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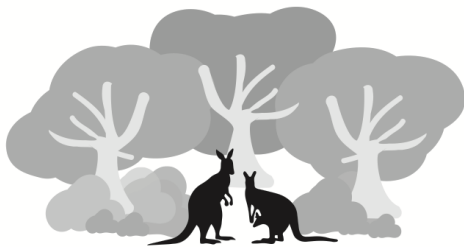
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THE WATZON

Newsletter of the Watson Community Association Inc.

Issue 96 – Autumn 2018

Future site use: old Watson High School site

Now known as Canberra Technology Park, on the corner of Windeyer Street and Phillip Avenue, the site is a public asset that was once a high school from 1965 to 1988.

The long-term tenant, the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) has a proposal. They are seeking to turn the site into a modern art learning and technology hub.

The ACT Government wants to know what you love about the site and what improvements you would like to see if it is redeveloped. Specifically:

- Do you support the redevelopment and revitalisation of this site as a higher education and enhanced community precinct?
- What are the most important features of the site that should be included in a new development?
- Would you support multilevel student accommodation on the site if it preserves more of the available public green space?
- How could the existing public green space be enhanced?

You can have your say by:

- Taking the quick poll and Canberra Technology Park survey
- Dropping a comment pin on the interactive map
- Filling out the Canberra Technology Park survey at a community event - including the community picnic on Sunday, 4 March at Canberra Technology Park.

Visit www.yoursay.act.gov.au/future-site-use-old-watson-high-school to find out more & have your say!

Email: watsoncommunityassociation666@gmail.com

Web: www.watson.org.au and www.facebook.com/WCA1inc/

Autumn events

ACTEW AGL Royal Canberra Show

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February

Enlighten

Friday 2 to Saturday 17 March

Lights! Canberra! Action!

Friday 9 March

Canberra Balloon Spectacular

Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 March

Canberra Day Weekend

Saturday 10 to Monday 12 March

Handmade Market

Saturday 17 to Sunday 18 March

Skyfire

Saturday 17 March

WCA Inc. Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22 March at 7:30 PM

Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday 1 April at 2:00 AM

Australian Running Festival

Saturday 14 to Sunday 15 April

Contact us

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Liz Grace 02 6255 7235

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Richard Larson 02 6241 3024

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Watson Community Association Inc.

The Watson Community Association Inc. (WCA Inc.) aims to promote, protect and enhance the social, cultural and physical environment of the community of Watson, and the welfare, community spirit and quality of life of its residents.

It also aims to inform the community about issues concerning Watson. One way the WCA Inc. does this is through the quarterly production and distribution of the Watson – a community newsletter.

The WCA Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 22 March at 7:30 PM** at the Hall in the Fair on Tay Street, Watson

The next WCA Inc. quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 9 April at 7:30 PM** at the Hall in the Fair on Tay Street, Watson.

All welcome.

Message from the Chair

I trust you are all refreshed and ready to continue, renew or commence your interest in the affairs of our suburb.

Community consultation on possible upgrades to the old Watson High School site, now known as Canberra Technology Park are underway. I strongly encourage Watson residents to “have your say” on the future of the site. Further to the online quick poll and survey, you can have a chat with ACT government officials and/or fill out a feedback card at the **Watson community picnic** on Sunday, 4 March between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at Canberra Technology Park – including kids activities, a sausage sizzle and more.

Like it or not the Light Rail is here to stay. We have to cope with the temporary inconvenience of construction and look forward to the benefits. In relation to this I have received several queries regarding our Number 39 bus route and timetable. Information is difficult to find but if you follow the trail through Transport Canberra, Urban Renewal and Public Consultation it is possible to follow concepts and proposals. It looks as if there will be a Rapid Service (R9) from Watson to Belconnen, the 39 will stop at Dickson Terminus to link with the Light Rail and there will not be a direct service to Civic from Watson. The WCA Inc. will do its best to keep residents informed via our FaceBook page and, I am pleased to announce, our new look website. More information regarding our website can be found at Page 9.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 22 March at 7:30 PM in the Community Hall, Tay Street, Watson. It is vital that new people are elected to the committee. Fresh ideas and more energy are needed. Come along to the **Welcome to Watson** event on Sunday, 18 March at 3:00 PM at The Knox, where you can talk with members of the current committee, exchange ideas, meet established and new residents and make new friends.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the above events.

