

# Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

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## Record of Meeting

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Chair David Menzel welcomed attendees and said that apologies had been received from Karen McDonald, Andrew Barr, Richard Mulcahy and Vince Bagusauskas.

2. Rod Baxter told the meeting that he had been involved in planning for the Woden Valley over four years as a planner with ACTPLA. He said that there were a number of issues of critical interest. Phillip Oval had been agreed by the Government to remain as an enclosed oval with change rooms and facilities with limited seating capacity. The oval would be capable of being expanded should another large enclosed venue be required in the future. The playing surface would be removed, the base relaid, new drainage installed and the top soil replaced and the oval would be oriented towards the north. The oval would be available for use in 2008, grass would be planted in September 2007 and would be available for summer sports in 2008.

Car parking around Phillip Oval would be revamped to provide an additional 160 spaces, pedestrian access would be realigned and there would be more two hour parking spots. Pine trees would be removed as they were in poor condition and they would be replaced with trees using a sustainable watering regime. Car parking arrangements on Irving Street would also be changed with parking on both sides of the street. It was noted that car parking was reduced by additional building with a number of new buildings near completion. Car parking would continue to be under pressure in the Woden Town Centre

3. Mr Baxter said that the Woden East development was progressing with a joint project between the Hindmarsh group and the Land Development Agency. A bridge would be built across Callum Street to provide access to Woden Centre. A roundabout would be required for the new bus interchange although this was still some time away. High rise car parking would be required as more green space and current car parks were built on. He said that ACTPLA continued to receive complaints at the quality of many modern buildings but that modern buildings were designed for a 30 year life span after which they could be replaced as the building costs were already amortised.

4. Mr Menzel introduced Anne Pellegrino, an environmental economist and the instigator of a proposal for the suburb of Farrer to be carbon neutral. Ms Pellegrino said that there was a move away from 70s planning and residents driving to large malls. There was a community wide move towards a greener consciousness. Residents could act at the community level and Farrer with its 3,500 homes could provide an example for other communities.

Farrer cannot become carbon neutral on its own, energy workshops will be held for residents to calculate household carbon emissions. There is a need for residents to take responsibility for their emissions and the WVCC can assist in promoting carbon neutral targets.

5. Chris Redmond of Woden Valley Community Services said that there was a need for a Woden community forum to look at issues and resources affecting the Woden Valley and the need to get more residents engaged in community issues. The forum would include the Woden residents and businesses. There is a need to identify stakeholders and a committee would be formed to determine the make up of the forum. It was proposed that the forum be held on Wednesday 6 June at the Hellenic Club starting at 5.30pm.

6. Mr Menzel said that he continued to have difficulty in obtaining information on variations to the Centraplaza project. There was still a requirement to appeal to the AAT to obtain simple planning details and variations. An additional 1,000 sq metres had been added to the original approved plan and it had proved to be very difficult to obtain details relating to the amendments.