeting considered the draft design within the context of the key principles developed at a meeting on 2 March 2017.

The following key principles were considered with respect to the draft design.

- 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. .

The following comments were recorded with respect to the draft design:

- The size of the building on the landscape should be softened through the use of additional plantings, particularly **large trees and greening of the building** through the use of plant features. The building should seek to blend more into the natural environment.
- Minimising the potential impact of **lighting and noise from functions** held within the new media centre building should be factored into the design. The impact of building lights on traffic on Canberra Avenue should also be considered.
- The design of the building should reflect good **Energy Efficiency Requirements (EER)**, with features such as solar panels and rain-water collection.
- The design should confirm that there will be **no corporate advertising** on the outside of the building.
- The design of the building should take into consideration the **security** plan for the media centre.
- There should be a better explanation of the role of the **Canberra Avenue ‘entrance’ or ‘address’** to ensure people understand it is not a mass public entrance for game-day events, but rather access to the building for non-game-day functions.



The following further issues were noted to consider in the broader context of Manuka Oval:

- The relationship between the current consultation by the National Capital Authority on the **Development Control Plan** for the area and planning for this building is important for the community to understand. The final conditions set by the Development Control Plan will impact on the Development Application process for the media centre.
- Traffic and parking associated with the **outside broadcast equipment** continues to be a challenge during large events. Although it is noted that the improved 'ring-road' within the Oval precinct may simplify the movement of these large trucks.
- It should be noted that the **function space** is essentially a corporate space managed by Venues ACT, rather than a community space as such.
- There are broad issues associated with Manuka Oval with respect to **pedestrian crossing** of Canberra Avenue and the conflict between **significant traffic** on Canberra Avenue and the general environment of the precinct.
- There should be a role for the proposed **Community Panel** in the next stage of reviewing the plans for the media centre.
- The management of **parking** in the area, particularly during major events.