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Notice of 2013 Annual General Meeting

Gungahlin Community Council Inc

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Gungahlin Community Council Inc will be held in the Gungahlin Library (Conference Room 2) commencing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 September 2013.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations for all positions from members, as defined in the Constitution, are required: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer and Committee Members (up to eight). There are definite vacancies for the roles of President, Secretary & Public Officer.

MEMBERSHIP

A person is eligible for membership of the Council if the person is at least 16 years of age and one of:

- (a) lives in the Gungahlin district;
- (b) owns property in the Gungahlin district;
- (c) works in the Gungahlin district;
- (d) conducts a business in the Gungahlin district; or
- (e) has been duly appointed to represent a social organisation or interest group servicing the Gungahlin district.

A person is not eligible to nominate to be an Office-Bearer of the Council if the person is;

- (a) an Executive Officer of a registered political party;
- (b) a person employed by a registered political party;
- (c) a registered candidate for a forthcoming election; or
- (d) an elected member of the Territory or Federal Government.

Nominations should be emailed to the President no later than 6.00 pm Sunday 9th September 2013. Email: president@gcc.asn.au if you are nominating another person, please ensure that they agree with your intention to nominate them. If you know someone who may be interested in the work of the Gungahlin Community Council, please pass this information on to them.

Agenda

1. 7.35 Opening and welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of previous AGM held on 10 October 2012.
4. Presentation of President's Report for 2012-2013.
5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report (Financial Reports & Auditor's Statement).
6. Appointment of Public Officer.
7. Election of office bearers & general committee members for 2013-14.

Return of chair to President.

8. General Business.
Following the AGM, there will be a general discussion on issues for Gungahlin & plans for 2014.

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Gungahlin Annual Report

From the President, Ewan Brown

In 2012-2013 we continued the impressive record of achievement for a community council and demonstrated strong commitment to local issues. The myriad of tasks we face has increased the considerable workload & placed significant demands on time. We urgently need more volunteers with time on their hands and a keen interest in our community! GCC is envied because of its use of current technologies in pursuing and communicating issues and profile of 'punching well above its weight'. We use our contacts network & the media to great advantage!

Activities

GCC hosted meetings of the Combined Community Councils of the ACT in 2012-13. The main purpose was to concentrate activities on whole-of-ACT issues which individual Community Councils did not have the time or resources to deal with.

GCC sought to significantly upgrade communications with local residents through greater use of the various forms of electronic and other media to make the community more aware of plans and developments in the area and of issues that the Council intended to pursue. A key component was a significant upgrading of the GCC website. New Branding was a subsequent feature with a new image, banners & a new logo produced.

To better communicate to the ACT Government the views, expectations & concerns of community members; GCC continued to produce an updated comprehensive list of issues and provided these to ACT Legislative Assembly members, heads of relevant directorates & other public servants and stakeholders. The list was put on the GCC website and published in most editions of Gunsmoke.

Our Gunsmoke newsletter was revived with renewed enthusiasm, primarily on the basis that it would be in electronic format only. The invaluable support and advice provided by James Milligan of JM Publishing enabled us to steadily improve the quality and content of the publication so that readability and appeal were enhanced. These are still evolving but the results to date are great.

Hard copy printing and distribution, plus reliance on advertising, has been the major factor affecting

regular production of this newsletter. In the past year we produced 4 editions (December, March April & July). We tried versions with minimal ads, letterbox distribution of flyers to

promote the release of one issue, one edition in electronic format only and printing of fewer copies to limit distribution to shopping centres rather than to residences.

Productive discussions were held with My Gungahlin (a local electronic business) to explore opportunities for better promotion of events and issues throughout the Gungahlin community.

New issues were featured on Facebook and responses monitored to gauge community reaction.

The President and Vice President participated in a number of events involving the NBN roll-out & media interviews on a wide range of topics. Comments were frequently featured in newspaper, radio and television media. GCC was involved in numerous media events involving the NBN and sought to ensure that the schedule for provision of these much needed and long awaited services stayed on schedule. GCC played a major role in ensuring that the Gungahlin district featured early in the national roll-out schedule and its support and promotional efforts resulted in our district achieving the highest take-up rates around the country.

