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OVERVIEW

ACT PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM

We are improving our planning and building systems to help shape Canberra's future as our city continues to grow.

Canberra's population is growing by approximately 8,000 per year as more people choose to live here. With this growth, 100,000 new homes will need to be built in the next 25 years and most of these will be in existing urban areas.

Our city needs a planning system that can facilitate this growth without compromising the characteristics of the city that its residents value. Importantly, it needs a planning system that can deliver on the long-term vision for Canberra to be a city that is liveable, sustainable, resilient, and diverse.

The ACT Planning System Review and Reform project (the project) is considering how to best deliver an improved planning system which achieves our shared vision for Canberra.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

In February 2020 we ran six workshops (2.5 hours each) to **capture the character** of eight areas: Belconnen, Inner North, Inner South, Woden Valley, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong, Molonglo and Weston Creek.

The workshops were held on Saturday 15 February and Sunday 16 February, beginning with Belconnen and ending with Weston Creek and Molonglo. All workshops were held at CIT Reid. A workshop schedule is at [Attachment A](#).

Asking the community to identify the unique characteristics of their local areas is an important part of the project and will help EPSDD to develop more detailed planning at local levels.

Participants were primarily drawn from the 1000 Canberran's who completed the [Places and Spaces survey](#) ('the Survey') in October 2019. 400 respondents to the Survey said they were interested in future conversations and were invited to provide an expression of interest to participate in these workshops. Of those who were interested, participants were selected from each area which included a mix of individuals representing different demographics.

Participants received a \$100 gift voucher in recognition of their time, effort and contribution.

"A good opportunity to voice your concerns and desires about the way you want your suburbs to look. You have an opportunity to make real changes. You are very unlikely to get this opportunity in any other Australian city."

Workshop participant

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document is a summary of the workshop discussions, drawing on the notes taken by an independent notetaker, participants comments, drawings and photographs, and high-level ideas scribed in group discussions.

The characteristics of each of the eight areas have been captured. Direct but unattributed quotes from, and drawings by, participants are included, to illustrate a point.

This summary will be used by EPSDD to help inform the next stage of the ACT Planning System Review and Reform project.

This document is not a report and does not make recommendations. Participants comments have not been themed or analysed. Every effort has been made to accurately capture what participants said, wrote and drew.

This summary will be posted on the [YourSay website](#) and the link will be sent to all workshop participants.

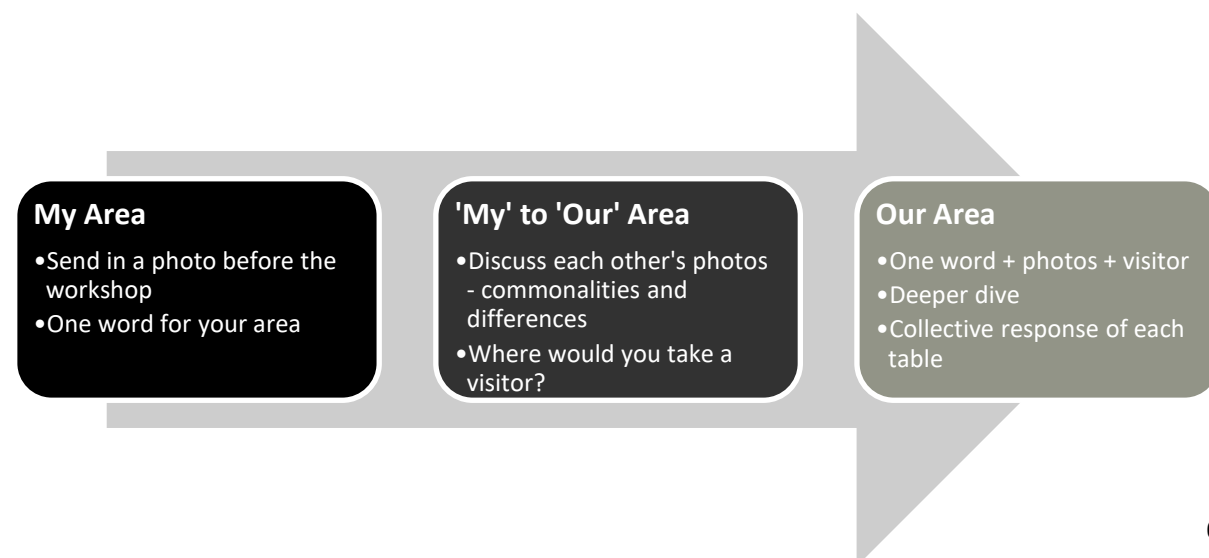
This document was compiled by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), an independent notetaker and Jacinta Cubis, the independent workshop facilitator.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

Purpose: To capture the character of your area.

