

# Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

## Record of Meeting in the Hellenic Club

7:30 pm on Wednesday 5 November 2014

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. There were apologies from **Mike Reddy, Yvette Berry, Katy Gallagher, and Mick Gentleman**.
- 2 The minutes of the WVCC Meeting on Wednesday 1 October were approved.
- 3 **Steve O'Connor** and **Lawrence McIntosh** gave a presentation for their Solar Share scheme, an investment vehicle for community investment in solar farms. The four principles underlying the scheme were outlined: decarbonising energy supplies, decentralisation for local energy supply, democratisation of governance through community ownership and demonstration that renewal energy technologies do work. Details of the proposed solar farm – near, but not visible from, the Mugga Lane – such as output in Mega Watts, extent in Hectares, Carbon dioxide abatement in tonnes, etc were given, as well as proposed procedures for investment and dividend return. Questions from the floor included issues related to onsite infrastructure, the feed-in tariff, the type of equity share investment, minimum investment (\$350.00, maximum is \$100K) and onsite security.
- 4 The guest speaker was **Shane Rattenbury**, MLA and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Sport and Recreation, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs and Corrective Services. Developments in provision of sporting facilities (indoor courts and aquatic) were discussed; a new swimming pool in Molonglo is scheduled for 2016/2017. Substantial reduction in “dead running” in bus services in the ACT was noted, and the proposed reopening of the old bus depot in Woden mentioned. Speed limits and cycle and pedestrian safety were canvassed and a rolling program of shopping centre upgrades reported: Lyons, Garran and Farrer are complete; Hughes and Torrens are on stream. A progress report on upgrades to playgrounds generally, to Eddison Park and to the Southern Cemetery, was given. Questions from the floor covered parking at the Chifley Shops and discussion of the balance between urban infill and greenfield development for population growth in the ACT. The Minister was thanked for his detailed presentation in the usual way.
- 5 Discussion of the WVCC budget submission was held over.
- 6 **Local Member Spot: Nicole Lawder**, MLA, reported that the Environment Protection Amendment Bill had passed the Assembly and that revisions were being made to the Conservation Act to improve its coverage and application.
- 7 **Other business:** The Chair, **Martin Miller**, reported on consultations and community feedback on a variety of ACT projects, including the redistribution of electoral boundaries. The Woden Valley Community Festival, for 7-8 November, was noted.
- 8 The meeting closed at 9:18pm. The next meeting of the WVCC is scheduled for Wednesday 3 December, 2014 in the Hellenic Club.

**Timoshenko Aslanides**, Minutes Secretary, 24 November 2014