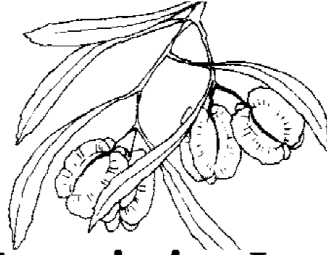


Lyneham Community



Association Inc.

2017 Survey: Interim Report

1. Background

In January 2017 the Lyneham Community Association (LCA) launched a survey to discover what local residents value about the area, and what improvements they would like to see. The motivation of the LCA was in part to determine what its focus should be for the coming year.

Responses were solicited via emails to members, by a number of tweets, and by word of mouth. Respondents completed the survey online through a page on the LCA's website.

The survey was released on 23 January, and by the end of February had attracted 28 responses.

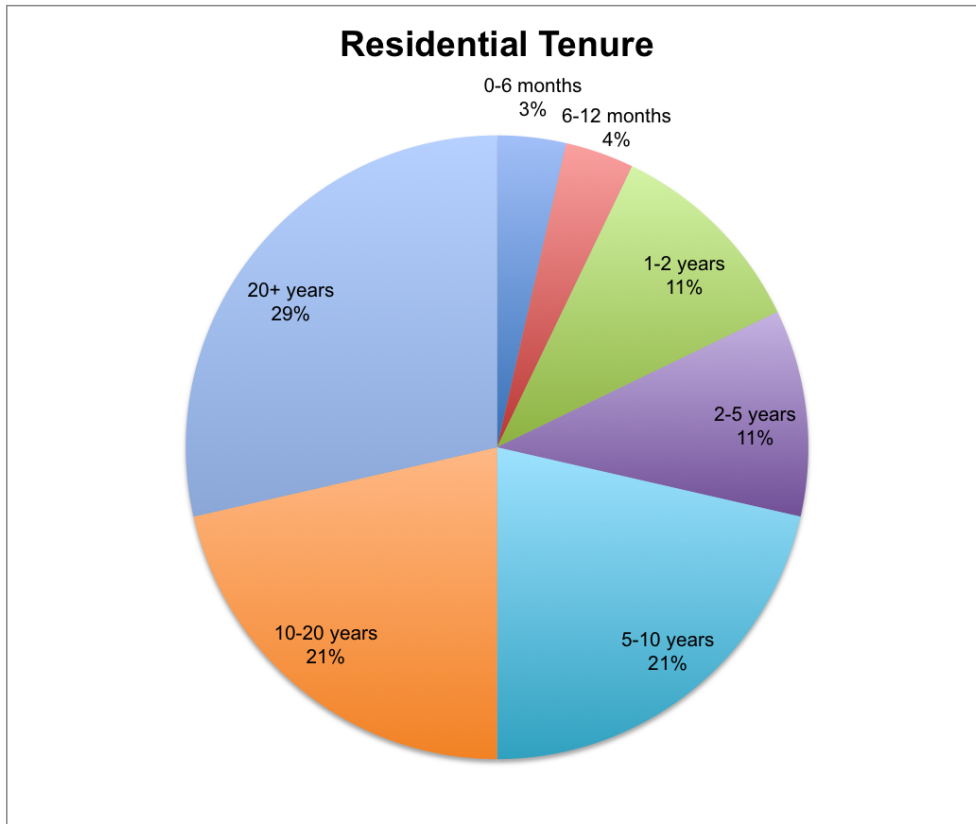
2. Summary

Overall, the respondents valued the local community, green spaces and the local trees. Their greatest concerns were traffic and footpaths, and strongest wish was the increased use of community facilities. Suggested focus for the LCA was improving the usability of parks, ovals and wetlands, monitoring development applications, and building community.

