



MOLONGLO VALLEY
Community Forum

18 | November
2021

**Public
Meeting**

MEETING AGENDA

ACT Fire & Rescue - Being ready - Bushfires

Bluetts Block - Jean Caburn and Dr Alice Wells

MVCF Update - Ryan Hemsley, Convenor, MVCF

MLA Address - Opportunity for MLAs to address the community

Questions and Answers Session



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ACT FIRE & RESCUE BUSHFIRE READY



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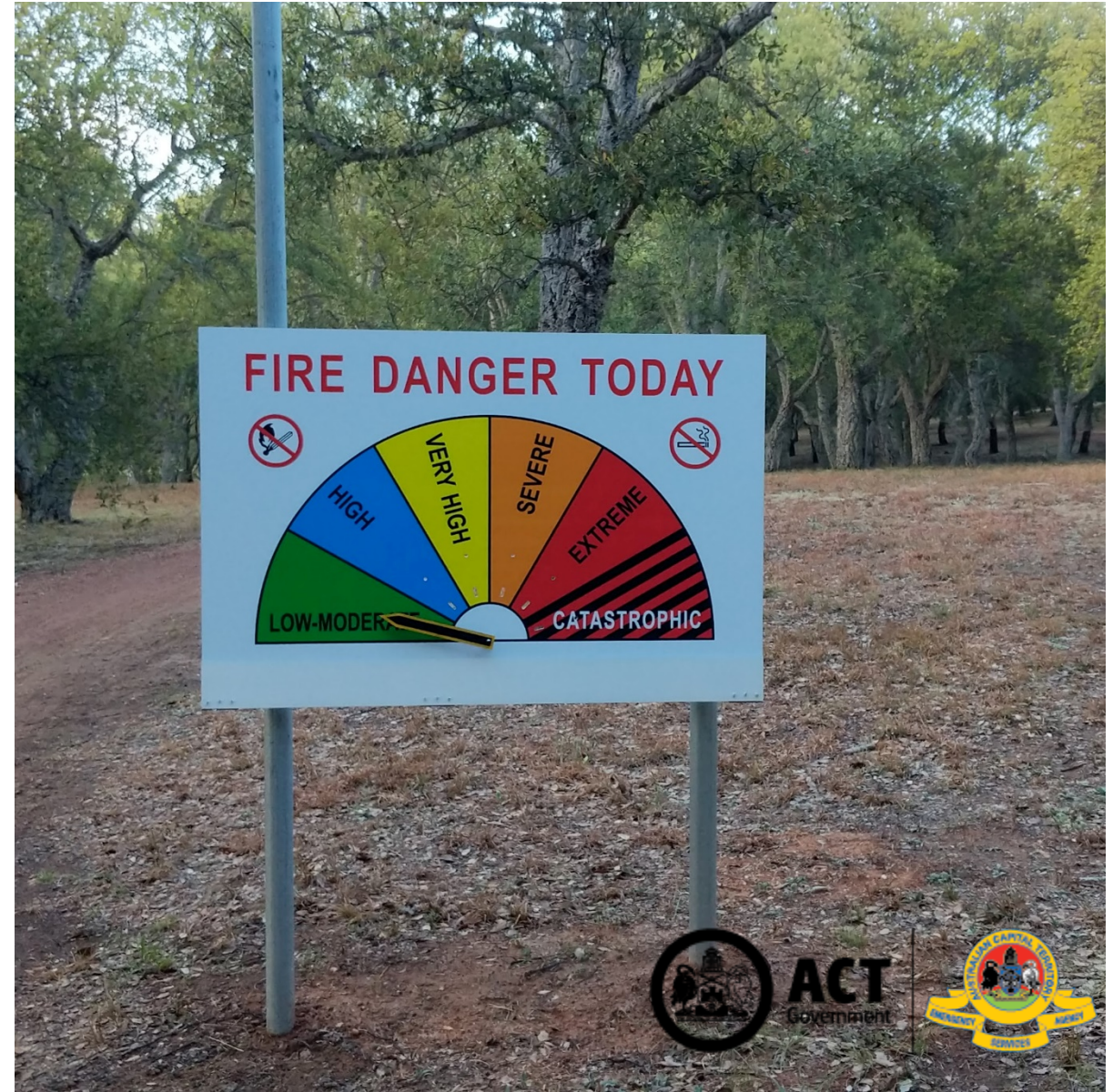
BUSHFIRE SAFETY

UNDERSTANDING AND PREPARING FOR BUSHFIRE EMERGENCIES



BUSHFIRE SEASON: 1st October to 31st March

- FIRE DANGER RATING
- Not likelihood of fire but danger of fire once started
- High Rating
 - Monitor conditions
- Severe Rating
 - Leave early safest option
- Extreme Rating
 - Leave early safest option
- Catastrophic
 - Leave early is the only option



