

# Local Consultations – An Invitation

## *Future Use of the Former Downer School Site*

As part of the ACT Government's *Schools Revitalisation Policy*, 23 schools and preschools either closed at the end of 2006 or are to be closed over the next two years. The Government is consulting the community about the future use of 16 of these former schools and preschools located on 13 sites. It is also consulting on the former North Curtin and Downer primary schools sites that were closed several years ago.

The Government has commissioned a team led by Purdon Associates to undertake the community consultations and to make recommendations about their future use.

**Input from the community will help decide the best future uses for these valuable resources.**

### LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

There will be two community information sessions at which the local community can provide input into the consideration of the future use of the Downer site.

This newsletter provides information about the first of these.

### FIRST COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The first community information session will take the form of an open display where residents may drop in at a convenient time to review the available information, speak to the consultants about future use of the site and provide comments and feedback.

Plans and other information will be on display and your views on the site will be appreciated.

The consultants will be in attendance to discuss site information, community issues and options.

### DETAILS OF THE FIRST LOCAL CONSULTATION

**When:** Monday 22 October  
from 4.30pm to 7.30pm

**Where:** Downer Community Hall  
Frencham Place, Downer  
(adjacent to the former Downer shops).

### WHAT HAPPENS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

The consultants will make recommendations to the Government. These will be considered in early 2008.

### Further Information

For **general information** about the consultations and sites, visit: [www.purdon.com.au/formerschoolsites](http://www.purdon.com.au/formerschoolsites)

If you require additional information please contact Purdons on 6257 1511 or email to [formerschoolsites@purdon.com.au](mailto:formerschoolsites@purdon.com.au).

To make an **application for community space**: register with the Department of Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) at [www.tams.act.gov.au/work/property\\_group](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/work/property_group).

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF SECOND INFORMATION SESSION – Monday 19 November** in the same venue. A separate newsletter will be distributed providing details.





DOWNER SITE - BLOCK 4, SECTION 61

**New Opportunities**  
For Local Communities  
New Uses For Former School Sites