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**CHIEF MINISTER'S WEEKLY BRIEF**

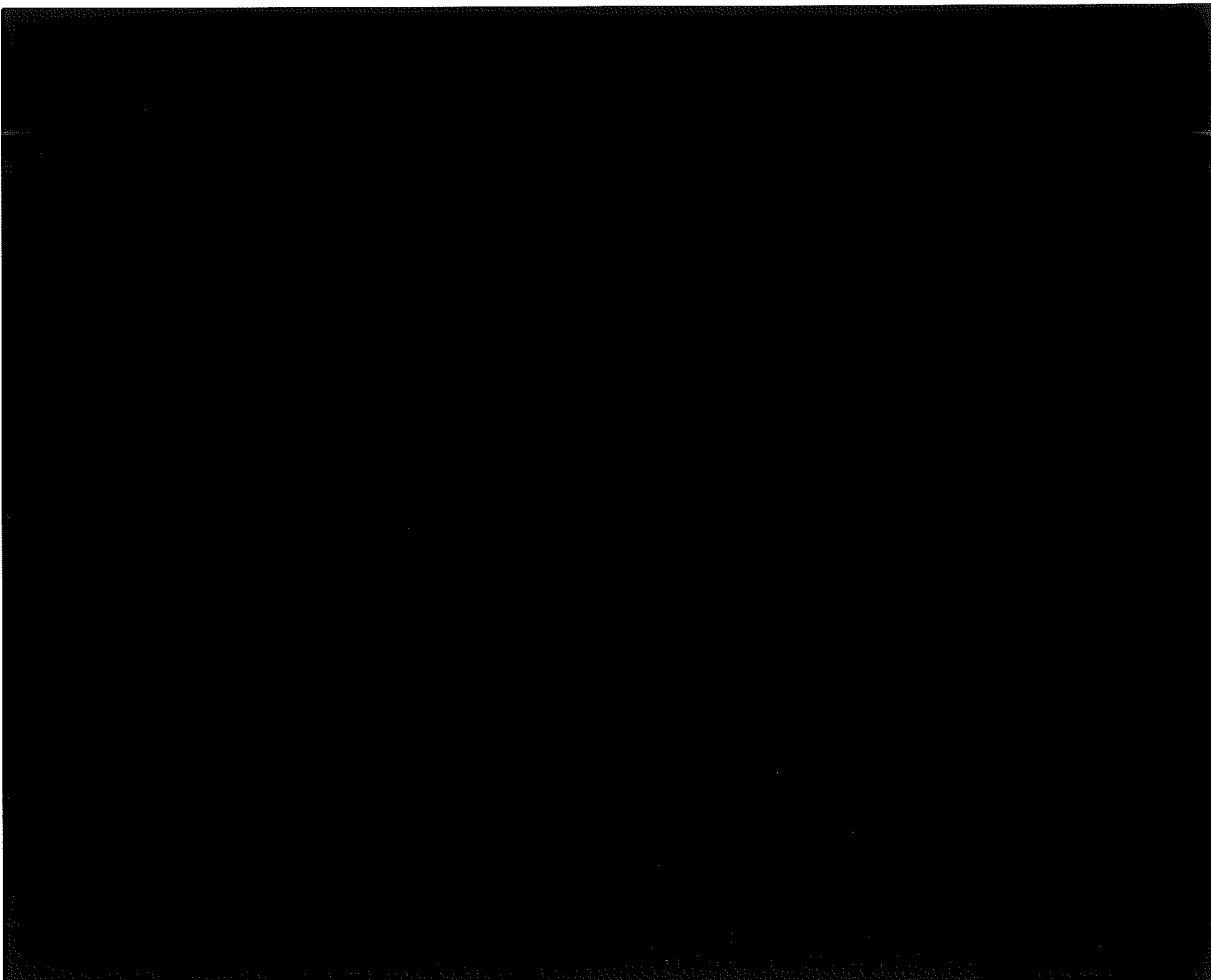
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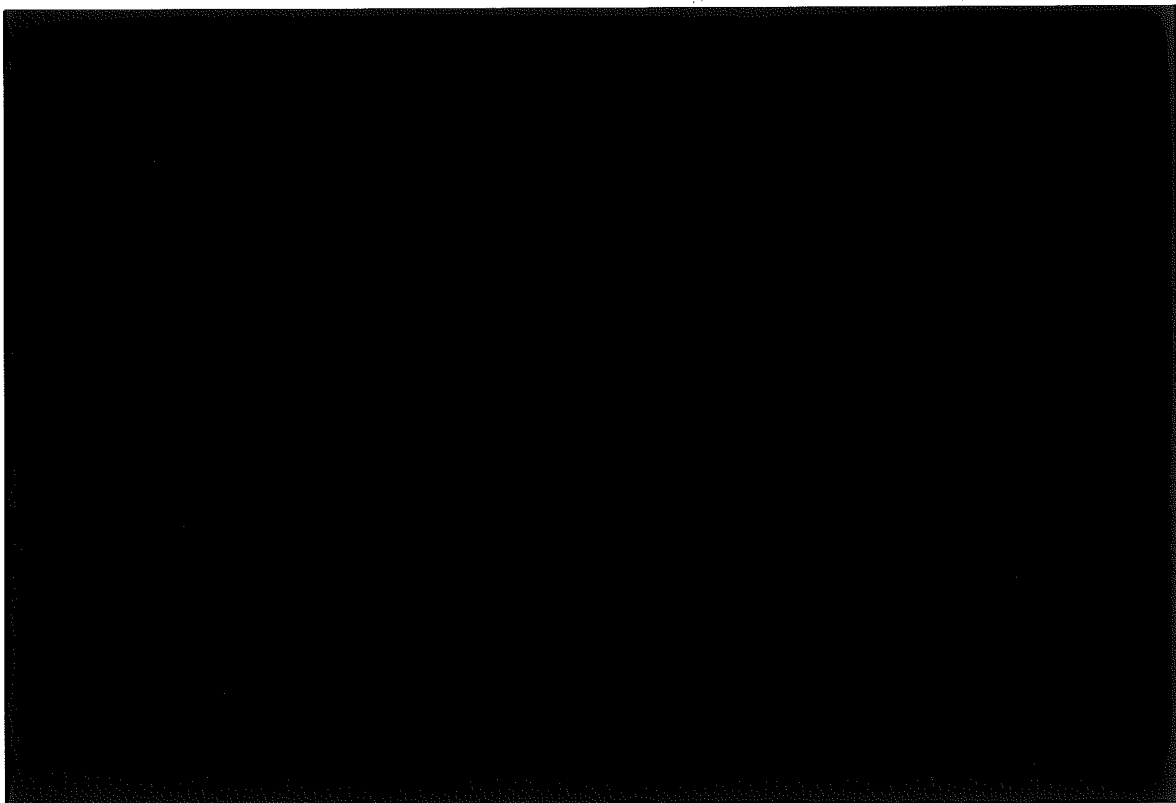
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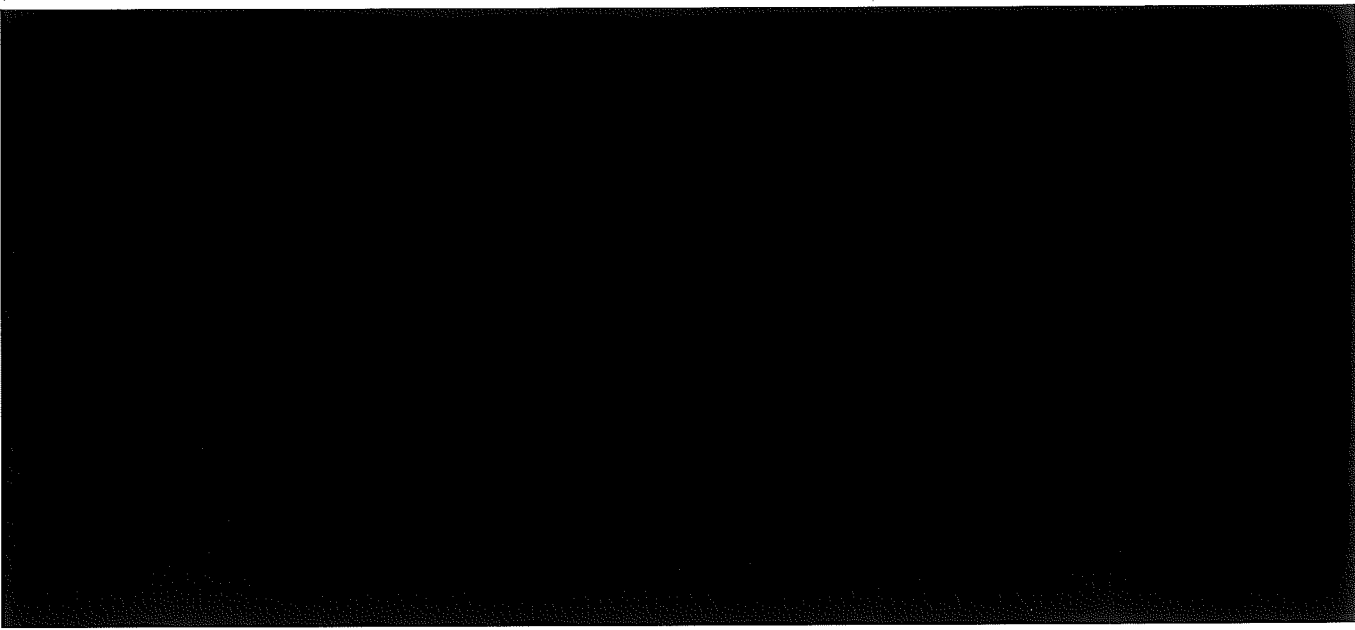
- The Directorate has agreed to a request from Economic Development Directorate to transfer a portion of Montgomery Oval in Barton (2,948m<sup>2</sup>), currently containing four tennis courts, to EDD. Montgomery Oval is currently used by Telopea Park School. The transferred portion of the oval would be used for the construction of a childcare centre by a private developer, with the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre to be offered first right of refusal to occupy the centre. EDD are to meet with the Telopea Park School principal on 9 February to advise of the transfer of the land, and arrangements for the replacement of the tennis courts (used by the school) with new courts on the main Telopea Park School site. EDD is to provide \$800,000 to ETD for this purpose. The Directorate is currently preparing a communication plan to advise the local community of the proposed construction of the childcare centre and replacement courts. Following the discussion with the Telopea Park School principal, EDD will advise Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre of the proposal.