TUNE IN AND STAY INFORMED

- [STAY INFORMED](#)
- “Fires Near Me” (NSW) page or App
- Total Fire Ban
- <https://esa.act.gov.au/toban-subscription>
- Follow ACTESA or NSW RFS on social media
- Stay up to date and take action



FIRES NEAR ME

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Info Incidents **14** Filter

Map will refresh in: 9 minutes 23 seconds

Sort by: Alert Level

- Arkstone Rd, Jeremy**
Bush Fire 13 hours ago
- Bonds Rd, Thirlmere**
Grass Fire 12 hours ago
- Currowan Fire**
Bush Fire 3 hours ago
- Fire Trail 7B, Cataract**
Grass Fire Yesterday at 14:13
- George St, Marulan**
Grass Fire 16 hours ago

There are 0 Emergency Warnings and 83 other incidents outside of your current map view.

[View all incidents in NSW](#)

View map legend Status & alert levels View all incidents in table view



ACT ESA WEBSITE

Google Calendar - Dec... x FW: Planning for Educa... x Google Calendar - Dec... x Geocortex Viewer for H... x Bushfire Attack Level 2... x Bushfires in Australia -... x ACT Emergency Service... x

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Ambulance Fire & Rescue Rural Fire Service State Emergency Service

ACT Emergency Services Agency / Homepage

News Alerts

Archives Feeds

6:39pm Tuesday 4 Dec 2018
Motor Vehicle Incident – Tuggeranong Parkway

ACT Fire & Rescue, ACT Ambulance Service and ACT Policing are on scene at a motor vehicle incident on the Tuggeranong Parkway. Intensive care ambulance paramedics attending the scene and assessed two patients for minor injuries. ACT Policing have advised that southbound on the Tuggeranong Parkway between Hindmarsh Drive and Sulwood Drive is closed and to take an alternative route.

5:53pm Tuesday 4 Dec 2018
Strong Smell of Gas in Braddon

ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R) have responded to a strong smell of gas on Lonsdale Street in Braddon. Two pumpers, a commanders and a Hazmat unit attended the incident and isolated the gas valve in the carpark where the strong smell originated from. ACTF&R ventilated the car park and tested the air quality in the building and surrounds. They have deemed the area safe and are releasing the building back to the building manager.

