

## **Record of Meeting**

**1 June 2011**

1. The President, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees, including Caroline Le Couteur MLA and Amanda Bresnan MLA.
2. Apologies were received from Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher MLA; Jeremy Hanson MLA; Chris Erett and Henry Hatch.
3. The record of the WVCC meeting held on 4 May 2011 was accepted. Moved by Mike Reddy, Seconded by Alan Thompson. Carried.

### ***Report on the pedestrian and cycle review***

4. Tony Gill, Director of Roads ACT in the Territory and Municipal Services Department (TAMS), briefed the meeting on the report of the Pedestrian and Cycle Review of commuter priority network links in the ACT. A priority list of projects across the ACT has been compiled. Amongst the projects from the Woden area that received high priority was a proposal to improve access in Bradley St for the vision and mobility impaired as well as improving the pedestrian links between Hughes and Woden.

Mr Gill answered questions on various subjects including:

- the works at the Melrose/Hindmarsh Drives intersection;
- safe pedestrian crossing at Launceston St near the squash courts;
- how to separate cyclists from vehicular traffic on major thoroughfares.

### **The Heart Foundation's 'Healthy Community Tour 2011'**

5. In his wide-ranging presentation, Greg Mews, Active Living Coordinator at Heart Foundation ACT, outlined how healthy lifestyles, including physical activity, are important in achieving good cardiovascular health.
6. The 'Healthy Spaces and Places' campaign argues that some environments are better than others in encouraging healthy lifestyles. This

means that town planners need to be careful in how they plan roads, parks, pedestrian access, recreational facilities, and public transport. More information on the campaign can be found at the website [www.healthyplaces.org.au](http://www.healthyplaces.org.au)

7. Mr Mews and Tony Stubbs, CEO, Heart Foundation ACT at the National Heart Foundation answered a number of questions on a number of topics including:

- local walking groups (including the Woden Library Walking Group);
- the relationship of a healthy environment to good mental health; and
- how tall residential buildings can discourage physical activity and social interaction.

### **Preliminary concept ideas for Lyons oval**

8. WVCC Committee member, Mike Reddy, gave a short presentation on preliminary ideas for revitalising Lyons Oval. Mike reported that a fellow Lyons resident, Tracy Wilson, has put together some ideas for the Lyons oval, including possibly a pond, exercise track, playground, walking tracks, and a community garden. Mike pointed out that the existing set-up of the oval does not suit the current demographic of the Lyons community and the reduced enrolments at Lyons School. Mike and Tracy propose to hold discussions with local stakeholders (Lyons School, Hindmarsh, Woden Community Service, local shopkeepers) and the Lyons community to find out how the community would like their oval to be improved and to map out a strategy. The following questions and comments included:

- existing discussions for a community garden;
- how much of the Oval was still required for community use; and
- how the Oval could link the Sorell housing project with the Lyons shops.

### **Canberra Southern Cross Club proposal to change Pitch and Putt Club site lease**

9. Jenny Stewart reported that the WVCC wrote to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (Simon Corbell MLA) requesting him to use his call-in power to reject the Canberra Southern Cross Club's proposal. She added that the WVCC also had written to the President of the Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jack Rice) inviting him (or his representative) to address the Council on the theme of 'The Southern Cross Club and recreational facilities in the Woden Valley'.

10. The following discussion noted the importance of the Southern Cross gym which has a large membership of people of all ages in the greater Woden area. It was noted that the Pitch and Putt facility should not be destroyed in an effort to provide a site for the gym should the gym's lease not be renewed.

### **WVCC's new website**

11. Jenny Stewart urged attendees to check out the Council's new website, designed and managed by Gaffer Designs, at [www.wvcc.org.au/](http://www.wvcc.org.au/) There are opportunities to make comments on the various issues on the website that have an impact on you and the Woden community.

### **Planning report**

12. Jenny Stewart reported that there were no new significant development applications for Woden. She said the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell MLA, has invited the public to tell the Government about their experiences with poor building quality in the ACT through **a Building Quality Survey**. The survey is **open until 10 June** and can be accessed through the home page of the ACTPLA website at: [www.actpla.act.gov.au/](http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/)

13. As well, ACTPLA had launched **a discussion paper on commercial zones** as part of the current review of the Territory Plan. The discussion paper outlines issues and options, mainly for commercial group and local centres and invites comments on various questions—such as, what land uses should be allowed in group centres (such as Southlands in Mawson) and local centres (eg. in the suburbs); and whether there should be higher buildings and more residential development in centres?

14. The discussion paper is available on the ACTPLA website at: [www.actpla.act.gov.au/TerritoryPlanreview](http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/TerritoryPlanreview)

Deadline for comments is: **Monday, 4 July 2011**

15. The next meeting of the WVCC will be held on Wednesday, 6 July 2011.