3. Analysis of Responses

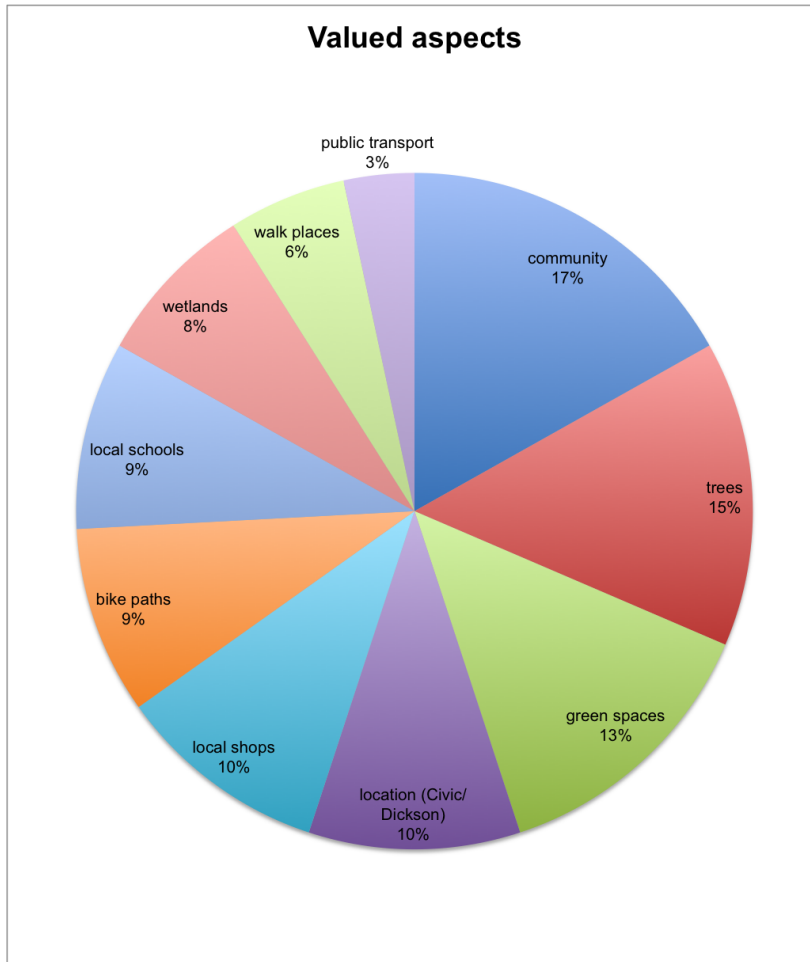
How long have you lived in the Lyneham area?

Respondents were asked how long they had lived in the area. Half have lived locally for at least 10 years. Less than 10% have lived here less than 12 months.



What do you value and like most about living in the Lyneham area?

Responses were grouped into (possibly multiple) categories for simplicity of analysis. For example, a response including 'Nice open space along Sullivans Creek, and also having the bike path through here' was counted in the category "bike paths" and "green space". Only those aspects which were mentioned by more than one person are graphed below. The four issues each mentioned by only one person were: high density housing, variety of people, free parking, and sports centre.



Response extracts:

