

Following is some general information about the Gungahlin and Mitchell Voter's Action (GAMVA) group.

The purpose of GAMVA is:

To promote issues of importance to the Gungahlin and Mitchell region; by encouraging political parties to develop election policies that are responsive to the region's needs. GAMVA will actively support candidates who demonstrate sustainable commitment to the Gungahlin and Mitchell community.

The objective of the GAMVA group is:

To inform voters and make recommendations to the local community, in a manner which enables them to elect members of government that can demonstrate genuine and sustainable commitment in addressing the needs and issues of the Gungahlin and Mitchell region.

GAMVA membership qualifications

Membership of GAMVA shall be restricted to any person who supports the purpose and objective of the group. *Note: GAMVA will not discourage membership by younger members of the community. Persons under the age of 16 will require written agreement from their parent or caregiver (to join GAMVA).*

Public representation of the GAMVA group:

Only authorised persons may speak on behalf of the group. The following conditions are a requirement for persons representing the group:

- ◆ The person must give an undertaking that they will not stand as an election candidate (ACT or Federal) prior to, or during the ACT 2004 election
- ◆ The person must give an undertaking that they will not speak on behalf of; or represent any political party or candidate (ACT or Federal) prior to, or during the ACT 2004 election
- ◆ The person must give an undertaking that they will not hold an "Office Bearer" position in any political party (ACT or Federal) prior to, or during the ACT 2004 election
- ◆ Where appropriate, the person must clearly state that they are commenting on behalf of GAMVA and not on behalf of any political party or election candidate
- ◆ The person must endeavour to provide information to the public in a manner that is fair, truthful, accurate, understandable and reflecting the group's core purpose and objectives.

Clarification: Although there are many issues that are common to all ACT districts, GAMVA's particular focus is related to matters affecting the Gungahlin and Mitchell district; persons representing GAMVA should focus their comments to reflect the best interests of the Gungahlin and Mitchell community.

Treatment of election candidates and political parties:

GAMVA will treat all election candidates and political parties fairly. The group is willing to provide information, in an effort to assist any political party and/ or election candidate, to develop election policies that are in the best interests of the Gungahlin and Mitchell community.

Assessment of election candidates and political parties:

GAMVA will work towards developing a "surveying, recording and comparison systems" in an effort to assess election candidates and political parties. This information will be used to compare candidate's sustainable commitment to the Gungahlin and Mitchell community; in an effort to focus the voting power of a district that is split over two electorates (Molongo and Ginninderra).

Following is some general information which may assist you to understand the purpose of the GAMVA group. Further information can be obtained by visiting our website www.gcc.asn.au/gamva

It is the intention of the GAMVA group to consider the information provided by candidates, to assess which candidates demonstrate qualities of sustainable commitment to Gungahlin and Mitchell region. The information you provide will be published on the GCC website, unless you ask for your survey information to be withheld.

Although GAMVA has a preference to assess candidates against measurable indicators, where this is not possible (eg equal ratings of candidates) a fair and equitable method will be used to identify the preferred candidates.



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GAMVA report relating to the 2004 ACT Election

On the 16th October 2004, ACT voters will elect an ACT government for the next four years. The Gungahlin Community Council (GCC) has formed a subcommittee to focus their efforts in making political parties and election candidates aware of issues considered important to the Gungahlin and Mitchell community. This group has been named the Gungahlin and Mitchell Voter's Action (GAMVA) group.

The group has provided all political parties with an opportunity to present information and to participate in structured information sessions. These meetings allowed members of the community to find out more about election issues and to express opinions about party policies and options for policy development.

The information that GAMVA has gathered may assist voters who have not yet decided to which political party or election candidate they will give their voting preferences. Policy information relating to issues, that you might consider important is contained on the following pages. This information uses the list of issues identified by the Gungahlin and Mitchell community and distributed to the community in Gunsmoke 83. The list has been amended to reflect the comments received from the community.

Some things you might consider before voting

Generally voters need to consider the issues that are important to them now, during the next four years and into the future. The list of issues contained on the following pages is Gungahlin/ Mitchell specific but voters need to also consider the many other issues that are important to them, their families and the ACT community as a whole. However, Gungahlin does lack many services, facilities and opportunities taken for granted in other areas of the ACT. The major factor that will bring about change is political commitment to the area and recognition that Gungahlin voters can make a difference to election outcomes.

The ACT election results

ACT elections produce some interesting outcomes. This is partly due to our voting system, the distribution of the three electorates and our system of government. The government of the ACT takes on the role performed in other states by the local council and state government.

The fact that Gungahlin is split into two electorates disadvantages us in our ability to get candidates to focus on Gungahlin issues. In both electorates our voting numbers can make a reasonable difference. Please consider Gungahlin issues when selecting the candidates you will be giving your primary votes to.