*Liz Grace, Chair - Watson Community Association Inc.
February 2018*

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Community notices

The School Crossing Supervisor program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites – including **Majura Primary School on Knox Street (between Windeyer and Harvey Streets)**.

A school crossing supervisor (lollipop person) is assisting children to cross this road safely by directing traffic with a stop sign, providing instructions to students and managing the crossing flags.

The program has two primary objectives:

- to increase safety for children around ACT schools
- to lessen parent concerns about safety, which will create school environments that are more conducive for active travel and help to create healthier and safer school communities.



YOURsay

www.yoursay.act.gov.au

A new public transport network will come into effect in mid-2018 and the ACT Government want to hear how Canberran's want the network to operate.

It appears there will be a Rapid Service (R9) from Watson to Belconnen. The 39 will stop at Dickson Terminus to link with the Light Rail and there will not be a direct service to Civic from Watson.

Local services

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Water – wasting; saving; making

According to Professor Tim Roberts, Director Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment, University of Newcastle, by 2050 at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water.

It's a sobering thought. How have you managed water usage during our recent heat wave? We are constantly reminded of ways to save water. Every little helps such as putting a brick in the cistern if you don't have a half-flush toilet. Plants are grateful for the litre or so of saved shower water and vegetable cleaning water.

The apparent effects of global warming, changing rainfall patterns and the drying up of glaciers, are still subject to strong debate amongst scientists and politicians but the fact remains that fresh water supplies are less than reliable in many parts of the world. Goal 6 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals is to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. It appears that it is a goal well beyond realisation at the moment.

Have you heard of Hippo Water Rollers or SkyHydrants?

The Hippo Water Roller is a device used to carry clean water more easily and efficiently, particularly in rural Africa, than the traditional method of women and children transporting it on their heads over considerable distances. It was developed in South Africa and is currently used in 20 countries. It carries 90 litres of water in a rolling wheel pulled or pushed by a handle. What a brilliant idea!

The Australian NFP Skyjuice Foundation's SkyHydrant uses low pressure, high flow, ultra filtration technology to provide safe, clean water for less than \$1 per person per year. It meets World Health Organisation requirements for safe drinking water and can produce water from both surface and ground water supplies.

Counter claims about the efficacy of a new device, WaterSeer, are worth a read. It promises up to 37 litres of clean drinking water a day, collected from the air using condensation and a simple wind turbine. It sounds exciting but not everyone is convinced.

More information about the above devices, and ways you can help by donation, can be found on the Internet.

In urban Australia, we just turn on a tap and the water flows. In rural Australia, with rain being channelled from roof to tank, people are more conscious of the need to save water. It is encouraging to see more rainwater tanks in use in our suburbs.

Lack of water, shortage of water and sharing of water have been, and still are, causes of conflict internationally and nationally. Just consider how difficult it seems to be to reach agreement on the use and sharing of the Murray Darling Basin water system.

Planning update

A development application to start the initial stages for the Block 17 Section 64 site immediately west of Prime TV has been approved by the ACT Government with conditions. The plant selection list was changed to suit the Conservation Council recommendations. Our suggestions for plant selection based on our past experience and knowledge were ignored.

Consultation on the old Watson High School site has commenced. See the ACT Planning website <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au> to provide comments. A community engagement officer from the Chief Minister's office has requested permission to provide an introduction to the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC). The next meeting of the NCCC is at 7:30 PM at the Downer Community Hall, Frencham Place, Downer if you wish to attend and contribute your input.

The development application for Block 2 Section 64 Watson (the site of the Channel 10 TV studio on Aspinall Street) was approved on 31 October 2017. The development will comprise a total of 319 residential/mixed use buildings, including attached 'terrace style' townhouses (2-3 storeys) and apartment buildings (4-6 storeys) as well as retail and commercial uses. Stage 1 will commence first with 64 apartments and 50 attached 'terrace style' townhouses on the eastern portion of the site. Stage 2 will have 55 residential dwellings and a commercial space (for moderate size childcare). Stage 3 will have 67 apartments, 84 attached 'terrace style' townhouses as well as commercial uses such as a restaurant, shop, gym and health care facility.

The Channel 10 TV studio is located on Stage 3. It should remain in place for the next four years. The Conservator of Fauna and Flora's advice on the removal of 24 significant trees was over-ridden by the major project unit within the planning directorate. Of particular concern to the WCA Inc. is 33 visitor parallel parking places allocated on the northern side of Negus Crescent and the resulting impact on traffic to existing residents on the southern side of Negus Crescent. There is a row of 15-year-old Eucalyptus Sideroxylon trees which will have to be removed to provide these parking places. These red-flowering gums have been providing feeding for native birds in the colder winter months. This development will almost certainly set a precedent for the remaining CZ6 unleased zoned blocks of land remaining in north Watson.

