

# CANBERRA IS GROWING, BUT HOW SHOULD WE ACCOMMODATE THIS GROWTH?

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**Monday 23 March 2020**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Albert Hall, 100 Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra**

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Canberra is changing fast and this is having a significant impact upon density, green areas and public spaces. Some argue that such changes are necessary if Canberra is to be economically and environmentally sustainable. Others argue that these changes abandon the original aspirations and objectives for Canberra, such as the bush capital, the garden city principles and the city in the landscape.

We will discuss:

- What are the founding ideals of Canberra and are they still relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- If so, how should they be adapted to suit our changing social, political, economic and natural environment; and
- Whether Canberra can continue growing at the current pace without abandoning its founding ideals and identity?

The event is jointly organised by the **Canberra Planning Action Group (CPAG)** and the **Institute of Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA)**. Former Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope AO will chair the forum, while former ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs will moderate the panel discussion and Q&A from the audience.

The Canberra Planning Action Group (CPAG) was formed in early 2019 in response to a general discontent by community groups and many individuals with the ACT Government on planning matters including urban densification, transport, affordable housing, green infrastructure, approvals processes—the list goes on. CPAG seeks a Canberra-wide perspective to create a more united voice for all who want to see a more considered, people and nature-friendly approach to Canberra's future.

The format of the event will be:

- Presentations by the speakers;
- A panel discussion facilitated by Genevieve Jacobs; and
- Questions and Answer session

## THE SPEAKERS



**Jack Waterford AM** studied law at the Australian National University, and having graduated in 1972, started as a cadet at *The Canberra Times*. He was appointed Deputy Editor in 1987, Editor in 1995, Editor-in-Chief in 2001, and Editor-at-large in 2006. Jack retired in 2015, but continues as a freelance writer.

Jack is well known for his investigative journalism using Freedom of Information legislation and for his work and advocacy on indigenous health issues and on the national trachoma and eye health program. Over the years Jack has written on law, government, industrial relations, ACT politics and planning, indigenous affairs and the public service.



**Professor Barbara Norman** is the Foundation Chair of Urban and Regional Planning and Director of Canberra Urban and Regional Futures (CURF) at the University of Canberra. Professor Norman is Chair of the ACT Climate Change Council and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University. Barbara is a Life Fellow and past national president of the Planning Institute of Australia and a Life Honorary Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (UK).

She has a substantial professional background having worked at all levels of government and run her own practice. Her current research and teaching interests include sustainable cities and regions, coastal planning, climate change adaptation and urban governance.



**Professor Karl Fischer** is a visiting professor in the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales, where he was acting director of the Master of Urban Development and Design Course. He studied planning and urban design in Aachen, Berkeley and Canberra and also holds a degree in English/American Literature.

He has taught urban design, planning and planning history in Aachen, Berkeley, Hamburg and Kassel, and in recent years, he was a professor for 'History and Culture of the Metropolis' at the Harbor City University, Hamburg.

Professor Fischer's research interests lie in internationally comparative perspectives in urban development and design, planning history and urban regeneration (Germany/ Australia/ UK/ USA/ France). In Australia, he is perhaps best known for his book "Canberra – Myths and Models". Together with his UNSW colleague Professor James Weirick, he is currently working on a follow-up publication of the book which includes the period between the 1980s and today to be entitled "Creating Canberra".



**Dr Jason Sharples** is an Associate Professor in the School of Science, University of New South Wales Canberra.

He is part of the Applied and Industrial Mathematics Group and the Computational Science Initiative.

He is currently Lead Chief Investigator on two ARC Discovery Indigenous Projects and Project Leader for the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC's 'Spot Fire' Project.

These projects all consider various aspects of extreme and dynamic bushfire propagation, the development of large conflagrations and bushfire risk management.



**Fiona Carrick** is the President of the Woden Valley Community Council, a volunteer advocacy group for the well-being of the Woden community.

She is passionate about the role planning plays in providing confidence to the private sector to invest, and in building inclusive resilient communities.

She acknowledges that there are benefits to agglomerating around town centres, however she insists that densification should be done well to facilitate pride in our environment, including affordable housing, jobs, social facilities and open green spaces.

## THE FACILITATOR



**Genevieve Jacobs** has been a journalist for 30 years, working in print and radio. Her career began with rural newspapers on the South West Slopes, she has freelanced for national magazines and spent a decade with ABC Radio Canberra.

She works with a wide range of Canberra organisations including the Tara Costigan Foundation, and Gift of Life ACT, sits on the ACT's advisory committee for Historic Places and the boards of the National Folk Festival, Canberra International Music Festival, M16 artspace and the Conflict Resolution Service.

Genevieve has an enduring interest in building community, and creating discussions that include us all.

Contributors to the event include: The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians (LBGG), The Woden Valley Community Council (WVCC), SOGSWestKambah.....

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