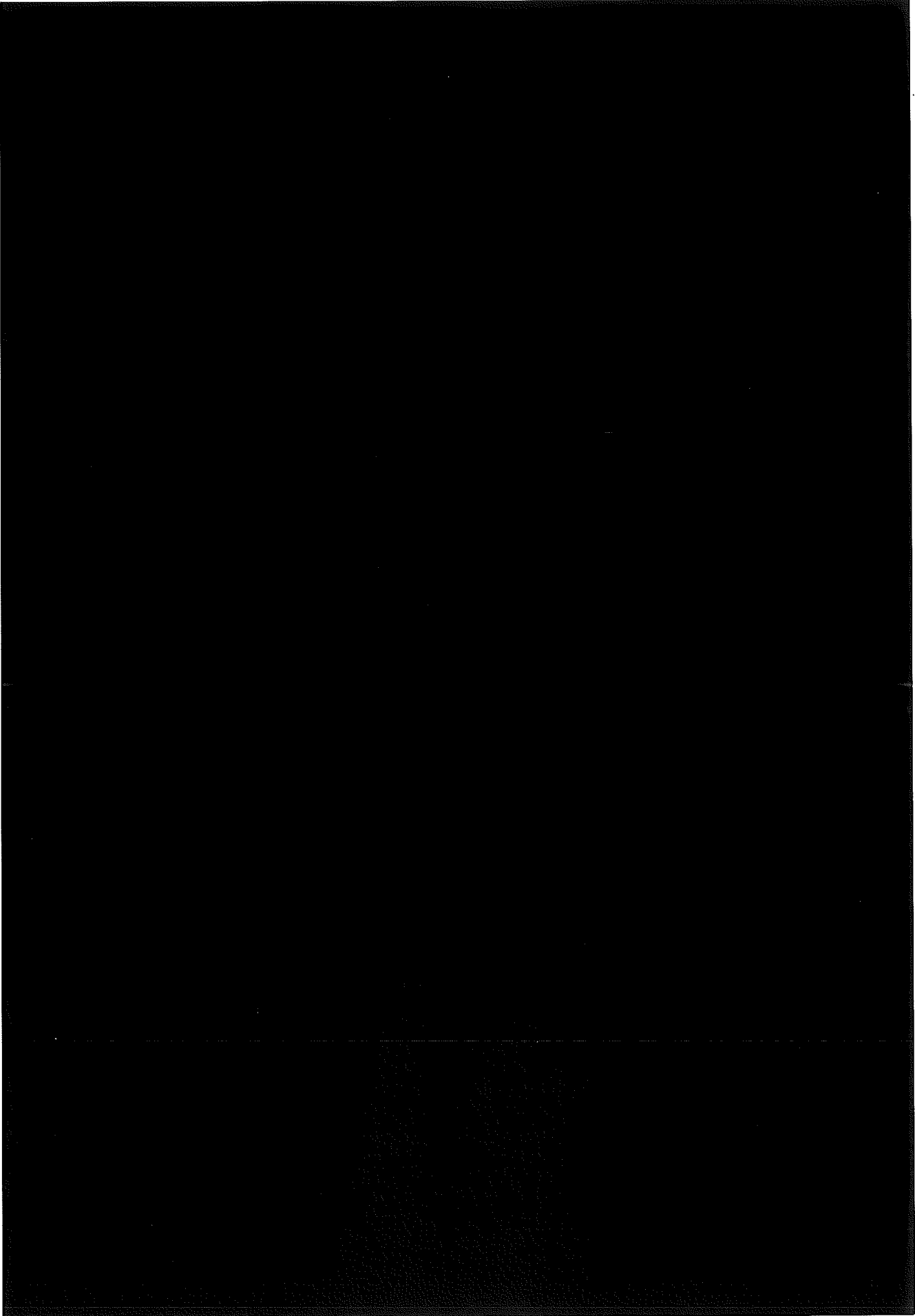
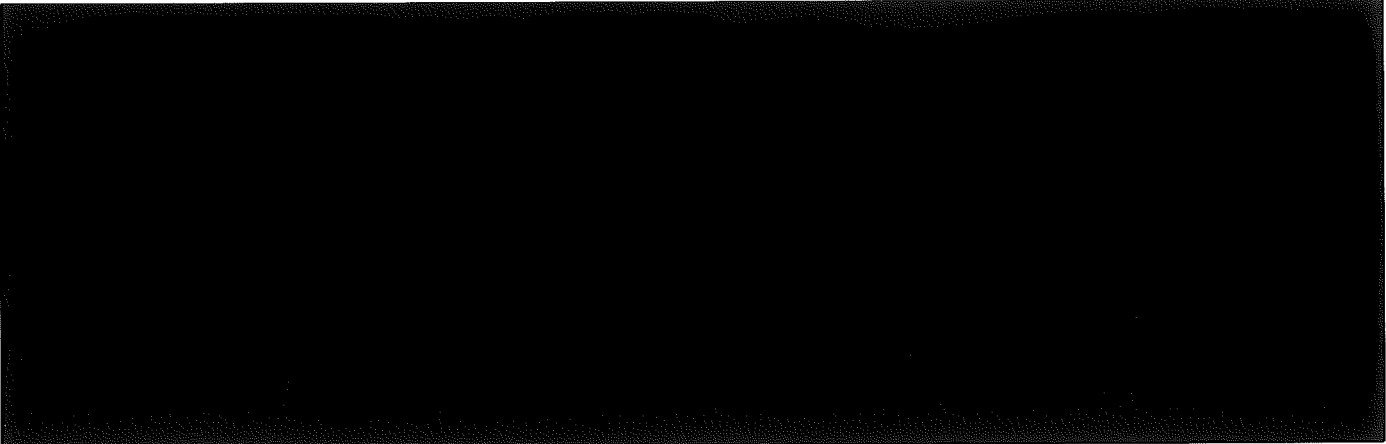


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**From:** Bray, Rodney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** Brighton, Meg; Stewart, Tracy (DET); Prowse, Wayne  
**Cc:** Jones, David; Kidman, Fiona; Wynants, John  
**Subject:** Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Ryan, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Ryan@ed.act.edu.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2015 3:03 PM  
**To:** Bray, Rodney; Prowse, Wayne; Dobson, Liana  
**Cc:** Blain, Kerrie; Yuen, Ben; Kobal, Tom; McLoughlin, Michele; Egerton, Robin  
**Subject:** RE: Montgomery Oval

Hi Rodney,

Do we need to set up a meeting regarding the new sporting courts and pavilion for Montgomery oval? We would like to get things moving as planning and tendering can take valuable time.