9:00pm Monday 3 Dec 2018

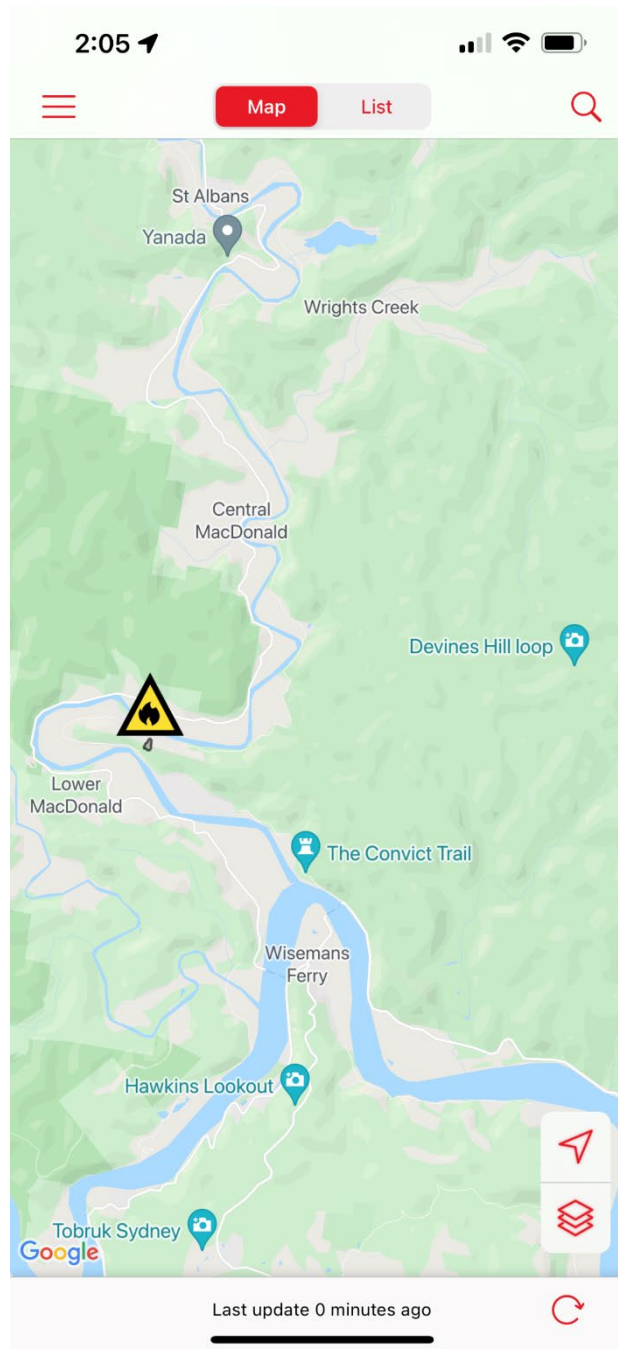
Incidents

Full screen map

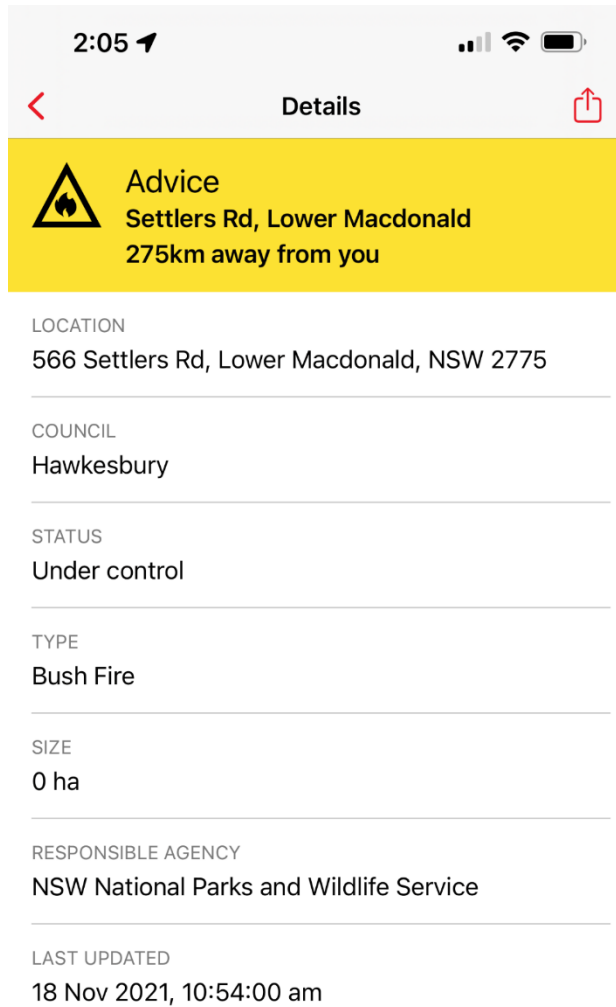
- Fire - Out / Completed
- Fire - Advice
- Fire - Watch and Act
- Fire - Emergency Warning
- Vehicle accident - Active
- Vehicle accident - Out / Completed
- Not Applicable



FIRES NEAR ME app



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2:06




Map Legend

-  **Emergency Warning**
An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.
-  **Watch and Act**
There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.
-  **Advice**
A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
-  **Cross-border Incident**
An incident that exists in another state near the NSW border.
-  **Not Applicable**
A non-bush fire incident where no alert level is assigned.
-  **Watch Zone**
A specified area which you have selected to monitor for any fire activity. Push notifications need to be enabled.



BUSHFIRE ALERT LEVEL & STATUS

Status	Description
Out of Control	A fire which is spreading on one or more fronts. Effective containment strategies are not in place for the entire perimeter.
Being Controlled	Effective strategies are in operation or planned for the entire perimeter.
Under Control	The fire is at a stage where fire fighting resources are only required for patrol purposes and major re-ignition is unlikely.

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TOTAL FIRE BAN

- [TOTAL FIRE BAN](#)



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

- [Bushfire Survival Plan](#)
- Discuss with your family what to do if a fire threatens your home
- Prepare your home
- Know the bush fire alert levels
- Keep all bushfire information numbers, website and the smartphone app handy

GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE

DISCUSS **PREPARE** **KNOW** **KEEP**

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your home.

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DO YOU LIVE IN A BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA?

The screenshot shows the ACTmapi Bushfire viewer interface. The browser address bar displays "app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=bushfire". The page header includes the ACT logo and "ACTmapi | Bushfire" with a search bar. Below the header is a toolbar with various map navigation and tool icons such as Search Blocks, Am I BPA, Switch Map, Open ACTmapi homepage, Open Map Information, Print, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, Initial View, Previous Extent, Identify, Point, Edit, Export Drawings, Distance, Bookmarks, Export, and Share. A secondary toolbar includes Linked Maps and Upload Data. On the left, an "Identify Results" panel shows "No results to display" and a message: "Items appear after you perform a valid search or other task that returns results." The main map area displays an aerial view of Canberra with several large red-shaded regions indicating bushfire-prone areas. At the bottom left, there are tabs for Information, Layers, and Identify Results, along with a Basemaps section and a scale bar (0, 0.3, 0.6km). The bottom right corner contains the text "CCBY - ACT Government and Spookfish Australia Pty Ltd".



