

Community notices



Australian Breastfeeding Association

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breastfeeding
association
North Canberra

- Breastfeeding Counselor (s) on hand to answer your questions.
- All mums, dads, children and mums-to-be welcome, and you don't need to be a member

If you have a question about breastfeeding please call our **free**

National Breastfeeding Helpline:

1800 686 268 or visit

www.breastfeeding.asn.au

to check venues:

abanorthcanberra@hotmail.com

Canberra Central Combined Probus Club

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am to Noon at the Ainslie Club. For more information, contact Secretary Ian Bland on 6241 1117



SUNDAY MORNINGS 10AM
FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH 7PM-9PM

160 ASPINALL ST WATSON
C3CHURCHWATSON.COM

Meg's TOY BOX

Is a community toy library.
Run as a non profit venture
with the support of
St Margaret's Church

Call—02 6248 7467
(during opening hours only)

Wed 10am—12pm
Sat 2pm—4pm

DROP BY AND JOIN



THE TUCKERBOX



HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN PARISH

– **Opens every Saturday, 2pm to 4pm** –

The Tuckerbox is a not-for-profit service which helps those struggling to balance their budget. The Tuckerbox has bread, groceries (*milk, fruit and vegetables when available*).

Those on pensions, are low income families or unemployed will find this service very helpful. As a contribution, we ask a small service fee. Foodbank NSW provides the majority of stock.

Corner of Phillip Ave & Antill Street,
Hackett—Ph: **(02) 6248 5327**

www.holycrosshackett.anglicancg.org.au

THE WATZON

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Newsletter of the Watson Community Association Inc.

Message from the Chair

Isn't it lovely to see the blossom trees and wattles beginning to flower and bringing some cheer to this cold, wet winter? Let's hope that the strong wind we have been experiencing doesn't blow them away too soon. My favourite winter days are those that follow the frosty early mornings and the sun shines in a clear blue sky. The snow was a welcome treat for the children this year, with tiny snowmen appearing for a very short visit!

In this issue you will see that our suburb of Watson is growing with one development approved and three more in the preliminary planning stage. Updates are included in this newsletter, but please look out for public presentations on these proposals, which give everyone the opportunity to comment and question.

Your committee is always looking for articles for The Watzon - and help delivering it! Just send an email with details!

Liz Grace, Chair



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Next meeting

The next WCA Inc. meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 24 October 2016 at 7:30PM.**

Please contact the Secretary to confirm details closer to the time.

All welcome.

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.

Planning update

We are about to be inundated with more dwellings in north Watson. There are three major development notifications in the pipeline, all on Section 64 Watson:

110 dwellings between Prime 7 and Channel 10

There was no public briefing or drop-in session on the development between Prime 7 and Channel 10. The ACT Government has approved the development application. The WCA Inc. provided comments. Few changes were deemed to be required.

180 dwellings on the Carotel Motel site

The WCA Inc., North Canberra Community Council and residents surrounding the Carotel site were invited by letterbox invitation to a presentation on the Carotel site re-development on 25 July 2016. The re-development is pending development application which is anticipated in September 2016. Preliminary comments on the plan are welcome.

190 dwellings and three multi-floor complexes on the Channel 10 site

A drop in session to view and comment on the preliminary plans was held on 4 August 2016. A development application will follow. Total dwellings will depend on final approval.

The aggregated total re-development proposed so far in north Watson will increase the number of dwellings in Watson by approximately 15%. The important question to ask is:

Will there be a commensurate 15% increase in all of the community and other infrastructure required in order to host these new residents?

The WCA Inc. is lobbying the ACT Government to provide a comprehensive master plan for the suburb as a whole as soon as possible. Without a master plan, we will witness development in Watson without an overall vision for our suburb.

Local businesses and services

LUTON
Team McReynolds
Jenny, Michael & Mark

For all your real estate needs
please call your local residents
and Watson area specialists!

Jenny 0409 300 065
Michael 0419 688 034
Mark 0401 829 087
Office Dickson 6230 0005
Email jenny.mcreeynolds@luton.com.au



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Canberra music education school

Lessons with the following instruments offered: piano, singing, guitar, flute, cello, trombone & other instruments.