GCC maintained contact with a wide variety of groups, including the Planning & Development Forum, to convey its views on matters affecting the Gungahlin community. We strengthened our links with the Gungahlin Regional Community Service (GRCS) to participate in the Gungahlin Community Forum. We formed a sub-committee with the National Trust ACT to seek to preserve Gold Creek Homestead & to explore suitable community uses which could provide some form of 'commercial' return to the ACT Government. We established a short-term community Gardens committee which merged with the GRCS group covering the same issue.

I maintained contact with a number of ACT



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Government Directorates at senior level to discuss issues of concern and to ascertain information about developments.

GCC continued its efforts to encourage community participation in Community Council activities;

- The community were encouraged to respond to issues featured in the issues list, to single issues featured from time to time on Facebook and to email surveys/comments.

- The hard copy version of Gunsmoke was recommenced to elicit community interest.

GCC continued to hold regular monthly (with the exception of January) community meetings. All members of the community invited to attend.

We attracted several new members onto the Committee. It is pleasing to see a number of younger residents showing an interest in community activities, but all committee members had serious time constraints due to employment demands. I hope that our approach to representation of community issues will continue to attract more talent, of different age cohorts, to become involved in helping to address the concerns of the Gungahlin community – both residential & commercial interests.

Achievements

Development gains take some time to reach fruition in this area. The provision of services, infrastructure & amenities significantly lags the population growth. Yet the authorities are fully aware of that growth because they develop the land on which the homes are built. We seem to wait for years to get the essential services we require.

We can now see significant progress on issues that have been pushed over the past 4-8 years. Work progresses well on the Leisure Centre with the Enclosed Oval and the Wetlands nearing completion. We still await a start on the office building. The new cinema complex is out for expressions of interest and Light Rail remains a longer term prospect. Other developments are in train.

Massive development continues along Flemington Road, with more to come, but this has not been matched by commercial development in the Town Centre nor have ongoing traffic problems been addressed to the satisfaction of residents.

The Gungahlin Community needs urgent comprehensive consultation about the Gungahlin Master Plan so we can comment on future

developments to ensure that the Town Centre includes services and amenities suitable to the size of the population that we will eventually achieve.

The key theme is to provide Gungahlin with facilities & services we need and want so that we (the residents) do not have to leave the district for jobs, shopping, recreation & entertainment. The aim is to make us a truly self-contained satellite centre!

The role of the GCC?

The role of a community council may not be clear. We are not elected by a significant community vote and thus can draw criticisms from politicians & the media about our so-called 'right to represent' the community. Yet we perform a function of acting as an essential conduit between government & bureaucrats on one side & the broader local community on the other side. We provide an empowerment of community views & interests but have to be careful about the rigorousness of our representations. We have defined our rules on how we should operate and have introduced restrictions on the matters upon which we will make comment.

We continually seek to improve communications to get out to a large component of the community. We advance issues to test community reaction & will not proceed if there is insufficient reaction. But we can combine the views of significant community reaction by targeting the right areas in government to seek change. We can achieve this through the Issues List and representations via the large number of forums in which we are involved. This is well beyond the scope of a typical resident.

However we rely heavily on community input, involvement & participation to frame the right messages. We want to see far more people attending our meetings, we want to use social media, email communications and surveys to a greater degree.

The most promising development in the Gungahlin region is the merger between GRCS and Communities@Work and the much larger organisation will deliver an enhanced range of services to our area as well as raising the profile of social services in the region. GCC is already forming a strong alliance with C@W and looks forward to participating in a number of mutually beneficial projects.

I will address our plans for the GCC in 2013-2014 after the meeting in general business. We are in a sound financial condition & expect to have a predominantly new committee ready to serve you well.



FROM THE POLLIES

Andrew Leigh MP
Member for Fraser

I'm delighted to have the chance to outline my priorities to Gunsmoke. I've enjoyed collaborating with the Gungahlin Community Council on many important issues over the past three years, particularly the NBN rollout.

