



MOLONGLO VALLEY
Community Forum

23 | June
2022

**Public
Meeting**

MEETING AGENDA



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Introduction

Karen Collins, Executive Committee Member, Molonglo Valley Community Forum

Pets in Molonglo Valley

Brendan Arnold, Communications & Engagement Officer, RSPCA

Coombs Community Centre

Pip Northam, Centre Manager, YWCA Canberra

MVCF Update

Monique Brouwer, Co-Convenor, Molonglo Valley Community Forum

Questions and Answers Session

PETS
IN THE
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RSPCA ACT

Molonglo Valley Community Forum

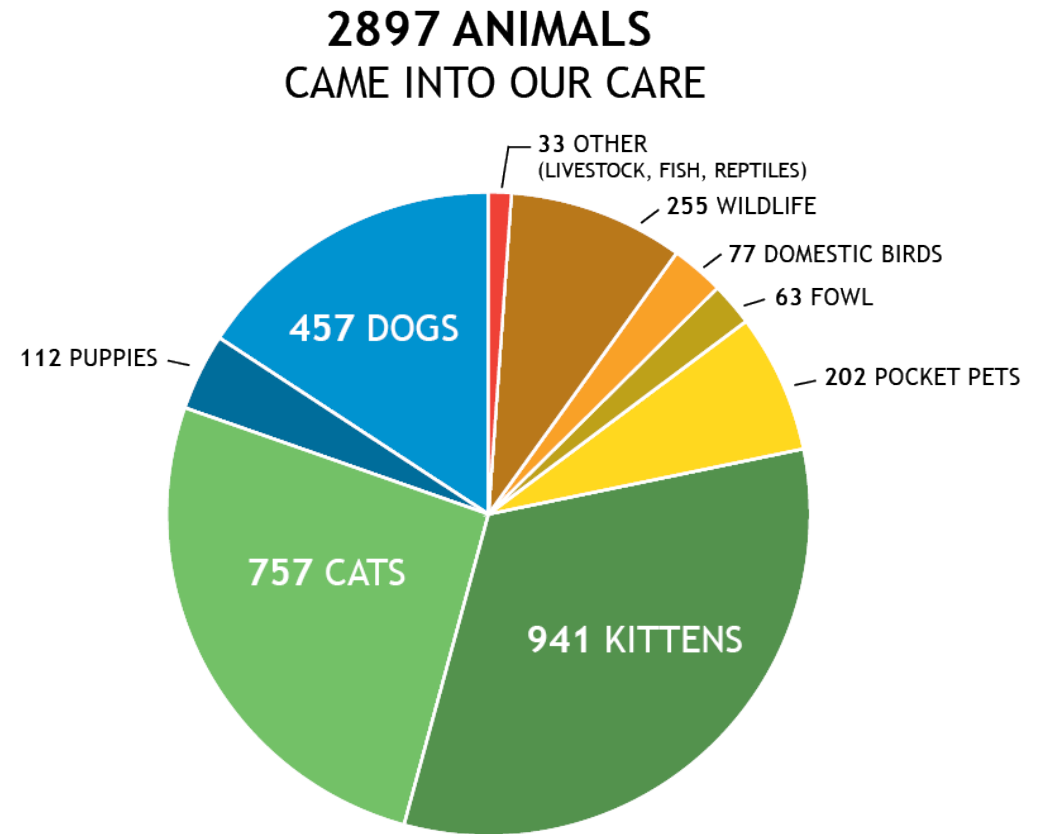
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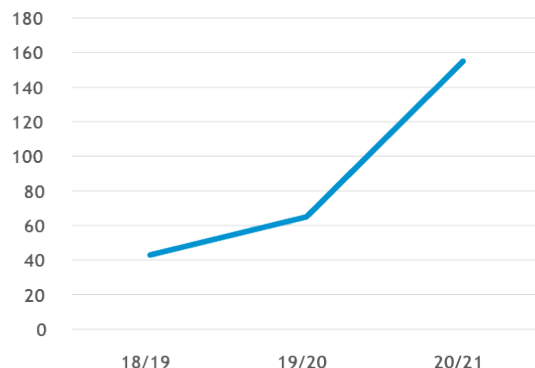
Introducing RSPCA ACT

