

Molonglo Valley

Key features of the district



Transport and movement infrastructure and services

- The extension of John Gorton Drive will replace Coppins Crossing with a bridge over the Molonglo River. The bridge will connect the north and south parts of the district.
- There is a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Molonglo River.
- There are rapid bus services to Civic and a park-and-ride facility at Coombs.
- A light rail route is proposed along John Gorton Drive to Civic and Woden town centre.
- There is major road infrastructure planning in the future, including the Bindubi Street extension near Wright and the east-west extension from Molonglo Valley to Tuggeranong Parkway.

Description

- The district was established c.2012.
- Molonglo Valley is the newest district and community in Canberra.
- There are the following suburbs in the Molonglo Valley district: Coombs, Denman Prospect, Molonglo, Sulman, Whitlam and Wright.
- Further suburbs will be added in future in the north and eastern parts of the district.

Urban intensification and infill opportunities

- This is a new district.
- There is an urban intensification area at the proposed main commercial centre in the suburb of Molonglo. The centre has not yet been developed, but will be located in an elevated part of the district overlooking the Molonglo River.
- There are remaining greenfield areas in the district north and east of the Molonglo River that will be developed for future suburbs and centres.

Community and recreation facilities

- There is a P-6 school in Coombs.
- A P-6 school in Denman Prospect is scheduled to be open this year.
- A 7-10 school in Denman Prospect is scheduled for opening in 2023.
- There is a future school site in Whitlam and Wright.
- There is a leisure centre with gym facilities, health club, creche and pools at Mt Stromlo.

Centres and employment clusters

- The main commercial centre for the district will be located in the suburb of Molonglo.
- There will be a large group centre in the north of the district.
- There are shops at Denman Prospect.
- There is a health hub open in Coombs. A walk-in health centre was announced for Coombs in the last budget. The shops at the local centre at Coombs are currently vacant.
- There is new commercial development proposed for Wright on the mixed-use sites.
- There are currently limited places to work in the district. A large commercial centre will be built in the suburb of Molonglo in the coming years and will provide employment opportunities. Other smaller local centres will also be developed.



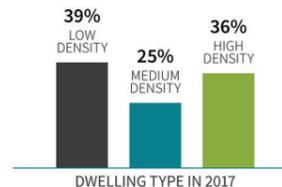
 **5,847**
PEOPLE IN 2017
(1.43% OF ACT SHARE)

 **51,400**
PEOPLE BY 2041
(8.73% OF ACT SHARE)

 **30**
MEDIAN AGE
(2016 CENSUS)

 **342**
EMPLOYMENT
(0.15% OF ACT SHARE)

MOLONGLO VALLEY



2.5
PER HOUSEHOLD
(2016 CENSUS)

1.2%
PRIVATE DWELLINGS
(URBAN SHARE)

13.3%
TREE CANOPY
(ACT VEGETATION OVER 3M)

Government commitments

from Parliamentary and Government Agreement 10th Legislative Assembly

- Develop the Molonglo Commercial Centre as an **all-electric commercial centre** (no new connections to gas mains network, but allow transition gas arrangements such as tanks), in partnership with expert stakeholders, and use lessons from this project to assist the phase out of fossil-fuel gas in the ACT, and demonstrate national best practice. (Appendix 1, 1.vi.)
- Legislate to **prevent new gas mains network connections** to future stages of greenfield residential development in the ACT in 2021-22. Future stages of Whitlam will be all-electric. (Appendix 1, 1.vii.)
- Build a **new local walk-in health centre** in Molonglo between 2021-22 and the middle of the decade, offering accessible public health care. (Appendix 3, 2.4)
- Finalise construction of a **new public primary school** in Molonglo, to be ready for students for the 2021 school year, with a co-located high school to open in 2023. (Appendix 3, 3.2)



Housing and other buildings

- Houses and commercial buildings in the district are relatively new.



Natural environment

- The Molonglo River corridor runs north-south through the district.
- There are matters of national environmental significance in the district such as the pink-tailed worm lizard along the Molonglo River corridor.
- Mount Stromlo and the Molonglo River corridor are natural features of the district.
- The National Arboretum, Karma Nature Reserve, Stromlo Forest Park, Mount Painter Nature Reserve, and National Zoo and Aquarium are adjacent to the district.