Promise to participants: EPSDD will listen to what you say and consider your work, ideas and views as we develop the new planning system. If we cannot include your work, we will tell you why when the next phase of the project is completed in 2021.

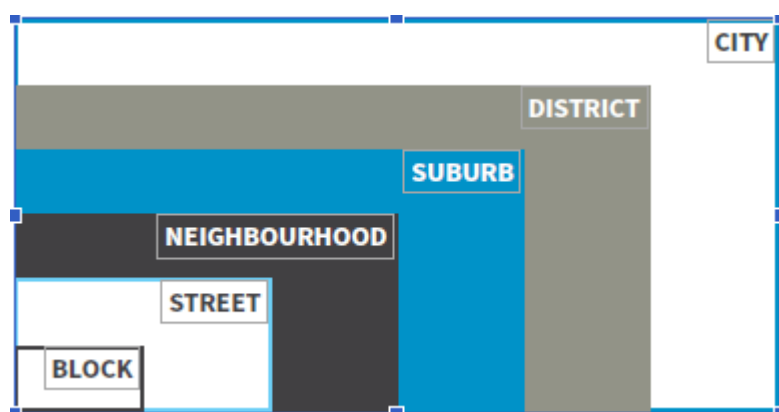
Workshops were 2.5 hours duration and were designed to capture an individual's view ('my area') through to a collective view ('our area'). Participants moved from an initial 'word' for their area right through to a deeper dive on what makes it different, what they enjoy and want to maintain, how they see the character changing and what do they imagine it will look like in the future. This is illustrated below:



Workshops did not aim to achieve consensus from all participants at each workshop. Rather, small groups in each workshop reached agreement on some aspects of the character of their area and these are captured below.

Participants were invited to keep their focus on the local area, which incorporates neighbourhood, suburb and district, as shown in Figure 2. EPSDD planners were available to answer people's questions about their block or street.

Figure 2



WORKSHOP AGENDA

The workshops followed the below format:

- Welcome, purpose and what we will do
- A word: introductions
- A sense: photographs
- **A discussion in small groups:**
imagine you were showing a visitor
around your area....
- **Deeper discussion in small groups:**
about our (area)
- Next steps
- Evaluation

The notes collected in the following section of the report detail the two discussion sessions, where participants used the information captured and shared in the prior sessions to inform their conversations.



NOTES FROM DISCUSSIONS

BELCONNEN

Three collective responses were provided by three groups. Note that each group did not necessarily respond to each question and the dot points are a collation of the overall responses (therefore the number of dot points is not indicative of the number of group responses).

Word Summation

Liveable: welcoming, diverse, bushy, great views, green.

‘Leafspacious’

What makes Belconnen different from other areas?

- Lake Ginninderra.
- Nature is part of the suburbs, e.g. gum trees, parks.
- Established.
- Established: larger blocks, infrastructure. It’s like a mini city – has a coherence and you don’t have to leave Belconnen for much.
- Established: wide streets and street trees.
- Generous blocks.
- Lake Ginninderra and the Creek.
- Nature reserves.

What we who live in Belconnen enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Vistas.
- The lake.
- Treescapes.
- The lake.
- Open and spacious bush/nature.
- Physical play spaces (Develop barren spaces and infill).
- Visible local shops. Keep the variety that is Belconnen so that we don’t have to leave the area.
- Keep the market, cultural diversity and fresh produce.
- Lake Ginninderra: Parking access.
- Native vegetation.
- Open green spaces and vistas.

How do we see the character of Belconnen changing in the future?

- Urbanisation of town and group centres, but hopefully with more thought about the environment and aesthetics.
- Degradation of the above. Traffic congestion. (How could it change for the better?) EPSDD uses proper planning processes, including ‘Citizen Vote’, instead of ‘Developer’s \$\$ Vote’.

- Better public transport: fast and frequent to the rest of the ACT (tram/express).
- Sustainable development: lower energy needs, improve building codes and development requirements (don't face west).
- Local jobs.

In five to 10 years, we imagine Belconnen will look and feel like...

- Not as nice as it is now.
- We expect development will cause a lack of amenity.
- Low rise development with connective community space.
- More high-density accommodation, but hopefully with more thought about environment and aesthetics.
- Planned density: open spaces, leaves, trees, large developments and small blocks.

"No greenery. I don't find those buildings inspiring, not like the Nishi building, but there's a role they play and unfortunately in Belconnen while they play a role, I agree they are not inspiring."