- ✓ Last financial year, just under **2897** animals came into our care.
- ✓ Whilst this is an incredibly important part of our work, we are not *just* a shelter that rehomes animals

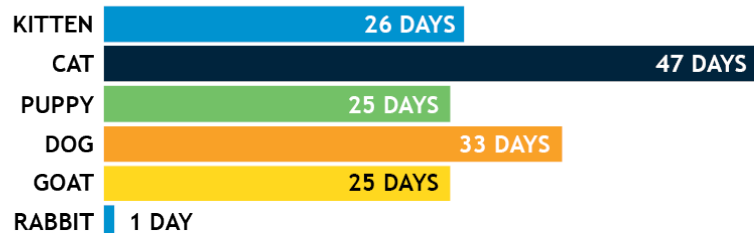


Project Safe - Emergency Boarding

NUMBER OF ANIMALS
REQUIRING EMERGENCY BOARDING



IN EMERGENCY BOARDING



AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
FOR PROJECT SAFE ANIMALS

- ✓ RSPCA ACT has been serving the ACT for 65 years.
- ✓ We seek to understand changing animal welfare requirements and come up with solutions.
- ✓ This service is for people who may be facing housing crises, domestic violence or medical emergencies. We offer temporary, safe shelter for their pets until they're able to be reunited with their owners.
- ✓ **In 2020/2021 we helped 155 animals whose owners were in crisis. This is an 81.8% increase from the previous financial year.**



Pets and returning to work.

- ❁ **Prepare your pet with mini absences.** Even when you're home it's important to give your pet limited periods of separation. If you have been at home ALL the time, try build in an adjustment period of separation, they do not need to be long.
- ❁ Great opportunity to advocate for **pet friendly workplaces** where there are designated days to take your furry friend to work.
- ❁ Go for a walk, vigorous play or other exercise with your pet before you go to work - this would **tire them out** and guarantee plenty of snooze time
- ❁ **Give your dog a job** - puzzles to solve, toys to chew, treats to look for, stuffed Kongs. Rotate toys, animals get bored and need variety.



Tips for dogs



- ❁ When you do go to work, **give them a special treat right before you head out the door**, so they associate you leaving with something good such as a yummy treat:
 - Avoid big dramatic goodbyes when you leave. Offer the dog a treat and slip out the door. If your dog senses that leaving is a bad thing, he's more apt to develop separation anxiety.
 - Avoid the same drama when you return home. Reward calm behaviour with attention and treats.
- ❁ Look into getting a **reputable dog walker, joining doggy day care and even where feasible, neighbourhood pet play days** while the humans are at work
- ❁ Some animals respond **really well to music and ambient sound** - leave music or a television on when you leave. Human voices playing in the background can be comforting . Even better, play a video of you or family members on a loop.



Tips for cats



- ✓ Climbing frames positioned to give the cat a good view of the outside world.
- ✓ An assortment of mobile toys enhanced with catnip.
- ✓ Putting the day's ration of kibble in an activity ball.
- ✓ Leaving the radio or television on.
- ✓ Environmental pheromone therapy such as Feliway.
- ✓ Seek veterinary advice if you notice any unexplained behaviour problem to rule out underlying physical problems.
- ✓ As per dogs, no exuberant greeting behaviour.
- ✓ Scratching posts.



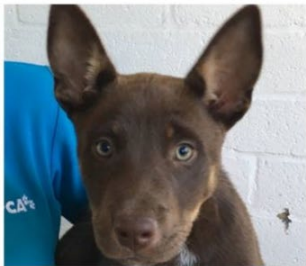
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ADOPT