I need to organised major irrigation repairs and would like to know where to new courts will be located. This will save the school from spending unnecessarily funds on costly plumbing repairs.

I also needed to mention there is asbestos in the current change rooms on Montgomery.

Regards,

Mary

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**From:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2015 6:12 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Mary; Yuen, Ben; Kobal, Tom; McLoughlin, Michele; Egerton, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: Montgomery Oval

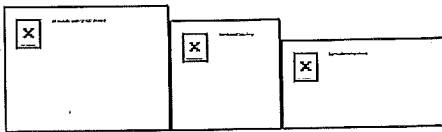
Fyi

*Kerrie Blain*

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**From:** Prowse, Wayne [<mailto:Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2015 6:09 PM  
**To:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Cc:** Prowse, Wayne; Dobson, Liana  
**Subject:** Fwd: Montgomery Oval

Kerrie (Please ignore formatting issues with this email as my iPad is unwell.)

Following from last week's advice and meeting I have been advised that the Land Development Agency will soon be commencing work on surveying the area of the Montgomery Oval tennis courts. The type of work to be undertaken includes:

- Completion of topographical survey;
- Tree assessment;
- Traffic assessment;
- Hazmat investigation of the structure; and
- Geotechnical / contamination.

It is expected that a topographical survey will commence in the coming week and will take approximately three days to complete. The survey is used to identify and map the contours of the ground and existing features on the surface of the earth or slightly above or below the earth's surface and will include trees, buildings, streets, walkways, manholes, utility poles, retaining walls, etc.

If the survey contractor attends the site and the gate to the tennis courts is locked, the contractor will report to the front office to access a key. The contractor will return the key and ensure the gate is locked at the end of their activities.

The survey contractor will not disturb classes during their work on the site.

Wayne

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**Blain, Kerrie**

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**From:** Paul Haesler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 7:43 PM  
**To:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Telopea Park Land Deal

Kerrie,

FYI I sent this letter to the editor of the Canberra Times today after reading the story about MOCCA published this morning.

P.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** "Paul Haesler" <[president@telopeapnc.org.au](mailto:president@telopeapnc.org.au)>  
**Date:** 03/03/2015 11:53 am  
**Subject:** Telopea Park Land Deal  
**To:** <[letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au](mailto:letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au)>  
**Cc:**

As President of the P&C Association at Telopea Park School, I must thank the Canberra Times for keeping us informed about the "land swap" deal that is about to impact our school. The first we heard of the deal was informally from an education directorate employee on the evening of 11th February.

On the 13th February, we read in the Canberra Times of the details of the land transfer ("Canberra Services Club secures home in ACT government land swap") - a report that was considerably more informative than the Directorate had been and which in fact directly contradicted much of what we had been told by the Directorate only two days earlier. The school and its community have not been given any opportunity to comment on this deal and we have not been involved in any negotiations.

To be fair the \$800,000 compensation offered to the school sounds very generous, and we do not wish to appear ungrateful. However, the facts of the matter are that the compensation offered will barely be sufficient to cover the replacement of the lost facilities (four tennis courts and a changing rooms) at best and does nothing to address the loss of land from a school that is already strapped for space for its large population of both primary and secondary students.

Today we learn that the deal for MOCCA is even worse ("Manuka Childcare Centre can't afford Canberra Services Club land swap") - being forced to move sites with no funding to redevelop the new site. The way both MOCCA and Telopea Park School have been treated in this deal speaks volumes about the priorities of the ACT Government. Furthermore, in the same article we learn that the ACT government intends to auction the Telopea Park site! It would be ironic if the school had to use the \$800,000 compensation to buy its own land back!

I look forward to the next Canberra Times article about the land swap - it is proving a much more reliable source of information than the ACT government.

Paul Haesler  
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**Blain, Kerrie**

**From:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 7:58 PM  
**To:** 'Paul Haesler'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Emmanuel Texier; Kobal, Tom; McLoughlin, Michele; Robin Egerton  
**Subject:** Telopea Park Land Deal

Noted Paul

This is a good letter.

There were a few corrections in your other letter to Ms Kathy Leigh:

- Mr Prowse met with me on 20 January to ask if I had seen plans for our updated oval. I had not and was unaware at that stage as to why the plans existed. They had been drawn by a landscape architect and were quite detailed.
- I was informed about the transfer of land on 9 February and asked to keep the information confidential until further advice.
- The ETD prepared a letter in haste for the Principal to send out to the community on the evening of Thursday 12 February, so that they would not be first informed by the CT the following morning. At this stage we had scheduled an extraordinary Board meeting for the following Tuesday, 17 February, so that I could "inform the Board before the community" as I had been directed.
- The transfer of the land had already been transferred to the LDA – anecdotally on 27 January, however this date was not substantiated.

I hope this helps.

Thank you for the time you have committed to supporting the school in this very disappointing situation. I appreciate this.

Kerrie

*Kerrie Blain*

ACT ACEL President and National Board Director

*Principal*

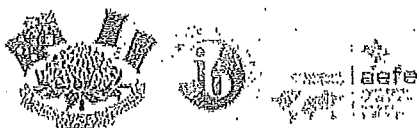
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**From:** Joseph, Diane  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 11:58 AM  
**To:** Brighton, Meg  
**Cc:** Prowse, Wayne; Stewart, Tracy (DET); Gniel, Stephen; Bell-Towers, Lynn; Abbott, Janet  
**Subject:** FW: Telopea Park School P&C  
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Meg, Tracy, Wayne

FYI

Note that Dan Stewart has asked Liz Lopa to draft a response in consultation with Meg Brighton and Tracy Stewart.

Diane

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**From:** Barbato, Claire  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 11:46 AM  
**To:** Joseph, Diane; Stewart, Daniel  
**Cc:** Stewart, Tracy (DET); Lopa, Liz  
**Subject:** Telopea Park School P&C

Good morning,

Kathy has received the letter attached from the Telopea Park School P&C and asked that I co-ordinate a response.

I was planning to contact Tracey Stewart and Liz Lopa for assistance but please advise if there are others in your directorate who should be involved.


Thank you, Claire

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*Please note I leave the office at 3pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.*

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*Mr Stewart*  
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**Telopea Park School  
Parents and Citizens  
Association**

26 February 2015

Ms Kathy Leigh  
Head of Service and Director-General  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
GPO Box 158  
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Ms Leigh,

**TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS - MANUKA CIRCLE**

I am writing on behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) of the Telopea Park School (the School) in relation to recently-published decisions by the ACT Government that directly affect our School and its students and, in particular, to express the P&C's deep concerns and disappointment over the way in which the ACT Government has apparently handled such decisions.