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GAMVA Coordinator

	The community's requests for services and facilities	ACT Labor Party	ACT Liberal Party	ACT Democrats	ACT Greens	ACT Equality Party
Combined total of candidates in Gungahlin and Molonglo for each party >>>>		Molonglo = 7 Gungahlin = 5	Molonglo = 7 Gungahlin = 5	Molonglo = 2 Gungahlin = 2	Molonglo = 2 Gungahlin = 2	Molonglo = 2 Gungahlin = 1
Aged services and facilities	Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, access corridors, accommodation and recreational facilities for Gungahlin's older community members, including health and palliative care facilities	The ACT Government has identified sites for aged care facilities across Canberra and recognises that these facilities are also needed in Gungahlin. Land will be released through a competitive basis - See Note #1	The Liberals will implement policies that will provide suitable services, access corridors, accommodation and recreation facilities for Gungahlin's older members. This will include the development of aged care facilities.	The ACT Democrats support additional affordable/ adaptable housing and aged care facilities and services in Gungahlin, to ensure older people have local access to appropriate facilities.	The ACT Greens will be active in supporting this issue	We will promote issues related to the provision of services and facilities for aged and ageing, including the areas of palliative care, hospitals, 24x7 GP clinics and other support infrastructure
Bus services	Expand and improve the provision of public transport services in the Gungahlin district, including the planning and implementation of quality park and ride facilities at EPIC and express bus services utilising local area gathering points (central location bus stops)	Overall there will be a 20% increase to services with 5 complete routes operating as opposed to 4½ under the existing network. The revised network will provide an additional 195 extra services per week for Gungahlin, from 198 to 237 services per day from Monday to Friday *1	The Canberra Liberals will expand and improve the provision of public transport services in the Gungahlin district, including planning and implementation of quality park and ride facilities at EPIC and express services utilising local area gathering points (central location bus stops)	We have long campaigned for additional bus services, recognising that Gungahlin is poorly served by public transport, including in the evening and on weekends	Improving and expanding public transport services is a priority for the ACT Greens	We believe that the provision of a quality public transport system is an environmental and social responsibility of ACT government. The Equality Party will be vocal in promoting improvement to bus services, including park-and-ride facilities.
Child care facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of adequate childcare facilities in the Gungahlin/ Mitchell districts.	A new centre based children's service is planned for Gold Creek. Private operators are currently negotiating for 2 X 90 place centres 1) Beside the Dinosaur Museum (an existing building) 2) In the Yerrabi development. *1	The Smyth Canberra Liberals will ensure that Gungahlin has adequate childcare facilities. We understand that the demand for childcare places will continue to be strong during the next term of government.	The Democrats support additional childcare places close to children's homes, especially in Gungahlin, which has a high proportion of young families.	The ACT Greens will be active in supporting this issue	The provision of childcare facilities in Gungahlin has been inadequate. We are aware of the huge waiting lists and will promote land release for more government & private facilities
Children's and Youth services and facilities	Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, recreational open spaces and facilities to accommodate children's and teenage recreational activities; including the expansion of facilities at Yerrabi Park and the provision of a suitable shade structure at the park's skate board area and the children's play area	Yerrabi 2 pilot land development: This land development was a pilot project for the first public land development. The project was a huge success winning an award at the MBA 2004 Awards for "Excellent in Building Award – Civil Works Division Merit". This award was jointly won with WP Brown Pty Ltd and Canberra Contractors.	The Canberra Liberals will plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, recreational open spaces and facilities to accommodate teenage recreational services. This will include the expansion of facilities at Yerrabi Park and the provision of a suitable shade structure at the park's skate board area and the children's play area	The Democrats have long been concerned at the lack of youth services in suburban Canberra. The Democrats support additional youth services and facilities located outside Central Canberra, where most young people live.	The ACT Greens will be active in supporting this issue	The Equality Party's policies reflect our appreciation of issues related to children's and teenage recreational facilities and services. We will support any actions that appropriately commit resources to expanding and improving these services and facilities, including these Yerrabi Park issues.
Community consultation	Implement policies that will provide local area communities (including Gungahlin and Mitchell) with opportunities for structured consultation and ongoing input into planning and development processes. Policies should provide for appropriate support for community councils and local area representatives	The Government is committed to genuine community consultation. More details appear in entries below	The Smyth Canberra Liberals believe that it is crucial for the community to play a vital and crucial role in any planning and development affecting their region. We will ensure that community councils have sufficient resources to allow them to fulfil their role in the consultation process.	The current government has ridden roughshod over community consultation procedures. The Democrats advocate for Regional Planning Committees for all of Canberra, not just the central areas which receive the bulk of resources currently.	Ensuring meaningful and substantive community consultation - as well as follow-up and accountable action plans - is a priority for the ACT Greens	The current community consultation aspects of planning is disgraceful. We will propose legislation that gives genuine community consultation processes a proper legislative basis and we will push for Gungahlin and Mitchell to have their own community based planning structures.