Stewart, Tracy (DET)

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Hi Robbie,

My sincere apologies for not getting an email back to you. I did prepare it but it was still in my outbox (?), so I have just sent it anyway! The text read:

Great to chat again. As I advised, I am currently working through a possible option – in your local area – with other parts of the ACT Government. I hope to have some news on this for you, if it works out to be viable, in the next few weeks.


I also investigated with my ACT Government colleagues any consultation about a proposed child care centre on the corner of National Circuit and Sydney Avenue, but was unable to find anyone who knew anything about such a proposal. If you have any additional information from Southside (such as who ran the meeting) I would be more than happy to chase it up further.

Once again, I am sorry I cannot be more specific at this time, even in relation to timing. I have made a call that the move would not be this year, based on the preference to build a new centre (we have been unable to locate a suitable existing building in the local neighbourhood). That said, I really won't know much about timing until we have a plan in place. Please let me assure you that the reason you have not been provided with specific details is because we don't have any at the moment.

In terms of wording, it would need to be general at the moment, perhaps that the ACT Government is considering relocating MOCCA and that representatives from the ACT Government have had discussions with MOCCA management, and will continue to do so as consideration progresses.

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**From:** Robby McGarvey [mailto:   
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 January 2015 12:39 PM

**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Subject:** Mocca Relocation

Hi Tracy,

Thanks for talking with me on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, you were going to send an email about where you are up to at this stage with plans for Mocca

I just wanted to let you know where we are up to with our communications with Mocca Families and community members.

As of tomorrow Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January we will be formally informing the MOCCA community/parents and families about what is happening concerning the relocation of Mocca. You mentioned in an earlier e-mail to reassure our families that despite any rumours circulating, Manuka Childcare will not be relocating anywhere in the short term and that it would be at least 2016, (is it more likely to be 18 months-2 years?) before any move happens. I was hoping to have more detailed information to share with the Management board and Families however we will need to go ahead and tell families what we know to date and how the function and service of the centre will not be compromised or hindered.

I am very concerned about getting the messaging and words right as I am sure you are aware MOCCA is a much loved community organisation and people have a strong bond and connection with the centre. I have one parent in particular who is greatly agitated and angry that we have not been given any specific details and wants to start a petition in opposition to the relocation, I have informed him that we will be told more information as soon as you are able to tell me. Once we have the details we will know what the offer is.

Are you able please to send me some words that I can comfortably use so as to manage expectations about the future of the centre, if you could send them today so I can have everyone at our committee meeting tonight across the latest information about what is happening before we tell parents tomorrow that would be really helpful.