Workshop participant



INNER NORTH

Three collective responses were provided by three groups. Note that each group did not necessarily respond to each question and the dot points are a collation of the overall responses (therefore the number of dot points is not indicative of the number of group responses).

Word Summation

Green.

Heritage.

Engaged and civic minded.

Population and community alive and active.

What makes the Inner North different from other areas?

- Light rail. Progressive community. Close and far from the bustle.
- Proximity. Accessibility. Cyclability. Shade and living environment. Walkable suburb.
- Light rail. Close to Civic/ANU. 'Bustling': pedestrian, cycling, street life. Good 'Healthy' local shops.

What we of the Inner North enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Green space. Balance of density and greenspace.
- Trees/parkland – maintain green space and parklands to be usable and enjoyable: no dirt and need to touch and feel nature.
- Liveable city. Maintaining density.
- Mix of housing types (dense/less dense). Well planned and executed.
- Greenery on many scales: blocks, streets, community gardens, parks, wetlands, etc.

How do we see the character of the Inner North changing in the future?

- Public spaces.
- Better building standards: particularly sustainable/energy efficient and adapted for climate change.
- More density: people not prepared for increased density and losing everything that makes it good, like its character and feel.
- Maintaining its enriched culture and character.
- Better stormwater and grey water management. Maintenance of facades. More diversity of services and population. Encouraging renewables for every apartment block. Protection of trees. Or: Loss of diversity. Transience. A drier place. Poor quality rental housing.

In five to 10 years, we imagine the Inner North will look and feel like...

- Accessible housing prices and designs. Engagement in public space. Being outside is enjoyable.

- Or: Smokey and sad. Locked inside. No trees. More homelessness. Outpriced. Loss of a sense of belonging and history.

Summing up, Inner North is...

- Community; knowing neighbours.
- Enjoying life choices.
- Full of opportunities and potential. Growth. Convenient.

“...We all liked that it's very connected, and we're worried about it becoming denser in Lyneham, Braddon and Turner. On the Northbourne Ave corridor they're adding heaps of apartments which is a worry. It's reducing nature strips, and Haig Park...”

Workshop participant



INNER SOUTH

One collective response was provided by one group. Note that the dot points are a collation of the overall responses (therefore the number of dot points is not indicative of the number of group responses).

Word Summation

Transitioning.

Vibrant.

Character.

Community.

Birds.

What makes the Inner South different from other areas?

- A mix of types of dwellings, old and new.
- Close to the lake and established trees and green spaces.

What we of the Inner South enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Green spaces (parks, established trees).
- Heritage (homes and buildings, local history).
- Vibrant local businesses (restaurants, gyms, shops).

How do we see the character of the Inner South changing in the future?

- Consistent legislation (particularly for mixed use buildings with homes and businesses).
- Regulation of building design for maintenance.
- Regulation of the control of apartments etc. (e.g. Air BnB).

In five to 10 years, we imagine the Inner South will look and feel like...

- Increased population.
- Older homes and buildings being demolished and having oversight of the balance of old and new.
- More apartments and less single dwellings, and more investment in our shared spaces and kept local (e.g. volunteers).

