

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

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Record of Meeting

2 September 2009

1. The Vice-Chair, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees. No apologies were received.
2. Chris Erett moved and Ruth Dobson seconded that the record of the WVCC meeting held on 5 August 2009 be accepted. The motion was carried.

Suburban policing in the Woden Valley

3. Jenny Stewart welcomed Constable Adrian Ede, Suburban Policing Strategy Contact Officer at the Woden Police Station, Superintendent Lisa Gale (South District), and Sergeant Bob Wynn, the Officer in Charge of Woden Police Station.

4. In his presentation Constable Ede said ACT Policing maintained strong relationships with community organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch and Safety House, business owners and schools. ACT Policing relied on information from the community in developing strategies to combat crime. He explained that ACT Policing had a priority response system in place with situations that were life threatening taking priority over any other crime. The priority system was as follows:

- i) life threatening or time critical situations (eg. the offender is still in the vicinity or a serious car accident);
- ii) more urgent situations, where information indicates time importance, but not critical;
- iii) burglaries, suspicious activity, theft, a car accident with no serious injury—that are not of immediate danger; and
- iv) non-critical events.

5. After addressing a number of questions from the floor, Constable Ede reiterated the contact details: for life threatening or urgent cases call 000 or 112 (if using a mobile—for a 000 response); 131 444 if police response is not urgent; or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 for non-urgent situations, including illegal activity or information on unsolved crimes anywhere in Australia.

Bill to increase energy efficiency of hot water systems

6. Jenny Stewart welcomed Caroline Le Couteur MLA whose Water and Sewerage (Energy Efficient Hot Water Systems) Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 had been recently approved with amendments by the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Le Couteur explained that the Bill set an energy standard that hot water systems would have to meet before they could be installed. The standard would allow the installation of low emission hot water systems such as solar, heat pump, or high-efficiency five star gas. However, the energy standard would apply only to new houses and town houses—and not to multi-unit residential apartments. How to deal with apartment buildings was a difficult issue.

7. Aspects of the Bill would come into effect in January 2010. While the Government had not supported the Bill, Ms Le Couteur said the Government had made a commitment to introducing the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) energy efficiency initiatives when ready for implementation around mid-2011.

Planning report

8. Gina Pinkas (Planning Officer) said there were development applications with ACTPLA for dual-occupancy developments in Farrer and Chifley. She said that under the Commonwealth Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan initiative, approval had been given to the development of Block 7 Section 99 Curtin for supportive housing.

9. On the proposal to deconcessionalise the Trademen's Union Club lease on the corner of Launceston and Furzer Streets in Woden, Ms Pinkas reported that CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) in its Draft Environmental Impact Statement had not considered the Council's concerns about a possible loss of social amenity through the deconcessionalisation of the lease. She added the Council would be providing its objections to ACTPLA on CBRE's assessment of the Council's concerns and their assessment of the impact of the proposal to deconcessionalise the lease.

10. The next meeting of the WVCC, followed by the Annual General Meeting, will be held on 7 October 2009.