Kind regards

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**Stewart, Tracy (DET)**

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**From:** Robby McGarvey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 February 2015 2:14 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Important information

Hi Tracy- Just to give you a copy of what our families were sent this morning.  
Keeping it positive,open and honest.  
Kind regards  
Robby  
p.s any news?

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:** Important information  
**Date:** Mon, 02 Feb 2015 11:18:22 +1100  
**From:** Mocca <[mocca@manukachildcare.com.au](mailto:mocca@manukachildcare.com.au)>  
**To:** Robby McGarvey [REDACTED]



2/2/2015

Important Information for MOCCA Families, Community and Friends  
from MOCCA Management Board

A New Change for MOCCA

After many years in our much loved building and surroundings it's time for a change.

MOCCA will be relocating to new premises.

We are excited and somewhat saddened- excited by the prospects of a brand new building and saddened by the loss of our special place here in Manuka, our beautiful trees and gardens and our outdoor learning spaces.

We do see this relocation as a positive move with an excellent opportunity to be at the planning table to help design a brand new centre. We want ample safe car parking for all, incorporating beautiful indoor and outdoor learning environments, designing and developing new gardens and nature areas for MOCCA. Very exciting indeed!



What we know from the Education Training and Planning Directorate

\*MOCCA will be relocated to new premises within area (Manuka, Kingston Barton). The exact site is not known yet.

\*It will be 18 months to 2 years before any move/relocation happens.

\*MOCCA is not closing and will remain open until the new build is fully completed.

\*Job security for all MOCCA's permanent employees is assured.

This is all we know for now and will keep you informed as we receive relevant information via monthly e-mails and paper copies to your parent pockets.

As a valued community Service, MOCCA is absolutely committed to providing the continued excellent education and care programs along with our annual community events.

Please feel free to email any concerns, suggestions or questions you may have to

[REDACTED]

Robby McGarvey

MOCCA Director

**Stewart, Tracy (DET)**

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**From:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 February 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** McMahon, Zoe  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi Zoe,

- Diane wrote to David on 28 January 2015 agreeing to the transfer of part of Montgomery Oval (2,948m<sup>2</sup>, the area occupied by the tennis courts) from ETD to EDD. The transfer is for the purpose of construction of a child care centre by a private developer, with Manuka Occasional Childcare to have the first right of refusal to occupy the centre.
- A meeting is planned for Monday 9 February for EDD to advise Telopea Park School (school principal) of the arrangements for the transfer of the land, including the commission of replacement courts on the Telopea school site (with EDD to provide \$800,000 for this purpose). EDD will be represented by Liz Lopa, and ETD by Tracy Stewart and Wayne Prowse.
- ETD (Tracy Stewart) have been communicating with Manuka Occasional Childcare to date. Communication has been general, advising that a site is currently being sourced in the 'local area' for a developer to build a new centre. Due to development lead times, MOCCA have been advised that a move is not expected this year. This arrangement may change in the future due to the transfer of childcare assets (the current MOCCA site in Manuka) to the ACT Property Group.

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**From:** Lopa, Liz  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 February 2015 8:18 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Cc:** Brighton, Meg  
**Subject:** Re: Telopea Board meeting

I think that's a good idea

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Feb 2015, at 7:42 am, Stewart, Tracy (DET) <[Tracy.Stewart@act.gov.au](mailto:Tracy.Stewart@act.gov.au)> wrote:



Good morning Liz,

Meg has asked whether EDD might facilitate a meeting with the school board to discuss the Montgomery Oval outcome. If possible, it would be great to have invites go out early this morning.

I can provide contact details for the School Board Chair and Principal and get these to you shortly. ETD (Meg? and myself?) would attend.

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**Stewart, Tracy (DET)**

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**From:** Robby McGarvey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 February 2015 9:44 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracy (DET)  
**Subject:** Re: MOCCA's move

Thanks Tracey-much appreciated.

*Robby McGarvey*

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On 12/02/2015 9:22 am, Stewart, Tracy (DET) wrote:



Hi Robbie,

Thanks for the conversation this morning about MOCCA's exciting move to a spot near Telopea Park School (on Montgomery Oval – where the tennis courts are at the moment).

I have spoken to Liz Lopa, my colleague at LDA, who will make contact with you. Liz will arrange for LDA to come to speak with you and your community (parent and staff representatives). She will be able to provide some more detail than I have been able to at this time.

Tracy Stewart | Director

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