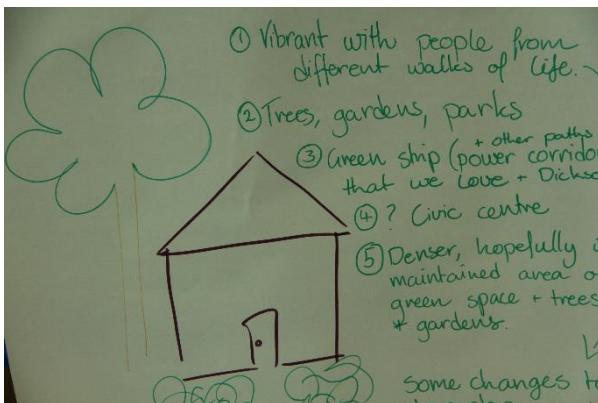
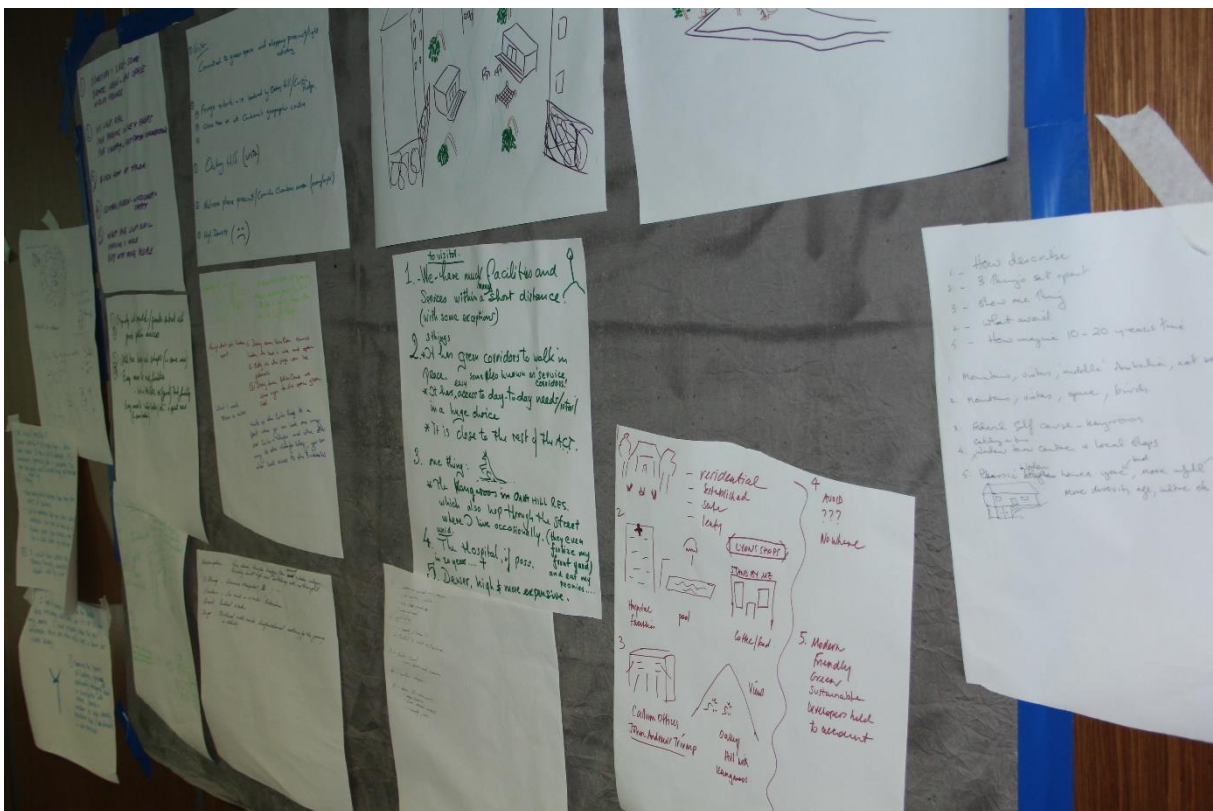
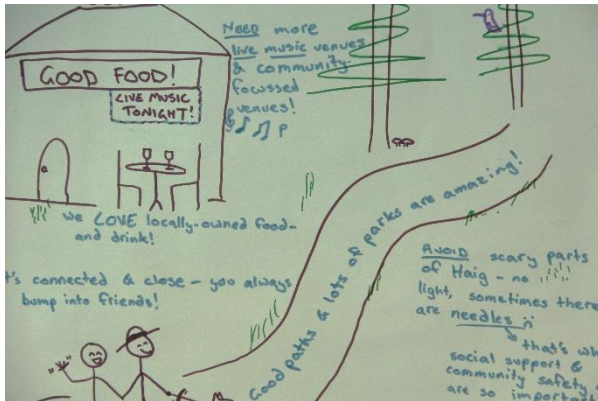
Summing up, Inner South is...

- Liveable, vibrant and an enjoyable mix of old and new.

"We agreed that if you are in medium density apartment, it's lovely to leave and walk down streets with gardens. Having some choice, places that cater for different income levels and having access to nature. Access to parks in Yarralumla."

Workshop participant

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WODEN VALLEY

Four collective responses were provided by four groups. Note that each group did not necessarily respond to each question and the dot points are a collation of the overall responses (therefore the number of dot points is not indicative of the number of group responses).

Word Summation

Potential. Peaceful. Amenities. Convenient.

Biodiverse. Green spaces. Domestic scale. BUT is Woden really only the town centre?
Disconnected – links to suburbs are limited.

Potential, opportunity.

What makes Woden different from other areas?

- No cultural amenities (arts, theatres, etc.). Bleak town centre.
- Central – wealth and poverty, divergent areas. Housing mix; low, medium and high. We are an established area that has not yet been activated and rejuvenated/enthused.
- Central – a remote town centre, but convenient. Compact – amenities close together compared to Tuggeranong and Belconnen and the awful place up north. Easier for pedestrian/bike circulation.
- Geographic centre of Canberra from which other parts of the city are easily accessible. Nature, wildlife. The ridgeline profile, hills, vistas.

