

**Expanded Record of Meeting in Hellenic Club
Wednesday 1 April 2015**

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees to the meeting. There was an apology from **Jenny Stewart**.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 4 March 2015 were approved.
- 3 **Emily Springett** and **Jim Corrigan**, of the ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce presented a detailed and comprehensive overview of the ACT Government program involving the “Mr Fluffy” houses. This complex and multifaceted buyback and remediation project has to deal with property valuations, relocation support, land clearance, opt-in deadlines for buyback offers and associated management issues over some 1021 properties in 56 suburbs. The program is very large. Complications include block size matters, dual occupancy concerns, plot ratio controls, unit titling, leasing arrangements, counselling support for seniors and measures required to ensure that neighbouring properties are not contaminated in the remediation processes.

In the Woden Valley, the total of Mr Fluffy houses was 243 and the number per suburb are as follows: Chifley 17, Curtin 40, Farrer 33, Garran 21, Hughes 17, Lyons 31, Mawson 14, Pearce 36, Phillip 2 and Torrens 32. For the territory plan zones of, RZ1, the total figure was 1012, with RZ2 (as the assumed difference from 1021), at 9. The question of the publication of the list of affected addresses is still being considered, with both privacy and public interest concerns in the balance.

A variety of questions from the floor were answered in detail.

- 4 Ms **Amy Moon**, producer of the “Parties at the Shops” program outlined her schedule of 28 such events for 2015. These parties are aimed at bringing the business, residents and arts communities together to celebrate the characteristics of the particular suburb in which each event is programmed. The program is sponsored by Events ACT, the LDA, the Bendigo Bank and a number of associated smaller contributors. Projected events will involve music performances (instrumental and choirs), art exhibits, food presentations, dance, poetry recitals and events aimed at entertaining the very young.

- 5 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, provided an illustrated outline of the WVCC submission for the draft Woden Master Plan. Previous plans were contrasted with current proposals, which included provision for cycling, suggested remedies for the cluttered nature of some footpaths in the area, building heights and layouts, expansion options for the Woden Town Square, reuse of the Callam Offices, and planting of a lawn or green park on the roof of the shopping centre. It was noted that the draft plan did not address in any detail the need for new sport and recreational facilities.
- 6 Two local members reported on their activities. Ms **Gai Brodtmann**, the Federal Member for Canberra, related community feedback on the recent murders of women in the ACT and discussed the issue of domestic violence, and **Nicole Lawder**, MLA, reported on the Domestic Violence Advisory Council in the ACT. As well, the new ACT electoral boundaries were announced, and Ms Lawder discussed a proposal currently before the Assembly dealing with changes to court procedures: a “double disclosure” initiative will require the defence to disclose case detail, and not just the prosecution (the current practice).
- 7 Whilst there was no other business, a question from the floor was raised about the Goodwin Homes Project. It was noted that the Development Application is yet to be lodged.
- 8 The meeting closed at 9:30pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

Timoshenko Aslanides

Minutes Secretary

It was noted that both Timoshenko Aslanides and Jenny Stewart will be in Queensland in early May and not able to attend the next meeting; they send their apologies. Ms Archana Boniface has volunteered to do the Minutes for the May meeting.