My top three priorities for Fraser

1. Support jobs and the dignity that comes with meaningful work with policies that encourage economic growth and fairness, protect workers' rights and respect the role of both the public and private sectors
2. Strengthen community life with policies that encourage inclusion and build trust between people. Labor will continue to invest in our communities through initiatives such as DisabilityCare.
3. Better education with policies that strengthen early learning and expand opportunities for young people. First-rate schooling is the best antipoverty vaccine we've yet invented. Labor is committed to ensuring every child has access to a great education with our Better Schools plan, and a 73% funding increase for universities.

My commitment to the people of Fraser is as it was when I was first elected: to represent their interests to the best of my abilities, to remember that their support is not my entitlement but a gift, and to work for a better, fairer, more prosperous Australia.



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Shane Rattenbury MLA
ACT Greens

ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing – call for nominations

The Minister for Ageing, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, is seeking nominations for membership of the 2014 15 ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing.

The Council provides strategic advice to the Minister for Ageing on issues affecting older Canberrans.

Applications are invited from individuals and representatives of organisations in the ACT who have:

- ▶ a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of older people;
- ▶ a demonstrated knowledge of the interests and concerns of older people in the ACT community;
- ▶ an ability to consult and represent a wide range of views of older members of the ACT community; and
- ▶ a commitment to participate fully in Council activities (e.g. consultations), in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- ▶ Further information, including Terms of Reference, is available at: http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/wac/ageing/advisory_council_on_ageing/recruitment.

Applications can be made online at: <https://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/>.

The closing date for nominations is 13 September 2013.

Contact details: **For more information phone the ACT Office for Ageing on 6207 6138 or email: communitypolicy@act.gov.au**

Better transport options for Gungahlin Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, and ACT Greens MLA

by Shane Rattenbury MLA

I understand that road congestion is a cause of major frustration for Gungahlin residents, especially as the population in the region continues to grow.

That's why I committed in the ALP-Greens Parliamentary Agreement to light rail, to provide real transport options for the Gungahlin region. This financial year the Government has committed \$18.7 million to fund the ongoing work of the Capital Metro Light Rail project.

As TAMS Minister, last month I was pleased to announce the beginning of work on \$3.325 million of public transport improvements for Gungahlin Town Centre.

Works will include the replacement of the bus stops in Hibberson Street with a 30m long station, with better shelter, more seating, and new bike racks. The new station can accommodate three buses, and has been designed to hold two light rail carriages. Other improvements include:

- ▶ two new bus stops on Hibberson Street near Hinder Street
- ▶ a new bus stop on each side of Anthony Rolfe Avenue, west of Gribble Street
- ▶ two new bus layovers (at Kate Crace Street and Anthony Rolfe Avenue).

The new bus station will also include information displays for the NXTBUS "real time" passenger information system which is now being rolled out across the city.

The displays will show the route, destination, departure time, platform number and whether the bus has a bike rack or is wheelchair accessible. NXTBUS also provides "live" information via on-bus visual displays, online via smartphones and tablets, and over the phone. L E A S E

NXTBUS technology will be operational across Canberra in December, and will change the way we use public transport in Canberra. It will improve our capacity to deliver a better public transport system that will provide a real alternative to road congestion.

Gungahlin biodiversity corridors to grow

Shane Rattenbury MLA

The Federal Government has announced its approval of the Gungahlin Strategic Environmental Assessment.

This decision supports the ACT Government's proposal to delineate which areas in Gungahlin should be protected as nature reserves for future generations, the protection of biodiversity, and the extension of biodiversity corridors, and which areas can be released for suburban development over coming years.

The ACT Greens support the outcomes of this environmental assessment, but with a few caveats.

"On the whole I think that this assessment strikes the right balance between biodiversity protection and suburban development," said ACT Greens MLA, Shane Rattenbury.

"Overall we are pleased that the new suburbs of Gungahlin were evaluated strategically – to ensure that the protected areas link together to form a contiguous nature reserve system along the northern rim of the ACT."

