

Record of Meeting

Wednesday, 4 September 2013

1. The Chair, Jenny Stewart welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Record of WVCC Meeting held on 7 August 2013 accepted.

Apologies were received from: the Brendan Smyth MLA; Norman and Sarah Bakker; and Shirley Lithgow.

2. **Vocational Education and Training facilities - Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch MLA**

Joy Burch MLA, Minister for Education and Training, addressed the meeting outlining the planned feasibility study on Vocational Education and Training facilities in the southern districts of Canberra (covering Woden, Weston Creek and Tuggeranong). Ms Burch advised that the existing facilities at Woden CIT are ageing and that the bulk of students reside outside the Woden area.

The feasibility study will examine the existing facilities and consider various options such as redeveloping on the existing site or relocating to an alternative site. It will also consider the type of facility to be developed, one example being the Gungahlin CIT hub, and linkages to the Performing Arts Centre at Canberra College at Phillip.

There were questions and discussion on the consultation process and that the location should be easily accessible to students from across Canberra, noting that the existing Woden campus was in a central location.

3. **Woden Bus Interchange - Rod Baxter Economic Development Directorate**

Rod Baxter of the Economic Development Directorate provided the meeting with information on the current phase of the planned redevelopment of the Woden Bus Interchange. He advised that submissions on the precinct Development Applications were currently being considered by the Planning Authority noting that the planning of the bus facilities and Woden Square (the existing leases) will be facilitated by a separate DA.

There was then considerable discussion on various issues relating to the precinct plan and the design of the bus station. This included questions and expressions of concern relating to:

- maintaining public right-of-way (throughout the day and night) on Bradley Street to prevent a north-south disconnect within the town centre.
- the costs associated with relocating infrastructure.
- weather protection for patrons of bus services and relationship to the planned lounge facility.
- access to the Town Square from the bus station precinct for both pedestrians and cyclists.
- the planned relocation of the existing Park & Ride facility.

Mr Baxter responded to the issues raised explaining how they were addressed by proposal.

4. **General Business**

i. **Section 3, Block 16 Development**

The meeting was given an update on plans for the proposed multi-story car park.

5. **Next Meeting of the WVCC**

The next meeting of the WVCC will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Hellenic Club