What we of Woden enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Green streetscapes and walking paths/bike paths. Public art. Convenient access to other parts of Canberra. Public access to hills and large green spaces. Quirky character.
- Green spaces. Mix of types of residences (houses, apartments etc).
- Compact centralised character: keep the existing modest footprint of the building, replace the outdated bitumen carparks with multi storey parking and lots of new green space/landscaping and pedestrian precincts.
- Open space, bush, wildlife, birds, diversity. Density not too high. Vista; especially the mountains. Centrality.
- Existing facilities e.g. pool, basketball courts, cycle paths. Nature reserves e.g. Mt Taylor, Farrer Ridge.

How do we see the character of Woden changing in the future?

- We don't want to lose our community pool.
- Need for genuine local involvement in governance – a town council with funding and powers. Stronger Arts and cultural facilities. Well-connected bike and footpaths (They are not the same!) Well designed urban infill.
- Busier – we want to see amenities keep up with this to make it a good thing not a bad thing. Housing becoming more dense.

- Population increase. Plan for affordable housing (and plans to help people have secure housing to avoid transience). Younger? More families? Share housing?

In 5 to 10 years, we imagine Woden will look and feel like...

- A diverse community that is connected with, and beyond, Woden.
- Sustainably developed with amenities (pools, parks, library, walk-in centre, public transport, footpaths, waste sewage services) to meet demand and green space preserved and increased, with less bitumen parking and more facilities for pedestrians (SHOULD BE VERY GREEN).
- Good residential design covering a wide range of options: single and families, DINK, retired, aged care. Better connections within suburbs. Upgraded community facilities (sports, arts, pool etc). Light rail. Retain green spaces, vista and biodiversity. More jobs in the Woden Town Centre.
- We hope that Woden will offer a vibrant array of events and activations (e.g. festivals, art shows, sporting events etc.) that will bring Canberra to Woden. Offer lots of community gathering places e.g. rejuvenated shops that bring people together.

Summing up, Woden is...

- Ready for rejuvenation (rejuvenating facilities: pool, sporting facilities etc).
- Great potential...but is there commitment?

"I want Woden to remain the centre of Canberra, green and in conversation with nature, speaking to the natural environment and ensuring the environment is in concert with it. Diverse population spread through medium and high-density population that is vibrant and well purposed."

Workshop participant



GUNG AHLIN

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Word Summation

Community.

Modern.

Lacking character. Untapped potential. (How will we build character?) Sustainable greenery, gardens, street art, connectivity, diversity of shops, expressions of multiculturalism.

What makes Gungahlin different from other areas?

- A young and strong community.
- LIKE: Modern, ongoing development with potential. DISLIKE: Poor road planning due to cost-cutting. Narrow roads. One lane arterial roads into Gungahlin.
- Better access to the city via the tram. Parklands and open space.
- Hubs in each suburb/easy transport links (bike, walk, car, bus). Cat-free suburbs. Varied architecture (*is it the variety that's important?*). Forde: modern and quirky. Crace: an interesting variety of styles; townhouses vs single occupancy blocks. Casey: Variety.

What is it that we who live in Gungahlin enjoy or want to maintain about the district?

- Bush. Parklands (*is this different from parks?*). Parks are small, parklands are big, long pathways, trees, water, wildlife. Add more water bodies and open space.
- Suburban parklands (*are parklands different to parks?*). The mixture of urban and nature.
- Bush. Nature reserve.
- Open spaces. A sense of community. In the Gold Creek area, galleries, shops and historical areas are maintained.

How do we see the character of Gungahlin changing in the future?

- More activities and facilities for young people will be needed (*what 'facilities'?*). Ovals, youth clubs, a skate park. Cultural and sporting facilities, a theatre, galleries, markets. More seating areas for relaxing in the Gungahlin centre and suburban hubs. As the population is ageing, there'll be extra needs.
- Less car congestion. More crime. A mini city – high rise buildings, high density. From bad to worse unless planning is changed and community is engaged.

In five to 10 years, we imagine Gungahlin will look and feel like...

- More vibrant but more congested.
- A bigger, busier copy of the same.