*Richard Larson
February 2018*

Development applications open for comment ...

The Environment and Planning Directorate (ESD) receives development applications in the ACT. Development applications can be viewed:

- via the ESD website at www.planning.act.gov.au/development_applications/pubnote
- in person at the Customer Service Centre at 16 Challis Street, Dickson
- by downloading the 'DA Finder' app (free) on the [Google Play store](#) and the [iTunes store](#).

Recipe

On Watson's doorstep each Saturday morning is the Capital Region Farmers Market - held at EPIC and run by the Rotary Club of Hall.

The WCA Inc. are pleased to be able to bring you another verbatim recipe from the Rotary Club of Hall's "Capital Region Farmers Market Recipe Book".

This is courtesy of Ann Vicary, Cypress Valley, who has been part of the Market since invited to do so about 14 years ago.

Warm Smoked Trout Salad

Serves 4

- 500g steamed kipfler or desiree potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 300g Cypress Valley deboned hot smoked trout
- 2 hard-boiled eggs
- 3 chopped spring onions
- 2-3 tabs chopped Italian parsley
- Chopped fresh dill or fennel sprigs
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper
- Mayonnaise

Place cubed potatoes into a bowl while still warm. Lightly mix all ingredients except the mayonnaise and eggs.

Add mayonnaise to moisten mixture.

Place eggs and fresh dill on top to garnish.

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Contacts:

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Jane Ingall on 0422 500 919 or ingall.jane@gmail.com

Local services



The Knox motto is 'Made in Watson' which means we use local and seasonal produce! A chilled café where you can sit back and relax with family and friends but still enjoy amazing food and drinks.

Keen an eye out for our new menu and exciting weekly specials!

Opening hours:

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Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm



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If gyms aren't your thing, get in touch!

Contact Alex Maskiell on 0402188603 or ifeelgreatcbr@gmail.com



The WCA Inc. particularly wishes to thank the Australian Catholic University (ACU), Signadou Campus in Watson, for printing this Newsletter as a community service.

The Campus has about 1,000 students and is conveniently located 5km from Canberra's city centre.

For more information on courses available please call them on 02 6209 1100—Mon to Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or visit www.acu.edu.au.

The goings on in Watson (and nearby) ... have you noticed?

- The new Veritas building at the Australian Catholic University is taking shape. Due for completion in June 2018, the building will feature a library, cafe and a multi-function space.
- Totem poles decorated by the students have been erected at Majura Primary School (on the Irvine Street side).
- New playground equipment is being erected at Rosary Primary School (on Higinbotham Street).
- A school crossing supervisor (lollipop person) is assisting children to cross Knox Street (between Windeyer and Harvey Streets).

Watson property sales

Ever wondered about house prices in Watson?

We've compiled a list of Watson sale prices for the period 1 October – 31 December 2017 for you.

Exchange (sold date)	Address	Price	Type
09/11/2017	15 Roma Mitchell Cres	\$1,175,000	House
25/10/2017	37 Andrews Street	\$990,000	House
28/11/2017	5 Flos Greig Street	\$940,000	House
10/11/2017	18 Manning Street	\$925,000	House
27/10/2017	20 Negus Crescent	\$890,000	House
03/10/2017	38 Irvine Street	\$870,000	House
21/10/2017	121 Knox Street	\$835,000	House
15/11/2017	22 Piddington Street	\$815,000	House
07/12/2017	38 Blair Street	\$798,000	House
25/11/2017	44 Williams Street	\$770,000	House
03/11/2017	23 Molesworth Street	\$715,000	House
08/12/2017	279 Antill Street	\$700,000	House
23/10/2017	22 Ada Evans Street	\$895,000	Townhouse
25/11/2017	25 Bettie McNeen Street	\$739,000	Townhouse
14/12/2017	26/215 Aspinall Street	\$610,000	Townhouse
17/11/2017	111/395 Antill Street	\$590,000	Townhouse
23/10/2017	23/14 Federal Highway	\$470,000	Townhouse
12/12/2017	168/395 Antill Street	\$470,000	Apartment
08/11/2017	57/20 Federal Highway	\$347,000	Apartment
24/10/2017	42/23 Tay Street	\$330,000	Apartment
10/10/2017	11/115 Knox Street	\$260,000	Apartment
02/11/2017	23/21 Aspinall Street	\$355,000	Unit
27/11/2017	39/20 Federal Highway	\$327,000	Unit
14/10/2017	5/156 Knox Street	\$243,000	Unit

The contents of this list and other ACT house sale prices and information are freely published online.

