

Urban Development at Kenny—WCA Submission

The WCA has been preparing a submission on the proposed Residential development of Kenny and Throsby.

The WCA have made the proposal based on the impact of the development on the critically endangered ecological community of White box – Yellow box – Blakely's red gum grassy woodlands and the nationally endangered Striped Legless Lizard *Delma impar*.

If you would like more information about the submission or would like to support the WCA with the submission, please contact one of the committee members (details on the front)

Watson Annual General Meeting 2012

Where: ACT Sport House in Hackett
When: Thursday May 17 from 7:30 to 9:30pm
Contact: 6241 8861

Keen to get involved in your community? Come along and meet members of the WCA and find out more. If you are a member of WCA and are interested in joining the committee, come along to the AGM and nominate (Form below, please note you must be a WCA member for a minimum of two weeks to be eligible to nominate).

WATSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I,

(full name of applicant)

of

(address)

hereby apply to become a member of the above-named incorporated Association. I agree to be bound by the rules of the WCA for the time being in force.

..... Date/.../.....

(signature of applicant)

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This edition:

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- ◆ Autumn Recipe
- ◆ Woodland Update
- ◆ Much More!

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Update from the WCA Committee

Over the past few months the WCA committee has been busy with a number of issues affecting Watson:

- Contributing to a history of the Landcare Program in the ACT.
 - Discussion on public toilets in Watson
 - Making submissions to federal government on a valuable native woodland at nearby Kenny which provides an important natural linkage to our Woodland at Watson.
 - Preventing ACTEW's contractors from removing trees planted by volunteers on the Watson Woodland. We were too late for one sapling, but the Minister Simon Corbell, and the Chief Ministers Office intervened on our behalf.
 - Participating in public debate on Summer-nats especially the spillover of noise and pollution from the Saturday burnouts.
 - Consultation on the reestablishment of a community garden in Watson.
 - Planning for the 50th anniversary of Watson in 2013 - get in touch if you would like to be involved
- Watson Woodlands rehabilitation - the ending of the drought has been a bonus but has brought some new weeds out - check out dates for woodland working bees over the next few weeks
- For more information, send us an email at the WCA address above. We hope to see you at the AGM in May.



The WCA particularly thanks the Australian Catholic University (ACU), Signadou Campus in Watson, for printing this Newsletter as a community service.

'Trim' on the high seas

You may remember in a previous Watson we had a story on 'Trim' a boat that was built in Watson. In February 'Trim' disappeared from the front lawn of its home in Watson, after taking shape as a catamaran over the past 7 years. Those who followed its progress may be perplexed by the 'Boat Missing' sign that replaced it, and will be interested to know that 'Trim' now rocks happily up and down on the waves in Jervis Bay.

Despite the 'Great Floods' this summer, her captain did not float 'Trim' down to the sea. 'Trim' travelled on a semi-trailer early in February. It was the fastest she will ever travel! With an early start to avoid traffic and a police escort to clear the way, Trim journeyed through Watson and via Goulburn and Tarago down the Clyde Mountain, to her launching place at Batemans Bay.

Over the next few months, Trim will travel north to follow in the pathway of her namesake, Trim the Cat, the feline who accompanied Mathew Flinders on his circumnavigation of Australia.

The project took the owner (nicknamed Noah) hundreds of hours, starting with construction of two hulls one at a time, concluding with paint, the addition of winches and anchoring gear, sails and other 'boat jewelry'.



Great food, Great lifestyle — A Watson resident's perspective

By Carrie Wright

Watson is a great suburb to live in; we've lived here for 18 years and have lived in two houses in the same street. One of the advantages of living here is the access to great fresh food and for those interested in the carbon footprint of their food the nearby outlets are perfect.

The Saturday morning Farmers Market at EPIC has grown to be a wonderful place where I can get my weeks fresh fruit, vegetables and bread. The markets also has a great range of fish, meat and some dairy all grown locally and many being certified organic.

If I need a top up during the week it's only a short drive to Dickson where I can buy anti-biotic free, free range meats from Crookwell and dairy products sold at the new Lost River Butcher on Challis St. It's only a quick trip to Nth Lyneham to Choku Bai Jo for locally grown fresh produce and a comprehensive range of other foods some being organic or biodynamic.

The cafes and takeaway at the local shops offer a variety of options for all tastes and the local IGA, pharmacy, hairdresser and beauty salon keep our community well looked after.

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Poetry in Watson

Recently the Watson has been featuring poetry from local residents. The creative side of our suburb is certainly growing with the 'Taste of Poetry' Group. The group formed in 2009 and wanted an outlet to share, write and discuss poetry.