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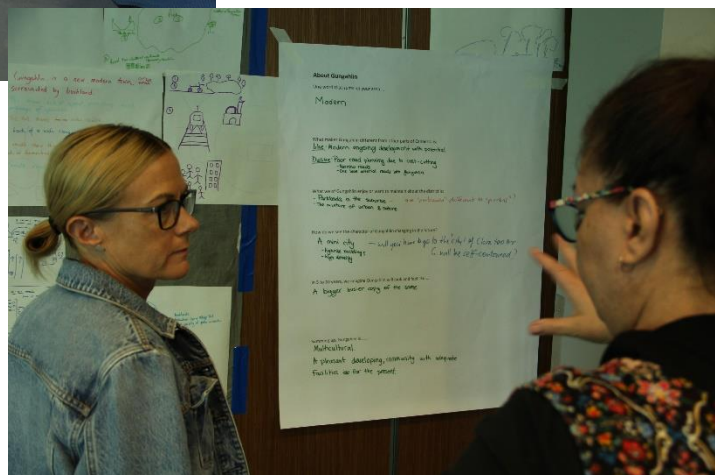
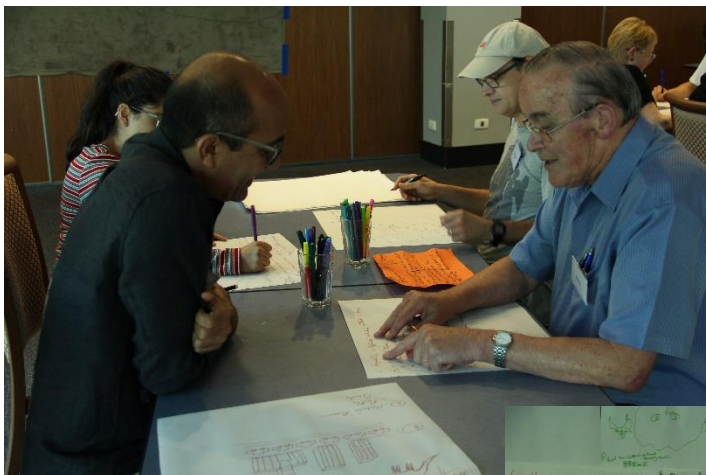
- A developed, self-sustaining town centre with more facilities: cinema, farmers' market, hospital, emergency services, boutique stores. Its own city with jobs created so people don't have to shuttle to Civic. (*What sort of employers?*). Public service, large employers to trigger the growth of smaller businesses.
- Self-sufficient facilities, cinemas and general activities and nightlife. Roads and traffic flow working well. Public transport adequate and sufficient for all. More cultural events.

Summing up, Gungahlin is...

- Vibrant and happy. Feeling like a communal village. Accessible.
- Growing.
- Multicultural. A pleasant, developing community with adequate facilities for the present.
- Full of potential.

"(We need) more schools. We need to plan now and that's what is missing in Gungahlin. It has always been catchup in Gungahlin"
Workshop participant

"...there's not enough to do at night. You have to leave Gungahlin for culture."
Workshop participant



TUGGERANONG

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Word Summation

Well designed (keeps NCDC original feel) 'Bush Capital' that is amenable. (What do you mean by amenable?) Access to amenities and amenity friendly.

Liveable, homely and natural city.

It's a valley.

What makes Tuggeranong different from other areas?

- Public view: The poor cousin down south. (*In what way? How?*) A neglected region.
- Private view: Relaxed, open, uncongested and beautiful. Immediate access to the outdoors; included in the broader ACT region.
- Lack of congestion and free flowing (*for who? Cars? Bikes? Pedestrians?*) Mainly cars, but all of these.
- Happy medium of old Canberra space and modern living. (*What's the difference between these?*) Block size, street width, deciduous tree cover i.e. sustainable.
- A bit removed from the city; has more of a country town feel.
- We live in properties with full sized backyards, wide planned roads, minimal road congestion, great connection to other areas. Eucalypts, wide open spaces, mixed with urban areas.

What we who live in Tuggeranong enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Bush atmosphere, free parking at local shops, actually having local shops.
- Modern facilities, lots of 'life needs' facilities: doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, psychologists etc.
- Nature, open spaces e.g. The Pines – develop new areas and new amenities and maintain areas and the natural aesthetic. (*Which ones?*)
- Bike paths, walkways, connections.
- Infrastructure that invites us and supports us to be in multiple spaces outdoors. (*What are some examples?*) Walking tracks and picnic places.

How do we see the character of Tuggeranong changing in the future?

- The sense of community strengthened and matured. (*How would you achieve this?*) Markets, urban renewal, alfresco dining, shared community spaces, picnic tables, better walking and bike tracks, community events and festivals, use suburbans spaces for big events.
- Maintaining the lovely character. (*What is it?*)
- Not overdeveloping (e.g. not so many two- storey complexes).
- More cosmopolitan.

