



GNCA TOP SIX PRIORITIES in 2024

1. Protect our special places

We know that our community values our trees, verges and green spaces. After the hottest year on record, we face more challenges from climate change. We will:

- Urge the government to monitor and publicise heat island effects;
- Urge the government to achieve 30% canopy cover by 2045;
- Support our parks' groups important work;
- Work to ensure the Government maintains our amenities: footpaths, roads, rubbish removal etc;
- Respect our protected places by monitoring developments and making submissions/representations and
- Urge the government to make knockdown -rebuild proposals public.

2. Support infill that is appropriate for our area

The new planning framework has begun. The GNCA recognises that infill in some areas is needed but we have concerns whether it will be appropriate. We will:

- Monitor exempt track developments, where rules are applied by builder-approved certifiers;
- Continue to monitor developer regulation and participate where possible;
- Monitor merit track developments and the wide discretions in decision-making on DAs and
- Where appropriate, seek merit and judicial reviews.

3. Protect our Heritage

The GNCA is a steward protecting buildings, trees and landscapes. The Assembly and government reviews of heritage arrangements are not yet completed. The GNCA will closely monitor developments, consult with our community and make submissions on any proposed changes to heritage legislation. We know how important heritage is for our well-being, tourism, business and teaching our children.

4. Counter Misconceptions and Misinformation

This election year we will continue our focus on facts, not myths. We will rebut misinformation that is circulated about us on social media platforms, in radio interviews and elsewhere. We know there are misconceptions about our work. We encourage our members to know the facts and help us explain who we are and what we do.

5. Encourage Well-being

The GNCA is aware of the challenges faced by people in our community including isolation, loneliness and discrimination – let alone cost-of-living pressures, rate rises and health and security issues. We value respect for diversity and social cohesion. We will:

- Closely follow the proposal to build a health centre at Griffith shops.
- Welcome all our community at our meetings and ten raffle stands. The raffle is supported by our wonderful local sponsors. Our volunteers will all be there to talk about local issues.
- Encourage attendance at our regular parks' working groups and meetings.

6. Encourage ACT government to improve its financial management

Ensure that the government undertakes a cost benefit analysis of Stage 2B (City to Woden), to assess whether this proposal provides value for money and for all other major projects. Persuade the government to restrict annual rate rises to the CPI increases.