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Dear Mr Hemsley and Ms Brouwer

Thank you for the invite to the Molonglo Community Forum AGM and your questions regarding the Coombs Community Centre and the management of municipal land in the Molonglo Valley. While I have sent my apologies for the meeting, I hope the information below proves useful.

### **Coombs Community Centre**

I am pleased to update the Molonglo Valley community that sub-lease negotiations have been finalised for 300 square metres at the Coombs Activity Centre. The lease commenced on 1 October 2021 and is for a period of five years.

Work has also commenced on the internal design for the centre, with interior designers currently being engaged to undertake the fit-out works required for the space.

The expression of interest process, seeking interested parties to manage the facility, continues to progress. The ACT Government is looking to release the EOI for the Coombs Community Centre and Stromlo Cottage in November and we will keep the community updated once this has occurred.

### **Management of Municipal Land**

In response to questions regarding the management of landscaping and gardening in the Molonglo Valley, particularly weeding and mowing, I can advise that Wright and Coombs were last mown through the period of 24 September to 5 October.

While wet weather and other circumstances can disrupt the schedule, grass along arterial and connecting roadways is mown every five weeks during the peak growing season, while suburban parks and public open spaces are generally mown every four weeks during peak growing periods and every two to three months at other times of the year. John Gorton Drive, for example, was last mown on 12 and 13 October.

Roundabouts in the area are maintained through regular anti-weed spraying activities. Weed removals are currently being undertaken throughout this week of 18 October.

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Residents may be interested in the mowing map, which shows where crews have recently mowed and are planning to mow in the coming weeks. The map is available on the City Services website at:  
[www.cityservices.act.gov.au/city-living/maintenance-of-public-areas/grass-mowing](http://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/city-living/maintenance-of-public-areas/grass-mowing)

In general, residents should log a maintenance issue via Fix My Street. This can be done at  
<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/fix-my-street> or by calling Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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