- We don't want change. We do dread the belief that Tuggeranong is being forgotten and neglected. It is becoming more hipster (OK). Do not sell off the carparks at local centres. Improve the landscape without disrupting the NCDC original plan.
- Renovate, do not replace. Have rules around knockdown-rebuild regulations so we don't get mixed density like Inner Canberra.

In five to 10 years, we imagine Tuggeranong will look and feel like...

- We fear crowded high-density housing and don't want it! Ability to move quickly and freely between all regions using a variety of modes of transport. Effective traffic light sequencing on Drakeford Drive to be developed, maintained and restored. Increase the police presence – a sense of security/safety. More community feel development.
- Rejuvenated (shopping centres more cosmopolitan, better maintained: no holes/cracks etc) and more of the same. More connection with open spaces. Social.
- Connection between community, nature and the rest of Canberra with public transport, events in Tuggeranong to attract people from around Canberra, like fireworks at Lake Tuggeranong instead of at Lake Burley Griffin.

Summing up, Tuggeranong is...

- Currently a bit forgotten. Hopefully, a lovely community.
- One of Canberra's great surprises.
- Has the right amount of good roundabouts.
- Needs investment i.e. more cosmopolitan shopping centres, better maintained: no holes/cracks etc.
- A part of 'sustainable': it is vital to develop community events and community connections that encourage people to stay in the area.

"It does seem to come up a lot, a great desire for people to have great community and engagement with each other but stuck on how to make it happen. Having an alfresco café near a shopping centre so you see people you know and say hi, those public shared spaces are what we need."

Workshop participant

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WESTON CREEK

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Word Summation

Diverse population.

Liveable. Open and accepting of diversity, an inclusive community.

Spacious liveability.

What makes Weston Creek different from other areas?

- Access to green space.
- Central location; ease of access. Great facilities; health, lifestyle etc.
- Green edge of urban Canberra. Village feel (a compact district with a group of suburbs, whole community involvement in Halloween, Christmas, community spirit after the fires). Central location convenient to all.

What we who live in Weston Creek enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Open spaces. Linkages between suburbs.
- Natural environment. Community facilities and interaction: gyms, schools, sports, medical and community groups. Low density housing with gardens and trees.
- The community feel mentioned above, plus maintenance of the established green, ordered streetscape.

How do we see the character of Weston Creek changing in the future?

- Urban infill. Demographics of different generations.
- More people more densely packed, with fewer private spaces (gardens) and more community spaces (playgrounds).
- We don't want to change the characteristics of Weston Creek.

In five to 10 years, we imagine Weston Creek will look and feel like...

- Built out with high density. Ageing population.
- Younger demographics. Looks very similar to the existing environment. No further high-density development.
- We value the character we enjoy now and would like to see the area stay as close to this as possible.

Summing up, Weston Creek is...

- Neglected, but a great place to live.

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- All four group members are from different suburbs and agree that Weston Creek is awesome living in a central and convenient location, with excellent facilities and great spaces.
- Fantastic.

"A lovely place to live; great community, not too big and not too small. A real sense of belonging within the community."

Workshop participant

"On the urban fringe. Very little change over the years; becoming neglected and overlooked."

Workshop participant

"We want the best of both worlds, nature and shops."

Workshop participant



MOLONGLO VALLEY

Three collective responses were provided by three groups. Note that each group did not necessarily respond to each question and the dot points are a collation of the overall responses (therefore the number of dot points is not indicative of the number of group responses).

Word Summation

Diversity. Developing.

Developing community.

What makes Molonglo different from other areas?

- Modern style/planned. Access to nature.
- Higher density, more urban. Central; close to multiple town centres and to nature. Multicultural.

What we who live in Molonglo enjoy or want to maintain about the district is:

- Neighbourhood feeling; knowing the neighbours. Nature!
- Access to the natural environment. A feeling of safety (well-lit, engaged neighbours, sense of community, clean and well-maintained). Good cycling infrastructure.

How do we see the character of Molonglo changing in the future?

- Stronger trees; tree canopy to make the climate secure and environmentally friendly. Community spirit; activities and businesses to engage the community. More expensive housing; quality improved. Older residents.
- Space for commercial shops. A plan for liveability.
- Greater sense of community as long as there is proper infrastructure: shops, schools etc. We'll be a destination, but not the end of the earth. If landscaping/amenities are not maintained it will look decrepit and the community will suffer.

In five to 10 years, we imagine Molonglo will look and feel like...

- More settled and with less ongoing construction. Still modern feel, unlike the Inner South. Larger voice for larger population. Much better public transport and bike routes off road and footpaths.
- Shady, vibrant retail and hospitality, more transport infrastructure (roads, cycling, walking), established community gardens.

Summing up, Molonglo is...