**Background**

By way of background, Mr Wayne Prowse, the ACT Education and Training Directorate's Network Leader for South/Weston, attended our P&C Annual General Meeting at the School on 11 February 2015. We were informed by our School principal, Ms Kerrie Blain, that Mr Prowse was attending our AGM for the purposes of observing how our P&C meetings are conducted.

During the 'Any Other Business' agenda item at the AGM, a specific question was put to Mr Prowse by a parent regarding whether a decision had been taken by the ACT Government to relocate the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre Association (MOCCA), currently located on Flinders Way, and, if so, whether such decision would have any impact on Telopea Park School.

While Mr Prowse did not answer this question directly, he raised in his response the possibility that some part of the Telopea Park School grounds, namely the Montgomery Playing Fields, had been identified and was being considered by the ACT Government as "one possible option" for the MOCCA relocation but that no decision had yet been made.

The information disclosed by Mr Prowse at our AGM came as a complete surprise to the P&C since we had not previously been informed that any part of the School's grounds was under consideration for re-purposing.

**Consultation and Communication**

The lack of any prior warning from the ACT Government, or consultation with the P&C or to the best of our knowledge the School, regarding the proposed re-purposing of the School's playing fields, combined with reticence from Mr Prowse to engage in any open discussion of the issue at our AGM, has caused considerable confusion and concern amongst the P&C and the wider School community (both during and subsequent to the AGM).

Even more concerning is that, within a mere three days of the express statements made by Mr Prowse at our AGM that no decisions had yet been taken by the ACT Government in relation to re-purposing of the School's playing fields, *The Canberra Times* published an article which suggested that the re-purposing was, as they say, a 'done deal' involving not only MOCCA but also the Canberra Services Club, the Defence Housing Association and Manuka Oval (see <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-services-club-secures-home-in-act-government-land-swap-20150212-13d8ch.html>).

The P&C is deeply concerned that the ACT Government has apparently been engaged in implied lengthy and complex negotiations which have been "months in the pipeline" (to quote from *The Canberra Times* article) in relation to re-purposing of the School's playing fields and yet it did not at any time during such negotiations take any steps to consult with or even properly inform the School community.

### **Information provided at the School's Board Meeting**

Subsequent to the AGM, an Extraordinary meeting of the School's Board was called by the Chair of Board. Representatives of the ACT Government attended the meeting to allow the Board the chance to ask questions about this decision. The representatives were Mr Prowse and Ms Tracey Stewart (from Central Office, Education and Training Directorate) and Ms Liz Lopa and Mr Dan Stewart from the Land Development Agency.

The essence of what the ACT Government's representatives said at the meeting was that the ACT Government had made a decision to conduct this negotiation with Defence Housing, Canberra Services Club and MOCCA and to not consult with the School until an agreement had been reached. We were informed that the ACT Government does not consult with schools or the community when it comes to decisions about the distribution and allocation of community resources.

The Board was told by the Principal, and the ACT Government's representatives confirmed that:

- Mr Prowse met with the Principal on 20 January 2015 to show her the plans for the tennis courts and the MOCCA relocation.
- Ms Stewart and Ms Lopa briefed the Principal on 9 February 2015 that the land had been transferred from the School. The land had been valued and \$800,000 would be given to the School.
- The Principal was told that this matter was confidential and she was not permitted to tell the Board or the P&C until the ACT Government had prepared their communication strategy.
- Ms Stewart prepared a letter for the Principal's signature which was sent to the School community informing them about the transfer on 12 February 2015 (ie this was the ACT Government's "communication strategy").

The Board members asked the ACT Government representatives a number of questions about:

- the lack of consultation;
- the lack of transparency surrounding this decision;
- whether the Government had considered a safety strategy for the children and community to deal with the increased traffic issues before a decision was made; and
- what the School could do with the \$800,000 (ie whether there were any conditions attached).

The Board was told that:

- The ACT Government does not consult on matters to do with school land and the re-purposing of it. The P&C, Board and community could take part in the Development Approval process.
- Decisions of this type are made frequently by the ACT Government and this decision was approached no differently.
- The information provided to the P&C was incorrect and misleading.
- The School could use the tennis courts until replacement courts were completed. The funding should be sufficient to cover the cost of the tennis courts rebuild.
- The School had the discretion of how to use the funding.

The information above represents our current understanding of the situation as it currently stands.

### **Telopea P&C Response**

To be clear, the P&C is generally supportive of elements of the plan which was described in *The Canberra Times* article, in particular, the construction of a new building for the Canberra Services Club, improvements to childcare availability and supply with the new MOCCA facility and the improved ability to accommodate larger sporting events at Manuka Oval (and the resulting benefits to the local economy).

However, we currently lack the basic information required to conduct a meaningful overall analysis of the decision or assess its impact upon the School and the School community.

Suffice it to say that our strong preference is to not lose any part of our School's grounds and, at the very least, to have been included in some form of consultation regarding a decision which will have a direct impact on our children and our School.

### **Request for Further Information**

In the circumstances, the P&C requests clarification and further information as follows:

- *Details of Plan*  
Please provide exact details of the land proposed to be repurposed, including plans detailing which part of Montgomery Playing Fields and the tennis courts will be redeveloped and which land will remain accessible by the School.
- *Decision-Making*  
Please provide details of the ACT Government's decision-making process which resulted in the decision to re-purpose the School's playing fields, including the time period of the process, the consultation undertaken and the proposed timescales for implementation of the decision.
- *Agreements Reached*  
Please confirm the substantive details of the agreements which the ACT Government has reached with the Canberra Services Club, Defence Housing Association, Manuka Oval and/or MOCCA affecting the whole or any part of the Montgomery Playing Fields.
- *Impact Assessment*  
Please provide further information demonstrating the ACT Government's proper assessment and consideration of how the re-purposing of the playing fields will impact our School and the local community.

- *Traffic and Parking*

Please confirm whether the ACT Government has considered and conducted any studies on the impact a new childcare centre will have on the parking and traffic issues in the area surrounding our School.

The considerable parking and traffic safety issues that currently confront the School community have previously been well documented and publicised and, we can only assume, will only be made worse by the introduction of further traffic and parking demands in the area.

- *Valuation*

Please provide details of any property valuation which was obtained in respect of the land in question and how the replacement costs for the School's lost sporting facilities were assessed.

This information will assist the P&C in determining our next steps.

### **Open Government**

Finally, we would appreciate your explanation of why the ACT Government did not consider it appropriate to involve the School and its P&C in a decision process which would directly affect the School and its students.