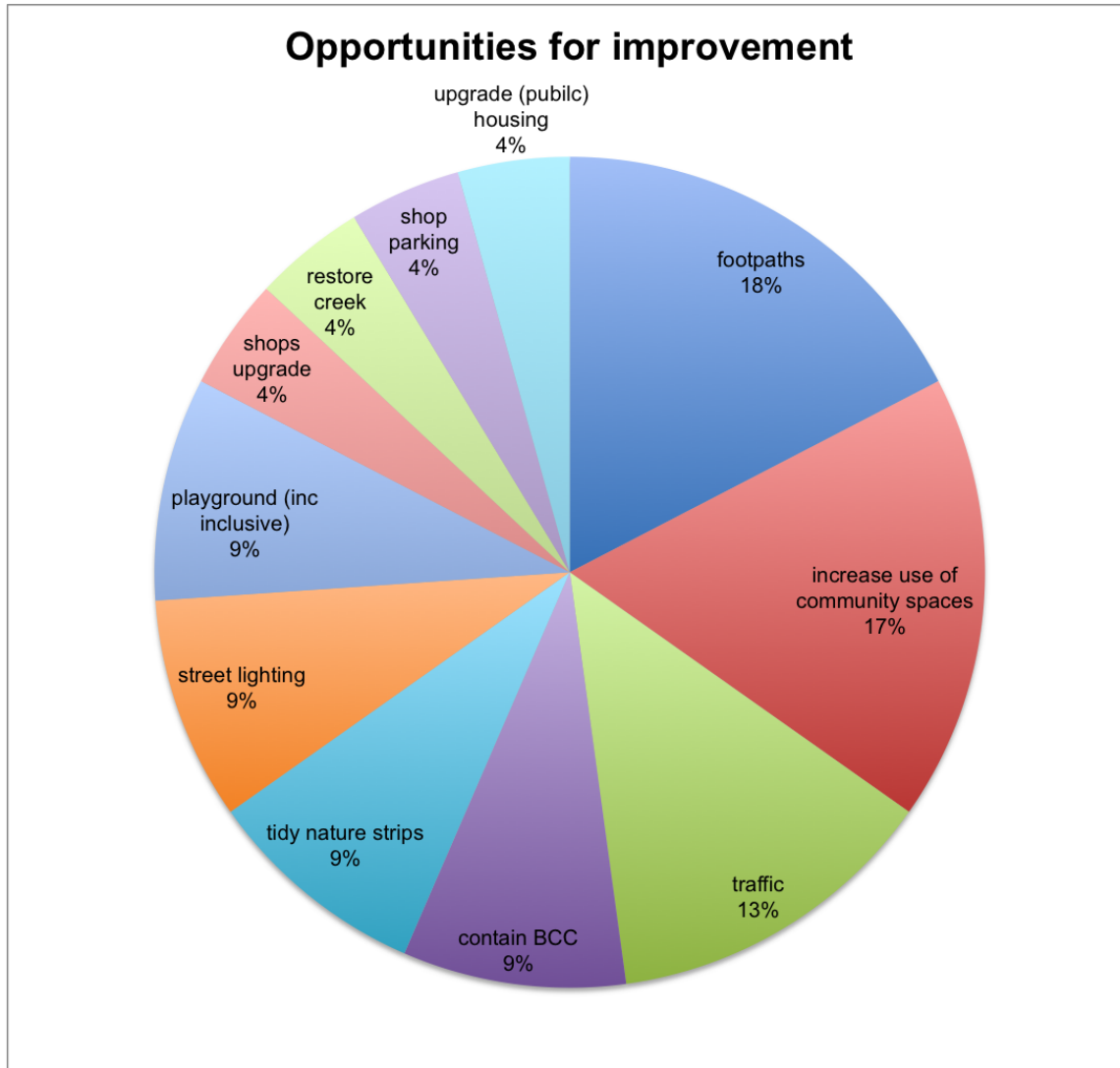
"School community, closeness to city, bike paths"

"The old trees, the eclectic feel of the Lyneham shops. The community feel around the Lyneham Primary school and its close proximity to the city without being too close."

"The wetlands and the green land. I deliberately chose Lyneham when I moved to Canberra."

What do you think could be improved in and around the Lyneham area?

Responses were again categories (perhaps multiple times), and suggestions favoured by only one person were ignored for the graph.



Response extracts:

“Sculptures and engagement pieces around the wetlands and along the bike tracks.”

“I love to see more care from government to public space, at the moment some area look like a dump”

“Reduce traffic. Too many smaller roads now being used by rat-runners and stopping locals from being safe pedestrians. A real playground (all ages?) near the shops”

