

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Meeting in Hellenic Club
Wednesday 5 August 2015

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. There were apologies from **Nicole Lawder** and **Jenny Stewart**.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2015 were approved. The recent passing of **Eric Traise**, late President of the Tuggeranong Valley Community Council, was noted.
- 3 **Sophie Clement**, Project Officer in the Capital Works Design and Delivery Team outlined current issues and proposed developments for mountain bicycle trails in local pine forests. The trails, including those built without approval, are being assessed against considerations such as safety for riders and others, erosion damage and other impacts on environmental values, the needs of walkers, runners, orienteering groups and equestrians and the desire of off-road cycling clubs to schedule riding events. A management plan is being developed for better, longer-lasting trails that will address the needs of all recreational users. Public contributions are invited from 5 August to 3 September, 2015. A survey questionnaire is available online and hard copies are obtainable the Erindale and Woden libraries. **Wade Young**, from Parks and Conservation, assisted with answers to questions from the floor.
- 4 **Justin Foley**, Program Manager of the ACT Basin Priority Project provided an update on developments. The general aim is to improve the quality of water coming into and leaving the ACT. For the six catchments involved, Yarralumla Creek, Lower Molonglo, Upper Molonglo, Fyshwick, West Belconnen and Lake Tuggeranong, options are being developed for viable projects to improve water quality; details of these projects will also be forwarded to the Commonwealth Government in December this year. Some of the options available were canvassed in detail and it was noted that a summary of developments to date is available online. Numerous questions from the floor were answered in detail.
- 5 Chair **Martin Miller** reported on several developments: feedback is being sought for the proposed fitness sites at Yerrabi Pond and Gungahlin; a Territory Plan Variation allowing building heights up to 10 storeys has been recommended to the Minister and the development application for Farrer Residential project was submitted today. There followed a general discussion on building heights and amenities.
- 6 It was noted that the Woden Seniors Book Fair was now on; that the 15 August Winter Festival being held on the old Western Creek Oval will run from 4pm to 9pm; that the Woden Valley Community Festival will not be held this year, and that talks were continuing with the Woden Business Group on possible improvements to general amenities in the Woden Valley.
- 7 The meeting closed at 9:20pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

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Minutes Secretary