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WCA COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday July 25 starting 7:30 at the Carotel on Aspinall St. There will be a presentation on development plans for the site. Please RSVP Gillian 6255 0238/0404915449 to confirm time and place.

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From the Chair



What a beautiful Autumn we have had. I think this is my favourite season. A garden near me has two pistachio trees which are the most incredible colour, like fire, and all round are the golds and reds of liquid amber, golden rain, silver birch, claret ash and many more.

Wasn't the Party at the Shops' a great success. It was really a fun afternoon and a great opportunity buzz. Thank you for the support of our 'local shops'.

At the AGM in March we were happy to welcome some new faces to the committee. We value the input from these younger, newly arrived, residents. Your committee is looking at the possibility of introducing some colour into the newsletter. Our Editor would welcome your comments and ideas on this

A few people have had to drop off he newsletter delivery list and we need new volunteers.

Please let me myself or secretary, Gillian know if you can help



Visit the Watson Community Association online - www.watsoncanberra.wordpress.com

Watson's High Fliers Our precious native birds

The Regent Honeyeater



Canberra is Australia's 'Bush Capital' and Watson has much interesting birdlife in the urban, peri-urban environments and the Mt Majura Nature Reserve. A survey by Canberra Ornithologists Group (COG) in the 1990's originally identified more than 80 woodland birds in the area now known as Justice Robert Hope Park. Many of these woodland birds were identified as vulnerable or declining species, and one, the Regent Honeyeater (shown above) is sadly, on its way out. During the 1990s, birdwatchers keenly observed a breeding colony of four pairs of Regent Honeyeaters in North Watson. Other birds on the watch list are the Superb Parrot, the Hooded Robin, and the Swift Parrot.

The WCA has for many years worked to protect the local habitats of our native birds, protecting it from exotic birds that compete for food and nesting sites. If you would like to make these iconic birds welcome in Watson, please think carefully about what you plant in your gardens, and make sure that you know where your cat is—all the time! By showing care for our non-human residents, you can make Watson an even better place to live for human residents too.

We intend to introduce many other birds in this regular series of bird profiles in the newsletter.

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Cedrics Winter Gardening Tips for Watson

Hints for your winter garden:

- Plant pansies, petunias and violas for winter colour
- Remove all plastic tap timers to prevent frost damage
- Disconnect hoses and sprinklers and store out of frost
- Remove crossing and broken branches from trees and shrubs
- For pruning larger trees always use a qualified tree surgeon. I recommend B & B Tree Surgery (call Ben) 6236 9864 with over 25 years experience
- Mulch around tender new plants to reduce frost damage
- Use a fine water spray to wash frost off leaves before the sun hits the plants
- Move frost tender pot plants under cover (i.e. under the eaves)
- Prune wisteria and other deciduous shrubs.

Hints for your garden provided by Cedric Bryant., our local Watson gardening guru.



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Watson Woodlands Update

With thanks to Richard Larson



Well what an autumn it has been, a hot and extremely dry March and April. Rain finally arrived in May. In April 19 Indian Myna birds were captured and disposed. Mynas and Starlings compete with our native birds for resources the mature woodland trees provide, particularly tree hollows which our hollow-nesting birds require in order to breed. The ACT government continues to sanction removal of mature woodland trees with tree hollows to make way for new developments (e.g. near Prime TV on Antill Street).

Now hat Justice Robert Hope Park has been designated as an environmental offset, extensive dialogue between the ACT Parks and Conservation Service and the Woodlands Working Group has commenced. We have two dedicated rangers working with us on issues including rabbit control, park signage, fence removal, weeding and provision for new plantings. Recent mapping identified 23 rabbit burrows locations requiring treatment. The work program for the group this winter will be planting and weed grubbing.