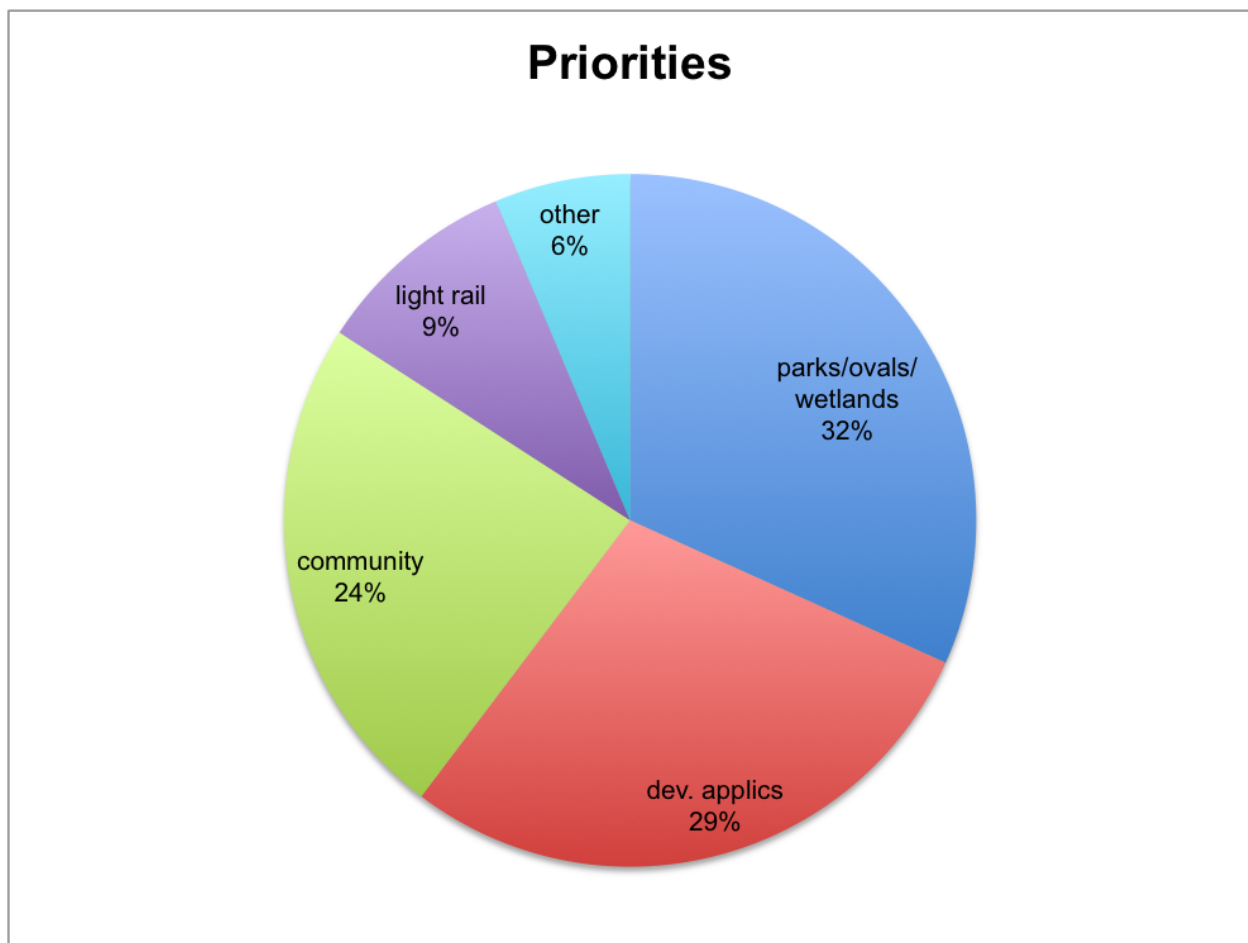
“Block further development of Brindabella school”

“Need footpaths mended and hedges clipped to allow for safe pedestrian access”

What do you think should be the priority areas of focus for the LCA during 2017?

Respondents were offered these 5 options (from which they could select as many as they wished):

- Improve the usability of local parks, ovals and wetlands
- Monitor development applications for the local area
- Conduct community engagement activities
- Undertake activities to maximise the benefits of light rail for the local area
- Other (Please add below)



Sample of 'Other' suggestions:

Roundabout at Wattle intersection with Scrivener/Goodwin.

Bulk billing medical centre.

Sustainable housing education.

Allow local schools (public and independent) to use ovals & parks.

Mobilise locals residents to maintain nearby parkland.

Regular removal of litter, grass and weeds from paths and shops.

4. Detailed responses

The following are each response for the 'open' questions. One response is edited as it contains personal reference.

What do you value and like most about living in the Lyneham area?

Lyneham is an established, very green suburb with decent sized family blocks, with easy access to the bush on the Ridge and space on the oval. There is a real sense of community here. I love the local shops - great variety, always a happy hum and a gentle coming and going. The variety and availability of schools is a real bonus. And of course the proximity to town and uni via foot, bike, bus or car is a bonus. I feel safe and feel that my family is safe in Lyneham.

People i know -great community Proximity to school, Dickson shops Lyneham Commons Bike riding infrastructure, commuting options

The community feel, the trees, the proximity to the city and bush land the ability to easily cycle or walk to the city or belconnen, the people. The Lyneham shops are great. They bring a real community feel to Lyneham.

Closeness to the city, gungahlin and belconnen, without the hustle and bustle. And a great community spirit.

Good selection of shops at the Lyneham local centre. Nice open space along Sullivans Creek, and also having the bike path through here. Centrally located near Civic and Dickson and not far to go to Belconnen. Having primary and secondary schools here as well as the Lyneham sports centre. Being close to O'Connor Ridge and Black Mountain reserves. Well developed street trees.