Woodland Working Group report

The Woodlands Working Group was formed as a sub-group of the WCA Inc. to protect, enhance and care for the valuable patch of threatened native Yellow Box/Red Gum Grassy Woodland known as Justice Robert Hope Park. Much work has been done to decrease the effects of years of commercial use, and increase indigenous species of flora and fauna in the park.

The Working Group met with the ACT government ranger offset manager to discuss possible route options and surfaces for a walking track which will be constructed in the park in 2018. We have yet to provide our selected route, but one of us has suggested a track style similar to the walking trail from The Fair towards Mt Majura.

On ground work in the reserve has been light apart from weeding and watering of our most recent small scale planting projects. Apart from the recent rain it has been very dry.

Our older plantings while surviving, are struggling in the heat. It was nice to see some rain at last on 30 January. The small retention basin off Roma Mitchell Street has almost dried up and the remaining water is very silty from construction activity emanating from the Channel 7 site flowing down the pipeline.

Want to help protect indigenous flora and fauna?

Cat containment

The Fair is a designated cat containment area. Residents must confine pet cats to their premises at all times. Further information is available at tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets/cats/cat-containment.

Are you interested in the neighbouring bushland, or want to become involved with caring for the Justice Robert Hope Park? Contact Richard Larson (Convenor) on 02 6241 3024.

Hints for your autumn (March – May) garden – with Cedric Bryant

Hopefully we are coming to the end of the hottest summer on record. I said the same last year and yet we have seen record heat again. The heat can continue well into March, but for gardeners life goes on. Important, do not be in a hurry to plant everything from perennials to shrubs, wait until the weather cools. The exception is planting bulbs, plant progressively over the next eight weeks. Support your local garden centre rather than on-line where you can check the quality of bulbs before you buy rather than sight unseen.

One job for the cool of the evening is feeding all plants in March. I recommend 100% soluble liquid fertilizers which will be absorbed directly to the root system, rather than pellets which can be washed away with late summer storms. The following are all Certified Organic plant foods ie Neutrog Seamungus, a combination of seaweed and chook poo, Maxicrop Seaweed Plant Nutrient or Eco Seaweed. The latter is in a concentrated form of which only a teaspoonful is required in a 9lt. watering can of water. All are readily available at your local garden centre or the DIY stores.

The other most important task is pruning evergreen shrubs. I always suggest before Easter, this allows the new shoots to harden off before the first frosts. This includes conifers, but DO NOT cut into the old wood as this will not shoot again.

March onwards is perfect for dividing perennials to fill bare spots in the garden or pot up the excess for church and school fetes.

Follow my weekly garden hints in the CityNews

Community Notice

Fix My Street

Would you like to make a difference and make our community safer and more pleasant? Did you know many maintenance requirements can be quickly reported through **Fix My Street**, an online reporting facility?

Imagine what a difference we could make if we all reported the little things immediately!

Visit www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au and search for "Fix My Street".

You can report issues relating to:

Abandoned shopping trolleys	Nature strips
Abandoned vehicles	Outdoor fitness equipment
Air pollution and noise	Pot holes
Bus stops	Roads
Cycle lanes (on road)	Road signs
Domestic garbage bins & collection	Shared paths (walk/bike)
Driveway damage	Street lighting
Election campaign signage	Street sweeping
Footpaths	Suburban parks and playgrounds
Graffiti	Traffic
Litter and illegal dumping	Traffic lights
Mountain bike trails (nature reserves)	Trees and shrubs

TIPS for completing the **Fix My Street** form:

- Snap a photo of the issue to attach to your notification
- Carefully position the pin on the map to identify the location so it can be quickly addressed
- Ask for a response so you are notified when the issue has been resolved.

Please note, anonymous reports can also be made.

NOTES

For urgent safety issues phone 13 22 81 (24 / 7)

For issues on ACTEW poles (eg graffiti) phone 1300 768 810.

For issues on private land, contact the owner.

Aileen (Watson - resident since 1981)



Sunday, 4 March 2018 is Clean Up Australia Day. You can get involved by cleaning up your local area with your friends and family. Visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/get-involved/ to register a Clean Up site or join an existing site as a volunteer.

