

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Annual General Meeting in Hellenic Club
Wednesday 7 October 2015

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. Apology from Mike Reddy.
- 2 Minutes of the AGM of 1 October 2014 were approved, as were minutes of meetings for 5 August and 2 September, 2015.
- 3 **Martin Miller** presented the President's Report for 2014-2015. Three items of topical interest were noted: **1** Release of the draft Woden and Mawson Master Plans; WVCC had made submissions on both these Plans; **2** Reduction of extent of public service employment in Woden and its effect on shops and small business, and **3** Mr Fluffy houses, of which there are 244 in the valley alone. Demolition will stretch over three years, at least. It was noted that representatives of the Mr Fluffy Task Force attended WVCC meetings during the year and that staff from the ACT Basin Water Project also briefed the Council on developments.
Other items of interest during the year included the make-up of the new, 25 seat assembly: all the suburbs of Woden Valley are within the Electorate of Murrumbidgee (a development long argued-for by WVCC); need for ACT Government action on expansion needs for the southern cemetery; Curtin Group Centre Master Plan; Woden Community Centre and the Woden Bus Interchange (which in WVCC's view still requires cover for those waiting for a bus). Office bearers and Committee Members were thanked for their assistance.
- 4 **Bill O'Brien** presented the Treasurer's Report for 2014-2015, noting that cash assets had risen from \$20K to \$27.5K. The ACT Government's Annual Grant was gratefully acknowledged. The biggest expenditure was public liability insurance; website costs were given as \$720.00. The report was accepted by the meeting. The Treasurer asked for suggestions as to an appropriate Auditor – for an organisation of WVCC's size, accounting qualifications were not required.
- 5 The following were elected as office bearers and committee members for 2015-2016: President: **Martin Miller**, Vice-President: **Mike Reddy**, Secretary: **Archana Boniface**, Minutes Secretary: **Timoshenko Aslanides**, Treasurer: **Bill O'Brien**. Committee Members include **Fiona Carrick, Chris Erett, Jenny Stewart** and **Julian Fitzgerald**.
- 6 **Noel McCann**, from the Canberra Airport Group, presented a comprehensive summary of the development of, and future plans for, the Canberra Airport and the likely significance to the greater Canberra region. He noted that more than two billion dollars had been invested in the last 16 years, taking its area to some 55K M² and a capacity of up to 8 million passengers per year. It is expected that capacity will be expanded to 12 million per year, easily achievable given that the airport's "catchment" for the greater Canberra region exceeded 900K people. Car parking had been lifted from some 1100 spaces to 3600 now, with capacity for 5100 projected. Similarly, capacity for inbound tourism and outbound goods and services were being developed.

Responding to questions from the floor, Mr McCann described current retail and residential developments and said that he expected to be advised about direct international flights before the end of the year. Regarding local employment: a “rule of thumb” was that for every one million passengers per year, an airport would typically generate some one thousand jobs.

- 7 In general and other business, **Jenny Stewart** noted that a program was being developed for a cultural event hosted by the WVCC on 15 November. This would include poetry readings, music, and presentations of historical interest. The meeting closed at 9:16pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

Timoshenko Aslanides

Minutes Secretary,

22 October, 2015