

# Gungahlin Community Council

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# GCC Update



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# CELEBRATE GUNG AHLIN FESTIVAL

LOVE YOUR TOWN - LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOURS

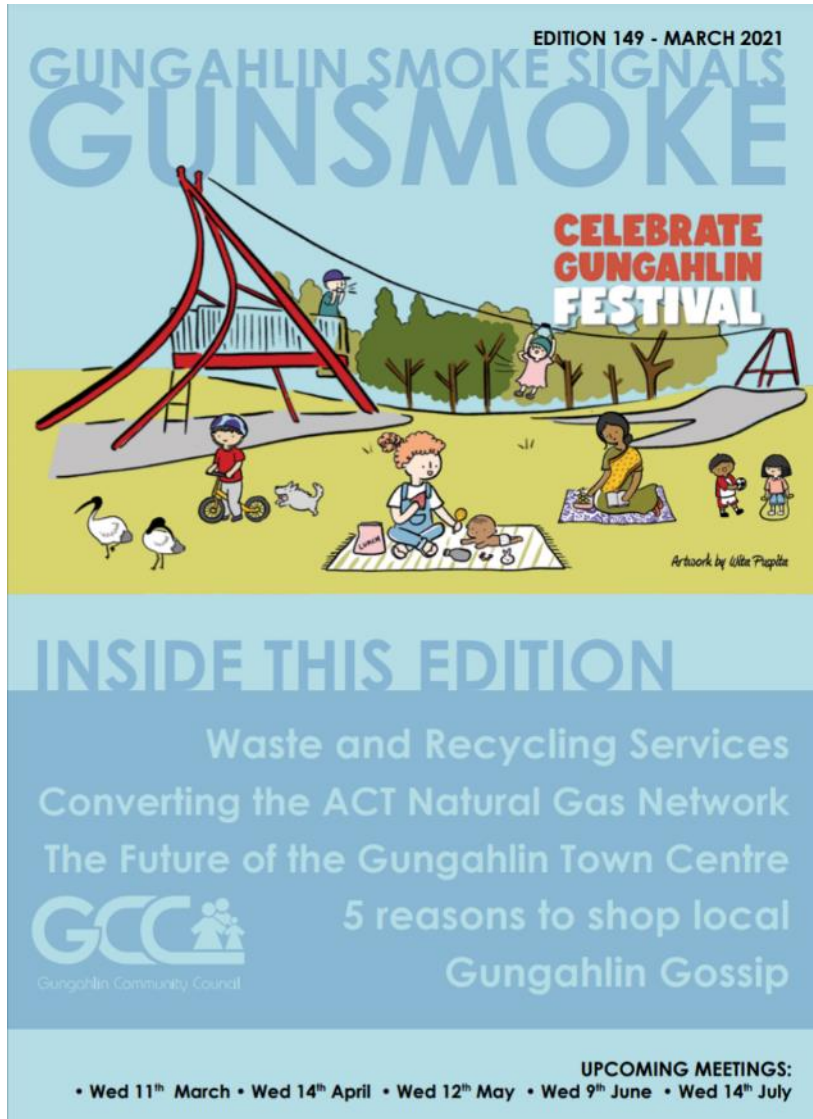


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- March 20-28
- Series of events
- GET INVOLVED!!
- Come by the GCC stand at the on Saturday 21st

[www.CelebrateGungahlin.com.au](http://www.CelebrateGungahlin.com.au)

# Gungahlin Smoke Signals #149



- From the President
- Waste and Recycling Services
- Converting the ACT Natural Gas Network to Renewables
- Gungahlin Land Releases 2020-21
- Gungahlin Cinema and DHA Office Parking Decisions
- Our Future Gungahlin Hindu Temple
- The Future of the Gungahlin Town Centre
- 5 Reasons to Don a Mask and Shop Local
- Gungahlin Gossip - Grease Monkey
- The Frogs of Gungahlin
- Celebrate Gungahlin
- Images of Gungahlin
- Gungahlin Markets
- Yerrabi Pond ePetition