- Lots of people in a small place which comes with lots of potential and excitement. A great place to live!
- Fragile; at a crossroads.

"We have nature and nice new houses and young families but nothing to do there, so we have to drive elsewhere to do things."

Workshop participant

FEEDBACK

Participants were asked to respond to the question: *What will you tell your family, neighbour or a friend about today?*

A selection of responses is provided from each workshop below.

"Thanks, great to be a part of it. I'm optimistically hoping this will translate into some change in the difficult planning process. I will talk about it a lot within my neighbourhood and Belco community."

"I had an opportunity to share my thoughts on Belconnen – what it's like and where it's going. The planning guys seemed genuinely interested to know."

"Good start, nice to be able to focus on the things we like. I hope you will retain the characteristics we like to do further development and not see it as a confirmation that we are happy with what is there – retain nice aspects."

"I will say that I spent a couple of interesting hours talking about planning. I enjoyed it a lot but I wonder if it will make much difference. Developers always seem to get exactly what they want."

"Advocated for more greenery in high density developments, and protection of existing green spaces in and around Lake Ginninderra and along Ginninderra Creek."

"Best intentions but after being involved in another such elaborate plan that was not enacted, I am sceptical that it will be implemented. Politics will force paralysis. However, if there is a place in Australia that can, it is Canberra!"

"Attended a workshop to talk about my views on the character of my local area and what we want to preserve as things change."

"A very interesting workshop that I felt was a useful exercise for ACT Planning. I was supported in my opinions and heard different points of view about things that I had not considered."

"Talking about the challenges and opportunities for Canberra to provide input into government planning for the Territory."

"I've been valued by government today! Love *Yoursay!* I've contributed to an important policy discussion."

"Most people interested in green spaces. They were worried about increasing density and issues associated with taller buildings."

“A good opportunity to have a say about how I would like to see Woden develop into the future. I am a bit concerned that the group was not particularly representative of people who would live or would like to live in Woden.”

“Planning is not easy, but I enjoy listening to other views.”

“Had a chance to influence decision making about planning in the Tuggeranong area.”

“Good discussion of macro issues – Woden-wide for future planning. A nice slice through from a number of perspectives. Good to hear common issues and concerns – hope to see government take them into account.”

“Interesting but very inconclusive...no idea if it will have any influence on what actually happens.”

“Attended a great forum on having my ‘say’ about Gungahlin. I was able to provide my input but also learnt about new facilities that I didn’t know already existed in Gungahlin.”

“I am enthused about the direction Canberra is moving into with these workshops. Excited that the government is interested in community opinions. Appreciate the professionalism of the team, thanks!”

“We were a group of four and we had robust discussions on the good and bad about Gungahlin plus its future potential.”

“The workshop was very engaging and a good use of time. I feel like my views and opinions on the future of Gungahlin have been listened to. I feel optimistic about the future of my home.”

“Attended a meeting to discuss our views of what Tuggeranong is, and what we want for its future. What is its essence and where do we want Tuggeranong to be in future.”

“Sign up or volunteer to do every single one of these that you see...Too many times I heard ‘we don’t want new people to share Tuggeranong’ or expressing the need for things that will be inaccessible to younger and future generations. Please seek out young families, students and differently abled people who will live here longer than 10 to 15 years.”

“I had fun seeing what everyone said. It’d be nicer if it was in Tuggeranong instead of in the city though.”

“Singing the praises of Tuggeranong and informing local government that genuinely wants to hear from its citizens. Thank you for asking for input.”

“There was a lot of commonality in the groups although Molonglo ‘people’ have different perspectives to Weston Creek ‘people’. All wanted green spaces and the natural environment to be maintained.”

“Government has decided to listen at last. They may not implement the ideas but it’s a good start.”

“It was an interesting afternoon with discussions from different perspectives...even if the majority were of an older generation. It would have been good to have some more diversity in age. But...a productive meeting.”

“Went to a workshop on ACT Planning and had a chance to speak about Weston Creek’s future. It was a very friendly and useful exercise. I just hope something positive results.”

“Interesting workshopping and brainstorming. However, I have been to these kind of things before and nothing came out of them in terms of government action.”

NEXT STEPS



ATTACHMENT A: WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Area	Date and time	Number of participants
Belconnen	15 February 8.30 – 11am	13
Inner North	15 February 12 – 2.30pm	20
Inner South		
Woden Valley	15 February 3.30 – 6pm	19
Gungahlin	16 February 8.30 – 11am	16
Tuggeranong	16 February 12 – 2.30pm	13
Molonglo	16 February 3.30 – 6pm	21
Weston Creek		



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