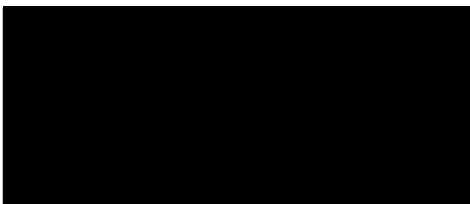
In our view, there is currently a disappointing and alarming lack of transparency surrounding the decision to re-purpose our School's playing fields which is in direct contradiction to the ACT Government's espoused "Open Government" policy and its public commitment to:

- transparency in process and information;
- participation by citizens in the governing process; and
- public collaboration in finding solutions to problems and participation in the improved well-being of the Community.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving the further information requested above. I can be reached on 0405 070 136 or at [president@telopeapnc.org.au](mailto:president@telopeapnc.org.au).

We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Principal, Kerrie Blain, for her information.

Yours sincerely



Paul Haesler  
President  
Telopea Park School P&C Association

cc: Dan Stewart  
Deputy Director General  
Land Development Agency  
  
Jacinda Still  
Chair  
Telopea Park School Board

**McMahon, Zoe**

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**From:** Emerson, Marc  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** Brighton, Meg  
**Subject:** FW: Relocation of Mocca

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**From:** Hodges, Tony  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 4:11 PM  
**To:** Emerson, Marc  
**Subject:** FW: Relocation of Mocca

CM email to Mocca FYI.

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**From:** BARR  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 2:35 PM  
**To:** Robby McGarvey  
**Subject:** RE: Relocation of Mocca

Dear Robby

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your passion for early childhood development and care. Thank you also for support for a new home for the Services Club. It was a tragedy for the Club when their facility burnt down. Finding a new home for them has been a significant priority and the subject of years of work to make a reality.

The Government also recognises the need for increased child care provision in the inner south and for new facilities to be constructed. That is why land has been identified for the construction of a new purpose-built childcare facility that will meet the new National Regulations.

I understand that MOCCA is not in a position to purchase this land and build a new centre itself without taking on significant commercial risk. This means that a rental arrangement in a new building is the most likely way forward. There does have to be some level of rent paid though. Providing rent free facilities is not fair to the other childcare facilities in Canberra that currently own or pay rent for their facility. All centres that lease space will be paying rent over time to ensure a level playing field for all providers and to ensure that there are sufficient funds to maintain the buildings to the highest quality.

I have asked for the issues you have raised to be examined thoroughly and appreciate your need for a flexible and positive resolution as quickly as possible. I understand that there will be time to transition to a business model that generates additional income for the Centre so that it does not have to rely on a rental subsidy. The Government, through the LDA, will work closely with you to support this transition.

The Government will be in touch again in coming weeks to work with further information and a plan to work with you on this.

Thank you again for your email.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

Treasurer  
Minister for Economic Development  
Minister for Urban Renewal  
Minister for Tourism and Events  
Member for Molonglo  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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**From:** Robby McGarvey [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** BARR  
**Subject:** Relocation of Mocca

Dear Chief Minister Barr,

I am writing on behalf of our Mocca Community Families, children, educators, and friends of Mocca,

*We want you and the ACT community to know we definitely believe the services club and Veterans should have a place to call home!*

*Many in our Mocca community feel strongly that veterans should have a local place that honors their service and sacrifice and we support members of the Services Club wholeheartedly. Several of our families have relatives who have served - past and present - and would love to see our current site become a place of belonging for the Services Club community as it has been for children and families for more than 50 years.*

*We would be deeply concerned, however, if there is an expectation on the part of planning authorities that the costs of relocating the Services Club to a new home after the tragic loss of their beloved old home should be borne essentially by local families with young children who rely on this high-quality and not-for-profit Education and Care Service. Parents have expressed concern that MOCCA appears to be being asked to give up its existing site and peppercorn rent arrangements - and are being given the option to cover the enormous cost of acquiring land and a new build to be owner occupier or potentially moving to a commercial rent arrangement with a commercial developer.*

*We would ask for an urgent rethink of the options available for MOCCA were this to be the case. Surely there is some capacity to plan a more feasible option whereby the youngest generation of Canberrans does not lose out by making way for our veterans? This should be a win-win for everyone.*

*We would be very happy to be relocated to Montgomery Oval - but need help with the provision of a purpose-built childcare facility. I believe the families with young children who value our much-loved building and existing site would be happy to consult on options that do not impose a huge financial burden on the centre.*

Kind regards

Robby McGarvey

*Mocca Director*

*Robby McGarvey*

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**From:** Andrea Grazziadelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 7:39 AM  
**To:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Cc:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Subject:** Re: Montgomery Tennis Courts

That is great news - thanks Kerrie. I appreciate that.

Regards,  
Andrea

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 11:53 PM, Blain, Kerrie <[Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au)> wrote:  
Dear Andrea

I have been assured that our existing courts will not be demolished until the new courts have been built. If I hear differently, I will let you know. I hope this is not the case as Tennis is part of the secondary curriculum at each year level.  
I will cc our Network Leader here as he will support us.

Kind regards  
Kerrie

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> On 4 Mar 2015, at 6:56 pm, "Andrea Grazziadelli" [REDACTED] wrote:  
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> Hi Kerrie,  
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> How are you?  
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> I was wondering if you had any further information on the timing of the MOCCA redevelopment on Montgomery Oval as I understand that the tennis courts will be demolished.  
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> As you are probably aware, we have been offering tennis lessons as part of our extra curricula activities for many years now; and I will need to manage communications to both the parents and the tennis coaches if we are unable to hold these lessons in the future.  
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> Many thanks.  
>  
> Andrea