# Motion in ACT Assembly: Development of the Gungahlin Town Centre



- Private members motion by Suzanne Orr, 10 February 2021
  - calling on the Government to support the further development of the Gungahlin region and town centre and outlined how this might be achieved. ...
  - amendments ... moved by the ACT Greens ... noting that all parties had committed to building a large community centre in the Gungahlin Town Centre during the 2020 election ... [and calling ] on the ... Government to support the creation of an entertainment precinct to enable a night time economy. ...
  - further amendment ... moved by the Opposition to include calling on the Government to ensure additional employment opportunities in Gungahlin.
- <https://gcc.asn.au/gungahlin-town-centre-development-subject-of-act-assembly-motion>


# The Motion: Significance

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Assembly Session Log : Wednesday 10th February 2021

 <b>Debate</b> Ms Lee/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:16:48 am for 3m 11s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 COVID-19 Emergency Response Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (No 3) <b>Question resolved in the negative</b> Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis/ Clerk	11:19:59 am for 2m 34s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> Clerk/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:22:33 am for 7s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Motion be agreed to</b> Ms Orr/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:22:40 am for 9m 3s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Debate</b> Ms Castley/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:31:43 am for 4m 39s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Debate, amendment</b> Mr Braddock/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:36:22 am for 6m 32s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Debate</b> Mr Petterson/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:42:54 am for 7m 43s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Aebate</b> Ms Castley/ Mr Assistant Speaker Mr Davis	11:50:37 am for 26s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>
 <b>Gungahlin - town centre</b> <b>Debate</b> Mr Gentleman	11:51:03 am for 8m 10s   <a href="#">Link</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>

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Phrase :

Date :

Member :

- Tri-Party Support
- GCC’s advocacy acknowledged
- Details
  - Mixed-Use
  - Land sales process
  - DV 364
  - Community
- Next Steps ...

<http://aod.parliament.act.gov.au/A88893>

# Dated system forces planning authority to approve imperfect developments, admits Chief Planner

Ian Bushnell - 1 March 2021 2

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Chief Planner Ben Ponton and Planning Minister Mick Gentleman. Photo: File.

The planning system has failed to keep up with key government policies and its rules-dominated approach may result in flawed developments being approved, according to Canberra's Chief Planner Ben Ponton.

- Planning Committee estimates
- “What we then find as we are going through that process is that the Planning Authority may be almost forced to approve a development that we know is not ideal and the community does not particularly want and developers know that as well, [but] at least they can get a clear pathway, particularly if they comply with all the rules,” Mr Ponton said.
- Review of the Territory Planning System is underway ...



# UPDATE: Community and Recreation Needs Assessment in Gungahlin

- GCC has spoken to consultant's undertaking desktop analysis
- Community Engagement to come ... details TBA
- In scope ...

- **Libraries**
- **Schools**
- **Childcare and early education**
- **Community hubs, centres, halls and meeting spaces**
- **Community health facilities**
  - Government run only
  - Not GPs/allied health)
- **Aged care**

- **Arts and cultural facilities**
- **Targeted facilities for specific users, including religious, youth and seniors groups**
- **Aquatic facilities**
- **Indoor sports facilities**
- **Outdoor sports and recreation facilities**
- **Open space, and**
- **Community Gardens**

# Yerrabi Pond Petition

- ACT Assembly ePetition, sponsored by Michael Pettersson MLA
- Initiative of local resident John Beagle
  - Establish a "The Friends of Yerrabi Pond" association
  - Provide more toilet and hand washing facilities
  - Provide signage particularly on shared pathways concerning rights of all users and instructions re: dogs and their droppings
  - Upgrade the western children's playground with the provision of a toilet and hand washing facilities
  - Upgrade the many areas around the Pond that are currently overgrown with weeds, bushes etc.
- <https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetId=162&Index=-1>
  - Search "ACT ePetitions"



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# ACTIONS



- **Signup** as a GCC member
  - [www.gcc.asn.au/membership](http://www.gcc.asn.au/membership)