

**Record of Meeting
4 November 2009**

1. The Acting Chair, Shirley Lithgow, welcomed attendees. Apologies were received from Bill O'Brien, Jenny Stewart, Gina Pinkas, Greg Rutledge and Shane Rattenbury.

2. David Menzel moved and Chris Erett seconded that the record of the WVCC meeting held on 7 October 2009 be accepted. The motion was carried.

New adult mental health inpatient unit at the Canberra Hospital

3. Diane Jones, Principle Director of PTW Architects in Sydney presented her plans to the meeting for the new 40-bed adult mental health inpatient unit at the Canberra Hospital. She said extensive consultation had been carried out with stakeholders. The plans for indoor and outdoor spaces aimed to create an environment with a range of activities to facilitate recovery and eventual integration into the wider community. Landscaped spaces would include a vegetable garden and areas for recreation and sporting activities. It was hoped the socialisation spine in the plans would give people a sense of safety—community courtyards would also enable passive surveillance.

4. Ms Jones said there would be low-dependency as well as high-dependency units. The high-dependency units would be enclosed. It was envisaged access to the proposed multi-storey carpark to the north of the site would be via Yamba Drive. There would be no overlooking from the carpark which would have a blank facade facing the development and separation would be enhanced further through the planting of birch and eucalyptus trees between the carpark and the facility. Questions from the floor included the issues of the multi-storey carpark next to the site; the proximity of the site to the six-lane Hindmarsh Drive and four-lane Yamba Drive; acoustics; and sustainability. On the latter, ACT Health was aiming for a 5-star rating.

Pedestrian and cycle network review

5. Martin Miller informed the meeting about the ACT Government's pedestrian and cycling infrastructure review, a part of the Sustainable Transport Action Plan for 2010-2016. The Action Plan outlines strategies for increasing walking and cycling to around 14 per cent of all journeys made to work by 2026.

6. Mr Martin said that through the efforts by Chifley residents and himself, ACT Roads would be providing \$200,000 from the National Bike Path Program, a part of the Australian Government's Jobs Fund initiative, to install a new bike path between Melrose Drive and the Tuggeranong Parkway. This will give better cycleway connections for Chifley and Pearce residents, in particular for school students who would like to ride to school.

Woden Community Festival

7. Shirley Lithgow reported that the Woden Community Festival held on 31 October was a great success. She expressed appreciation to Astoria Barr and Emma Walter and their team from Woden Community Services for their work in organising the festival. She also thanked David Menzel for his significant contribution on behalf of the WVCC to both the festival and to Woden Voice, and Bill O'Brien and Chris Erett who also represented the WVCC at the festival.

Development of the new WVCC website

8. Chris Erett reported that a new website was being designed and developed for the WVCC. It was envisaged the new website would be functioning by February 2010.

Planning report

9. Martin Miller said the deadline for submissions to ACTPLA on the development application for a proposed multi-unit development at 31 Eggleston Crescent in Chifley was 16 November.

10. Shirley Lithgow reported that ACTPLA would be holding public information sessions on the Planning and Development Amendment Bill No. 2 on 5, 11 and 18 November 2009 at 4 pm at Dame Patti Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson. She said the WVCC had submitted comments to ACTPLA on ACTPLA's Community Facility Zone Development Code Policy Review. Broadly, the Council was opposed to any watering-down of existing restrictions and building controls, the latter covering issues such as solar access, and building height when the community land was adjacent to low-density residential areas.

Treasurer's Report

11. Shirley Lithgow reported that the Chief Minister's Department's Deed of Grant for \$5,735 for the 2009-2010 financial year had been signed. A budget would be presented at the December meeting.

12. The next meeting of the WVCC will be held on 2 December 2009.