

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Meeting in Apollo Room, Hellenic Club

Wednesday 12 February 2014

- 1 The Chair, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees to the meeting. An apology was received from Scott Humphries.
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting, on 4 December, 2013, were accepted.
- 3 Bill Stefaniak and Linda Crebben presented a wide-ranging and detailed overview of the composition and operation of ACAT, the ACT Administrative and Civil Appeals Tribunal. In a very informative presentation, it was explained how this Tribunal, an amalgamation of a number of earlier tribunals, operated; how it differed from normal courts in its procedures, processes, rules of evidence and general operation. Examples were given of a range of typical matters which come before the Tribunal and how they were dealt with. Planning matters were also canvassed in some detail; law in this area was complex and there were often a large number of people involved, all requiring, and obtaining, procedural fairness. Questions from the floor were welcomed and answered. All present offered thanks in the usual way.
- 4 Chris Millman presented an illustrated update on developments in the proposed apartment complex at Section 22, north of the swimming pool, in Phillip. The original design has been replaced with three separate structures, with an emphasis on “affordable town housing within the Woden Town Centre.” Illustrations of the buildings and associated facilities were shown.
- 5 Local Member Spot: Nicole Lawder, a Liberal Party member for the Brindabella Electorate, and the newest member of the Legislative Assembly, having joined the Assembly in June, 2013 was appointed as Shadow Minister for Housing, Environment and Community Services in December 2013. The electoral division between Molonglo and Brindabella was discussed as well as the general question of electorate size, both geographical and numerical. It was also noted that the question of the total number of Members of the Assembly was still a matter for active discussion.
- 6 Other business: Deputy Chair, Mike Reddy, reported on two meetings: one, on 29 January, on Technical Amendments to the Territory Plan. Mike noted that the TAs appeared well-justified by ACTPLA’s legal representative at the meeting. New Software would make it easier to navigate the Territory Plan; the other was to the Planning and Development Forum, on 4 February, where he noted three things: an update on the Woden Master Plan, a presentation of the Eastlake Development and matters arising from the recent cull of Kangaroos. It was noted that Jenny Stewart would be attending the joint meeting of the Combined Community Councils on Saturday 15 February.
- 7 The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday 5 March, 2014 and the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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Minutes Secretary 26 February, 2014