Community facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of appropriate community facilities 1) In the Amaro district 2) At the Gold Creek Homestead site; and 3) Completion of the Palmerston Community Hall replacement initiative	The Government is committed to genuine community consultation. More details appear in entries below	The Canberra Liberals will consult with the community to ensure development of appropriate facilities in locations, which meet the needs of the people of Gungahlin	The ACT Democrats believe community facilities should be fairly distributed throughout Canberra, as they assist in the important task of creating a sense of community.	The ACT Greens will support issues 1, 2 & 3	We will actively promote the need for a community facilities in all Gungahlin suburbs ASAP. We are aware of the issues associated with the Gold Creek Homestead and will only support development that provides a real "community" facility.
Education	Provide funding to plan and develop a local facility for Year 11 and 12 students in the Gungahlin Government school system i.e. construct a college, or an alternative facility, to provide quality Year 11/ 12 education in the Gungahlin district. This facility should be completed by the start of the 2007 school year.	A site for the proposed Gungahlin college has been identified on the edge of the GTC. Generally ACT secondary colleges enrol only Year 11 students in their first year of operation. Lake Tuggeranong College, the most recent new college, opened in 1990, with 370 Year 11 students. *1	The Canberra Liberals will provide funding to plan and develop a local facility for Year 11 and 12 students in the Gungahlin District, to open in the 2008-09 financial year – subject to student numbers, it may be opened earlier. The trigger for earlier opening would be having a pool of Year 9 students in the Gungahlin area sufficient to sustain a college in the district earlier - that is, comparable with enrolments in other colleges in the ACT.	The ACT Democrats support proposals to build Gungahlin College at the earliest opportunity, and have advocated for this on a number of occasions over the last 3 years.	The ACT Greens support the development of a college for Gungahlin, but would need to consult further before committing to a specific opening date.	The Equality Party recognises the need for the provision of Year 11 and 12 facilities within the Gungahlin district, as continuity of education is a fundamental component of any community. 2007 should be the commencement of Year 11
Electoral boundaries	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, in an effort to review and resolve the current electoral boundaries model, which splits the Gungahlin electorate into two electorates	Although the Commission is required to take other factors (such as community of interest) into account, the principle of one vote, one value is, in the view of the Government more important. *1	An independent and impartial committee sets the ACT's electoral boundaries. The criteria it uses includes communities of interests. Gungahlin needs to put forward arguments during the next redistribution.	The ACT Democrats are the only political party in the Assembly that supported Gungahlin being in a single electorate at the last redistribution.	We recognise the problem of the splitting Gungahlin into 2 ACT electorates and we will support a process to explore alternatives. Ultimately, this decision must sit with the AEC.	We are the only party to actively support changes to the electoral boundaries. Gungahlin should be contained in one electorate and we will propose legislation to make it so.
Employment	Develop and implement policies that will stimulate, expand and diversify sustainable employment opportunities in the Gungahlin Town Centre and Mitchell region, including the implementation of strategies to reverse the stagnation of the Mitchell commercial district. Offices and office jobs are required to provide stimulation to the Gungahlin Town Centre, with the relocation of Federal or Local Government Departments, to Gungahlin, seen as the most favoured outcome for providing stability and endorsement of Town Centre status.	One of the goals of The Canberra Spatial Plan is to sustain employment opportunities. The Town Centres, including Gungahlin, are recognised as the primary commercial and service centres within each district of Canberra and the Spatial Plan encourages further growth in these areas. Some of the implementation actions of the Spatial Plan relevant to Gungahlin town centre include: • Review the Territory Plan and planning controls . • Introduce flexible land use controls to allow town centres to respond to market demand to support their roles as centres within each district. *1	The Canberra Liberals will encourage Federal and ACT Government enterprises to relocate to Gungahlin and we will work with Federal representatives in the ACT towards persuading a Federal Government Department to establish in Gungahlin. We would also work towards offering incentives including stamp duty and payroll tax concessions to encourage a large private sector enterprise to establish in Gungahlin. We consider that many of the future jobs in Gungahlin will come from creative enterprises such as film, publishing, software, biotechnology, defence industries, toys and games, architecture, video games, fashion, music art and design. The Canberra Liberals will work with the Gungahlin Community Council and Mitchell business community to make the district attractive to creative industries.	The ACT Democrats support the relocation of both ACT and Federal Government Departments to Gungahlin to provide additional employment and reduce transport congestion.	The ACT Greens support a range of employment strategies, including relocating a government department and promoting Mitchell as an appropriate technology business incubator.	The Equality Party has been vocal in expressing the Gungahlin's desperate need for employment opportunities in the GTC. The retail development that is currently being built will not be viable unless there is significant employment growth to generate the day-time trade. (We can remember Tuggeranong). We will oppose any actions to relocate or expand any ACT government agencies unless/ until Gungahlin's employment issues are addressed.