The group found a regular meeting spot originally in Carlos, now in Joey's Kitchen at Watson shops where they share their love of poetry while enjoying some refreshments and supporting local business. The group is also involved in planning a collaborative event for peace to be held on Anzac Eve, which will include poetry from northside and southside and song from the Chorus of Women.

The group recently prepared some poems for UN World Poetry Day focused on peace and sustainability—a sample of which are included in this edition.

The Taste of Poetry group meets at Joey's Kitchen each Wednesday between 4-6pm to read, write and talk poetry. Anyone interested in the group should contact Fiona McIlroy at fionamcilroy@bigpond.com (Fiona has become Café Poet in Residence supported by Australian Poetry and Joey's)

striking home

thunderstruck
don't just stand there
look around
become aware

that it's sheer luck
we're still here
perched perilously
clinging to the pier

knowing we're stuck
paralysed with fear
while the sea laps up
rising more each year

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Knitting for Peace

I am knitting as scarf
with silver threads
and shiny circles

As the thread slips
through my fingers
the spangles wink at me

The soft wool winds
with metallic thread
into a suitable shape

I will take my scarf
to the oval office
and teach Mr President

To knit with spangles
instead of fighting
with deadly weapons

A disciplined President
knitting threads of peace
listening, chatting, smiling

Making his own
star-spangled Banner
for peace.

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Watson call for Volunteers

Watson is also seeking volunteers to help with distribution. If you are interested in helping, please email lizgrace@grapevine.com.au

Watson is interested in hearing from you. If you are interested in contributing, email k.britt85@hotmail.com



Talk to Joey about how we can make your special occasion a time to remember.

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Two bowls please! - Yummy Pumpkin Soup

It's that wonderful time of year when the pumpkins ripen and the big stock pots come out of the back of the cupboard. This edition's recipe has been handcrafted by chef extraordinaire Craig, from Nipperville Early Learning Centre at Watson shops.

Craig is a dab hand at creating delicious wholesome foods for his hungry little critics. Most kids like the taste of pumpkin and soup is easy for little ones to handle- no knives, no forks, just a spoon and a bit of mess! Craig recommends adding some Indian spices to maximise the flavour and the kids love it! It's Nipperville's number 1 most popular meal.

Ingredients

1 butternut pumpkin, chopped
3 litres of vegetable stock (depending on the size of the pot)
6 large potatoes, peeled and diced
2 brown onions, sliced
1 tsp garlic
1 tsp ginger
1 tsp ground cardamom
1 tsp garam masala
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp cinnamon
1 bunch of chives, chopped

Method

Fry the onion and spices in a large saucepan until the onion is golden. Add the potatoes and pumpkin.

Fill your stock pot $\frac{3}{4}$ full with the vegetable stock and simmer until the pumpkin is soft.

Remove from the heat and blender (a stick blender would work nicely) until you get a smooth and creamy consistency.

Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve up and sprinkle with chives.

The great thing about this recipe is that it is simple to prepare and doesn't take long. Craig suggests that a fantastic variation is with cauliflower. Simply replace the pumpkin with 1 cauliflower, chopped into florets and follow the same method. This recipe feeds 6 adults, or 12 preschoolers. And it's a guaranteed "can I have another bowl please Mum"!

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Probus is a worldwide association for retired or semi-retired people. It is sponsored by Rotary and is non-fundraising. Meetings are held monthly, with a guest speaker & morning tea. Outings, lunches & bus trips are organised.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT BOTH CLUBS

Canberra North Ladies

10.00 am Yowani Country Club,
2nd Monday of each month.

Membership \$20.00 per annum. Joining fee \$5.00

Ladies contact: Beverley 6248 8236

Canberra North Men's

10.00am St Margaret's Church, Hackett
2nd Tuesday of each month.

No. of members: 42

Subscription \$25.00 per annum. Joining fee \$5.00

Men contact: Ted Baker 6241 4853

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NHW Coordinator on 043 747 9236**



Vale, Kyra Lewis Suthern

Kyra Lewis Suthern recently passed away on 15th February 2012. She was farewelled and at Norwood Park Crematorium on the 22nd February.

Born 21st August 1922 , she came from Binnaway near Dubbo and had been a teacher and also had worked at the ANU. Kyra Lewis Suthern had been a resident of Irvine Street, Watson since 1963.

Kyra's neighbour had found her collapsed in her driveway, she died a few days later in the hospital. Kyra had lived independently all her life and had been active until the end.