CAT CONTAINMENT

The Fair is a designated cat containment area. Residents must confine pet cats to their premises at all times. Cat owners found not complying may be issued a penalty of up to \$1500. Domestic Animal Services (DAS) are responsible for cat containment compliance and enforcement. If you see a roaming cat in a cat containment area contact DAS on 13 22 81. Internet information can be found on tams.act.gov.au/city_services/pets/cats

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Watson Property Prices guide

Ever wondered about house prices in your suburb? We've compiled a list of Watson sale prices between January and March this year for you :



Date (2016)	Address	Price
21/01/16	293 Antill St	\$570,000 House
15/02/16	9/25 Aspinall St	\$510,000 House
02/13/16	253 Antill St	\$461,000 House
22/03/16	20/19 Aspinall Street	\$447,500 Town-house
08/03/16	160/395 Antill	\$405,000 Unit
20/01/16	72 Ian Nicol St	\$397,500 House
09/02/16	46/35 Tay St	\$357,000 Apartment
01/02/16	54/23 Aspinall	\$340,000 Apartment
17/03/16	41/25 Aspinall	\$330,000 Apartment
29/01/16	27/21 Aspinall	\$325,000 Apartment
15/02/16	44/21 Aspinall	\$315,000 Apartment

(The contents of this list, and other ACT house sale prices and information, are freely published online. Let the WCA know if you're interested in reading more content like this!)

A Poem taken from the Watson Poets book



The Past – by Denise Burton

If you need me
I'll be in the past
turning the pages of my life
Searching.

Words will appear
dancing with delight
Barbs will shoot
hitting their mark

Pictures of children
smiling through the grey
Blurred into recognition
by places and friends.

A mother of a new born
admiring in awe
At a baby she nurtured
wondering

The years evoked in
pictures of grown ups
once children
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When delivering The Watson the lack of
locks on mail boxes raises concerns. So
often boxes are overflowing and addressed
letters from Banks, Government and
private senders are hanging out or spilled.
In these days of identity theft a lock is a
small investment in security.

Summer is a time for visitors and also
young children playing outside. Take extra
care! Speed limits in Watson: past schools
the limit is 40kph during school hours:
most other streets have a 50kph limit:
Antill St, Windeyer St, Stirling Avenue,
Phillip Avenue and Knox St have a 60kph
limit.

Parking on nature strips whilst traditionally
done is, in fact, illegal and often unsightly.

Whilst the ACT Government rarely
enforces the regulation, parking and/or
repair of vehicles on nature strips could
incur problems should anyone be injured.

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WATSON PLANNING UPDATE

The development application for Block 9 Section 64 in Watson between the Prime Television and Channel 10 sites was approved by the ACT Government in early April for 110 residential units. The WCA suggested in its submission that the number of dwellings should be reduced to ensure northerly solar access to at least some dwellings. The site layout indicated virtually no dwelling would have sufficient north-facing solar access. All of the sites' longer sides were shown as north-south. Very few blocks exceeded much more than 300 square metres. We believe that the final impact of the development on portions of the Watson Woodland will be significant in terms of the increased water runoff from the building sites and the roads and the removal of mature Yellow-Box trees linked to our park. A retention basin off Roma Mitchell Street inside the park will be affected.

Did you know that there are some 16 Mr Fluffy asbestos-affected homes in Watson? It is possible that the first rebuild of a Mr Fluffy home is about to take place under the new rules which allow second dwellings and for subdivision. Our hearts go out to those who are affected and will be forced to leave their homes and possibly our suburb for good.



Ph 6254 5678

Shared Bike Path

At last, people walking and cycling have an off-road shared path all the way from EPIC to Lake Burley Griffin and the Ciity. The last small link has just been completed! This 30-40 metre track goes from the off-road path alongside Downer with the crossing at the lights at the intersection of the Barton and Federal Highways. Crossing here takes you to the off-road path running alongside Yowani Golf and the Bowls Club. We would like to thank the ACT government for this much awaited link!



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This very successful market operates almost every Saturday morning at EPIC throughout the year. This recipe is provided courtesy of Owen Pidgeon, who started with the Market in 2008. Loriendale has 120 varieties of apples so that customers can taste and purchase freshly-picked apples for 7 months of the year—from January to July.



