

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Meeting in Hellenic Club
Wednesday 4 November 2015

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. Apology from Mike Reddy.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting for 7 October, 2015 were approved.
- 3 **Dr Nicole Stenlake**, Executive Director, People and Organisational Governance at the Canberra Institute of Technology, provided a summary of current developments following funding cuts to Technical and Further Education generally. In response to these, the long term plan is for a few, major campuses, rather than a number of smaller, dispersed campuses. As part of this strategy, nursing courses from Woden would be relocated to the Bruce Campus; business courses had already moved to the new Tuggeranong Community Campus. No decision has yet been made on the use of the CIT land in Woden; proceeds from disposal of the land will not necessarily benefit CIT. The complex financial and administration implications for a variety of options were discussed in the context of the student demographic and the need to upgrade facilities generally: most students were more than 25 years old, more students were learning online and part-time and the Gungahlin experiment had not been considered successful from the students' point of view.
- 4 Sergeant Harry **Hains** from the Woden Police Station provided an outline of crime statistics for the last six months. It was noted that, although drugs generally, and ICE in particular, were an ongoing problem, crime rates were trending down. We were assured that Canberra is still a very safe community in which to live. Questions from the floor concerned motor vehicle thefts (they are often associated with burglaries) and graffiti: it was revealed that authorities take photographs of most graffiti so that comparison matches can be made with known "tags", and their authors.
- 5 An update on design and development issues with Hindmarsh Drive intersections was provided, against the background of a "Black Spot" feasibility study and proposed low-cost safety improvements. Three sets of signal upgrades are being considered, at a cost of approximately \$1.2million.
- 6 There was no local member contribution on this occasion.
- 7 In general business, it was observed that the "Party at the shops program" had recently included Garran shops. Woden Valley "Reflections" would take place on 15 November.

The meeting closed at 8:54pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

Timoshenko Aslanides

Minutes Secretary,

16 November, 2015