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Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month 10:00-12:00 at Yowani Country Club Contact Terri on 0402 364 694



#### **Issue 97 – Winter 2018**

# Welcome to Watson: newcomers welcomed

Our second event for newcomers on Sunday, 18 March was held in nasty weather (hence no photos!), but there was a friendly atmosphere and plenty of chatting and networking.

Anna Siebert represented Blue Gum School also adding her two services to our contact lists - Pregnancy, Birth and Motherhood (Doula) service and Overcome Overwhelm and Guilt. Canberra City Band was once again represented by Stephen Hallyburton and future opportunities to hear the band in Watson are planned. Denis O'Brien from the North Canberra Community Council outlined a City and Gateway Draft Urban Design Framework presentation recently delivered by ACT government officials. Leonie Watts spoke about Youth With A Mission and the ways it links with our community (such as the weekly food pantry). A representative from Watson Poets brought their recently launched book and the WCA Inc. was represented by Liz Grace and other committee members.

Six newcomers attended including a couple who moved here from overseas, a young family and a number of single people. Some said they appreciated the information available on the contact lists. If anyone would like a copy of this information please email me at <a href="mailto:conroymail@homemail.com.au">conroymail@homemail.com.au</a> and I will email them to you. We are also considering uploading the lists to the new WCA Inc. website at <a href="mailto:watson.org.au">watson.org.au</a>.

Pleasingly, friendly locals also made the effort to attend to welcome our new neighbours and share their knowledge of Watson.

The next **Welcome to Watson** event will be held on Sunday, 20 May at 3:00 PM. Further details are available on Page 9.

Aileen Conroy, Event Organiser

Email: watsoncommunityassociation666@gmail.com
Web: www.watson.org.au and www.facebook.com/WCA1inc/

#### Winter events calendar

**Collector Village Pumpkin Festival** Sunday 6 May

Rosary Primary School Open Day Wednesday 9 May 9:00 – 1:00 PM

Mother's Day Sunday 13 May

Watson Preschool Fete Saturday 19 May 10:30 – 1:30 PM

Welcome to Watson Sunday 20 May 3:00 – 4:30 PM

**Reconciliation Day Public Holiday** Monday 28 May

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday** Monday 11 June

Cartier: The Exhibition To Sunday 22 July

1 June to 31 August

**Truffle Festival** 

## Contact us

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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 Watzon – a community newsletter.

The next WCA Inc. quarterly meeting is scheduled for Monday, 23 July at 7:30 PM at the Hall in the Fair on Tay Street, Watson.

All welcome.

# Message from the Chair

Hello Watson residents, this is my first message to you as the new Chair of the WCA Inc. and firstly a BIG thank you to Liz Grace who has been so capable and committed in this position for the last four years. Big shoes to fill, but thankfully Liz and several others remain Committee members, all with different passions, interests, and contributions to make.

No doubt we all have some kind of interest in promoting the beauty and functionality of our suburb and the wellbeing of its residents. Healthy neighbourhoods contain elements that we all enjoy but can often take for granted – like the right balance between development, with its conveniences and amenities, and open space and bushland for rest, recreation and a healthy biodiversity, and roads, schools, pathways and other services and amenities that can keep pace with a growing population (as Watson still is – almost 500 homes to be built across three separate developments in North Watson). Let's stay engaged, or become engaged, with the processes that help to improve and protect our lovely neighbourhood here. Here are some ways to do that:

- Visit <u>yoursay.act.gov.au</u> (at time of writing there were 5 projects relevant to the inner north open for community consultation). You can also register for their e-newsletter and be "the first to know when the conversations that shape Canberra start".
- Stay in touch with issues impacting on Watson through the Association's new website and Facebook page (details on the cover).
- Explore "Fix My Street" via <u>accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet</u> type in "Watson" to see what others have reported and make a submission of your own.
- Go to <u>planning.act.gov.au</u> for a wealth of information including the opportunity to view and comment on local development applications.

By the time you read this, the weather will no doubt be considerably cooler. Not being a great lover of winter, I rather like this quote by Hal Borland:

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn".

Rug up, and see you again in the Spring edition.

Leonie Watts, Chair - Watson Community Association Inc. May 2018

## **Local services**



02 6254 5678

# Canberra Music Education School

Piano, Flute and Singing Teacher **Kelly Sturgiss** 

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P: +61 2 6162 5131 E: canberra@aie.edu.au





# **Community notices**

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Police Attendance - 13 1444 (24hrs)

Storms and Floods - 13 2500 (24hrs)

Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000 (8am - 9pm)

## **E-Waste and Microfactories**

Listening to the ABC Science Show recently, I was intrigued by Robin Williams' interview with Veena Sahajwalla, professor of engineering at the University of NSW (UNSW), and decided to follow up using the Internet.