"It is pleasing to see these areas being proposed for protection – it is only a shame that the ALP Government has resisted protecting some of these areas for so long in order to be able to count them as offset areas. For example, the ALP has been promising to protect Kinleyside since 2004.

"I still have reservations about the proximity of the Throsby development area to Superb Parrot habitat – the jury is out as to whether a 100m buffer is sufficient, but it would certainly be an absolute minimum. This is the type of detail which can be looked at through a development application process for the area."

"I am also concerned that development plans for Kenny need to have a wildlife corridor built into them – the Estate Development Plan needs to incorporate a wildlife corridor – probably along the creekline, to ensure that the nature reserve areas of northern Gungahlin connect to the protected areas of Southern Kenny."

"The ACT Greens will be keeping a close eye on these areas as the development plans are put together in coming years," said Mr Rattenbury.

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"I think it is really fun and really nice being with this family. My new mum and dad are very nice and we do lots of fun things."

Thomas

"Being a foster sister is fun, you get to know new people and learn different ways to do things and different ways to think about things."

Emma

"I feel happy that I have you guys for a Mum and Dad - you're awesome. The people in this house have time to talk with you and help you out, they take me to a dentist who is helping me and they take me to the doctor when I don't feel well too."

Riley

"I really like having a new family who take care of me, and who want to take care of you when you grow up."

Benjamin

"It is great to have a home that is safe, with people that love you and care for you and will always be there for you."

Max

Communities@Work's Galilee Foster Care is a personalised team that offers around the clock support to carers who welcome children and young people into their families.

If you have thought about becoming a foster carer, for one weekend a month, or for a lifetime, please contact our friendly team for more information.

Call **6290 2191** or visit **www.commsatwork.org**



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About My Gungahlin

Vision

Our vision is to be the premier source of information about Gungahlin and to develop a sense of community within the Gungahlin region.

Mission Statement

We will be a leading force in the Gungahlin region in providing relevant news and information to all members of the Gungahlin community.

We provide Gungahlin community groups & businesses the opportunity to promote and develop their community group & businesses within the region.

We will assist in developing strong networks and linkages between residents, workers, business and community groups in the Gungahlin region.



Harrison Art Show - the My Gungahlin art prize awarded to Chelsea Lemon for 'Healthy Perspective'.



Maremma - Franklin



*2011 Census

Make your business stand out in Gungahlin with my gungahlin

My Gungahlin

With My Gungahlin you will find local news, articles of interest, local events and listing information for Gungahlin businesses, schools, sporting groups, community groups and support groups.

We encourage individuals, schools, sporting groups, community groups and support groups to provide news or articles of interest to share with the community.

We will also list events held in Gungahlin or events relevant to the Gungahlin community. Events that are of a community interest such as open days, festivals and fetes we will list for free in our calendar of events.

We provide Gungahlin businesses the opportunity to promote their business to the Gungahlin region by sponsoring My Gungahlin and becoming a Platinum Partner. My Gungahlin also offers other marketing and branding services such as web site design, graphic design and printing. Please see 'Our Services' section for more information.

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Top 10 August Facebook Posts

Status question: If you could name just one business, a shop or service provider that you would like to see in Gungahlin what would it be?

Picture: Gungahlin Cinema Sign.

Canberra Times Link: Ikea Story

Picture: Bird in Coles Gungahlin Village.

My Gungahlin Link: Police seek assistance to locate missing woman.

Status: ACT Policing is currently investigation an incident on Anthony Rolfe Avenue in Gungahlin.

Status: Reports of emergency services in attendance at Yerrabi Ponds.

Picture: Memorial on Gungahlin Drive.

My Gungahlin Link: Police investigate bullet holes in business.

Status: Is someone letting off fireworks in Harrison?



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Q&A with Mark from My Gungahlin

For those that don't know what is My Gungahlin?

My Gungahlin is a website to share news and information to the people of Gungahlin. Our vision is to be the premier source of information about Gungahlin and to develop a sense of community within the Gungahlin region.