TRAVEL SMART

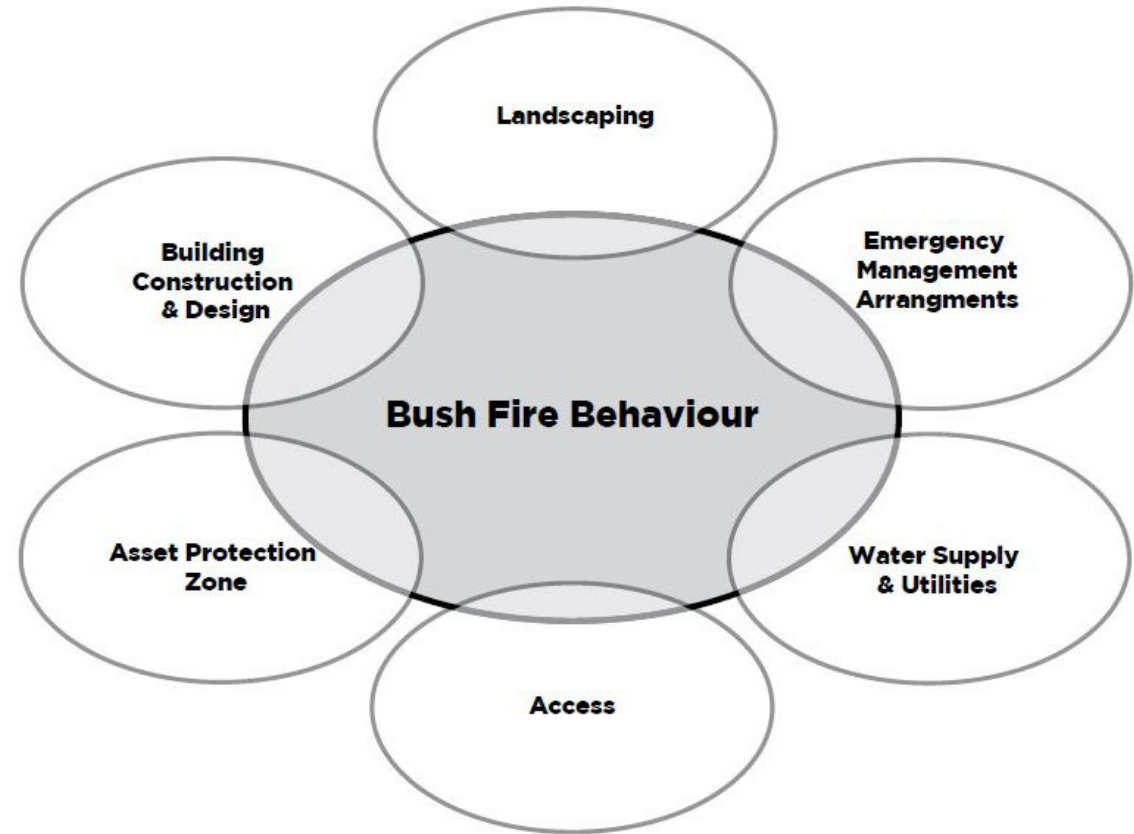
- [Travel Smart](#)
- Check the Fire Danger Rating before you travel
- Have a plan for how you would leave
- Know what to do if you get caught in a fire