Professor Sahajwalla believes that 'mining our waste stockpiles makes sense for the economy and the environment'. Her invention to recycle car tyres into useable steel has already saved more than 2 million tyres from landfill. Now her attention has turned to e-waste.

There are more than 25 million unused mobile phones lying around in Australian homes and offices. UNSW's Centre for Sustainable Materials Research and Technology (SmaRT centre) estimates that a tonne of mobile phones – approximately 6,000 handsets – contains: 130 kgs of copper; 3.5 kgs of silver; 340 gms of gold; and 140 gms of palladium. This represents tens of thousands of dollars' worth of metal alloy. This can be recovered.

The UNSW's SmaRT Centre has developed an e-waste microfactory which can transform the components from electronic waste into valuable materials for re-use.

Technologies are also being developed that can convert automotive waste into metal alloys, integrate agricultural waste into ferrous processing and use waste plastic to make green ceramics. Green-friendly microfactories have the potential to reduce landfill, create new jobs and boost Australia's manufacturing sector. They can operate on sites as small as 50 sq metres and can be located close to waste stockpiles. These factories are not intended to turn plastics into plastics or glass into glass, but to transform waste into something completely different: valuable commodities that can be used in industry.

Microfactories give us the chance to reconsider what we recycle, how we do it and what we do with it.

MobileMuster estimates more than 95% of materials in mobile phones can be recovered and returned to the supply chain.

You can drop off your old mobile phones at Mobile Muster drop off points at all the major mobile phone retailers. All makes and models of mobile phones, all mobile phone batteries, all mobile chargers and accessories, all mobile wireless internet devices and all smart watches are accepted.

All of the foregoing information was found on the internet and is available at www.smart.unsw.edu.au and www.mobilemuster.com.au.

Liz Grace







# **Planning update**

#### **Development applications**

There were two recently advertised development applications posted around the suburb.

- The first related to signage for the new Carotel site.
- The second was a lease variation to consolidate three blocks subdivided from the former Block 9 Section 64 site. These were three separate blocks of land which were purchased by a JWLand entity from a Morris Group entity. The JWLand site will house 88 dwellings and the Morris Group site will house 21 dwellings.

The former Carotel site between Aspinall Street and Antill Street, which adjoins the JWLand site, has been levelled. The future location of the main roads is visible between the mountains of dirt. This site will house 180 dwellings.

#### Future use of the old Watson High School site

Elton Consulting on behalf of the ACT government held a picnic and open day on 4 March 2018 at the old Watson High School site to engage residents on their vision for the future when the site is open for tender as an educational and community precinct.

The WCA Inc. provided written comments in the form of a submission. Our submission was entirely based on the responses you provided to the Watson Community Survey in May 2017. We thank all those residents who provided responses.

The public comment period for the old Watson High School site closed on 16 March 2018. The results will be collated by Elton Consulting and their report will be provided to the ACT government.

#### **City and Gateway Draft Urban Design Framework**

Representatives of the National Capital Authority (NCA) were present at the old Watson High School site on 4 March 2018 to advertise consultation on the City and Gateway Draft Urban Design Framework (the Framework). The Framework will help guide future development and urban renewal initiatives along the Northbourne Avenue corridor into the city centre.

Consultation on the Framework closed on 27 April 2018. The WCA Inc. provided written comments in the form of a submission – again drawing on responses to the Watson Community Survey.

#### **Master Plan**

At the time of production of this edition, meetings were being held with the ACT government's Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Planning. The outcomes of these meetings and any subsequent action will be reported in the next edition of the Watzon.

Richard Larson

# Recipe

This recipe is courtesy of John Dicerbo and is verbatim from the November 2014 "Capital Region Farmers Market Recipe Book" published by the Rotary Club of Hall to celebrate 10 years of operation of the Capital Region Farmers Market held at EPIC.

The market is now a dearly loved and well patronised feature of Saturday mornings for many. The Dicerbo family is one of the few 'out of region' producers but meet the strict criteria of the market's code. This is a timely recipe with lots of ripe pumpkins on hand.

