

## **Record of Meeting**

**2 February 2011**

1. The President, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees, including Caroline Le Couteur MLA.
2. Apologies were received from Simon Rattenbury MLA; Gina Pinkas; David Menzel; Andrew Barr MLA; and John Paule.
3. The record of the WVCC meeting held on 1 December 2010, was accepted as amended.

### ***Mandir Ashram Aged Care Proposal***

4. Stuart Davies from Capital Architecture explained the proposal in Mandir Ashram's new development application to increase the number of beds from 60 to 106 in the residential aged care facility (RACF) in Beasley and Drevermann Streets in Farrer. He said the plans for the extension also included some improvements to the earlier plans.
5. There were a number of concerns raised about the proposed extension to the RACF. These included that the site was too small for the size and scale of the development; the bulk and scale of the development and its institutional-like appearance was inappropriate for an aged care facility and out of character with the surrounding low-density residential area; and that the dementia wing was poorly designed and the dementia courtyard, with its southerly aspect, would not receive the minimum requirement of sunshine in winter.
6. Please note: in response to a question on what would happen to the lifts if there was a fire or a power blackout, Mr Davies has subsequently clarified that the lifts would not be used in the event of a fire. In a power blackout, the lifts would float to the nearest floor where the doors would open and the lifts would remain stationary.

7. The deadline for submitting comments to ACTPLA on the Mandir Ashram development application was 7 February 2011.

### ***ACT Road Safety Strategy***

8. Following the showing of a video on Vision Zero, David Quinlan, Manager of Road Safety in Transport Planning in the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services, updated the meeting on the ACT Road Safety Strategy. He said that in 2010 there were 18 fatalities in the ACT. In 2009, there were over 7,800 'on road' crashes, 516 involving injury and 11 involving a fatality. The economic cost to the community was at least \$220 million per annum.

9. The key initiatives in the ACT Road Safety Action Plan included: reforms to drink and drug driving laws; improved awareness campaigns, including integration with police enforcement; development of a program for point to point cameras; road safety signage; ongoing delivery of Federal Black Spot projects; and consultation on the extension of 40km/h speed limits. Mr Quinlan said the ACT was also involved in work developing the next National Road Safety Strategy 2011–2020. He added that he expected the new ACT Strategy for 2011–2020 would be launched in the first half of 2011.

### ***Trial of 40km/h speed zones in Woden***

10. Rifaat Shoukrallah, Senior Manager of Traffic Management and Safety in Roads ACT gave a presentation on the trial of 40km/h speed zones that would run from July to December 2011 in the Woden town centre. He explained that the risk of death to a pedestrian or a cyclist hit at 50km/h was about 80 per cent while at 40km/h the risk was reduced to around 40 per cent. Already 40km/h speed zones were in place in school zones, around worksites and hospitals in the ACT.

11. Mr Shoukrallah said the trial would involve Corinna, Bradley and Neptune Streets and be on a 24 hour basis. In responding to a question as to why the 40km/h speed limit was only a trial, he explained that in a 2009 poll 45 per cent of respondents had opposed a reduction in the speed limit. The speed culture was a problem but over the years the tendency was to reduce speed limits as had been seen with the introduction of 50km/h in former 60km/h zones. Depending on the outcome of an evaluation of the trial, the ACT Government would give consideration to extending the 40km/h speed limit, not only within the Woden town centre but to other shopping centres as well.

### ***Survey on the residential towers in Woden Green***

12. Jenny Stewart said a questionnaire on the proposed residential towers in Woden Green would be emailed to all on the Council's email list and would

be available on the WVCC website at [www.wvcc.org.au](http://www.wvcc.org.au) She explained a function of the Council was to act as a conduit in providing the views of Woden residents to the ACT Government. She therefore encouraged Woden residents to participate in the survey as it was important for the Council to know their views on the proposed tower developments in Woden Green. Responses could be emailed to [wvcc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wvcc@bigpond.net.au) or sent to: WVCC, PO Box 280, Woden, ACT 2606. The deadline for responses was 1 March 2011.

### ***WVCC website***

13. Jenny Stewart reported the Committee was working with Lance Williamson from Gaffer Designs on the design and redevelopment of the Council's website. She hoped the new website would be operational in the near future.

### **Combined Community Council Meeting**

14. Jenny Stewart said the WVCC would be hosting the next combined community council meeting in March 2011. The date had yet to be decided.

### ***Treasurer's report***

15. The Treasurer, Henry Hatch, reported that the closing balance at 1 February 2011 was \$17,793.46.

16. The next meeting of the WVCC will be held on 2 March 2011.