Bushfire Protection Measures

- Measures in combination
- Fire Service & Intervention
- Public Information

BPMs in combination



Asset Protection Zones



Construction Standards

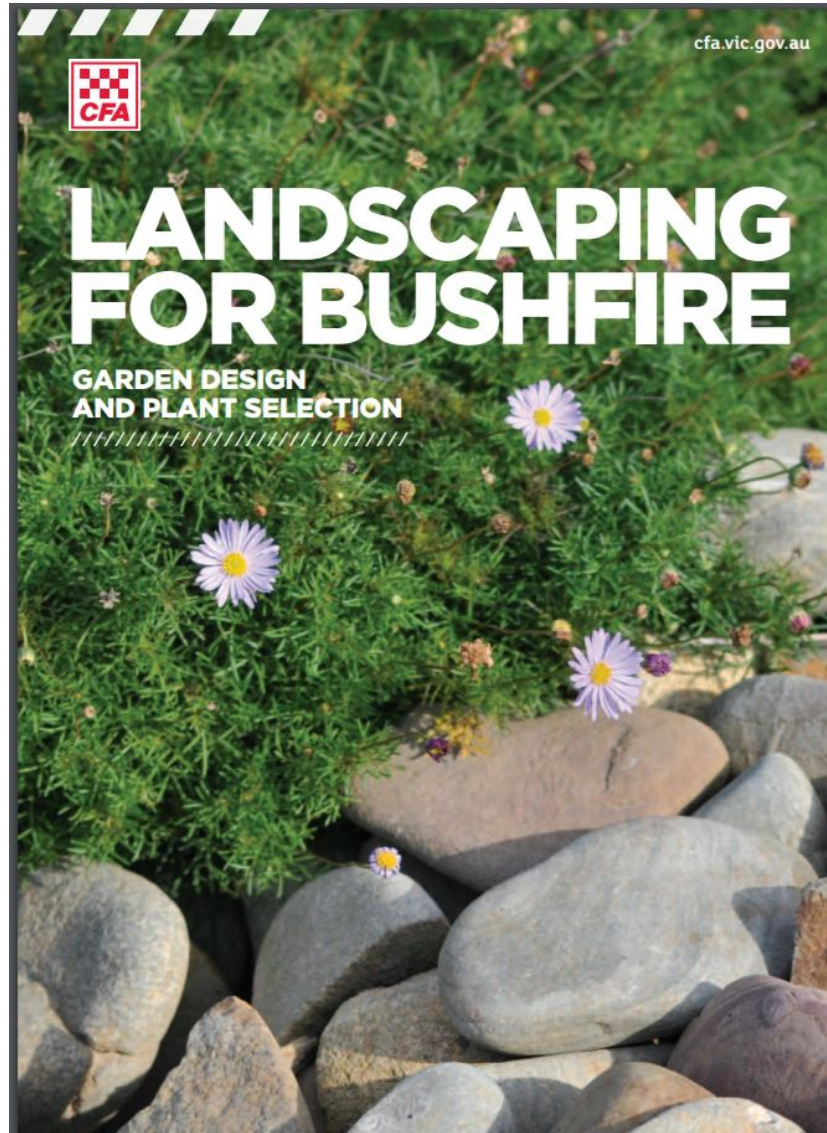
- AS3959
- Ember attack
- Radiant heat
- Flame contact
- No wind
- 100 m limitation
- In combination



Access



Landscaping



Emergency Planning

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MVCF UPDATE LATEST NEWS



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NEW COMMITTEE



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- **Convenor** – Ryan Hemsley
- **Co-convenor/Public Officer** – Monique Brouwer
- **Treasurer** – Hassan Riaz
- **Secretary** – Amardeep Singh

NEW COMMITTEE



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- **Membership Officer** – Gabriel Rockwood
- **Events and Communications Officer** – Sharyn Macrae
- **Engagement Officer** – Karen Collins
- **General Committee Members** – Naveen Mukkelli, Michael He and Kieran Standring

MVCF Inaugural Event



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- **MVCF Event** – Neighbour Day
- **Date TBC** - Sunday 20 or 27 March 2022
- **Coombs, Denman Prospect, Whitlam and Wright**
- **All residents, businesses and community groups**

MVCF Inaugural Event



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- **Help us** – volunteers and organisers
- **Zoom Meeting** – Wednesday 24 November 2021,
7:30pm
- **Email** info@mvcommunityforum.org.au

Molonglo Commercial Centre



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- Principal **community, retail and commercial hub** for the Molonglo Valley
- Land release **delayed to 2023-24** in latest ACT Budget
- **Public consultation** to occur through 2022

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A T Adams Consulting

Molonglo Strategic Planning Advice

report prepared for:

Suburban Land Agency

15 July 2021

1. Executive Summary

- Commitments for the release of land for the Molonglo commercial centre have been made by the ACT Government in response to public concerns associated with the slow pace of development of the Coombs centre and increasing pressure on the Coleman Court centre. Public expectations for a speedy process that will deliver a quality centre are high.
- With the Molonglo and North Weston Structure Plan in place there is no impediment to proceeding to finalise detailed planning and design for the commercial centre and adjacent residential and community land which will allow the release of sites for development. This should be done by way of the estate development plan (EDP) process
- Whilst the preparation of a Concept Plan is an option it is not recommended because it would not add quality to the planning outcome, over and above what can be achieved through the EDP process; also, it would add at least 18 months to the timeframe with the result that the Government commitment for the delivery of the commercial centre would be unable to be met.