Convenience of bus services, street trees and parkland, walking access to local shopping centres, (Lyneham in particular) range of services at shopping centres, free parking for my visitors, community of thinkers aware of the need for change to cope with climate change and increasing poverty of the population.

know quite a few people in the neighbourhood O'Connor Ridge Magpie Hill Park the trees the local shops and their variety - book shop, Tilleys' the Front Cafe, the butcher and the IGA and the chemist etc Urban farm development good near the school

Good location for walking/driving in Canberra. Number of parks with play equipment for children.

Proximity to the city and Dickson shops. Its leafy wide streets, the wetlands, the left leaning residents.

School community, closeness to city, bike paths

Proximity to nature, good schools, shops and amenities at Dickson (esp pool, library)

Proximity to services, employment, schools. Old trees & the birds that live in them. Cable broadband. Interesting blend of residents. Bike, cafe, dining & pub culture. Proximity to EPIC eg Book fair/fairs/markets, Dickson pool & library, sports centres. Good mix of services at the local shops which I use instead of larger centres when I can. Good blend of farmers market/fresh and other grocery retail. I highly appreciate proximity to all major banks at Dickson for my various clubs/associations . 60 years of committed community groups in this local area, eg St Ninian's fete, 13th Canberra Scouts.

Community events going on (ie. Lyneham Commons), proximity to local store (ie. Lyneham shops) and also Dickson. Love the wetlands, but they may need some time to really find their feet and mature.

We live in a great neighbourhood where a lot of us raised our kids and are currently reviving our connections through forming a Transition Street group - Magpie Hill Neighbourhood group. We enjoy access to so many amenities - shopping, swimming and health services. Easy ride into Civic and not too far to drive to Bunnings and the markets!

Having the opportunity to comment here. Living in "old" Lyneham. Having such "interesting" neighbours. Loving "Roger Ramjet", who is such a cantankerous old curmudgeon. Admiring the work of the LCA, who are a bunch of NIMBYs, and a few reasonable people. Walking past to see what newly offensive thing BCC are doing which will infuriate LCA. Admiring the monomaniacal stance of the LCA in its anti-BCC sniping and carping. I delight in the so-sanctimonious [...] of LCA - [...] pickings indeed. The LCA turning from an almost open-minded group, into a petty "secret society". The promotion of LCA Comrade [...] to the NCCC. et cetera ..

Close proximity to civic, great independent schools yet so leafy!

I value the open green spaces like the Lyneham Oval space, the wetlands space. The closeness to the CBD, Universities etc. The ability to walk to most places. The mature trees in the area

The closeness of the City yet feeling that we are living far from it. The Lyneham area has a friendly welcoming feel to it.

location and the fact that there is still a mix of tenants (not completely gentrified!)

Pleasant; still green and leafy; close to just about everything. A good mix of people, most of whom are friendly and helpful.

The high density housing with the mix of trees, wetland and easy access to public transport

The parks, bike tracks and wetlands. The great eateries. The lovely people.

The old trees, the eclectic feel of the Lyneham shops. The community feel around the Lyneham Primary school and its close proximity to the city without being too close.

Convenient to local shops, Dickson and Civic. Good environment and safe neighbourhood.

Neighbourliness Leafiness Close to town O'Connor ridginess Nice community

The wetlands and the green land. I deliberately chose Lyneham when I moved to Canberra.

Bike paths. Trees. Proximity to Civic, lake, local shops, local schools

What do you think could be improved in and around the Lyneham area?

Need attention to traffic flow and speed on Brigalow, Archibald, Dryandra and Miller St. I think tidying up the garden beds at the shops would be lovely, but I do not want the shops to be overhauled as I think that would raise rents and drive the lovely set of vendors out. Need footpaths mended and hedges clipped to allow for safe pedestrian access.

Block further development of Brindabella school, add some speed traps/ chicanes to miller street to slow traffic and stop the northern suburbs using Lyneham as a cut through to avoid northbourne avenue. Fix the BBQ in the park at north Lyneham. Install BBQ in the Lyneham oval.

Need a roundabout at the corner of Wattle Street and Scrivener/Goodwin Sts. This intersection is really dangerous in the morning and evening peaks particularly due to the traffic to and from the high school. Lyneham is really split into three separate areas - the higher density housing along Northbourne Avenue, old Lyneham to the west of the shops, and newer Lyneham north of Ginninderra Drive. It would be good to join these areas better with wider paths and signage so that the suburb feels more whole. The open space along Sullivans Creek could be enhanced with more trees and garden beds and removing more of the concrete drains.

