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Weston Creek Community Council Monthly Update – August/September 2020

Council continues to think about all our community. Please stay safe and continue your physical distancing, wash your hands and only go out when necessary.

Public Meetings

There will be no meeting on Wednesday 26 August as the Committee remains concerned with physical distancing and several members are in the vulnerable category. We are currently planning to host our next meeting as the 2020 Candidates Election Night Forum on Wednesday 30 September. Beyond that, we are exploring our general meeting format and hope to include the option of attending in person or online for meetings from October 2020.

Weston Creek Community Council was a grateful recipient of a **Digital Transformation Grant** from the ACT Government. The grant has allowed us to purchase some IT equipment that will assist in the hosting of Council Meetings online – most likely through Zoom Meetings. We hope this will mean broader access to meetings by people in the community who may not be able to physically attend Council. We anticipate this will increase the inclusivity and accessibility for a wider range of community members to participate in the meetings. Please stay tuned for more information as we develop this process.

2020 Candidates Election Night Forum – Wednesday 30 September

We are very pleased to be able to advise that **Region Media** have agreed to collaborate and **broadcast** the 2020 Candidates Election Night Forum and that **Genevieve Jacobs** will host the night. More details will be shared shortly but the event will be held at the Weston Creek Community Centre Hall, adjacent to Cooleman Court. Please follow us on Facebook to remain up to date with details and to get access to tickets. Seating at the event will be limited by COVID restrictions, but you will be able to view from the comfort of your own home. Stay tuned.

Election Issues

At the moment these fall into 9 Categories:

Planning, Transport, Community Facilities, Green Space, Law and Order, Molonglo Issues, Sport and Recreation, Education and Health and the Aged. We are preparing a list of local issues in these fields for discussion and debate. We will update them on the webpage and provide opportunity via social media for candidates and locals to provide feedback on them. If you have any particular issues in your local area, please email through to info@westoncreek.org.au and we will include them in discussions.

Surveys

We are planning to undertake several short surveys between now and the Election to supplement our earlier large survey on the issues for Weston Creek and Molonglo. Look out for these on the website and Facebook and please let us know your thoughts.



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Floriade Reimagined

This year, Floriade is coming to Weston Creek via the Floriade Reimagined Community Events. The garden bed in Trenerry Square, courtesy of the Floriade Team, is starting to flower and the tulips are poking through. Keep an eye out for this here and at the other Community locations over the next month or so.

Floriade Community Locations:

- CHAPMAN WCCC, Cnr Streeton Drive/Darwinia Terrace
- HOLDER, YMCA Day Care Centre, 174 Dixon Drive
- WESTON, Fetherston Gardens, off Heyson St
- WESTON, Perinatal Wellbeing Centre, 6 Minns Pl
- WESTON, Weston Creek Orchard, Unwin St
- COOMBS, Stromlo Cottage, Noffs Crescent

A huge thank you to all the neighbours in Chapman, Rivett and Stirling that helped with plantings, watering, and upkeep over Winter. It's looking great and we couldn't have done it without you!

Final working B is 2-4pm on Sunday the 30th August; Scarecrow Workshop on Sunday 6th September 2-4pm and we will be ready to go for **Saturday 12 September**.

Bridge over the Molonglo River

We have continued to ask the ACT Government through Minister Steel and the media to bring forward the building of the High-Level Bridge over the Molonglo River. We have also written to the Chief Minister asking for the building of the bridge over the Molonglo River at Coppin's Crossing.

We all saw or heard of the debacle last week with the Tuggeranong parkway virtually closed heading south around 9 am and Coppin's Crossing closed by flooding. No way across the Molonglo apart from Commonwealth and Kings Avenue bridges.

There is a lot more detail on our website and Facebook page.

Cycle Path on Heysen Street to Lyons

Work has started finally on the cycle path on Heysen Street to Lyons but it is now closed at Hilder street roundabout. Let's hope it is finished quickly so that we can use Heysen Street again.

Parking proposal at Coleman Court

The Government has issued the Tender for the building of this Car Park before the Development Application has been approved. Council feels that this is presumptuous and strongly believes this Car park is not required.

ACAT and the Village Building Company

The Village Building Company has taken the refusal by ACTPLA for its Estate Development Plan on the "Old AFP Site" to the ACAT and Council has been accepted as a Party to the matter. Council continues with its involvement in this matter.

Get in Touch

If there are issues that you wish to raise or discuss, please phone the Council on 6288-8975 or go to our website at westoncreek.org.au.

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