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Q&A SESSION



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COOMBS COMMUNITY CENTRE



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FORUM UPDATE



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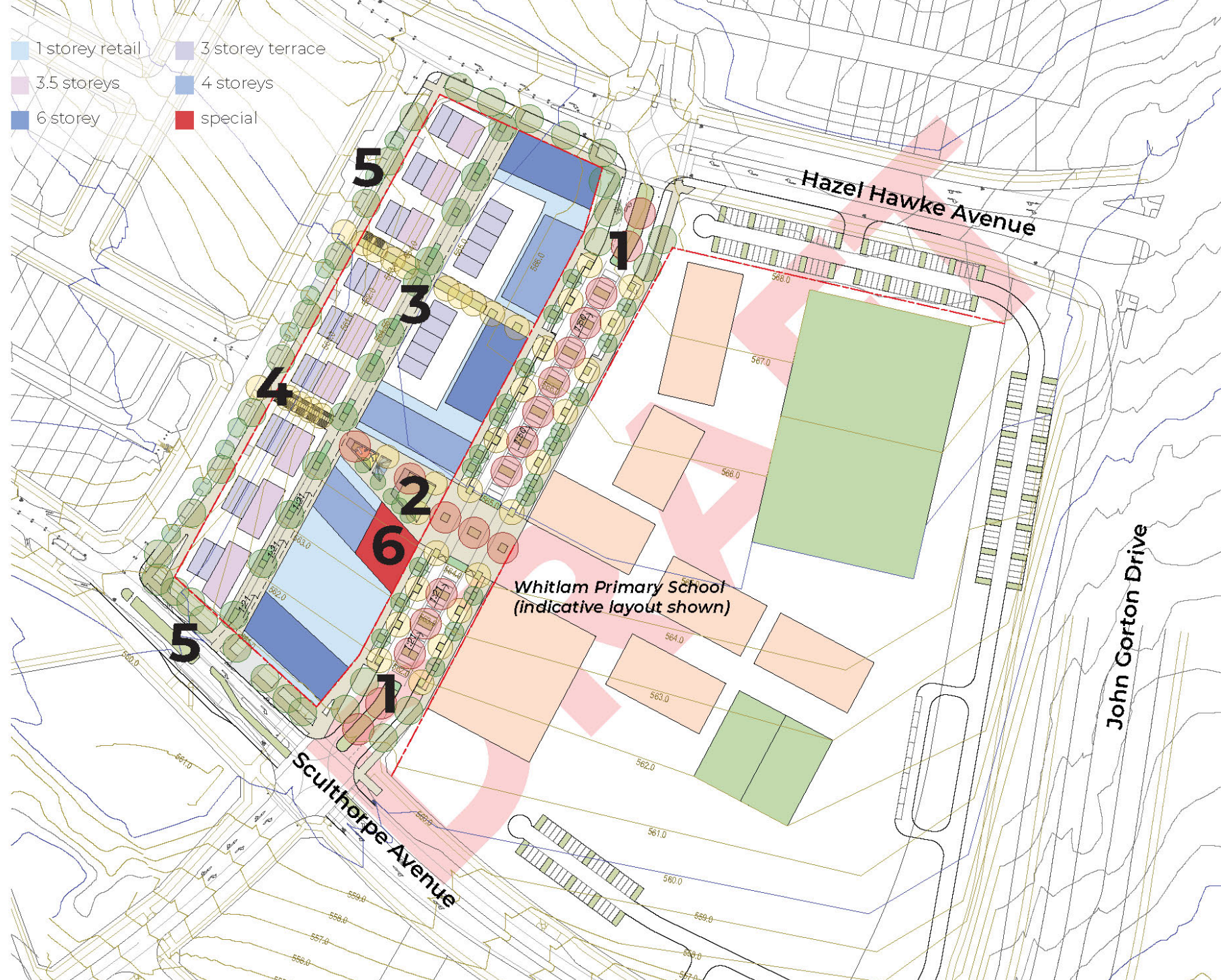
WHITLAM LOCAL CENTRE



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- 1 storey retail
- 3 storey terrace
- 3.5 storeys
- 4 storeys
- 6 storey
- special



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1

3

4

2

6

1

5

Hazel Hawke Avenue

Whitlam Primary School
(indicative layout shown)

Sculthorpe Avenue

John Gorton Drive

DRAFT BRIEF & FRAMEWORK

- The precinct will have six blocks – opposite a school
- Residential and non-residential space
- Offices, retail, food and beverage and community space
- Supermarket 1500 square metres
- Potential for retail, medical centre and gym
- Community facility with a childcare centre
- A community rooftop garden over the supermarket
- The developer is required to build a **public plaza** with which includes lawn, play and water play and a broad crossing between the centre and school



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COMMENTS

- <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/whitlam-local-centre>
- If you would like to comment on the draft Place Brief or Design and Place Framework, please email:
- SLAEngagement@act.gov.au



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COOMBS SHOPS UPDATE



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Coombs Brewing - Bottlemart
19 June at 17:41 · 🌐