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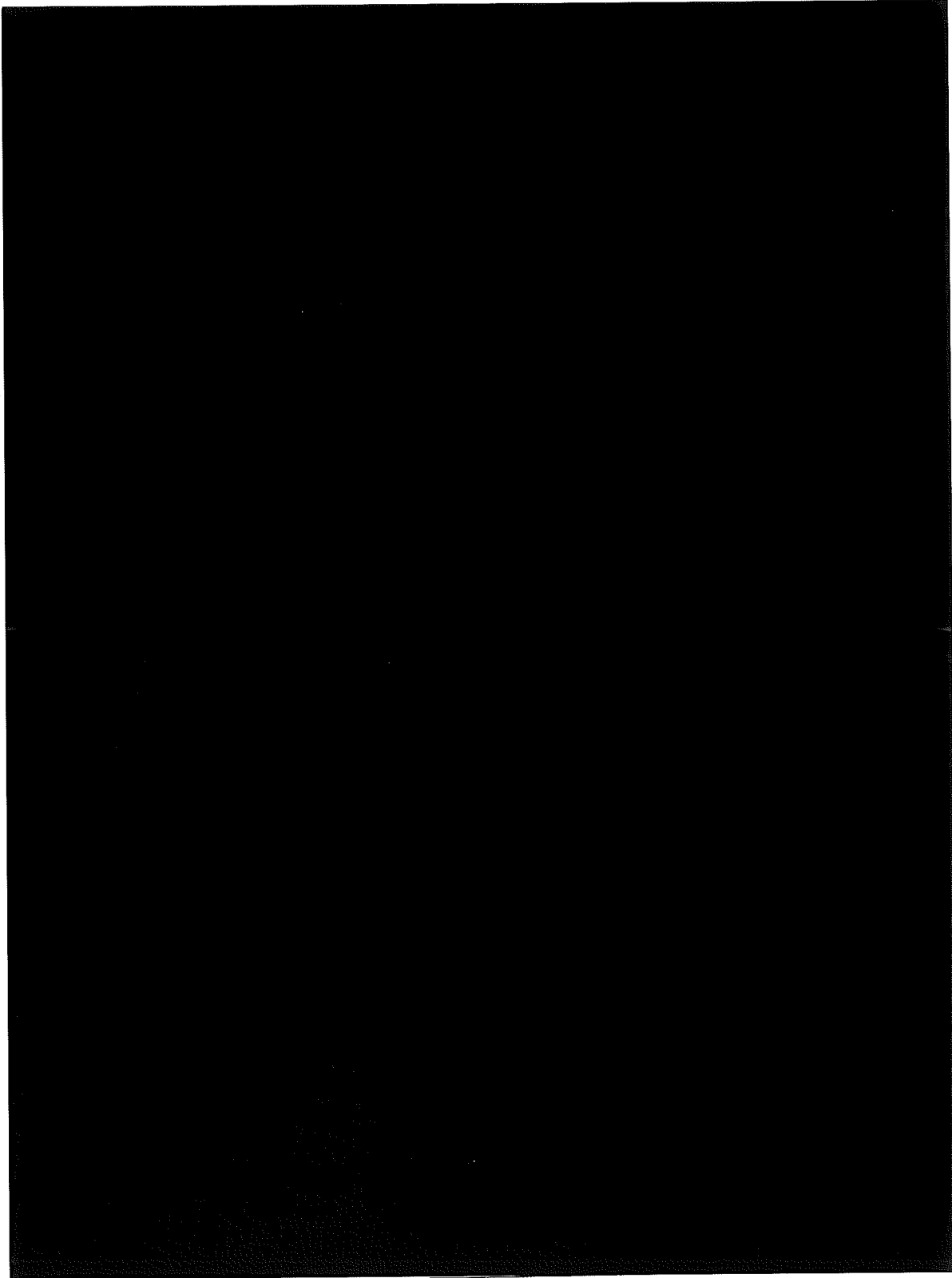
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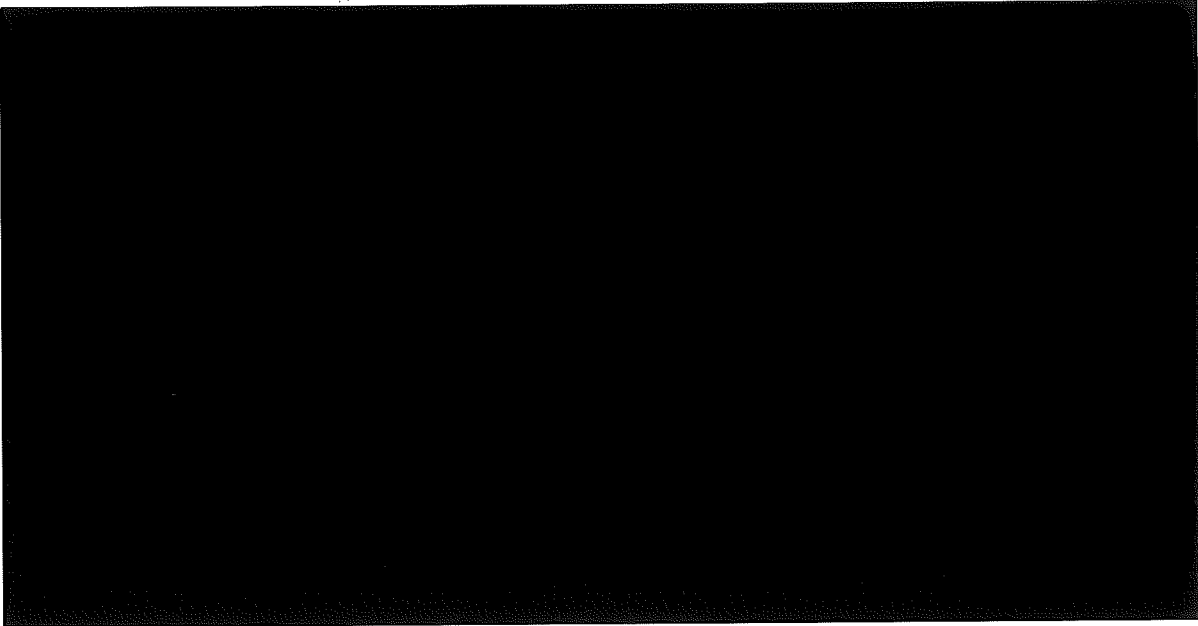
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## Hot issues

### Teloepa Park School and Montgomery Oval

Some parents at Teloepa Park School have expressed concern that land on Montgomery Oval will be used for the construction of a building to house the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre. On 26 February, the Teloepa P&C wrote to the Head of Service seeking additional information.

The portion of Montgomery Oval to be used for the construction contains four tennis courts used by the school.

The remainder of Montgomery Oval (four-fifths of the oval) will remain available for school and community use.

## QA Talking Points

- Teloepa Park School is being provided with \$800,000 to develop new and upgraded sporting facilities to replace the tennis courts. The school will decide how these funds are best used to replace the existing courts.
- The school will also be consulted on the Montgomery Oval development through the usual Development Application consultation processes.



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**McMahon, Zoe**

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**From:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2015 9:40 AM  
**To:** Brighton, Meg  
**Cc:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Subject:** FW: Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval

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*Wayne*

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**From:** Blain, Kerrie [mailto:Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2015 9:01 AM  
**To:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Cc:** Kobal, Tom; Blain, Kerrie  
**Subject:** Re: Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval

Wayne

Information has probably been shared by the Board - the meeting that you attended.  
The P&C President has not contacted me.

What internal discussions have occurred within the ETD since I left?  
As you know I am answering emails, so would prefer to be informed and included in any decision-making.

I will cc Tom here so that he also knows that no information is to be provided to the community until we have discussed the situation. Unfortunately I have no control over what the Board has passed on.