We also have an active Facebook page and Twitter feed. This enables the Gungahlin community to engage and develop conversations with each other.

When did you launch the site?

My Gungahlin has actually been around since 2006. The original format of My Gungahlin was as an online business directory for Gungahlin businesses. At the time we started with about 500 businesses listed ; we now have over 900.

Since then we have seen My Gungahlin go through a couple of facelifts and upgrades to the new site we have proudly launched in July this year. The new website provides much more news and information about Gungahlin. We have also given businesses greater opportunities to further promote their business with My Gungahlin.

What are you hoping to achieve with My Gungahlin?

Our biggest goal is to help develop a sense of community in Gungahlin. Helping share news and stories from Gungahlin groups and individuals. We are privileged to have such a mix of people in Gungahlin, it would be great to share stories.

We have some great community and support groups out there that we want to ensure everyone is aware of and has an opportunity to get involved in groups they might be interested in. We encourage these groups to share their news and stories through us to the wider community.

We also want to support local businesses and encourage the people in our region to think about shopping locally by providing a comprehensive Gungahlin business directory.

How has the project grown?

We have really seen My Gungahlin grow immensely in the last 12 months. In 2012 we decided to completely redevelop the website and turn it into an information website alongside the business directory component. We saw traffic to the website grow immediately, from hundreds of hits per month to thousands. Since then it has continued to grow. Our following on Facebook and Twitter has subsequently grown, as more and more people in the area finding out about us. In July 2012 we had only a couple of hundred Facebook followers we are now heading towards 3,300. I now wonder how soon before we hit 5,000!

How long have you lived in Gungahlin?

We moved from Weston Creek to Ngunnawal in 2005. At the time Gungahlin seemed quite far out from everything in Canberra. It's hard to remember back that far! There certainly was no GDE which I guess has made the biggest difference in commuting in and out of the region.

What are the most progressive developments you have seen in the area?

There has been so much growth and development in Gungahlin and so much more to come. When you take the time to reflect on this it's hard to not get excited. The GDE would have to be one big

development that has impacts on everyone in the area. Seeing the College and Library come together has been great and such a fantastic resource.

Gungahlin being one of the first areas for the rollout for NBN has been such a big win for those that have been fighting for it for so long. There have been so many people having to put up with poor internet connections for too long.

The news that the ACT Government is pushing ahead with light rail and Gungahlin once again the first to receive this is great news.

Do you think there are still amenities/services missing from the Gungahlin region?

Gungahlin has some great facilities for young kids, as a family with two young children this is appreciated. We have some excellent playgrounds and parks. My concern is what happens when my kids are older and teenagers? What amenities and forms of entertainment are there for the teenagers of Gungahlin today? We are excited by the news of the cinema coming soon and the leisure centre but we need more and now.

What would you like to see developed in Gungahlin?

Along with more entertainment and leisure facilities we believe Gungahlin needs more employment opportunities to help with growth. It is exciting to see the Gungahlin business park starting to be developed.

It's good to see the ACT Government moving 500 positions out to Gungahlin in their new building but we do need more. We need more activity in the Town Centre to help all businesses grow and to encourage more retailers and service providers into the area.

Do you feel that Gungahlin residents consider themselves to be poorly or underserved by the ACT Government? If so, in what areas?

I feel people are frustrated with the lack of choice and opportunity. In some cases it's also the poor planning decisions. I think with a higher level of consultation and communication people would feel more empowered and involved.

It does mean people have to get involved and speak up. We would encourage people to get involved with the Gungahlin Community Council either by sitting on the council or just coming to meetings. I think over the last couple of years we have demonstrated as a community how coming together can get positive outcomes.

Take the pool as an example. For a while there we were only going to get a 25 metre pool. Now we are getting a leisure centre that has a 50 metre pool and 25 metre pool! There was also the big push for the cinema. Through people in the community voicing their opinions and driving this we finally have a cinema coming.

Where would you like to see My Gungahlin developing over the next 5 years?