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EDP Process Timing

	2021						2022									
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Due diligence review, gap analysis	█															
Conduct additional research studies		█	█	█	█	█										
EDP detail design			█	█	█	█	█	█								
First agency circulation									█	█						
Second agency circulation										█						
lodge EDP development application											█					
Public notification													█			
Assessment														█		
Determination															█	
Land sales and construction																█

Timing including Concept Plan Territory Plan Variation

	Aug 2021 - Jan 2023				2023												2024	
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Concept Plan Territory Plan Variation		█	█	█														
Due diligence review, gap analysis	█																	
Conduct additional research studies		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█									
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- A full Territory Plan Variation **will not be required** to deliver the Molonglo Commercial Centre
- Instead, the necessary changes will occur via a **Technical Amendment process**, following community consultation

Coombs Section 17, Block 3



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- Concept design for an **eating disorder residential treatment centre** on part of the block
- The ACT Government will consult on the **preferred community use** for remaining part of the block

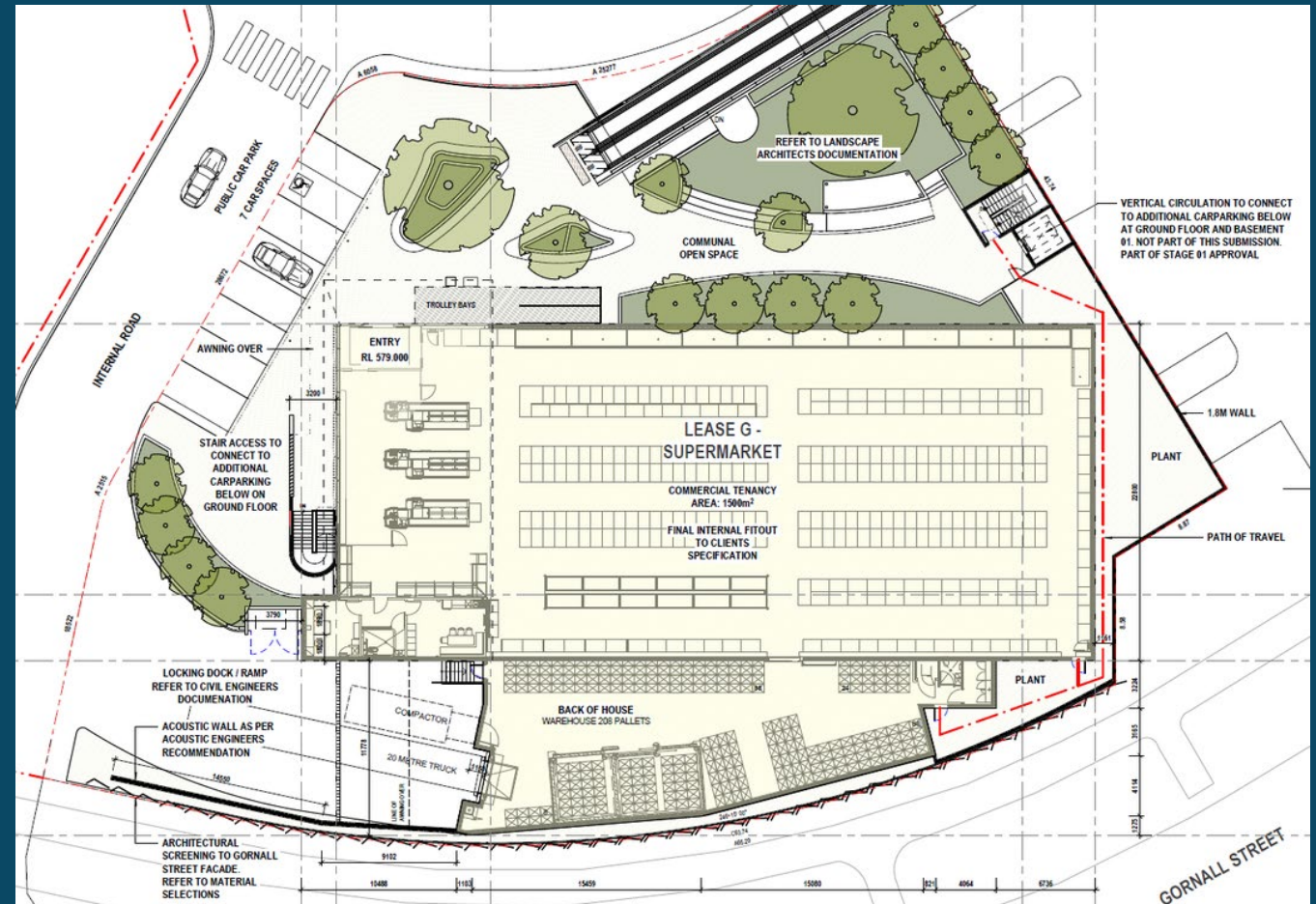


Second Wright Supermarket



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- A development application has been lodged for a **second 1,500m² supermarket** at the **Koko Molonglo** site in Wright



BLUETTS

BLOCK

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CONSERVING



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Bluett's Block:

Molonglo Valley Treasure



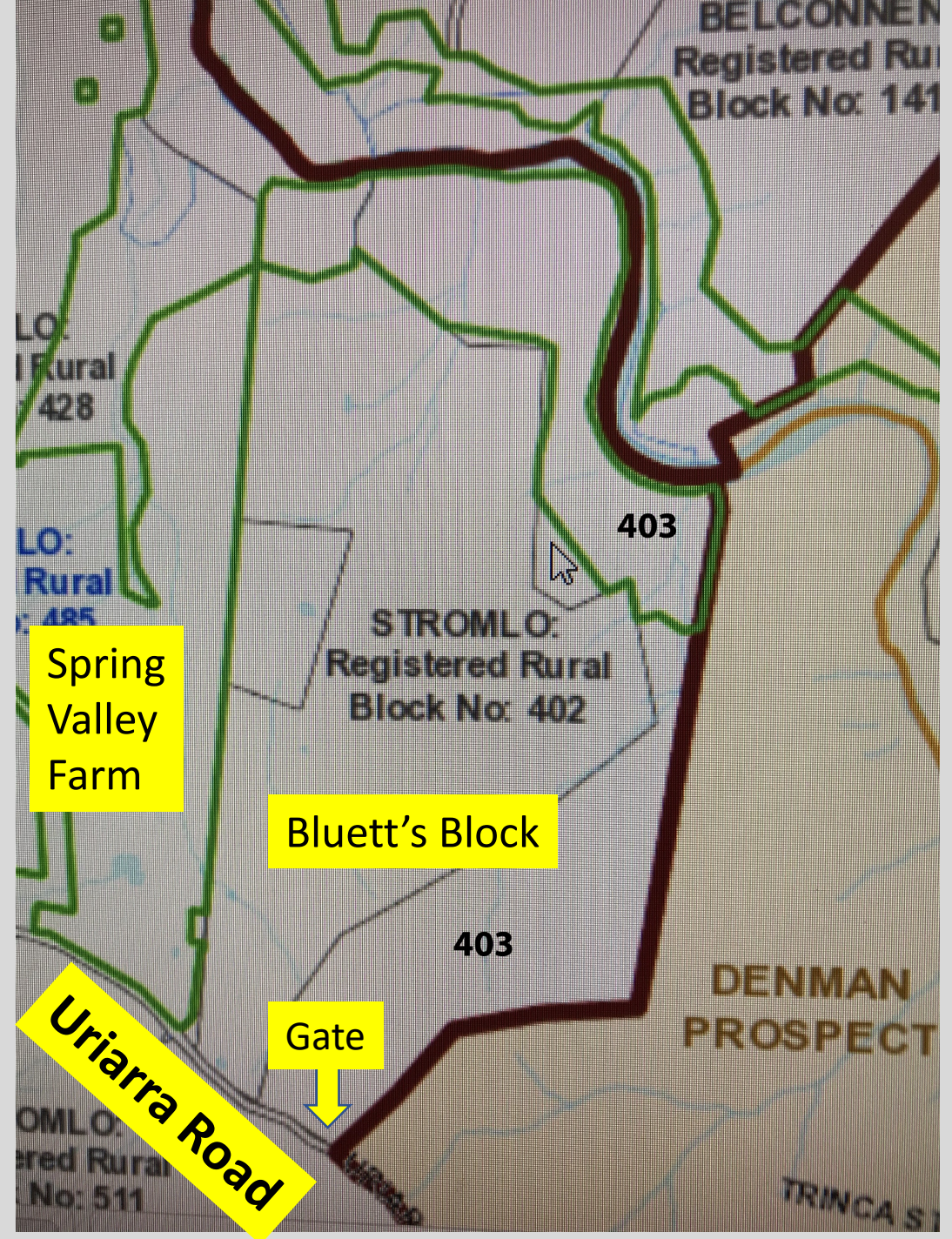
Alice Wells
Jean Casburn



Location

Note:

- Along Uriarra Road, 2.5 km from turnoff to Stromlo Forest Park
- Two blocks:
Registered Rural Blocks 402 & 403
- Size: ~342 Hectares
~850 Acres



Bluett's an Environmental asset!



- **Varied habitat types**
(wide variety, including threatened Box gum/grassy woodland)



- **Significant flora**
(very varied, including abundant and rare orchid species)

- **Significant fauna**
(many bird species, including threatened Superb Parrots and Chestnut-rumped Heath Wren)

- **Wildlife corridor**
(provides link between Canberra Nature Parks, north to south)



Bluett's a vital wildlife corridor

Bluett's provides a corridor between Molonglo River Reserve and nearby protected areas

- Currently **Bluett's Block** provides corridor for birds and mammals to move across wooded areas, Molonglo River to Murrumbidgee River
- Extends corridor from north of Canberra, through Mt Painter, Kama Reserve to Molonglo River Reserve and into Stromlo Forests and other southern nature parks



Bluett's a Social Amenity!