GTC square and common	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of an appropriate "Town Centre public space". Namely the Gungahlin Town Centre's "Square and Common" areas	The Government is committed to genuine community consultation, and will continue to seek the views of Gungahlin residents in the development of their area.	We agree that better consultation about the GTC is required. We will seek to implement the town square model, if that is the community's preference and within the constraints of approved development.	The ACT Democrats supported a freeze on the development of the GTC until proper consultation occurred. We will continue to act to protect the interests of Gungahlin residents.	The ACT Greens are strongly supportive of this issue	We are a community party and very aware that Gungahlin is unique in its town centre design. The quality and appeal of Gungahlin's "Town Common" areas will make or break the GTC
Gungahlin Town Centre issues	1) Take appropriate actions to prevent ground floor residential developments within the Gungahlin Town Centre retail core area i.e. the Big W and Coles development's ground floor residential proposals. 2) Provide an ACT shopfront facility in the Gungahlin Town Centre	Site releases have been made that will greatly increase GTC shopping opportunities including sites for Aldi, Coles, Woolworths and McDonalds. These developments will include additional supermarket space, the development of a BIG W discount store and residential dwellings. *1	The ACT Liberals will take appropriate actions to prevent ground floor residential developments within the Gungahlin Town Centre retail core area. We will also establish an ACT shopfront facility in the Gungahlin Town Centre, preferably co-located with other ACT Government facilities.	The ACT Democrats do not support the construction of ground floor residential buildings in the Town Centre, and support the opening of a Government shopfront.	1) Require further information about the first point. Generally the ACT Greens favour higher density housing closer to town centres. 2) We support this issue	1) The Equality Party will actively seek to overturn the flawed decision to allow residential development in the GTC. 2) We will promote the need for an ACT shopfront in the GTC as a facility that is required NOW!, not in the future.
Light rail and public transport	Commit resources to establishing an ACT light rail network, with the construction of the link Civic to Gungahlin Town Centre as the first stage of construction (construction to be commenced by 2007)	A dedicated trunk public transport route will be progressively constructed between Gungahlin and City, to be used by buses and operate as Bus Rapid Transit, with the potential to convert to light rail in the longer term. *1	The Canberra Liberals will be releasing our transport policy later in the campaign. This will include a provision to conduct a financial feasibility study of an ACT light rail network. If the financial feasibility study shows that such a network is viable, construction of a link between Civic and the Gungahlin Town Centre will be a priority.	The ACT Democrats support the construction of high-speed public transport infrastructure to Gungahlin, such as light rail, as soon as possible.	We strongly support the development of light rail for the ACT, with Gungahlin to Civic as the first stage. Further consultation will need to take place regarding routes, design and location.	The Equality Party supports the need for an accurate assessment and costing of an ACT light rail network. If light rail is a responsible & viable option we will actively support it..
Medical services and facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and provision of a local area medical centre. This centre should have the capacity to provide a range of medical services (24 X 7) including selected services identified as appropriate for relieving pressure on the Emergency facilities at Calgary and Canberra Hospitals.	The ACT Labor Government recently announced the Canberra After Hours Locum Medical services (CALMS), that it will establish an after-hours GP clinic at the Calvary Hospital Campus which will achieve the dual aim of relieving the pressure off the emergency department at the hospital and also allow residents of Gungahlin to access after-hours GP care. *1	The Canberra Liberals will conduct community consultation and planning for a community Health Centre. This community service would provide equivalent services to those provided in other town centres, with proportional need. Our priority will be to ensuring additional aged care places to relieve bed block (see response to "Aged care" services).	The ACT Democrats support the location of a government operated medical centre in Gungahlin, which will improve medical access for residents and assist with the availability of bulk billing in the area, as well as supplementing the services of Calvary Hospital.	The ACT Greens support the establishment of local community health centres with salaried doctors and allied health services. We do not at this stage support the construction of a new hospital-like facility in Gungahlin.	We support the development of town centre medical facilities. Gungahlin should be provided with such a facility, which would operate 24x7 and provide a range of appropriate medical services, in an effort to supplement hospital medical services. Bulk billing salaried GPs must be available at these facilities.