Kerrie

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ACT ACEL President  
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Sent from my iPad [REDACTED]

On 19 Mar 2015, at 9:14 pm, "Prowse, Wayne" <[Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au](mailto:Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au)> wrote:

Kerrie

The consultancy advice is being progressed and I affirm with you that the drawing that I shared with you in January was, as I said at the time, an exposure drawing to investigate what could be possible. This has been affirmed several times. This matter, along with the associated actions re childcare, services club etc, has clearly become significant in the press and politically during your time in [REDACTED]

Will discuss further upon your return.

Thankyou

*Wayne*

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**From:** Blain, Kerrie [<mailto:Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2015 12:08 AM  
**To:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Cc:** Kobal, Tom  
**Subject:** Re: Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval

Wayne

I am reading my mail while in [REDACTED]  
Mary and I had the discussion about engaging a landscape architect/ sporting consultant before I left.  
It is important at this stage that the school is involved in the planning as those plans you showed to me in January, and drawn up with no school input at all, were inappropriate and limited. They did not factor in the number of students at the school and the logistics of planning lunchtimes for 1266 students.

I have sent an email to Mary to ascertain our progress. I do know that the PE faculty and the other areas of the school that use the present courts would like them relocated to the remaining 4/5 of Montgomery Fields. Four courts and a change room and toilet facility will probably use the whole of \$800 000. The change rooms supplement the gym change rooms which are inadequate for the numbers of students in PE classes together.

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On 18 Mar 2015, at 10:10 pm, "Prowse, Wayne" <[Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au](mailto:Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au)> wrote:

Rod

I have not had a reply from Kerrie and Mary in relation to this consultancy, Kerrie is [REDACTED] and I have a level of uncertainty about the tracking of the email that was sent from my iPad on 3 March.

I aim to contact Mary today to check on that the email was received.

CCed to Mary

Wayne

3 March email (reformatted)

Kerrie and Mary,

As you may be aware, I've been made aware of informal perspectives from the school and central office relating to investment in sports facilities at TPS. The project budget of \$800,000, it is a significant one-off investment which we need to get the best possible outcomes for the school. While I believe there is no need to rush the decision making on how these funds are best allocated, I recommend that a consultant be engaged to review the landscaping needs (sporting facilities; informal play; social interaction, seating, play equipment, heritage, tree planting

etc) of the school and develop a strategic master plan that will address the long term needs of the school. The current funds can then be allocated on a priority basis and the remaining works can be delivered in stages in later years. I feel that this approach is consistent with my assertions earlier in the term, so as to avoid future issues of placement, space and usage.

If you agree with the above approach, I will ask Rodney Bray to identify a suitable consultant for this task.

Thanks,

Wayne

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**From:** Bray, Rodney  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 March 2015 8:53 AM  
**To:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Cc:** Lewis, Robyn; Kidman, Fiona  
**Subject:** FW: Teloepa Park School: Montgomery Oval

Hi Wayne,  
I assume that this is the email you are looking for.  
We are currently reviewing a consultant's fee proposal for the service. I will ring you today to discuss the next steps.

Regards,

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**From:** Prowse, Wayne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Blain, Kerrie



**Cc:** Bray, Rodney; Prowse, Wayne  
**Subject:** Fwd: Telopea Park School: Montgomery Ova

Kerrie and Mary,

As you may be aware, I've been made aware of informal perspectives from the school and central office relating to investment in sports facilities at TPS. The project budget of \$800,000, it is a significant one-off investment which we need to get the best possible outcomes for the school. While I believe there is no need to rush the decision making on how these funds are best allocated, I recommend that a consultant be engaged to review the landscaping needs (sporting facilities; informal play; social interaction, seating, play equipment, heritage, tree planting etc) of the school and develop a strategic master plan that will address the long term needs of the school. The current funds can then be allocated on a priority basis and the remaining works can be delivered in stages in later years. I feel that this approach is consistent with my assertions earlier in the term, so as to avoid future issues of placement, space and usage.

If you agree with the above approach, I will ask Rodney Bray to identify a suitable consultant for this task.

Thanks,

Wayne

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**From:** Bray, Rodney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** Brighton, Meg; Stewart, Tracy (DET); Prowse, Wayne  
**Cc:** Jones, David; Kidman, Fiona; Wynants, John  
**Subject:** Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Ryan, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Ryan@ed.act.edu.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2015 3:03 PM  
**To:** Bray, Rodney; Prowse, Wayne; Dobson, Liana  
**Cc:** Blain, Kerrie; Yuen, Ben; Kobal, Tom; McLoughlin, Michele; Egerton, Robin  
**Subject:** RE: Montgomery Oval

Hi Rodney,

Do we need to set up a meeting regarding the new sporting courts and pavilion for Montgomery oval? We would like to get things moving as planning and tendering can take valuable time.

I need to organised major irrigation repairs and would like to know where to new courts will be located. This will save the school from spending unnecessarily funds on costly plumbing repairs.

I also needed to mention there is asbestos in the current change rooms on Montgomery.

Regards,

Mary

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**From:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2015 6:12 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Mary; Yuen, Ben; Kobal, Tom; McLoughlin, Michele; Egerton, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: Montgomery Oval

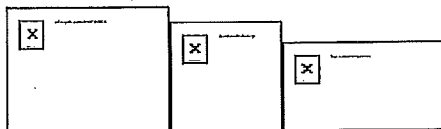
Fyi

*Kerrie Blain*

ACT ACEL President and National Board Director

*Principal*

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**From:** Prowse, Wayne [<mailto:Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2015 6:09 PM  
**To:** Blain, Kerrie  
**Cc:** Prowse, Wayne; Dobson, Liana  
**Subject:** Fwd: Montgomery Oval

Kerrie (Please ignore formatting issues with this email as my iPad is unwell.)

Following from last week's advice and meeting I have been advised that the Land Development Agency will soon be commencing work on surveying the area of the Montgomery Oval tennis courts. The type of work to be undertaken includes:

- Completion of topographical survey;
- Tree assessment;
- Traffic assessment;
- Hazmat investigation of the structure; and
- Geotechnical / contamination.

It is expected that a topographical survey will commence in the coming week and will take approximately three days to complete . The survey is used to identify and map the contours of the ground and existing features on the surface of the earth or slightly above or below the earth's surface and will include trees, buildings, streets, walkways, manholes, utility poles, retaining walls, etc.

If the survey contractor attends the site and the gate to the tennis courts is locked, the contractor will report to the front office to access a key. The contractor will return the key and ensure the gate is locked at the end of their activities.

The survey contractor will not disturb classes during their work on the site.

