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WODEN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday 2 July 2003, 7.30 p.m.

Hellenic Club, Woden

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Present: David Menzel (Chair), Mike Reddy, Barry Raison, Anne Walls, John Kain, Apologies: Warwick Pearson, Dolores Holmes

Invited guests: ACTION representatives - Guy Thurston. Craig, Barbara.

- Woden Bus Interchange

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting with ACTION was to provide an opportunity for an exchange of views between the WVCC executive committee and ACTION on the priorities and issues associated with the Woden Bus Interchange (WBI) in the context of the Town Centre master planning process.

Key issues addressed:-

- Strengths of current WBI design – bus / pedestrian / motor vehicle segregation, proximity to shops
- ACTION believes it can operate on a small, more compact site while accommodating future growth in patronage; offers scope for easier pedestrian access to bus stops
- Security is perceived as a major concern in the community
- The location of a bus lay over site is a significant issue for ACTION – should be in easy access to WBI
- Real time timetable information service will be a high priority for the future
- Innovative, flexible night time route service to be experimented with by ACTION towards the end of 2003 in Woden area; will allow patrons to be dropped off closer to their destinations.

Concluding comment: was very substantial agreement between WVCC committee and the ACTION reps on issues and priorities for the future.

- Matters arising from correspondence and general business
- Matters arising from AAT deliberations on Guardian House: committee agreed that Chair should write to ACT Government reflecting on the AAT decision and reaffirming the high value which the Woden community places on GH which is at risk of being lost from community, heritage and cultural standpoints
- Dolores to follow up concerns expressed to David by a citizen dependent on taxis for her disabled son to David re lack of suitable shelter in vicinity of Corinna St taxi rank
- David attended launch of ACTPLA, met new Chief Planner John McInerney ex SA Planning agency
- Committee agreed to John's proposal to fund computer support group, CASE, for up to \$500 should they be able to assist with creation and maintenance of a WVCC web site
- As there was now still work to finalise on WVCC submission re Woden Draft Master Plan, agreed that Chair approach Rod Baxter of PALM seeking extension of deadline for submitting.
- Mike reported on progress with Community art award; two more \$100 donations received; 20 July is cut off for entries; had been an excellent response from schools with 30 entries featuring artworks, photos and ceramics and entries via Woden Community Service and retirement villages. Kate Gallagher MLA has agreed to open the event, to be held upstairs in Woden Library. Helen Cross MLA has assisted with arranging transport of partitions from Canberra Theatre to venue. Committee agreed for WVCC to fund purchase of refreshments to be provided to guests at launch. Chair noted need to encourage media and local MLAs involved.
- Committee agreed AGM to be held on 1 October 2003.