Planning and Development	Implement planning policies that provide quality development and construction outcomes. This needs to include structured consideration of issues associated with the increase of population density in newly developed areas of Gungahlin. Note: Issues like 1) the external appearance of homes and town houses; 2) road widths, parking and laneways; 3) provision and maintenance of open space, trees and street spaces; 4) yard sizes and children's and teenage recreational areas; 5) provision of access paths for the increasing use of motorised scooters etc (by older people and the disabled); 6) telecommunication infrastructure and the provision of "grey water" services, at development stages; 7) environmental issues and the appropriate retention of existing trees, including the need to balance these issues with quality development, long-term safety and residential amenity; 8) the provision of affordable housing and public housing initiatives. 9) Develop and implement policies associated with the installation and ownership of services infrastructure i.e. telecommunications and power 10) Implement policies to revitalise and focus the Mitchell commercial district, including the provision of incentives for retail development	The North Gungahlin Structure Plan includes a clear structure of planning principles that should lead to the creation of accessible, vibrant community spaces and living environments. The Plan balances the need for future residential areas whilst responding positively to environmental concerns and preservation of woodland communities. It uses best practice for urban design, open space planning and community consultation. Planning for North Gungahlin takes a holistic approach. It responds in innovative ways to a high level of environmental, heritage and cultural issues, including Indigenous cultural issues. It reflects community expectations and planning practise appropriate to today and the foreseeable future. It represents leading edge planning practise for a range of reasons, including its base on principles of sustainability – ecological, social, cultural and economic. Planning emphasis is also on creating strong sense of community, with each suburb having a centre, a local centre, an area of mixed uses, medium density residential developments. *1	The ACT Liberals will implement planning policies, which provide quality development and construction outcomes. We will also ensure structured consideration of the many and varied issues associated with the increase of population density in parts of Gungahlin including the appearance of dwellings, roads, open spaces and recreation spaces, access paths, telecommunications, environmental issues and the provision of affordable and public housing. 9) The Canberra Liberals will develop and implement policies associated with the installation and ownership of services infrastructure. We will work with telecommunications and power companies to ensure that Gungahlin receives equivalent services to those provided elsewhere. 10) The Canberra Liberals will implement policies to revitalise and focus the Mitchell commercial district, including the provision of incentives for retail development. Specifically, we will revise the policies relating to industrial districts to look at making Mitchell a more attractive location for businesses to operate.	The ACT Democrats support the greater provision of open space in Gungahlin, improved community paths, assistance to improve the urban environment, including street trees, larger average block sizes in new suburbs, sustainable development, including on site water recycling facilities incorporated into new developments, and greater incentives for affordable housing, public housing and assistance for first home buyers. We support the Government using is partial ownership of TransACT to influence a more timely rollout of infrastructure to Gungahlin. The Democrats agree, in line with the comments by the Assembly Planning and Environment Committee on DV175, that Mitchell should be considered for additional commercial land uses and that a review be undertaken on current land use in	The ACT Greens strongly support issues 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 - and we provide limited support for 1. Improving quality planning and development is core priority for the ACT Greens. We believe much more can and should be done to promote energy and water efficiency, appropriate building design etc. We also support retention of existing trees and bushland wherever possible. Provision of affordable public housing is also a priority policy for the ACT Greens.	Gungahlin's development should be a model that we can all be proud of. Unfortunately the "High Quality Sustainable Development" currently being achieved does not inspire confidence that planning in Gungahlin is providing diversity, appeal or quality outcomes. The Equality Party supports the community's concern with issues numbered 2 to 7 and will actively campaign to bring about recognition of the sub-standard provision of infrastructure. We will not support any party that fails to address poor planning and mediocre development outcomes. 8) Our party supports the provision of affordable housing, provided such initiatives do not undermine property values or advantage purchasers who manipulate these initiatives; and are fully integrated with other housing. 9) We believe that developers should not be required to "give" services infrastructure to non-government organisations. 10) The Equality Party will support any actions that correct the stagnation of Mitchell's growth and development.
Police services	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation and provision of full-time services at the Gungahlin police station. Police services must include provisions for suitable transport and back-up manning strategies	ACT Labor is adding 40 more police to the force in the ACT. Gungahlin is well-protected over 24 hours with mobile patrols the best resource over evening hours. Their use allows the maximum response available. *1	When in government the ACT Liberals will have the Gungahlin Police station open 24 X 7 with an extra 10 police located at the station.	The Democrats believe our police resources can be better utilised, the Minister should use his powers to ensure that resources are targeted at the areas identified as a priority.	The ACT Greens will provide limited support for this issue	Police services throughout the ACT should be increased to provide local policing wherever practical. Gungahlin should have a manned station 24x7 - including car and foot patrols.
Road and transport Infrastructure	Develop policies that will minimize waste associated with the construction of infrastructure within the Gungahlin region e.g. install conduits for traffic lights at appropriate intersections at the initial construction stage; improve road design techniques to eliminate the butchering of single lane roads and intersections when road duplication/ upgrade is required	See below	The Canberra Liberals will develop policies that will minimise or eliminate waste associated with the construction of infrastructure within the Gungahlin region to both minimise the inconvenience to residents and the cost to taxpayers. These policies will address issues where infrastructure construction and development can become more efficient.	The ACT Democrats have repeatedly called for more resources to meet the NoWaste2010 target, including ensuring that construction waste is effectively recycled. The Democrats support improved road planning to reduce unnecessary road relocation.	The ACT Greens support this issue	The Equality Party has been active highlighting examples of waste in the Gungahlin district eg. The saga relating to the duplication of Gungahlin Drive and the installation of pipes under the play park next to the Commonwealth Bank. We will continue to discourage wasteful practices.