Important Contact Details

Police, Fire, Ambulance - 000 (24hrs)
Police Attendance - 13 1444 (24hrs)
Storms and Floods - 13 2500 (24hrs)
Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000 (8am - 9pm)

Welcome to Watson: newcomers welcomed

Three families with young children, two retired couples and several others new to Watson joined us at The Knox on Sunday, 3 December for the first 'Welcome to Watson' event.

Hally and the **Canberra City Band** brought along their saxophone choir to showcase their skills and entertain us with some Christmas carols and other music.

Fiona from **Cafe' Poets** read us a poem from their booklet and told us about the annual Poet's train ride to Sydney.

Meg's Toy Box at St Margaret's Uniting church in Hackett was represented by Linda who explained the advantages of borrowing toys from this community run resource. This message was echoed by Virginia from **WellSorted** who is a professional organizer.

Charmaine and Sue from **C3 church** welcomed those present to their playgroup **Sprouts** and **CAPS financial counselling courses** as well as regular services and youth groups.

Folk Dance Canberra was represented by Suzanne and Linda and they told us about the variety of classes they run in Hackett.

WCA Inc. Chair Liz, Secretary Gillian and Watson editor Fiona welcomed newcomers and encouraged participation in our community association.

Contact information was available for local services and groups for: children, babies and their parents; hobby and sporting; and other community groups such as churches and low cost food options.

The next **Welcome to Watson** event will be held on Sunday, 18 March at 3:00 PM. Further details are available on Page 7.

Please join us to welcome newcomers, tell them about your group or service or be welcomed. :)

Aileen Conroy, Event Organiser





WELCOME TO
WATSON

Please Join Us

The Watson Community Association Inc. invites newcomers to Watson to a casual, free event!

Friendly locals are also invited to come and welcome new neighbours

Sunday, 18 March at 3:00 PM
(until 4:30 PM)

The Knox Cafe, Watson Village Shops

Representatives of local groups, organisations, businesses, sporting and hobby clubs have also been invited and will be wearing red name tags

To receive an invitation
for your group,
please email your details

Name, organisation, email & mobile
to the WCA Inc. Secretary Gillian Heylar at
watsoncommunityassociation666@gmail.com



WATSON
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

(incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I / We,
(full name of applicant(s))

of
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hereby apply to become a member/s of the above-named incorporated Association. I / We agree to be bound by the rules of the incorporated Association for the time being in force.

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(Signature of applicant)

Please return completed forms to the Secretary, Gillian Heylar at
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Report Summernats 2018

In the capacity of WCA Inc. Representative for this event for the 4th year running, I was once again afforded the opportunity to set foot behind the fence at Summernats 31.

I attended operational meetings on Friday and Saturday evening and heard first-hand the day to day running of the event and provided feedback as to the impact on our suburb. All parties involved in its running ranging from the event owners to ACT government department officials and ACT Police actively participated in the round table discussion. As always, I found the organisers to be cordial and interested in what I had to say.

This year was particularly difficult for Watson residents due to the perfect storm of heat, wind, and “Wolfmother” blasting over the suburb. The sanctuary of evaporative cooling was not an option from the heat due to the thick smoke and smell of rubber that had blown directly over the suburb from the burnouts. Unfortunately, the organisers and government officials have no influence over climatic phenomenon.

There were no reported incidents of antisocial behaviour outside of the event of note, apart from the odd fireworks being let off during the early hours of the morning. Illegal parking was virtually non-existent with applicable signage having the desired effect. Traffic along the major thoroughfare of Knox Street was also quiet – I actually saw a police motorcyclist patrolling on Friday evening whilst walking over to EPIC to attend the 1st meeting. This I found surprising with all of the de-construction of road infrastructure going on around the event.

It felt like a fair proportion of the population of Watson had left for the weekend. The cinema and Dickson pool proved to be comfortable distractions from the heat, noise and pollution for my family.

Rod Lestone

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the WCA Inc. will be held on Thursday, **22 March 2017**.

All welcome.

Please consider joining the WCA Inc., it's free and a simple way to contribute to your local community.

A membership form is available opposite.

Our new website

With the support of the North Canberra Community Council, the WCA Inc. now has a new website.

Our new website is available at:
www.watson.org.au

What do you think?

The WCA Inc. hopes the new, simplified website will build recognition in the community of the work we do.