

SIXTIES CLASSIC SHOPS SET THE STAGE

Dear Inner North community member,

On Wednesday 24 April starting at 3pm we'll be unveiling a brand new heritage sign just outside Dickson Library, thanks to support from an ACT Government heritage grant. **You're invited!**

We'd love you and members of your family to join us on this special occasion if you can.

This exciting year we're marking the 60th Anniversary of Dickson shopping centre AND the Centenary of the very first Aerodrome in Canberra, which covered most of this suburb in 1924.

From native grasslands roamed by emus, criss-crossed by First Nations people, a talented community with a dynamic Inner North district centre has risen.



Dickson has served many people from many parts of the world over its recorded history.

After Europeans first arrived here in the 1820s, we've hosted sheep grazing and shepherds on old Duntroon Estate, two small farms, travellers and stockmen from all over the region, a highly respected returned WWI soldier, Air Force pilots and aerial photographers in the 1920s, brilliant scientists at CSIRO's Dickson Experiment Station (1940-64), followed by

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guests at the city's first Motel Canberra in 1956, Senators, possibly quite a few Prime Ministers. All spent time in this place meeting and talking to people.

In the early 1960s, Dickson shopping centre and Dickson Pool were the brainchild of the National Capital Development Commission. Guided by expert urban design consultants trained in Australia, Canada, the UK and the United States, they planned and built this centre to serve the city's first major population boom. The approach they adopted blazed the way for a whole new type of retail/community/commercial development, the fully walkable, family-friendly outdoor shopping mall.

By 1964, the first set of centre buildings completed were the Canberra Tradesmen's Union Club (now the Tradies), Dickson Baptist Church, Dickson Pool, plus 4 new service stations on Woolley and Badham Streets to cater for a motoring public. The first shop to open was Dickson Milk Bar.

Where: in front of the library

When: on Wednesday 24 April starting 3pm

To RSVP, please email us by Mon 22 April : info@dickson.org.au

To find out more please contact me.

Kind regards,

Jane Goffman



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