Wayne

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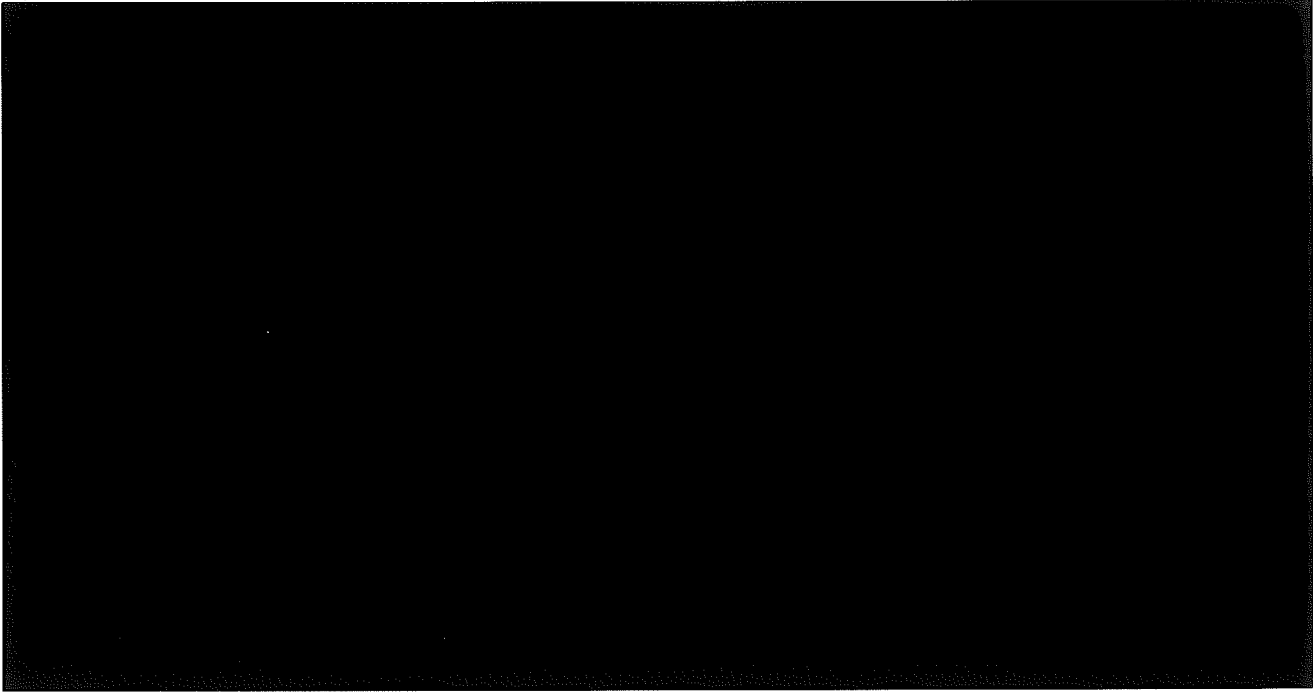
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Stewart, Tracy (DET)

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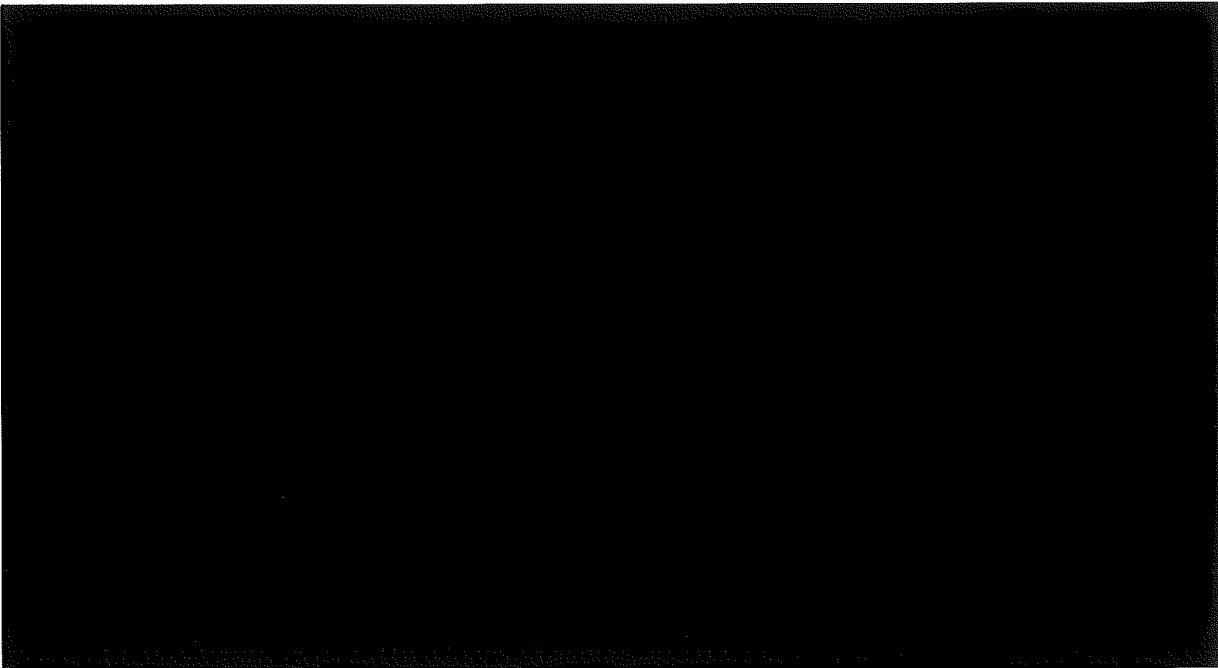
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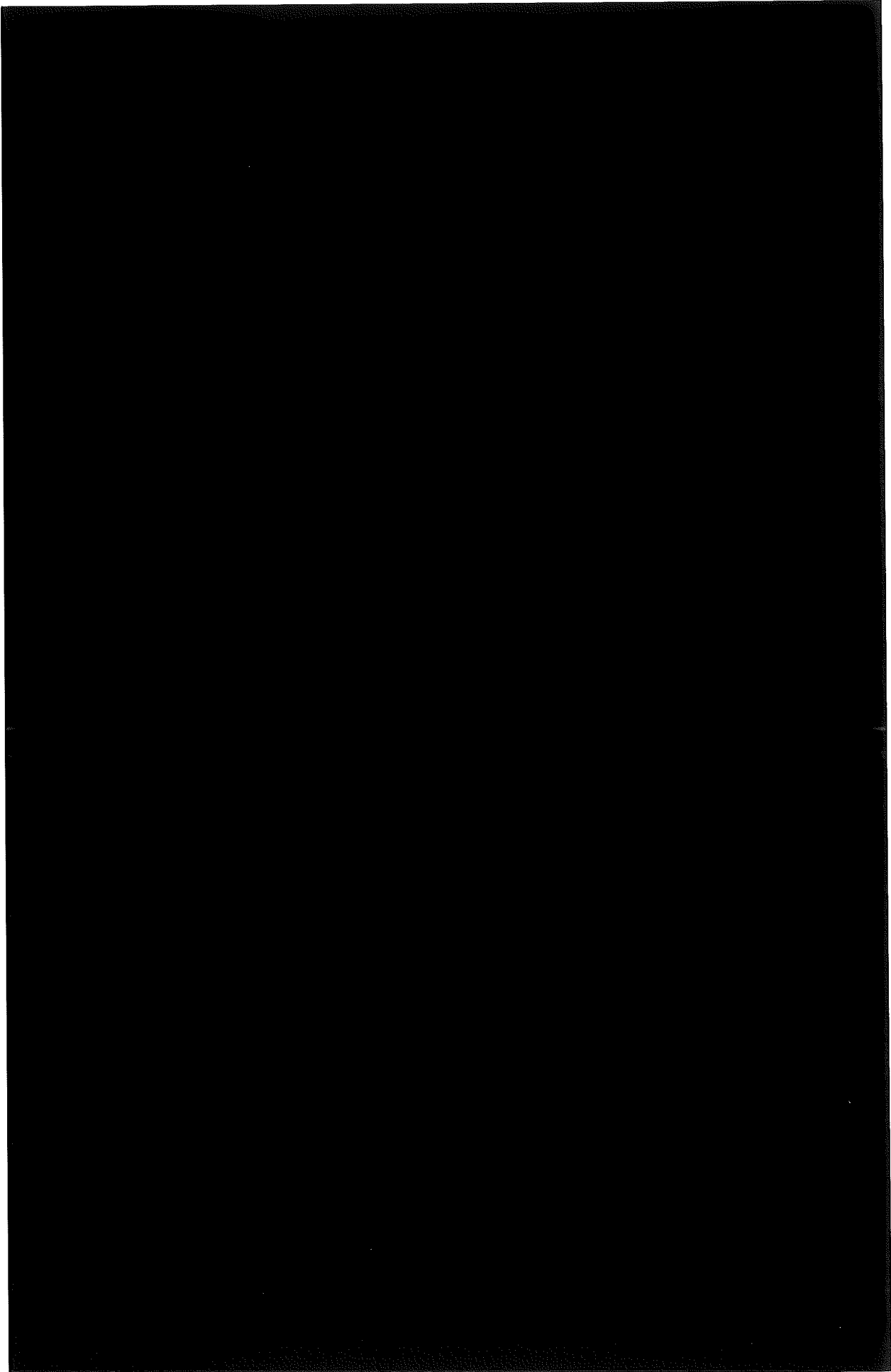
**From:** Brighton, Meg  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 November 2014 8:39 AM  
**To:** Lopa, Liz; Wynants, John  
**Cc:** Stewart, Tracy (DET); Bray, Rodney; Jones, David  
**Subject:** RE: Manuka Occasional Care Centre

