

**Minutes of General Meeting
Wednesday, 5 October 2011**

1. The Chair, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees, including Caroline Le Courteur MLA and Shane Rattenbury MLA.

Apologies were received from: David Menzel; and Henry Hatch.

2. ***Mandir Ashram Residential Aged Care Facility***

David Pfaff (architect for Mandir Ashram aged care facility) briefed the meeting on a new proposal for increasing the capacity of the residential aged care facility (RACF) in Beasley Street, Farrer from the 60 beds approved to 120 beds. The 120-bed proposal and the change to the approved Beasley Street access to the development was 'additional information' Mandir Ashram submitted in support of its application for reconsideration of ACTPLA's decision to refuse an earlier proposal for a 106-bed RACF. ACTPLA's refusal was on the grounds that the bulk and scale of the RACF and solar access to communal open space would reverse conditions ACTPLA had set for the approval of the 60-bed RACF.

Following the presentation, Mr Pfaff and Peter Villis (Capital Architecture) and Krishan Aggarwal (Chair of Mandir Ashram) responded to attendees' concerns, which included:

- how the reduction in bulk in scale could be reconciled with an increase in beds;
- the bulk and scale of the development would further exacerbate the overcrowding of the site and overshadowing;
- the poor design of the dementia wing and courtyard would receive very little if any solar access;
- because of the under-estimation of peak-period staff numbers, on-site parking would be inadequate;
- the nursing staff/resident ratio was exceedingly low; and
- the provider did not seem to have a good understanding of what high-care meant.

3. ***Update on the Pitch and Putt issue***

Jenny Stewart reported that ACTPLA had refused elements of the Canberra Southern Cross Club's proposal to vary the lease of the pitch and putt site, including the variation of the lease to permit the use of the land for a club, commercial accommodation (e.g. hotel), drink establishment, public agency and tourist facility. The pitch and putt golf course was to be retained and the Southern Cross Club would be permitted to build a gymnasium on the pitch and putt site.

Luciano Lombardo (Chair of the Pitch and Putt Club) said that ACTPLA's decision was a good compromise.

4. ***Review of the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS)***

Jenny Stewart reported that as part of its review of the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS), the National Capital Authority and the University of Canberra were conducting a research project into the landscape values of the ACT. A discussion paper and survey is on the NCA website at:

<http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/haveyoursay/index.php/national-capital-open-space-system>

5. ***New Diplomatic Development in Canberra***

Shirley Lithgow, reported that the National Capital Authority's website is calling for community views on three possible locations for new diplomatic development in Canberra. One of the proposed sites is a parcel of land adjacent to Federal Golf Course, an area where proposed developments have caused controversy in the past.

Ross Kingsland from Red Hill Regenerators outlined the environmental values of the area.

6. ***Multi-unit development in Robson Street, Garran***

John Jervis briefed the meeting on the multi-unit development in Robson Street, Garran and the impact that would have on an already busy street and where on-street parking had reduced much of the street to a single lane.

7. The general meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting.

8. ***The Next Meeting of the WVCC will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2 November 2011.***

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

5 October 2011

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chair, Dr Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees.

Apologies were received from: Henry Hatch and Shona Phillips.

2. ***Minutes of WVCC Annual General Meeting held on 6 October 2010***

Minutes as circulated were accepted

Moved by Chris Erett, seconded by Mike Reddy. Carried

3. ***Chair's Report***

Dr Jenny Stewart, in summarising the activities of the Council over the previous year, outlined the following:

Achievements:

- Survey on high-rise towers in Woden Green—this showed the strength of concern from many in the community on this issue;
- WVCC's detailed representation on DV 303 played a role in the changes to multi-unit development that ACTPLA incorporated in DV 306;
- Significant redevelopment of the WVCC website, which now performs a significant two-way communication function. WVCC was planning to add Facebook to the repertoire;
- Hosting of the third Combined Community Councils meeting in March 2011. The Combined meeting approved a resolution calling on government to resume concessional leases no longer required for their original purposes, so they could remain for the community's use. The meeting was followed by a very successful public forum, addressed by Marie Coleman.
- Support for the Pitch and Putt Club in its opposition to the Canberra Southern Cross Club's application to vary the lease over the site, to

permit major redevelopment. WVCC also chaired a public meeting on this issue; and

- Improved communication with architects and developers, at least some of whom are now taking the opportunity to consult with WVCC before plans have sharpened into an actual development application, rather than after.

Representations:

The Council made representations to the ACT Government on:

- DV303
- Borrowdale House redevelopment
- Mandir Ashram proposal to increase capacity of residential aged care facility
- Eastern Broadacre Discussion paper
- Redistribution of ACT Electoral Boundaries
- Proposal for lease variation of Pitch and Putt site
- Proposal for lease variation at Curtin shops
- Proposal for lease variation of Tradies Club

Jenny expressed thanks and appreciation to the WVCC Committee—Shirley Lithgow, Henry Hatch, Chris Erett, Martin Miller, Mike Reddy, Harmander Singh and David Menzel; also to Gina Pinkas, and to Lance Williamson, WVCC's website developer.

The Chair moved acceptance of her report. In seconding the motion, Mike Reddy commended Jenny Stewart's hard work and skill that had helped the Council have a successful year. Carried.

4. ***Treasurer's Report***

The Treasurer, Henry Hatch, was not present at the meeting but had prepared a written report on the audited accounts. This report was circulated. The Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year ending 30 June 2011 was \$16,362.03.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion of Shirley Lithgow, seconded by Chris Erett. Carried.

5. ***Election of Officers***

Returning Officer, Dr Tom Lithgow took the Chair. He reported that he had received written nominations for most positions. He called for any further nominations from the floor. None were received. No ballots were required. Tom congratulated the successful candidates on their election.

The results of the election were:

President:	Dr Jenny Stewart
Vice-President:	Mike Reddy
Secretary:	Shirley Lithgow
Treasurer:	Henry Hatch
Public Officer:	Henry Hatch
Minute Secretary:	vacant
Publicity Officer:	Bill O'Brien
Planning Officer:	vacant
Committee members:	Martin Miller Chris Erett

Dr Stewart resumed the chair.

6. ***General Business***

Mike Reddy noted that David Menzel, a founding member of WVCC had elected not to stand for office. Mike moved that David be thanked for his hard work as President and Committee member over the last decade. Seconded by Shirley Lithgow. Carried.

7. ***Meeting closed***