Roads	Roads and transport corridors: 1) Provide a suitable solution to the Barton Hwy/ Gundaroo Rd/ William Slim Dr roundabout; 2) Duplicate Gundaroo Road; 3) Duplicate William Slim Drive; 4) Construct the Gungahlin Drive Extension to a dual carriage way at the initial stages of construction; 5) Extend Phillip Ave to Ainslie Ave as an express public transport corridor; 6) Extend Horsepark/ Clarrie Hermes Drive to the Barton Hwy. 7) Leave Monash Drive corridor on the Territory Plan, as a transport corridor	Roads ACT prioritise road improvement needs on a comprehensive "traffic warrant" system which allows an effective assessment based on traffic volume and speed, accident history and adjacent land use. When road works are undertaken every effort is made to reduce inconvenience to traffic.	The Canberra Liberals will: 1) Work with the Federal Government to address the Barton Hwy/ Gundaroo/ William Slim roundabout problem 2) Duplicate Gundaroo Rd 3) Duplicate William Slim Dr 4) Construct the Gungahlin Drive Extension to dual carriage way at the initial stages. 5) Extend Phillip Av. 6) We will need to look at this proposal and prioritise. 8) We are committed to the removal of the Monash Dr corridor from the Territory Plan as there are better options to improve road networks and public transport for Gungahlin.	The ACT Democrats support addition road duplication and other improvements where this will reduce unacceptably high traffic congestion and minimise environmental harm.	Although the ACT Greens do not support the construction of the GDE, we have consistently called for improvements in existing road infrastructure and better public transport for Gungahlin residents. We actively support issues 1, 2, 3 and 6. We need more information for issue 5. We are opposed to issue 4 and 7.	The Equality Party will actively promote the need to address issues 1, 2, 3 & 6. We will support any party promoting the construction of the GDE to 4 lane dual carriageway (NOW!) and challenge the economic/ social benefit of constructing the road in two stages. We support the proposal to extend Phillip Ave for the use of express bus services and the need to retain the Monash Drive corridor until deemed 100% superfluous.
Sporting facilities	Provide funding for quality community consultation, design and construction of a suitable sporting complex in the Gungahlin Town Centre. This complex should incorporate facilities for basketball, tennis and bowling activities along with a gym and a swimming complex, comparable to the Belconnen Swimming facility (CISAC).	A 10,000 square metre site in the town centre is to be developed for indoor recreation. Core facilities are to include an indoor pool, court space, commercial gymnasium and fitness space. The Land Development Authority are releasing an expression of interest to develop the site late 2004. *1	The ACT Liberals will provide sporting facilities equivalent to those in other town centres. Initially we will provide funding for feasibility studies, consultation and design ideas for a suitable sporting complex in the GTC. The eventual facility will depend on consultation with the Gungahlin community, relevant sporting organisations and population growth.	The Democrats believe that all areas of Canberra deserve equal access to sporting facilities. We support an immediate focus on Gungahlin for additional high quality sporting facilities.	The ACT Greens support this issue	Gungahlin needs to have a sporting facilities comparable to other ACT regions. Although a staged development may be acceptable the facility's final form should be comparable to other town centre complexes. Existing sporting facilities, such as CISAC, should be used for establishing appropriate models.
Tele-communication infrastructure	Provide suitable resources to implement provision of quality telecommunication services for all Gungahlin and Mitchell residential and commercial telecommunication users, including high speed internet capacity	No response received relating to this issue	The Canberra Liberals will work with telecommunications providers to implement provision of quality telecommunications services for Gungahlin's residential and commercial users, as part of our "creative Canberra" package	The Democrats support more Government action to ensure fair and timely access to telecommunications infrastructure, including high-speed internet access.	We are strongly supportive of this issue. We have advocated for acceleration of Transact rollout to all Gungahlin suburbs, as well as improving Telstra services.	Although Gungahlin's telecommunications infrastructure is improving in some areas, this improvement is not happening quick enough. We will continue to be active on this issue.
Other	Implement initiatives to get the Gungahlin district included in the "Yellow Pages" Canberra Street Directory maps (This action is required because of the constantly changing suburb development, in the Gungahlin district)	*1 = The ACT Labor Party has responded to our request for information in an 11 page document. The document has been condensed to fit in the allocated space. For access to the ALP document visit www.gcc.asn.au/gamva/ALP	The Canberra liberals will work with the Yellow Pages to get its Canberra Street Directory maps extended to include Gungahlin and other omitted suburbs such as West Belconnen, Lanyon and Hall.	The Democrats agree that all parts of Canberra should have free, public information to street directories and maps, including in the Yellow Pages®.	The ACT Greens are strongly supportive of this issue. We are willing to work with all other parties to ensure that this happens!!	We will lobby Senis (Yellow Pages) to include the latest available information for the Gungahlin region (and other missing areas) in each and subsequent Yellow Pages editions.