Footpaths are broken and risky, esp when covered in wet leaves: I wish people would remove leaves, sticks etc from paths and cut their hedges. Street lighting needs attention. Road signs are often obscured or bent. We need a walking for exercise group. Gum tree proximity to housing. I fear the huge gums in Banksia St will fall on the road or our homes. Crowded parking around Lyneham shops - it's ok if you walk there but you can't always park esp in the shade if you drive there. A local petrol station needed here so you don't have to go to Dickson which is a costly (pay park) and inconvenient shopping centre. When the tram arrives it will be worse. I wish the bus services were less than hourly during the day and weekends and that they all didn't travel at the same time.

More care of the green spaces such as the Magpie Hill Park more trees planted where trees are ageing use of nature strips for communal gardens where it fits neighbourhood sharing skills with local schools street lighting community gathering spaces used more often such as the square at Lyneham shops more sustainable development promotion of good design for energy efficiency in new housing and renovations more sustainable

housing government encouragement for energy efficiency and solar access in new buildings water recycling

Community engagement activities, accessibility for inclusive playgrounds

Many of the paths are broken and need repair, including Telstra cement covers on some nature strips. I'm surprised more people don't get into these or break their ankles walking.

Better sidewalks/footpaths

A great playground! There's a very basic outdated one at wetland, and an older one up the hill off wattle st/miller st. Something like playground at Downer off melba st or jamison shops would be fantastic - suitable for toddlers and older children

Maintain and enhance services - update the 1950's infrastructure. Use open spaces effectively for benefit of residents and day visitors. Restore Sullivans creek - the new wetlands in Lyneham & O'Connor are good additions. Enhance biodiversity for bird life and beneficial insects eg bees for urban garden pollination. Enhance safety of foot & cycle paths. Better manage traffic issues related to local school eg Brigalow & Lewin Sts. Redevelop the eyesore Lyneham motor inn. Add bike racks near key bus stops. Encourage more people to step up & get involved, it's the 5% of the organized doing the hard draft for the majority.

Concerned about the rubbish left at the bus stations on Northbourne Avenue, and a little worried the tram will bring more litter into the area. But also am really supportive of light rail! Some shops in the Lyneham shops area are always empty. I think there could be some regeneration of the area, or encourage landlords to consider renting their spaces out for lower rents, just to ensure those shops are filled.

Our open spaces are looking a bit shabby. Poor old ACT Parks cannot keep up the maintenance. Meanwhile there is a need for more housing options, especially compact town houses, close to the shops. More community facilities could also be considered - perhaps a Majura Community Centre type facility. Hence I'd like to see some community initiated proposals (it's a pity to wait for commercial proposals to come to the fore and then put all our energy into fighting them) to develop some of the marginal "grey field" land with commensurate upgrading of other open space for better utilization. I'd also like to review the allowable development on existing residential blocks which are nearly all zoned as RZ1 meaning only single houses can be built or if dual occupancies are built

then they cannot be separately titled (except for the Fluffy blocks!). We are an ageing community and should allow residents to stay within their neighbourhood on a smaller parcel of land. The spin off might be for more affordable housing encouraging younger people to rejuvenate our neighbourhoods. I'd like us to be advocates for good, well designed change rather than be resisters of change - that feels like a more responsible (and responsive) way to look after our community.

The LCA representing the community more widely. LCA posting more helpful and timely Community notices.

Overall frontage/garden tidiness, upgrade/relocation of public housing...better drop off/parking for schools.

Street lighting could be improved. To stop residents from using the area of the footpaths (outside of their letterbox) as an extension to their garden space. To have a green waste collection along with rubbish collection.

I feel that TAMS could be a little more pro-active in maintaining the footpaths - some are in dire need of repair and dangerous to be walking on in the evenings. Also it would be nice to see a clean up of front yards, mowing of weeds and verges and general cleaning . There are areas that that weeds are waist to shoulder height - not a good look and breeding ground for nasties.