We hope to see My Gungahlin being the information portal for the whole Gungahlin region. A place where you can find out the latest news and information about Gungahlin. Share your own stories or opinions.

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Coming Events

Hall Markets

1-Sep-2013 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Hall Markets are one of Australia's largest markets, specialising in hand made and home grown goods.

Parent Info Nighton Mental Health

4-Sep-2013 6:00pm

Unakite at Amaroo School

Parent Info Night on Mental Health aged 4-16 yrs. All parents from the Gungahlin area are welcome. There will be presentations by Headspace and MIEACT. Tea, coffee and show bags provided.

Gungahlin College Presents Romeo & Juliet

18-Sep- 21Sep 2013 7:00pm

Gungahlin College Theatre

The tragic tale of 'Juliet and her Romeo' is a modernised, re-vamped version of the classic play.

Parenting Seminar with Mel Hayde

21-Sep 9:00 -12:00

Burgmann Anglican School Valley Campus

(author of Terrific Toddlers) For Mums & Dads of 0 - 5 year olds. \$20 per family (childcare & morning tea provided).

Benny Wills Gala Dinner

14- Sep- 2013

Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden.

A major fundraiser for the Benny Wills Brain Tumour Research Program is the Benny Wills fourth annual Gala Dinner.

Gungahlin Community Council Meeting

11-Sep-2013 7:30pm - 9:00pm

The Gungahlin Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month except January.

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Communities@Work

Quality Child Care & Education Services

For over 35 years, Communities@Work (C@W) has built an enviable reputation for the delivery of quality child care and education services. Its recent merger with Gungahlin Regional Community Service will enable the people of Gungahlin to benefit from C@W's substantial experience and expertise.

C@W's Ngunnawal Child Care and Education Centre, its Gungahlin School Age Care programs and its Family Day Care Scheme are examples of its best-practice approach to the delivery of children's services.



Ngunnawal Child Care & Education Centre

The Ngunnawal Child Care and Education Centre provides a welcoming, vibrant and flexible environment that caters for the individual needs of each child. We focus on the holistic well-being of each child and provide specialist support to families with particular needs.

Our Centre has 86 places and caters for children from birth to school age. Long-day care or occasional care options are available and we also offer the convenience of a nappy and linen service. Open Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 6 pm and located next to the Ngunnawal Preschool and Primary





School, we also offer preschool pick-ups and drop-offs.

Based on the Early Years Learning Framework, our program has an emphasis on children's learning and development. We believe that children learn through play and we also seek to extend their thinking and learning through a range of stimulating activities.

Our experienced staff, including qualified bilingual educators, are constantly engaged in reflective practices and work in partnership with families and the local community. We promote educational experiences by liaising with groups such as dental and health groups, Kenny Koala (Australian Federal Police) and through incursions and excursions. We also provide an outdoor program in collaboration with Kids at Play.

All children at the centre are provided with a nutritionally balanced morning and afternoon tea each day. Consistent with C@W's Nutrition Policy and Guidelines, all menus are carefully planned in collaboration with a food and nutrition consultant and we are pleased to cater for individual dietary requirements.

Our Centre respects, welcomes and acknowledges families from Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander communities. We constantly enhance our knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and celebrate the rich benefits of cultural diversity.

What our clients say

“ My son has been attending the Ngunnawal Child Care & Education Centre for three years. I have always found the centre staff to be very caring and professional in their approach..... you get a real sense that they adore the children they care for! All the staff know my son's name and interests, and at drop-off we are always welcomed with a “good morning and how are you”, which is lovely. The centre manager is committed to providing valuable learning activities for the children, many at no extra cost, such as walks to the local shops to learn about the neighbourhood and talks by parents from other countries. My son has strong bonds with certain carers and while some are now in different rooms, they always still make an effort to spend time with him, which he loves. We will be very sad to leave the centre and all the friendly faces next year when school starts. ”

(Parent of child).

