

Your local voice



Weston Creek and Molonglo – Election Priorities

Planning

- Weston Group Centre Master Plan needs a revamp
- Council has concerns over the continuing lack of comprehensive planning within both Weston Creek and Molonglo.
- RZ1 should remain as is.
- Development Maximum Dwelling Unit numbers on individual leases to be mandatory.
- Exempt developments to go.

Community facilities

- **Community Centre** –there is a pressing need for a major upgrade of the Community Centre to enhance the social fabric through enabling community gatherings (eg Community Council, Seniors, other representative groups).
- A **library**.
- Upgrade of Fisher and Duffy Shops

Transport

- Bus network is very good.
- Park and Ride needs more parking away from Cooleman Court
- Need new separate paths for bicycles and electric scooters and old bicycle paths and footpaths need repairing.
- If/when we have Light Rail Stage 2B there should be no interruption to the current rapid service.
- Bus service to be provided in Whitlam for new residents when they start to reside there and to extend into Belconnen

Education

- The ageing Schools in Weston Creek need maintenance, particularly Mt Stromlo High School.
- Need planning now for a College in Molonglo and a new school in Whitlam and both need to be accelerated.
- Provision of land for an Independent School in Molonglo

Sport and Recreation

Weston Creek has long established itself as a vibrant sporting and recreational community. The facilities in our area desperately require upgrades, having been neglected for the last 20-30 years. Council believes the community would benefit from the following expansions:

- Woden Valley Gymnastics – expansion on land adjacent to existing facility
- Rivett Oval Upgrade – drainage, lighting, carparking, canteen facilities, storage

- Holder and Weston Ovals – to be retained as ovals for Molonglo and wider community usage.
- Waramanga/Stromlo Basketball facilities upgrade – for long term all year, all access outdoor courts. Dodgers basketball Club indicate the need for an upgrade.
- No Indoor Stadium in Weston Creek or Molonglo for sports other than Indoor Cricket. School Halls that are used are in poor condition.

Playgrounds – there is a crying need for maintenance and upgrades of many local playgrounds throughout Weston Creek. We have a changing demographic as the regeneration of the District occurs.

Health and Aged Care

- CIT Site in Woden to be retained for the provision of ancilliary Health Services.
- The eventual return of the Weston Creek Walk-in-Centre to normal use.
- Further assistance for Ageing in Place

Loss of Green Space

- **Loss of Green Space** – we are concerned over the continuing loss of green space in and around the suburbs. Whether in the Group Centre or the suburbs with the higher density on blocks being redeveloped.
- No additional parking at Watling Place – it is not needed.
- **Fetherston Gardens** - There is a need for a small building for talks, storage and toilets. We have been raising this for at least 5 if not 6 years with Government.
- **Weston Ponds and Holder Wetlands** – neither are user friendly. Weston Ponds has no seating to encourage use while there is no made path around the two ponds. See The North Weston Concept Plan 2008.

Law and Order

- Need a new Police Station for Weston Creek and Molonglo.
- Currently little Police presence and slow response times to most requests. We would prefer dedicated Police to Weston Creek and Molonglo.
- Hooning is a major issue in the area

Molonglo

- Lack of Services – no Community Centre
- No shops really in Coombs and Wright.
- Bring forward the development of the Molonglo Group Commercial Centre
- Ensure the timetable is for an early start on work on the Bridge over the Molonglo River
- Whitlam – early provision of shops, School and Community Centre for the new Community
- Need for planning for a college in Molonglo
- Provision of an Independent School in Molonglo
- Lack of sporting facilities in Molonglo – no ovals as yet for 8,000 people