HAROLD HIRD **INDEPENDENT**

HAROLD HIRD

Harold has served the Canberra community since 1974, both as an elected representative, and as a private citizen involved with many community organizations. Whilst a member of the Assembly Harold was heavily involved in a number of the Assembly's Committees, and was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Urban Services and Planning. He has represented and assisted residents, small business, sporting groups and clubs and community organizations over the years and has a strong commitment to continue this role as an experienced Independent. His family have been residents of Belconnen since 1971 and he is well known in our community for his hard work and dedication as a local member.

JULIE-ANNE **PAPATHANASIOU**

Julie-Anne, Harold's daughter, has lived in the political environment all her life, having been born on Harold's first Election Day in 1974. Over the years she has developed a keen understanding of the issues that impact our day to day lives in Canberra and is looking forward to working for, and representing our community. Recently married, Julie-Anne lives in Gungahlin and has a strong commitment to improving services and facilities within our community, and because of her father's involvement in many of the issues facing the people of our city, and in particular, the electorate of Ginninderra, has up-to-date awareness and knowledge of many of these.

HELEN CROSS INDEPENDENTS

HELEN CROSS MLA

Helen has served as a Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly since being elected in 2001. "I have been the most successful individual legislator in this 5th Assembly, having had passed 4 landmark bills: **Asbestos Awareness; Protection of Pharmacies; Smoking Ban; Potential Pregnancy Discrimination.** I have also held forums on Transport and Health.

I also moved the **amendment that broke the deadlock** on the Gungahlin Drive Extension (GDE) and allowed work to start. "

If re-elected, Helen Cross will continue to focus on the needs of Gungahlin in the following areas:

Aged Care - Helen Cross Independents advocate advanced planning for age care accommodation.

Bus Services - Strongly support increased express bus services to and from Gungahlin. This is a fundamental requirement. Also support a complementary shuttle bus service in Gungahlin.

Child Care - Also support additional child care facilities beyond the one that will be opening soon.

Children/Youth Services/Facilities - I will push for more outdoor facilities for youths such as cricket practice nets, BMX bike trails, etc, as well as additional funding for the Gungahlin Youth Centre.

Education - Strongly support a senior high school capacity in Gungahlin by 2007. Do not support positions on this matter that propose that work on such a facility not begin until a certain number of students has been reached. That attitude is a recipe for having to "play catch-up" yet again, as a neglected Gungahlin has always had to do.

Employment - Will push for the relocation of some public offices to Gungahlin. Also believe, and will fight for, incentives such as grants or rate concessions to be given to private sector companies to entice them to set-up in Gungahlin & Mitchell.

Medical Services/Facilities - Strongly support the establishment of a local area medical centre.

Light Rail - The Helen Cross Independents have all along strongly supported an ACT Light Rail network with the first stage being the Civic-Gungahlin route. Helen Cross has held forums on this issue and will continue to fight for early committal of resources to the development of such a network.

Police Services - Committed to improving the safety of Gungahlin residents by the provision of an adequate, well resourced, active, and visible police presence in Gungahlin.

Contact Helen Cross 0413 461 351.

KEN HELM **Independent candidate**

Ken Helm has been a resident of Canberra since 1967 and first purchased a home in Macquarie in 1969. He has seen Canberra grow and he has experienced the difficulties of a new developing suburb and district.

"I share your pride in Gungahlin (and the Canberra region) as a wonderful place to live and invest. I see Gungahlin as a charming developing suburb with challenges. I have experience, with 12 years in Local Government, 2 terms as mayor, a successful businessman and 20 years at CSIRO as an environmental scientist. As an independent candidate I will work with the elected government in a common sense, responsible manner".

Ken Helm sees one of his priorities as providing Gungahlin with the same services and facilities that the rest of Canberra enjoys.

Transport - Upgrade William Slim round about to a bridge. GDE progressed as quickly as possible. Expand the bus services and times.
Medical Centre - 24x7 with full services, medical, dental, swimming health complex.

Senior citizens services - Buses, library, community centres, access to shopping

Schools - Provide a high standard of education for primary and secondary.

Child care - Provide childcare facilities in co-operation with the community needs.

Planning - Road widths, residential blocks sizes, parks, and recreational areas. Public housing, in small lots, across all Canberra. Building heights in shopping and recreational areas planned to allow for sun and reduced wind.

Gungahlin and Canberra needs a strong responsible independent voice in the ACT Assembly.

He will bring SENSE AND SENSABILITY NOT PRIDE AND PREJUDICE to the Assembly.

Phone Ken Helm 0418 619 186
for any more information.

The GAMVA recommendations on 'HOW TO VOTE' for Gungahlin at the ACT Election

The objective of GAMVA is to inform and focus voters of the local community, in a manner which enables them to elect members of the Legislative Assembly that can demonstrate genuine and sustainable commitment in addressing the needs and issues of the Gungahlin and Mitchell region

On the adjoining column (and page overleaf) are the final recommendations on "HOW TO VOTE" for voters who believe that the main issues that will influence their vote will be the local Gungahlin issues.

Numerous meetings of GAMVA have been held over the last three months, these meetings were open to the public, were announced via press release to the general media, were advertised in Gunsmoke, and information prominently displayed on the GCC website. The organisers of GAMVA also actively engaged political parties by email and face-to-face meetings.