#### **Pumpkin Soup**

1 pumpkin, chopped

1 sweet potato, chopped

1 leek, sliced

1 green apple, chopped

2-3 chicken stock cubes

2 teaspoons curry powder

2 tablespoons peanut butter (optional)

Water to cover

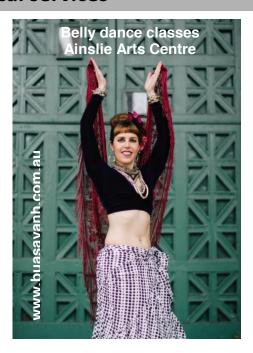
**Put** pumpkin, sweet potato, apple and leek into a large saucepan. Cover with water (2 cm above pumpkin). Add stock cubes and curry powder.

**Bring** to the boil then simmer until pumpkin and potato are soft (about 20 minutes).

**Blend** until smooth. A little water can be added if the soup is too thick. Lastly add peanut butter and quickly blend.

**Serve** with crusty toast, sour cream and chopped chives.

#### **Local services**







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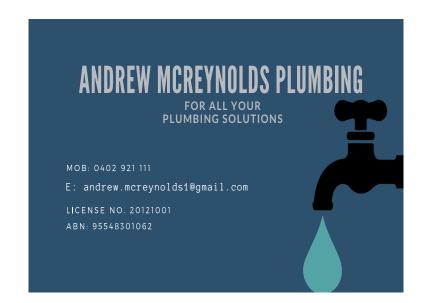
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## **Local services**



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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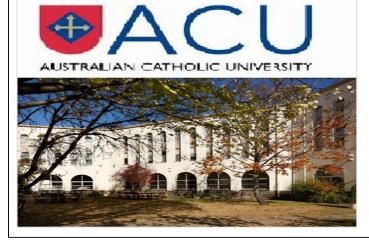
#### We offer:

- Comprehensive health and fitness assessments
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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 <a href="https://www.acu.edu.au">www.acu.edu.au</a>.

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

- For those of you who walk, run or cycle the Stirling Avenue reserve between Aspinall Street and Antill Street there is good news! The informal dirt path in-between the row of trees next to the western boundary is going to be gravelled. The mounds of gravel near Antill Street are for the path. Trees in the vicinity of the path had branches lopped in March.
- Trees have been planted along the Northbourne Avenue as part of the light rail project –
  including the area north of Phillip Avenue.
- The new Veritas building at the Australian Catholic University is complete the building was officially opened and blessed on 21 March.
- Lolo and Lola have extended their open hours see www.loloandlola.com.au.

# Watson property sales

Ever wondered about house prices in Watson?

We've compiled a list of Watson sale prices for the period 1 January – 31 March 2018 for you.

Exchange (sold date)	Address	Price	Туре
15/01/2018	19 Simpson Street	\$1,570,000	House
27/03/2018	7 Piddington Street	\$1,320,000	House
14/03/2018	28 Wade Street	\$1,100,000	House
08/03/2018	19 Andrews Street	\$1,081,000	House
01/03/2018	44 Irvine Street	\$985,000	House
27/03/2018	12 Woolcock Street	\$860,000	House
27/02/2018	19 Molesworth Street	\$760,000	House
17/03/2018	135 Knox Street	\$750,000	House
21/02/2018	14 Windeyer Street	\$725,000	House
28/02/2018	18 A'Beckett Street	\$690,000	House
14/03/2018	18 Stow Place	\$760,000	Land
29/03/2018	96 Aspinall Street	\$722,500	Townhouse
01/01/2018	69-79 Bettie McNee Street	\$720,000	Townhouse
09/02/2018	37/215 Aspinall Street	\$650,000	Townhouse
16/02/2018	13/19 Aspinall Street	\$504,000	Townhouse
20/02/2018	4/10 Federal Highway	\$485,000	Townhouse
19/01/2018	6 Mary Kitson Street	\$476,000	Townhouse
30/01/2018	132/215 Aspinall Street	\$449,000	Apartment
26/03/2018	4/18 Whitmore Crescent	\$365,000	Apartment
16/03/2018	106/20 Federal Highway	\$347,500	Apartment
27/01/2018	45/21 Aspinall Street	\$355,000	Unit
12/01/2018	21/257 Antill Street	\$254,250	Unit
13/03/2018	29/6 Irvine Street	\$225,000	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 decease the effects of years of commercial use, and increase indigenous species of flora and fauna in the park.

The Working Group was invited to a site visit in the park to discuss this autumn-winter shrub and forb planting schedule on 21 March 2018. We provided input to the ACT Government offset managers based on our past experience. The Working Group is almost exclusively occupied with targeted weed control and small-scale groundcover restoration projects.

The ACT Government has been very effective in controlling rabbits, mid-story and groundcover planting, and weed control programs. This has greatly accelerated the work that the Working Group could have done on its own.