OPENING SOON

It's now easier to call Coombs Brewing - Bottlemart. [Call Now](#)

RUTH PARK

PLAY

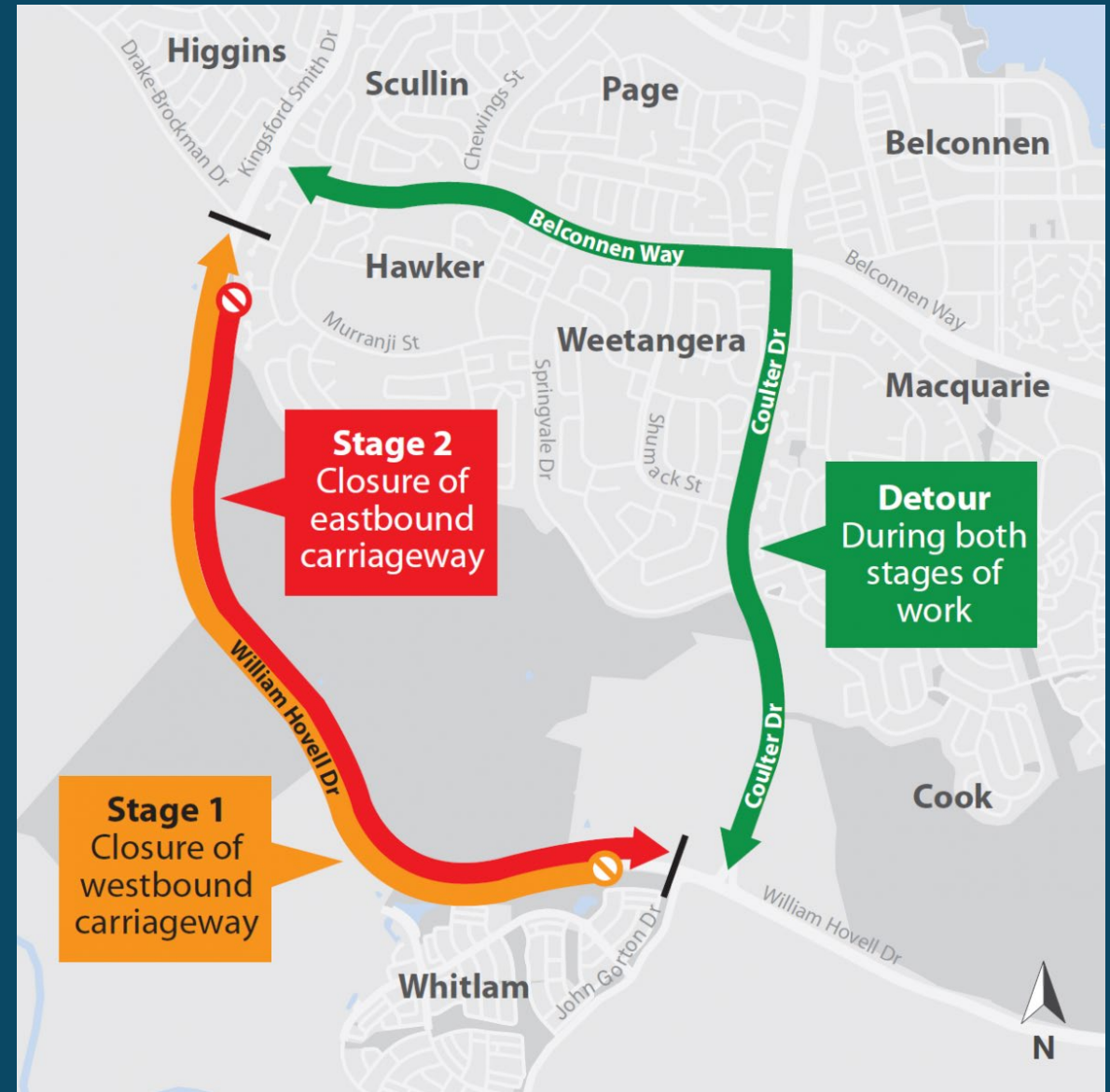
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ROAD CLOSURE

27 June 2022 for two to three days
between 8pm to 6am (depending on
weather conditions)





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OPEN Q&A



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THANK YOU

Next public meeting
28 July 2022 at the
Coombs Community Centre



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