Family Day Care & In-home Care



C@W has the largest and only self-employed Family Day Care Scheme in the ACT. It offers quality child care in the private homes of approved carers and is particularly suitable for families seeking child care and education in a small group setting and in an environment similar to what their children may experience at home. Families who require child care to fit around shift work or irregular hours also appreciate the flexibility of Family Day Care.

In-Home Care is a flexible form of child care designed to accommodate the needs of families unable to access mainstream child care. This type of care is provided by an approved carer in the family's home. In-Home Care places are targeted to families who have no access to existing child care services or whose circumstances mean that an existing child care service cannot meet their needs.



What our clients say:

We are very happy with the care Thomas is getting at Sarah's house. She gives us monthly and weekly plans of what they'll be doing. Thomas is enjoying it very much - he brings home little craft projects he's done and he learns new words and songs while he's there. There is a good amount of free play-time for him too. When I pick up Thomas, Sarah tells me about what he did that day and shares photos of him that she's taken throughout the day. Sarah also sends home a folder with more detail very few weeks. I also like that she will give him a cuddle when he wants one.



(Parent of child in Family Day Care).

A Career in Family Day Care or In-Home Care

A career as a Family Day Care educator can be very rewarding. Educators approved with the C@W Family Day Care and In-Home Care Scheme are self-employed, set their own hours of work and fees, learn valuable small business skills, earn a good income without leaving home and make a meaningful difference in children's lives.

In addition, our educators have the support of one of Australia's largest community-based family day care network. The Scheme supports educators in setting up their business, offering ongoing advice and providing in-service training. The Scheme has five playgroups every week, a toy library and a loan arrangement for equipment.

Gungahlin School Age Care



C@W's School Age Care Programs aim to provide environments in which each child feels safe and secure, with opportunities to develop physically, socially and emotionally.

The programs have enthusiastically embraced the new National Regulations and Out of School Hours Framework, My Time, Our Place, which came into effect in January 2012.

Before & After School Care

In Gungahlin, C@W conducts both before and after school care programs at Amaroo, Bonner, Harrison, Ngunnawal and Palmerston. An after school care program is also available at Burgmann/Forde and Burgmann/Gungahlin.

Our before school care programs operate during school terms from 7.30 am to 9 am. Children enjoy a light breakfast and are supervised in a safe environment until their school day begins.

Our after school care programs operate during school terms from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Each program has a unique environment shaped by the staff and the number and age of the children attending. All children are provided with a nutritious afternoon tea and have the opportunity to participate in a range of games and activities to extend their leisure and social opportunities.

School Holiday Programs

Our Gungahlin School Holiday Programs – offered at Amaroo, Burgmann and Harrison - provide high quality care with engaging and stimulating activities for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The programs provide a supportive environment in which children can socialise, make new friends and have fun.

We offer a diverse range of activities appropriate for the age of the children attending and the season in which the program is conducted. On-site activities are often supplemented by regular excursions to local play grounds, swimming pools, museums or other attractions. C@W has a 25 seater bus which provides transport for children to and from programs and on excursions.

Through the ACT Inclusion Support Agency, we aim to assist all school age care programs build on their capacity to create inclusive environments for all children, specifically those with additional needs.

To find out more about C@W programs or to arrange a visit to a program, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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THE CENTRAL BY GOODWIN

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The Gungahlin region is starting to see the development of dedicated senior's complexes to accommodate this demographic cohort proving that the district does not only cater for establishing and growing families. The Crace development will be the 1st of several which we will cover in subsequent editions.

The ideal lifestyle for Gungahlin seniors Gungahlin gets a boost in quality lifestyle choices as construction progresses on Goodwin's newest seniors active and independent living development called, The Central .

Goodwin Aged Care Services Limited (Goodwin) is Canberra's longest-standing provider of aged specific accommodation and services. Goodwin's history of incorporating innovation and quality in aged-specific services is captured throughout the design and amenity of The Central .

Designed with the future in mind, The Central will provide quality and adaptable accommodation options for Gungahlin seniors providing security, independence and ageing- in-place outcomes. Links to the community are an essential part of ageing positively and future residents of The Central will benefit from its ideal location and urban village design.