Reduce traffic. Too many smaller roads now being used by rat-runners and stopping locals from being safe pedestrians. A real playground (all ages?) near the shops

1. Wish our many pedestrians lanes were maintained regularly , we must be very low on the Govt list formowing and maintenance. The lanes are useful and are used by a wide range of people from school-children to Seniors, but they receive almost nil attention resulting in heavy growth of grasses and weeds...as many as 7 varieties in 2 square metres...and these either creep onto the edges of the path or hang right over it. Sometimes - in desperation - someone who lives on a lane will grab their mower and mow over the green mess adjacent to their property, but this is rare. Tree detritus and litter accumulate among the weeds and grass and only moves when it is blown further along the paths. Better maintenance of paths and road surfaces. Better care of our street trees, regular pruning when necessary. Increased disabled parking bays at Lyneham Shops. There used to be 4, there are now 2. A close watch maintained on Brigalow Street/BCC generated parking congestion.

Removing all the old, derelict public housing on northbourne avenue and replacing it with high density, 15 story north facing quality apartments

Sculptures and engagement pieces around the wetlands and along the bike tracks.

An upgrade to the shop area to make it even more of a community hub. Keep Brindabella Christian College from taking over the oval and making it their own.

Stop parking on the verges near Lyneham shops and better maintain verges and footpaths in all streets.

More protected greenspace

The public facilities are pretty run-down, the street lights are dim and dark in some area. I love to see more care from government to public space, at the moment some area look like a dump. I am amazed NBN is not here

Parks and playgrounds for kids. All old. All need an upgrade. Eg. Magpie hill.

What do you think should be the priority areas of focus for the LCA during 2017?
'Other' suggestions:

The roundabout on Wattle Street as mentioned in the previous answer.

Is flexibus serving this area yet? A bulk billing medical centre drawing all the present services in the area together. Thanks for organising the picnic last Sunday.

Method/avenue to advise and help people who are renovating or rebuilding to learn about sustainable housing Land care groups for local parks? ART and community activities to beautify local public spaces

Don't bite off more than we can chew, or recruit for specific tasks.

Another initiative would be for the community to be mobilised to help maintain some of their adjoining parkland - this would encourage neighbourhood connections and perhaps the ACT government might reward us with better facilities like reinstating a BBQ at Magpie Hill. I think we have about 15 times the amount of open space in Canberra per capita compared to Sydney!! Anything that brings people together - social soccer for all age groups would be fun.

LCA needs to examine its activities and pronouncements, looking at them from the Outside, the better to see how amusingly un-representative the LCA's past activities have been. LCA needs to understand that constructive-criticism can be gleaned from listening to your seeming opponents (for which I do thank you, again now). LCA needs to post its "secret" Minutes on its website, as before - I love to have an insight into your deliberations, but cannot imagine ever participating in your NIMBY cabal.

Prioritise supporting and providing local schools (public and independent) more freedom in expanding play areas/ovals/parks for student/school use.

With the light rail happening there are many building opportunities happening in the area. To monitor these developments closely.

LCA needs to be on the pulse and report to the rest of us. Thanks!

Regular litter clean up from shopping area and paths, plus regular removal of grass and weeds growing along these areas.

Advocate for balanced quality developments that increases the density in the Lyneham/Dickson area. Support the expansion of shopping opportunities and supermarket competition by the addition of Aldi and Coles to the Dickson shopping centre.

Definitely a priority needs to be made of monitoring the development applications around the area. It currently has a great community atmosphere of families and a good mix of new and old housing. It would be a shame to see it turn into another Turner or even O'Connor with a lot of high rise apartments and a large private school which creates extensive traffic issues and shows contempt for the local community.

A large increase in the population of Lyneham is going to put huge pressure on all facilities including roads, footpaths, parks, ovals, shops..... This is not in the interest of anyone especially existing residents whose rights must be a prime priority for the Association.

There's no doubt the light rail corridor is going to impact on our suburb with an increasing population and traffic flow through (and by the way I'm a big supporter of light rail so it's all part of managing the new dynamic. We should be talking to the Act govt about impacts and mitigations which will assist Lyneham retain its community and

charm but absorb the increased population. Also the bcc. They are expanding like topsy and again strategies need to be thought through to help them not annoy us all.

Monitoring DAs are top priority. Lyneham at the front of Canberra gateway, I really don't want to see this beautiful greens and wetlands become the hardcore concrete high-rise buildings. I am horrify how the new buildings these days are not design to blend in with the surrounding nature & environment. It is too obvious that commercial gains played a big part of it.