# Belconnen Community Council – Chair’s Report July 2020

It’s been pleasing to see the continued effort being put in by the community over the last month in keeping COVID cases low in the ACT. People across our district have been expressing their disappointment and frustration over interstate transmissions and while this will be an ongoing risk, we need to remember we are all in this together. People need to be supported even when they make bad decisions and being a part of this community requires nothing less.

One of our first ventures to try and bridge the gap during lockdown was to go online via Facebook and run updates every month in lieu of our monthly in face meetings. This month we are launching our first Zoom online meeting so we can all participate directly. If you’d like to join us you can find the link on our website our join directly [here](https://zoom.us/j/92056015651).

Transport Canberra Update

2020 has provided a number of challenges on so many levels, but it was really heartening to see Transport Canberra have continued to make refinements to the current network offerings. While some changes won’t suit everyone, this is an opportunity provide feedback directly to TCCS staff who will be attending via Zoom at this month’s meeting.

Please have a look at the services that affect you [here](https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/network-improvements).

ICON Water and EVO Energy

There have been a number of changes and alterations being undertaken by EVO energy as part of their five year plan. We have been able to provide EVO Energy with access to the community a number of times over the last couple of years as this process has rolled out and this is a key function of what we do. Please continue to engage with the wider consultation process [here](https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/evoenergy-access-arrangement-2021-26.).

There have been some significant developments with work happening in our district with ICON Water:
·       DA approval has been received for the three Odour Control Units (OCUs) proposed to be constructed on the existing Belconnen Trunk Sewer:

-        Project 2 – Latham (off Florey Drive)

-        Project 3 – Florey (off Krefft Street)

-        Project 4 – Evatt (off Ginninderra Drive)

·       EIS and DA for Project 1 has been submitted to EPSDD. Project 1 includes the proposed 2.4km pipeline, between Copland Drive, Melba and Tillyard Drive, Flynn and a OCU at North Latham. Once notified, the community will have opportunity to provide feedback directly to EPSDD. Icon Water will send an email update to all who have registered interest in the project once this occurs. It is expected this will be soon (completeness check passed last week).

·       Construction on the projects is not expected to commence until late 2020/ early 2021, however in the meantime you may see contractors in the area performing site investigations such as surveys and locating existing services. There will be some temporary survey pegs placed as part of these works.

·       Icon Water are still inviting feedback on OCU finishes. To date feedback received has indicated a preference for mural art work. Various assets have been successfully painted with murals including the [Hindmarsh Drive Reservoir](https://www.iconwater.com.au/Media-Centre/Blogs/2019/August/12/Narrabundah-reservoir.aspx).

·       If you would like to receive updates on the project or provide suggestions for OCU finishes, you can do so via Icon Water’s website (<https://www.iconwater.com.au/bts>) and use the “Community Feedback Opportunities” option.

Also, just a reminder that the website also includes information on our [COVID-19 response](http://www.iconwater.com.au/Community-and-Education/COVID-19.aspx), including financial support available to customers.

Submission to Standing Committee on ACT Policing Arrangements

In February this year we made submissions to the JACS Standing Committee on Policing Arrangements calling out the priority areas for future budgets. In particular, we believe arrangements for a permanent presence at Kippax is a must as our West Belconnen community grows over the next 30 years. You can view our appearance before the Committee [here](http://aod.parliament.act.gov.au/C27802).

Please visit our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/belcouncil/) and [BCC website](http://www.belcouncil.org.au/) pages to keep up with everything that’s happening.

Stay safe and well in these challenging times.

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**Chair**

**Belconnen Community Council**

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