- **Walking paths**
(for recreation and exercise)
- **Exposure to nature**
(opportunity to restore connections with nature)
- **Closely available natural area for education**
(available for nearby school excursions, research on ecology, restoration of natural environment, wildlife)



Current Zoning Status of Bluett's Block

[Data from ACT MAPI]

[Stromlo Registered Block 402](#)

Territory Plan Land Use Policies:

Overlays:

Pc:

PUBLAN:

NUZ3: HILLS, RIDGES AND BUFFER AREAS

FUA: Future Urban Areas

Nature Reserve

Public Land

[Stromlo Registered Block 403](#)

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[Benefits to Molonglo Community to have a Nature Reserve rather than further urban area](#)



Molonglo Valley Plan for the Protection of Matters of National Environmental Significance (NES Plan 2011)

'... establishment and implementation of the following principles:

- [strong connections to the surroundings;](#)
- [a response to the strong topographic character of the Valley;](#)
- [protection of hills, ridges and views;](#)
- [retention of significant trees and shrubs;](#)
- [protection of significant natural corridors and habitats.'](#)

Gives strong reasons for protection of Bluett's Block as Nature Reserve





Threats

- Development is greatest threat [*'...most significant threat to the Superb Parrot ... loss of woodland habitat for breeding and feeding'*]
- Fire
- Invasive plants
- Eucalyptus dieback
- Feral animals



Threats from Development as urban area:

- Loss of old growth trees that provide nesting sites for vulnerable Superb Parrots
- Loss of nationally listed Yellow box – Apple Box tall grassy woodland that provides feeding and breeding areas for native fauna
- Loss of further rocky outcrop areas that provide habitat for Pink-tailed Worm Lizard
- Free-ranging cats and foxes kill native birds, lizards and small mammals

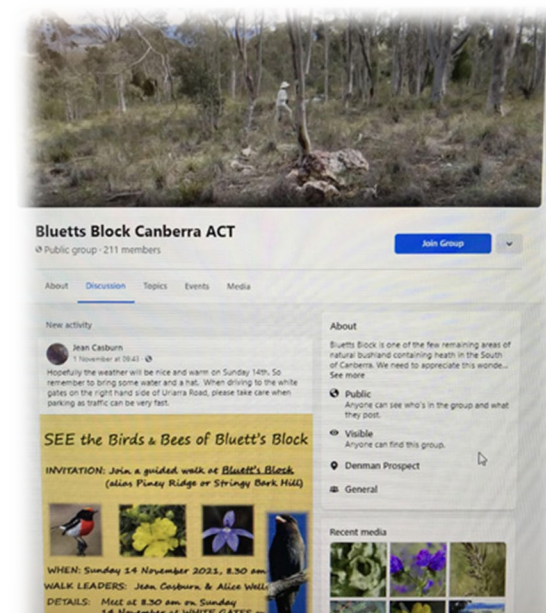


Our hope for Future of Bluett's/Blewitt's Block?

- *Ongoing enjoyment by Molonglo Valley residents and others of this wonderful bushland*
- *Legal protection by incorporation into the Canberra Nature Parks system*
 - With consequent management of weeds, bushfire risks and feral animals; and
 - Formation of a Friends Group to assist with management

Efforts so far:

- Collection of information for development of submissions for protection
- Lobbying ACT Government Ministers Vassarotti & Gentleman
- Gaining support of the Conservation Council of the ACT Region
- Contacting ACT Park Rangers & ACT Conservator of Environment
- Met with Molonglo Valley Community Forum representatives
- Organising walks
- Building community awareness
- Presenting to Canberra Ornithologists Group
- Using Canberra Nature Map and other resources
- **Developing Bluett's Block Facebook**
- Meeting with Capital Development Project officers



ABC exposure created by ABC's Craig Allen

(666 ABC Program 8 November 21.mp4, and ABC news on TV and online 7.00pm 7th November 2021, compered by Craig Allen)

- Canberra Television News 7pm Sunday 7 November.
TV News went on to Utube
- 666 Morning Program 8 November
- ABC News Online 8 November 2021



Acknowledgements & Special Thanks

- Rainer Rehwinkel for his 2019 Vegetation Report of Bluett's Block
- Supporters of Bluett's Block Facebook through photographs information and expertise
- Canberra Ornithologist Group members
- Helen Oakey and the Conservation Council members
- Minister Vassarotti and Staff
- Jo Clay (MLA for Ginninderra)
- Canberra Nature Map volunteers
- Craig Allen ABC Presenter and Journalist
- Walk participants



Visit Bluett's public Facebook page:

@

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And better still, visit Bluett's Block!!



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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



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THANK YOU

Next public meeting
24 February 2022



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