These recommendations have been developed with a focus on candidate attributes. Where a candidate is a member of a political party, their party's policies (especially in relation to Gungahlin/Mitchell issues) have been used in assessing candidate suitability.

For Independent candidates, a memorandum of understanding has been received relating to these issues.

These assessments were made on the information provided by candidates, their political parties and the candidate's performance and activities over the last three years.

Assessment was carried out by a team of non-aligned community representatives. Membership of this team was open to anyone who could demonstrate appropriate knowledge of Gungahlin/Mitchell issues and show objectivity.

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Candidates with a Gungahlin Focus

This list is a guide for voters in the Gungahlin and Mitchell region who would like to see **CANDIDATES (regardless of party)** elected who have demonstrated a genuine and sustainable commitment to addressing the needs and issues of the Gungahlin and Mitchell region.



MOLONGLO

1	Jonathon REYNOLDS ACT Equality Party
2	Robert ROSE ACT Democrats
3	Gordon SCOTT Liberal Party
4	Helen CROSS Helen Cross Independents
5	Jacqui BURKE Liberal Party
6	Charlie PAHLMAN The ACT Greens
7	Ted QUINLAN Australian Labor Party, Australian Capital Territory

GINNINDERRA

1	Roslyn DUNDAS ACT Democrats
2	Bill STEFANIAK Liberal Party
3	Vicki DUNNE Liberal Party
4	Harold HIRD Harold Hird Independent
5	Ben O'CALLAGHAN The ACT Greens



Candidates with a Gungahlin Focus by Political Party

This check list is a guide for voters in the Gungahlin and Mitchell region who would like to vote for their candidates by **POLITICAL PARTY** allegiance who have demonstrated a genuine and sustainable commitment to addressing the needs and issues of the Gungahlin and Mitchell region.



GAMVA recommendations for 'HOW TO VOTE' for Gungahlin along party lines

On the column to the left is the final recommendation on "HOW TO VOTE" for particular parties and direct your preference votes to specific party candidates that have demonstrated awareness and commitment to Gungahlin and Mitchell issues. This card is similar to the one on the previous page which listed preferred candidates regardless of party.

The GAMVA group recognises that many voters are comfortable voting for a particular political party, and the information they are seeking must relate to the most appropriate candidates within their preferred party.

Although GAMVA believes that voters should be encouraged to talk to party candidates, we understand that having the time and opportunity to do this represents many problems for the majority of people.

To assist voters to consider a preferred candidate, GAMVA has taken the time to compare candidates. The result of these comparisons may be of value to voters who can not decide which candidates they should select for their primary preferences.

To fairly identify one candidate as more suitable than any other candidate (from the same political party grouping) is a difficult exercise. Especially when so few candidates live in Gungahlin or are able to demonstrate that they are genuinely interested in issues related to the Gungahlin and Mitchell Community. However, all candidates have been given the same opportunity to provide information to the assessment teams. Some candidates have done this with more commitment than others.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that if any particular candidate is elected that they will continue to maintain an ongoing interest in Gungahlin and Mitchell issues. However, with the information available, we believe that the nominated candidates are best suited for Gungahlin voters to consider for their primary voting preferences. We are confident that the selection process has been fair and structured to exclude any candidate that has demonstrated an anti-Gungahlin attitude or attributes.

Some political parties, and independent candidates, have made a genuine effort to become aware of Gungahlin/Mitchell issues. To access these candidates has been relatively easy. However other political parties have been reluctant to provide information and have restricted their candidates from providing information to the GAMVA group.

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Authorised by I.Ruecroft, on behalf of GAMVA
Nicholls Community House, Kelleway Avenue, Nicholls



Ballot Paper Column	MOLONGLO Party / Suggested Candidates
A	ACT DEMOCRATS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert ROSE (then) Fred LEFTWICH
D	AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY, ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted QUINLAN (then) Katy GALLAGHER
E	LIBERAL PARTY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon SCOTT (then) Jacqui BURKE
F	THE ACT GREENS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie PAHLMAN (then) Deb FOSKEY
H	HELEN CROSS INDEPENDENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen CROSS (then) Renee STRAMANDINOLI
I	ACT EQUALITY PARTY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathon REYNOLDS (then) Nancy-Louise McCULLOUGH
UNGROUPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken HELM (INDEPENDENT)

Ballot Paper Column	GINNINDERRA Party / Suggested Candidates
A	THE ACT GREENS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben O'CALLAGHAN (then) Meredith HUNTER
C	ACT DEMOCRATS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roslyn DUNDAS (then) Roberta WOOD
D	HAROLD HIRD INDEPENDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harold HIRD (then) Julie-Anne PAPATHANASIOU
F	LIBERAL PARTY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill STEFANIAK (then) Vicki DUNNE
H	AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY, ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan McCARTHY (then) Ross MAXWELL
UNGROUPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Simsons (ACT EQUALITY PARTY)