Anyone for tennis?

Planning to get more exercise? As well as providing a good physical workout, playing tennis at Majura Tennis Club will give you the opportunity to meet more people from the local area.

The Club offers social tennis every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am. Non-members of all ages are very welcome to play for the small cost of \$5. There's no need to book; simply turn up, introduce yourself and enjoy a game of tennis.

The Club focuses on social tennis in a relaxed environment. We don't enter teams in pennant competitions, although some of our women members do play in a friendly daytime competition.

If our social tennis times don't suit you, the Club hires courts for \$10 per hour. (There is an extra charge should you need lights in the evenings.) To make a booking, please ring Betty Rolls (phone 6241 1637) or Sixto Diaz (phone 6247 5445).

The courts are in Rosevear Place, Dickson, at the rear of the swimming pool. Synthetic grass courts and clay courts are available.

If you'd like more information, please contact Graham Thompson (Secretary) on 6249 6913.



Woodland Update

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation held a two day plant translocation workshop in Canberra late March to discuss successes and failures in establishing new populations of threatened plants into the wild. The workshop included a site visit to a nationally endangered example of Box-Gum grassy woodland in Justice Robert Hope Park. Participants were able to see and learn from the experiences of the Watson Woodland Working Group on efforts to enhance the native grass and wildflower diversity.

Re-introductions have mainly been by planting seedlings propagated from local seed sources, direct seeding of Kangaroo Grass has also been trialled. A nationally endangered forb, Hoary Sunray, has been included in the plantings. Over 3,000 wildflower and grass seedlings have been planted into the area. Workshop participants heard from woodlands working group member, botanist John Briggs, that there has been mixed success in enhancing the populations of local native wildflowers in the woodland. One of the several lessons learnt is that many native wildflowers and native grasses are quite fussy about where they will grow and reproduce – many different planting sites need to be trialled to improve the chances of establishing some self-sustaining populations.

Members of the WCA met in early April with Andrew Leigh, Federal Senator for Fraser, to discuss the development of the future suburb of Kenny. A 100ha patch of nationally endangered grassy Yellow Box-Gum woodland and adjoining temperate grasslands hosting a regional population of legless lizards has been referred to the federal government under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) by the ACT Land Development Agency. Andrew Leigh has followed up our meeting with the letter to the federal Minister.

Recent heavy rains have kept many of us out of our park. The profusion of weeds is telling us that it is time to return to our posts. With that in mind we invite you to join us in a working bee on Sunday May 27. Please meet at the Antill Street-Prime TV entrance to the park from 9:30am to 12:00 to chip out woody and herbaceous weeds. Please bring a mattock, and wear sturdy outdoor working gear. We will provide training and more importantly, drinks and bikkies.

We hold working bees on the last Sunday of every month until November.

Richard Larson
Working Group Coordinator
ph. 6241 3024



Starlight Sign– Heritage Listed

Recently the ACT Government made a decision to heritage list the Starlight Drive In Theatre sign for its social significance. This is an important step in preserving some of the nostalgic cultural history of Canberra.

The iconic sign which sits out the front of the Starlight Apartments, used to be the beacon for the old Drive In Cinema in Canberra which was opened in 1957.

In its glory days, Starlight could hold up to 1180 cars and offered two shows a night. The evening would include the news and cartoons before the main film.

Sadly, the sign has been deteriorating over the last few years and not well maintained. It is hoped the new Heritage listing will mean the sign can be restored and maintained to preserve this snapshot of Canberra's history.

Picture and facts extracted from City News October 2010



Watson's 50th Anniversary Celebrations 2013

Do you have photos, memorabilia or stories to tell about your time as a Watson resident? Do you know of anyone now living elsewhere who also might be able to share their memories with us? Have you arrived in Watson recently or were you one of the "originals"? Whatever your length of time with us, we would love to hear from you.

You can get in touch with any of the WCA Committee members or contact Gina Grey directly on 6247 0859.

Josh's Gardening Wagon

Last year, 13 year old Josh Johnston started his own lawn mowing business to earn some pocket money for the things he loves doing (fishing, gardening and building).

Josh has a few regular customers and to carry his tools from job to job, he built his own transportation – a wagon that attaches onto the back of his bike. The wagon carries all his tools and can remove any waste required. Josh's accomplishments include building a chook house and an elevated dog platform for neighbours. Josh has also cultivated a productive vegetable garden at home.

If you have some gardening to do, why not give Josh a call (6249 6649) and see how he can help.