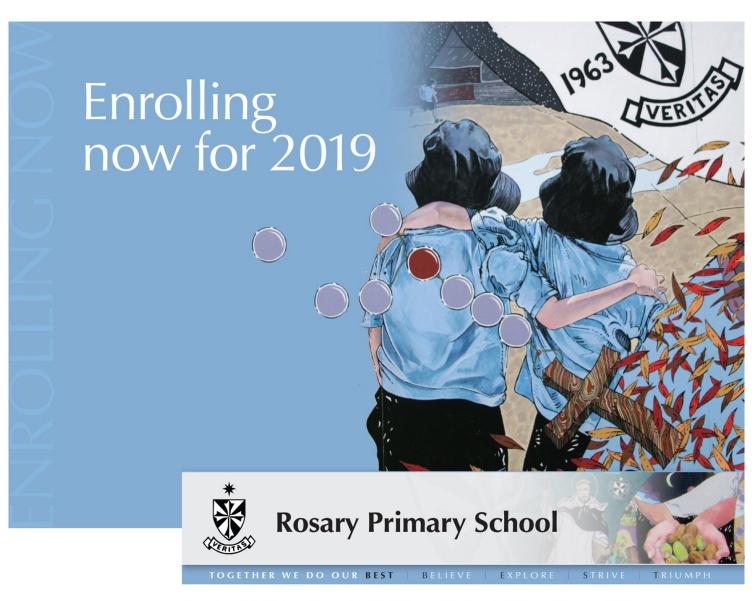
In regard to a formalised path or paths in the Justice Robert Hope Park, a decision on the route and form has not yet been made. The Working Group has provided comment on a draft. If you are interested in the path, please get in touch with our Woodlands Coordinator, Richard Larson.

Richard Larson

# Hints for your winter (June-August) garden - with Cedric Bryant

As I write this in early April, it seems our Indian Summer is going on forever. Every day seems to bring 29c during the day and 10c overnight. This can lead to a sense of false security. It may have changed dramatically by the time you read this. So, some important reminders for winter:

- Do not plant citrus trees at this time, wait until late spring.
- For young citrus trees already planted place four long tomato stakes to support a cover of 90% shade cloth.
- With citrus or any other frost sensitive plants in pots move under shelter in the carport or under evergreen trees. Small pots can be placed under the eaves of the house.
- Plant polyanthus, primulas, violas and pansies. They usually take 6-8 weeks to fully flower. Feed fortnightly with Maxicrop Seaweed Plant Nutrient.
- Winter time is Camellia sasanqua time providing an extended flowering period and nectar for the honey eaters - C. s. "Hiryu" is perfect for a hedge plant.
- Winter is time to plant all deciduous ornamental and fruit trees. If a stake if required put this in first and dig a square hole rather than a round hole, this stops circling roots.
- When planting a hedge, always dig a trench rather than individual holes. Roots will then spread quicker and stronger.
- It is easier to prune deciduous trees with no leaves. For trees near power lines you must use an ActewAGL accredited qualified tree surgeon. I use, and recommend, Brett O'Brien Tree Services on telephone 0402 555 828.
- Disconnect hoses, sprinklers and tap timers and store out of frost.



# KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR SIX CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018 | 9AM - 1PM

Spend some time with us to see what we have to offer. All welcome! Places still available for 2018.

Rosary Primary School, Fleming Street Watson ACT 2602 www.rosary.act.edu.au

Ph: 6248 0010 | Email: office.rosaryps@cg.catholic.edu.au

ALL WELCOME | ENROLLING NOW

#### Poem

The WCA Inc. are pleased to be able to bring you a poem by the Watson Poets.

#### Majura's Pulse

'There it is, our mountain' she says to me as we cruise down Ginninderra drive towards NextGen and take the short cut to Northbourne Avenue. We speak affectionately of the workers who dig with care into our light rail

Balanced
on the elbow
of Flemington road
Watson hides
wondering
under its green canopy
its pulse best taken
in a Knox corner
or among friends
at the folk festival.

#### **YWAM Garden**

future.

An organic vegetable garden has been developing at the back of the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) property on the corner of Aspinall and Zelling Streets. YWAM is a not for profit organisation which facilitates the garden as part of carrying out its mission.

The purpose in establishing the garden is three-fold:

- 1. To grow food to feed our YWAM community
- 2. To experiment with various growing methods and types of produce to enhance community development projects we may partner with, both in Australia and overseas.
- 3. To connect with our neighbours so they can use some land to grow their produce and together we can glean from each other's knowledge and experience.