- Providing music education for over 15 years to the Canberra Community
- Canberra School of Music (ANU) and other prominent university trained teachers
 - All ages welcome, from beginners to experienced
- Preparation of all levels of practical and theory exams
- Teaching from Classical to Modern styles
- For students wanting to learn for fun, AMEB or other exams, performance or for school are welcome

\$33 per ½ hour lesson
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Or visit

www.canberramusicschool.com.au



Duncan's
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SERVICE
PTY LTD

Ph 6254 5678

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 recipe from the Rotary Club of Hall's "Capital Region Farmers Market Recipe Book".

This recipe is courtesy of Auddino's Produce (Leeton) who started at the Market in 2004, bringing a significant change to both their marketing and lifestyle. Mick Auddino says "we have great feedback from our customers on our products, and it is a rewarding feeling that all our hard work is appreciated".

Lemon Twists (makes 32 biscuits)

90g butter

1/2 cup castor sugar

2 eggs

2 tsps grated lemon or orange rind

1 cup plain flour

1/2 cup self raising flour

1. Preheat oven to 160^oC. Line baking tray with baking paper.
2. Beat butter and sugar till smooth and well combined. Separate one egg, reserve white for glazing. Beat in whole egg, egg yolk and lemon rind. Gradually stir in sifted flours until just combined. Form dough into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
3. Divide dough into 8 pieces and each piece into 4 pieces. Roll each on lightly-floured surface into 12cm rope. Bend in the middle; then twist one end tightly around the other, pinch ends together.
4. Place on baking tray, brush with lighted beaten reserved egg white. Bake in a moderately slow oven 10-12 minutes or until cooked.

Local businesses and services



WATSON

• **EFTPOS is available - no minimum expenditure required**

• **Free home delivery services**

Come in & experience the service for yourself.

Phone: 02 6255 6800

THE WATSON Takeaway

BIG BURGERS - BATTERED BREAM -
GOURMET PIZZAS - GREAT COFFEE -
LICENCED VENUE.

Catering available for office and events .

Trading Hours:

MONDAY – THURS 8.30AM – 8.30PM

FRIDAY 8.30AM – 9.30PM

SATURDAY 8.30AM – 8.30PM

(CLOSED SUNDAY)

Phone Order : 02 6241 1517

Shop 3, 5 Watson Place

Watson Shops ACT 2602

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 over the past years to decrease the effects of years of commercial use, and increase the component of indigenous species of flora and fauna in the Park.

It may be winter, but there is always work to do in the woodland – Justice Robert Hope Park.

- We are preparing for late winter and early spring planting. Holes have been dug and we are recycling wire mesh guards from previous plantings as well as cutting new mesh guards. We will be planting *Acacias*, *Bursarias* and a range of groundcover forbs and herbs throughout the park.
- Parks and Conservation will be treating the rabbit burrows, which were mapped by volunteers in the autumn. The extremely wet conditions have postponed rabbit treatment.
- Internal fence removal in the park will commence soon which will open up the park to more general use.

Please remember that Justice Robert Hope Park is a dog-on-leash area. The park is over-populated with kangaroos (more than one kangaroo per hectare) and they spook easily. Out of control dogs chasing kangaroos will lead to damage of our plantings and guards. Please walk slowly and carefully in our nature parks.

Members of the woodlands working group will be meeting with the ranger in charge later this month to discuss planting and infrastructure work programs.

If anyone has spare time to help in any way please contact Richard Larson (Convener) on 02 6241 3024.

Community and safety reminders

When delivering the Watson, the lack of locks on mailboxes raises concerns. So often boxes are overflowing and addressed letters from financial institutions, government agencies and private senders are readily accessible. In these days of identity theft, a lock is a small investment in security.

Please take care – the speed limit past schools is 40 kph during school hours; most other streets in Watson have a 50 kph speed limit; and Antill, Windeyer and Knox Streets and Stirling and Phillip Avenues have a 60 kph speed 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.

Watson's high fliers – our precious native birds

In the Autumn edition of the Watson we told you about the Regent Honeyeater – it was our first feature on the native birds we see in our Watson gardens and neighbouring bushland. We hope you enjoy learning about these beautiful birds.