Roasted Pears and Apples.

- 2 large firm pears (Packhams, Josephine of d'Anjou)
- 2 large apples (Rome Beauty of Mutzu)
- 1 tablespoon of honey
- 40 grams of butter
- 2 tablespoons of fresh thyme

Heat oven to 200 C. Peel, core and quarter apples and pears. Melt butter and honey together in microwave. Gently stir with thyme through apples and pears. Place on a baking tray and bake for 35 minutes until cooked and golden. Serve with a hot roast meal.

PARTIES AT THE SHOPS UPDATE

Finally the Party at the Shops was held on Saturday February 20 from 4:00—8:00, after two postponements in November last year, due to very stormy weather.



Third time lucky we had very pleasant weather and were able to enjoy the green spaces surrounding our shops. The entertainment, and participation of local businesses made it a very enjoyable occasion. The organisers were gratified to see so many happy faces, including lots of cheerful children and we went home smiling. We underestimated the demand on the BBQ, quickly getting to the end of our sausages. The community feast and produce swap proceeded smoothly with volunteer contributors coming out of the blue. It wasn't over-crowded which allowed for better appreciation of the excellent music, poetry on offer, ease of movement, and chats between friends and strangers alike.

The capacity of local people to come together and share is the whole purpose of the Parties at the Shops incentive that commenced in Canberra's centenary year. We in Watson have profited by this program on several occasions now.

Of course numerous people put in time, effort and other support voluntarily—this also is part of the success of the incentive, and the Watson Community Association thanks EVERYONE who took part in some way!

ANOTHER GREAT PARTY?

The Watson Community Association has no present plans to hold a similar event in the future. If you have enjoyed this event or other Watson community events and wish to see them happening again, please let us know (contacts on front page).

(The WCA would like to extend a big thanks to Howie Grace - thanks for all your input into 'Parties at the Shops', 'Art in the Park', and your invaluable assistance with bringing the WCA online. We wish you all the best in Belconnen and hope to welcome you back in the future!)

WATSON SCOUTS

Scouts has had an association with the suburb of Watson dating back to 1963.

This was the formation of the 23rd Canberra (Watson) group which shared the O'Connor then the Downer Scout Hall facilities. During this time a concerted fund raising effort took place involving bottle drives, fetes and a parent donation scheme to raise the money to construct a permanent home in Watson. A new hall in Simpson St Watson was officially opened on the 14th December 1970 and named "Eddie Miller Scout Hall" in honour of Watson's first Club Master.

During the 70's and 80's the Hackett and Downer groups merged with Watson to form the Majura Scout Group. In 1987, it was resolved that Majura Group would admit girls to Club and Scout Packs, and Majura was then registered as a mixed Scout Group. Majura became one of the very first Groups to form a Joey Mob (ages 6 to 8) with the first Joey meeting taking place on 19 May 1988.

The Majura Group prospered throughout the 1990's and into the new millennium with activities ranging from abseiling to torchlight rambles on Mt Majura, bonfire and trivia nights. Scout Camps, billy cart derbies, canoe trips, hikes, Group Camps, skiing, disco nights, raft races, Gang Show, Hall clean-ups, bush dances, Jamborees, working bees, ocean sailing ventures., "wide' games, ice skating and yabby expeditions.

In January 2003, Majura Scouts adopted a Mountain Scout role and became officially designated Mountain Scouts or Majura, while in the same year the Joey Mob celebrated their 15th anniversary. It was also the 40th anniversary of Cubs and Scouts in Watson.

In 2008, the 19th Canberra (Downer) Group merged with 1st Majura Group. The 1st Majura Group scarf colours now comprise a combination of the Majura royal purple and white, together with the yellow and black Downer scarf.

In 2015, the Majura Group continues to flourish. The Joey Mob is full and with a waiting list, while both the Cub Pack and Scout Group are at capacity. Half a dozen Venturers make up the Venturer Unit.