Currently five Watson residents have a garden plot. A small annual fee is charged as well as a fee per square metre. This covers the cost of water and any equipment needs (purchase or repair).

If you are interested in finding out more about the garden or coming to have a look and a chat, please email garden@ywamcanberra.org or call Steve on 0418 208 795.



# **WCA Inc. Annual General Meeting**

The WCA Inc. Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 22 March 2018 at the Community Hall in North Watson. The various working groups reported on activities for the year. Around 20 members of the WCA Inc. were there to elect a new Committee and hear the latest news on the Woodlands and planning and development issues. We also provided an update on the WCA Inc. finances and our Facebook page and new website

The WCA Inc. has had a busy year, with this time of high activity ending with stable finances and a healthy bank balance. Many wonderful people have volunteered their time and expertise.

#### In brief:

- The Watson Community Survey conducted by the WCA Inc. last year provided an overall vision of our suburb, from you, the residents. The most consistent desire was to have a green and welcoming community to be continued into the future. The state of the former petrol station site next to the Watson shops was a common concern, and after new concerns were raised by residents, the meeting resolved that the WCA Inc. would write to the lessee of the site.
- Planning issues remain a major concern, and we have had considerable correspondence with the ACT government to make a case for a development plan for Watson. We also submitted a precis of the results of the Watson Community Survey. Issues which have been raised by the WCA Inc. for specific consideration included parking, safety and traffic concerns, tree destruction, as well as appropriate tree and shrub lists for new residential developments. The Planning Department overrode concerns about removal of significant trees, a decision which we are concerned sets a precedent for other areas of north Watson. Significant initiatives arising over the 2018 period which the WCA Inc. responded to included:
  - An ACT government-initiated survey for the community to share its thoughts about the future use of Canberra Technology Park submissions closed on 16 March 2018.
  - Approval for construction of residential development on the former Carotel Motel and tourist accommodation site in north Watson.
  - Approvals for construction of residential development on the former Block 9 Section
     64 site in north Watson (behind Prime TV).
  - Approval for construction of residential development on Block 17 Section 64 in north Watson. This was subdivided from Block 9 Section 64.
  - Approval for construction of residential development on the Channel 10 Austerio television site in north Watson.

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## WCA Inc. Annual General Meeting (continued)

- The 'Welcome to Watson' initiative commenced in December 2017 and was a great way for people to meet and chat. This was a lovely initiative led by a long-time local resident.
- The WCA Inc. are pleased to have a volunteer represent Watson residents at management meetings during Summernats. Particular concerns remain about noxious fumes from the event which affect local residents. The WCA Inc. will raise these concerns for next year's event. Parking, traffic, fireworks, noise and leftover rubbish are also issues. Complaints about EPIC events should be directed to the ACT government via Access Canberra Connect in the first instance.
- A unique feature of Watson is the Watson Woodland (Justice Robert Hope Park) where we can see kangaroos and other native fauna, birds of all kinds and lovely native flora. After the WCA Inc. saved it from being bulldozed during the 1990s, the Association has been the guiding hand for this beautiful amenity for more than decade. Management is now in the hands of ACT Parks and Recreation. So far, the reserve is being well managed by the ACT government offsets team and the contractors they employ. There has been no progress on Park Signage. The Woodlands volunteers spent time watering, weeding, planting and erosion control and ran community walks in July and September 2017. A special project underway aims to plant Kangaroo Grass. Lots of hard work has gone into the Woodlands by many people, including volunteers from other suburbs.
- The familiar blue Watzon will continue to appear in your letter boxes, due to the terrific
  efforts of our editor and delivery team we continue to have great feedback from Watson
  residents. In addition, the Watzon will now be on our new website and thanks to
  committed volunteers, will be linked to the WCA Inc. Facebook page.

# Development applications open for comment ...

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate – Planning (EPSDD) receives development applications in the ACT. Development applications can be viewed:

- via the website at www.planning.act.gov.au
- 2. in person at the Customer Service Centre at 16 Challis Street, Dickson
- 3. by downloading the 'DA Finder' app (free) on the <u>Google Play store</u> and the iTunes store.

# **Check smoke alarms**

ACT Fire and Rescue and the ACT government are urging ACT residents to check their smoke alarms – because only working smoke alarms save lives. They also give firefighters more time to get to your home and minimise the damage to property.

ACT Fire and Rescue suggest that residents upgrade to interconnected, photoelectric smoke alarms that are less than 10 years old, and also to have a Home Fire Escape Plan.

For more information, visit www.esa.act.gov.au.