The Swift Parrot

by Julie Smith

The endangered Swift Parrot, also known as the Red-faced or Red-shouldered Parrot, is found in dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands, suburban parks and gardens and flowering fruit trees. These birds breed only in Tasmania but have a regular annual migration pattern. Most move to the mainland for the winter, and in recent years have been observed in our area (March – May) feeding on the lerp of Yellow Box.

According to 'Birds in Backyards', the Swift Parrot is a slim, medium-sized parrot with a streamlined shape in flight, angular pointed wings and a long pointed purple-red tail. The body is mostly bright green, with a dark blue patch on the crown. Usual size is around 25cm. In flight, the Swift Parrot displays a spectacular bright green body, dark flight feathers and scarlet underwing coverts. In flight, they make a loud, metallic 'chit chit' repeated three or four times in succession, with soft chattering when feeding.



For more information see *Birds in Backyards* at <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/>.

Image: Swift Parrot – Hackett ACT
Photo: Stuart Harris www.canberrabirds.org.au

Want to help protect the Swift Parrot and other endangered species?

Woodlands Working Group

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.

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 \$1,500. Domestic Animal Services (DAS) are responsible for cat containment. If you see a roaming cat in a cat containment area contact DAS on 13 22 81. Further information can be found at http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city_services/pets/cats.

Local businesses and services and community notices



(Located next to the Watson Chemist)

Kitchen open:
8am to 2:30pm 7 days
5pm to 8:30pm Thurs, Fri and Sat

Open hours:
Mon - Wed 8am to 5pm
Thu – Sat 8am to 8:30pm
Sun 8am to 3pm

We have beautiful homemade gluten free cakes available 7 days per week

PRIVATE FUNCTION ROOM UPSTAIRS
SEATING UP TO 12 PEOPLE

For bookings, please ring
02 6255 69659



Poetry in Motion 2016

Celebrate the joys of poetry during National Poetry Week, and the wonder of train travel commencing with dinner and poetry in Sydney and ending with a festival in Canberra.

Poetry Dinner at 6:00 PM on Saturday, 3 September 2016 at Friend in Hand Hotel, Glebe.

Poets' Train on Sunday, 4 September 2016 departing Sydney at 12:08 PM and arriving Canberra at 4:25 PM.

Poetry Festival from 6 - 16 September 2016 at the University of Canberra.

Program and festival details are available at ipsi.org.au.

For details and to register please contact Fiona on 0427 088 149 or email fionamcilroy@bigpond.com.

Soldiers associated with Watson

In recent editions of the Watson we told the stories of soldiers associated with the suburb of Watson. The story of Private Cecil Read (below) is the last in the series. We hope you have enjoyed learning about these brave men.

2224 Private Cecil Read

Fate would dictate that some men had no chance of living up to the Anzac stereotype – the war service of Cecil Read was spectacularly short.

An 18 year old labourer from Sutton, Read enlisted in late January 1916 and was assigned to the 55th Battalion. Fortunately for Read, he did not embark from Australia until 4 September 1916, and therefore missed the savaging received by the 55th Battalion at the Battle of Fromelles on 19 July.

Read would never see active service, being disembarked at Durban in South Africa on 29 October 1916, seriously ill with pleurisy and a severe bacterial infection of the lungs. He recovered but was unfit for further service, embarking for Australia in February 1917 and receiving his discharge on 8 April 1917.

Read afterwards took up a soldier settlement block encompassing part of what is now Watson.

Local businesses and services

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment has rooms for hire.

Why not contact them about hiring rooms for your organisation?



Canberra Technology Park
49 Phillip Avenue
Watson ACT 2602

Contact details:
Phone: +61 2 6162 5131
Fax : +61 2 6207 3759



NOW OPEN FOR DINNER

Daniel has been a local of Watson his whole life, and brings his expertise to 'The Knox' - by locals, for locals. Offering brunch 7 days a week, family afternoon teas, a gourmet lunch and dinner menu and, of course, great coffee everyday.

NEW opening hours:

Monday - Wednesday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday – Saturday 7:30 to Late
Sunday: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

[https://www.facebook.com/
theknoxmadeinwatson/](https://www.facebook.com/theknoxmadeinwatson/)

Local businesses and services



Canberra Carotel Motel
Relatives coming to visit? Friends or family coming to Canberra for an event?