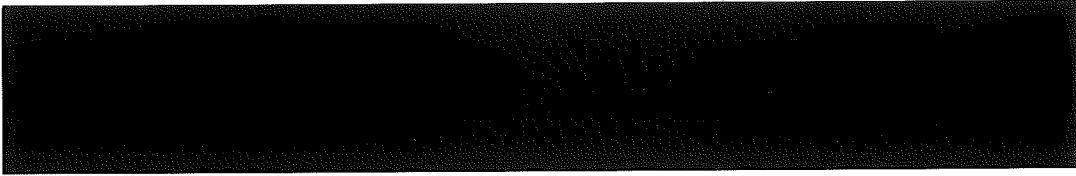
Dear Liz

ETD has not yet undertaken an analysis of the Telopea site and will do so. Preliminary advice indicates that it may not be a viable option but we will gather the information before providing definitive advice.

meg







**Stewart, Tracy (DET)**

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**From:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 December 2014 6:57 PM  
**To:** 'Robby McGarvey'  
**Cc:** Tietz, Hanna  
**Subject:** RE: Re-Meeting with Mocca

Hi Robby,

Thanks, I will put it into the diary and see you on Tuesday (along with David).

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**From:** Robby McGarvey [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 December 2014 12:22 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Subject:** Re: Re-Meeting with Mocca

Thanks so much Tracey- Can you meet here at Tuesday morning at 10.30 am  
That would be great  
kind regards

*Robby McGarvey*  
Director  
Manuka Childcare Centre  
Flinders Way  
Manuka  
ACT 2603  
02 62956503  
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On 10/12/14 4:30 PM, Stewart, Tracy (DET) wrote:

Hi Robby,

Thanks very much for the email. It would be lovely to meet, and I would like to come out and see you. I would also like to bring my colleague David Jones who is helping out on this. We are available on both the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, although morning would be preferable. If not, we could do make the Tuesday afternoon, but it would have to be earlyish, as I would need to leave by 3pm. Unfortunately I cannot make Wednesday afternoon. How does this suit?

I promised I would email you with an update on progress. As I explained to you on the phone, I don't have anything concrete to tell you at this time. My commitment is to let you know that I have responsibility within Education to ensure that we find you a suitable option, and for making sure that work to find an option is progressed as quickly as possible. Our preference is to find a block of land and have a developer build a centre, although at this stage I will say that nothing is off the table. I have also been tasked with making sure the new location is in your local area.

As I mentioned yesterday we do have a possible site, and we are doing some work over the next few days to see if the site can move from possible to feasible. I won't be mentioning the specifics at this stage, as it would be disappointing for you if you think the site is a really

good option and then it falls through. My expectation is that we are going to go through a number of options before we find the right solution for you, so please be patient while this process happens. I am certain that it will be early next year, at the earliest, before we have something settled.

In the meantime, and given that we are currently looking at building a new centre, you should reassure your families that despite any rumours circulating, Manuka Childcare will not be relocating anywhere in the short term. It would be at least 2016 before any move happens.

Hope this helps a little until I can provide more information.

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**From:** Robby McGarvey [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 December 2014 11:12 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Subject:** Re-Meeting with Mocca

Hi Tracy, I am hoping to make a time that is convenient for you to meet with myself and Paula Claudianos our Mocca President either on Tuesday 16th or Wednesday 17th. We would be very happy to come to your office on Northbourne Ave or you are welcome to come here to Mocca. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss all known details of the option for Mocca - up to the 16th of December .

Kind regards  
*Robby McGarvey*  
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