Just as the name suggests, The Central places residents at the centre of a suite of services. Located in the heart of Canberra's vibrant suburb

of Crace, The Central is directly across the street from Crace's shopping and entertainment complex. Residents will benefit from access to community amenities such as nearby public transportation, parklands, onsite Lifestyle Club, planned social and wellbeing programs, and a new Crace medical centre estimated for completion in late 2013.

The Central will incorporate 127 architecturally design independent living apartments and 8 townhouses. Apartments range from one, two, and three bedroom floor plans while the townhouses have three bedrooms and a garage. Apartments and townhouses will feature quality fixtures and showcase interior-decorator design schemes.

Stage 1 of the development is estimated for completion mid-late 2014. Floor plans, price lists, design schemes and relocation assistance information is now available to the public and the Goodwin Sales Team welcomes enquiries. For additional convenience, Goodwin is offering in-home appointments or onsite appointments at the Goodwin Ainslie location.



◀ Artist Impression:
Aerial view of The
Central



▲ Artist Impression: The Central
by Goodwin at Crace.

Artist Impression: Penthouse ▶
master bedroom



BUSH ON THE BOUNDARY GROUPS

In 2006 the Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) and the Conservation Council established the 1st Bush on the Boundary Reference Group (BoB) at Gungahlin. This was in response to the proposed development of new Gungahlin suburbs of Forde and Bonner adjoining the Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve. BoB Gungahlin has since expanded its area of interest to biodiversity conservation in other developing areas in Gungahlin. Other BoB forums have been established in North Watson and the Molonglo Valley for developing urban areas.

Functions of Bush on the Boundary

Bush on the Boundary operates primarily as an information-sharing forum and as an 'enabling' group to assist BoB participants to carry out their respective roles and responsibilities in a collaborative and integrated manner. BoB is not intended to lead or manage projects but seeks to add value to projects.

Key functions are to:

1. Provide a forum for information exchange and sharing knowledge of resources that assist biodiversity conservation at the urban bush interface, with a particular focus on urban development in close proximity to areas of high conservation value.

2. Facilitate access to knowledge, expertise, and resources to add value to research, education and on-ground rehabilitation projects.

3. Provide input into the development process with the aim of avoiding environmental impacts before they arise.

It provides a forum to address issues arising at the urban edge and brings together key stakeholders with an interest in planning and development at the urban edge. This includes developers, government agencies, non-government, community and academic institutions plus rural lessees.

BoB participants are responsible for reporting issues back to their own organisations for action as appropriate and subject to confidentiality requests. It is expected that BoB participants will pursue issues raised at the BoB that relate to their areas of interest, business and expertise.

The life of a local BoB group will vary, but is not necessarily expected to be ongoing. The key factor is to continue to provide a useful forum.

GUNSMOKE Newsletter



Considering advertising your business in Gunsmoke

GCC is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation established to provide a voice for Gungahlin residents and workers. The region covers the area bordered by the Federal and Barton Highways to the NSW border.

This newsletter offers advertisers direct marketing to a variety of business groups, organisations and the community in general. Whether your target market is community groups, local or national business or just the general consumer chances are this magazine could end up in the hands or coffee tables of your target market. Gunsmoke is distributed electronically to homes and businesses in the Gungahlin region. A print run of 3000 copies will enable newsletters to be available in local shopping centres.

Gunsmoke is available for download on the GCC website www.gcc.asn.au/gunsmoke-issues.

Gunsmoke provides an excellent opportunity to advertise your business or organisation directly to the local target market.

For more information please contact the Gungahlin Community Council via email to president@gcc.asn.au

ACT FOSTER CARE EXPO

Caring for Canberra's
Vulnerable Children

**SATURDAY 14
SEPTEMBER 2013**
1pm - 4pm

**The ACT Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre**
245 Lady Dennam Drive, Yarramundi Reach



Keynote speaker
Dr. Sue Packer
Canberra Citizen of the
Year and child advocate

Refreshments and childrens activities.
No RSVP required.