The Carotel Motel is an ideal place for them to stay. It has a wide variety of room styles that offer affordable, comfortable and convenient accommodation for their stay in Canberra.

Check us out online at
www.carotel.com.au or call us on
62411377.

Watson Pharmacy

Pharmacy hours:

Monday to Friday : 9am–6:00pm
Saturday: 9am–1pm

Licensed Post Office & Sub-Newsagency
A selection of affordable gifts & wrapping, greeting cards & stationery items available

Post office hours:

Monday–Friday: 9am–5:30pm

Watson Pharmacy is a Quality Care Accredited Pharmacy and a member of The Pharmacy Guild of Australia. We have many services on offer:

- Pain management
- Webster packs
- Health checks and advice
- Medication checks
- NDSS diabetes scheme

Come in and talk to a Pharmacist to find out WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU.

Phone: (02) 6241 1506



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.

Hints for your spring garden – with Cedric Bryant

- Spring time is feeding time. Water in new plants with Maxicrop *Seaweed Plant Nutrient* to encourage new root growth with a couple of follow up applications. For existing plants apply Neutrog *Seamungus*, a combination of seaweed and chook poo. These can be safely used for every plant in your garden and are both *certified organic* fertilizers.
- Trim Camellia sasanqua now they have finished flowering to encourage more shoots and flowers next season.
- Do not prune deciduous trees such as Silver Birch between the 1st September and the end of October as the wounds will 'bleed' profusely.
- Mulch all garden beds with *Canberra Organic Mulch* from Canberra Sand and Gravel (Vicars Street, Mitchell).
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs now available from your local garden centre.

Are you looking for garden advice?

Providing expert garden advice to Canberra gardeners for over forty years.

I can recommend the best plants for year round colour and interest.

A good garden adds value to your home.

**Call me now on 6241 8752 or
0418 620 424**

CEDRIC BRYANT
Horticultural Consultant

Garden Writer for Canberra
CityNews

**[Watson residents receive a
10% discount]**



Update on Mr Fluffy

As reported in the autumn edition of the Watson, there are 16 Mr Fluffy asbestos-affected homes in Watson. 11 are scheduled for demolition under the ACT Government's *Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme*.

With two demolitions completed, the remaining nine homes were scheduled for demolition between July-December 2016. However you may have noticed demolition activity in your neighbourhood in recent months. With Taskforce demolitions running ahead of schedule a number of demolitions in Watson slated for later this year have already been completed.

Further information is available at <http://www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/>.

Watson property prices guide

Ever wondered about house prices in Watson?

We've compiled a list of Watson sale prices for the period 1 April – 30 June 2016 for you.

Date	Address	Price =	Type
25/06/2016	9 Roma Mitchell Crescent	\$1,141,000	House
04/04/2016	6 Higinbotham Street	\$900,000	House
08/06/2016	32 Mary Kitson	\$770,000	House
05/05/2016	57 Irvine Street	\$755,000	House
15/04/2016	16 Woolcock Street	\$745,000	House
04/05/2016	16 Bettie McNeer Street	\$737,000	House
21/04/2016	3 Stow Place	\$717,000	House
27/04/2016	23 Kerferd Street	\$704,230	House
28/06/2016	81 Piddington Street	\$673,000	House
06/04/2016	20 Molesworth Street	\$657,500	House
28/05/2016	28 Higinbotham Street	\$651,000	House
15/04/2016	26 A'beckett Street	\$650,000	House
21/05/2016	29 Blair Street	\$642,000	House
07/04/2016	13/215 Aspinall Street	\$612,000	House
02/05/2016	88/215 Aspinall Street	\$600,000	Townhouse
22/06/2016	44/215 Aspinall Street	\$560,000	Townhouse
03/06/2016	14 Tay Street	\$440,000	House
30/06/2016	40 Tay Street	\$400,000	House
03/06/2016	171/395 Antill Street	\$389,500	Apartment
16/06/2016	40/15 Aspinall Street	\$367,500	Apartment
25/05/2016	42/15 Aspinall Street	\$322,000	Apartment
26/05/2016	53/21 Aspinall Street	\$315,000	Apartment
08/06/2016	11/115 Knox Street	\$235,000	Apartment

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

