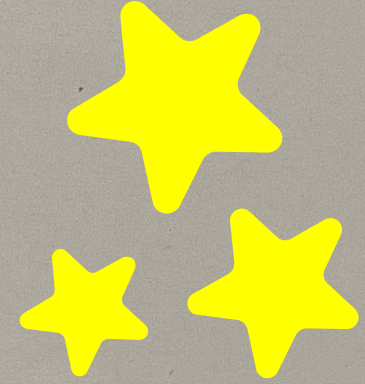


Meeting Report



MVCF 17 June 6pm
Charles Weston School Library
Young people living in the Molonglo Valley



MOLONGLO
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MEETING

Young people of the Molonglo Valley helped convene the monthly Molonglo Valley Community Forum (MVCF) meeting on Thursday 17 June 2021. Students from Year 6 Charles Weston School Coombs chaired the meeting.

All community members were invited to attend and share ideas on making the Molonglo Valley better for young people of all ages. The attendees participated in a small group activity.

The activity's objective was to inform the Forum and the community of any opportunities, improvements, or ideas regarding community, liveability and accessibility for **young people living in the Molonglo Valley.**



ACTIVITY

Community members were split across five tables led by Year 6 students. They discussed focussing questions and wrote down ideas and suggestions.

On each table was a large sheet of paper with the priorities for the Forum, maps and focussing questions (see below).

1. Do you know what areas the Molonglo Valley district covers?
2. What do you like about living in the Molonglo Valley?
3. Do you travel outside of the Molonglo Valley? What reasons do you travel for? E.g. sport, shopping or recreation
4. What is missing from the Molonglo Valley?
5. How can we make the Molonglo Valley better for young people? Consider the MVCF priorities
6. What ideas, opportunities and concerns are there amongst the young people of the Molonglo Valley?





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PRIORITIES



COMMUNITY

Safety and equity
Social services
Education



LIVEABILITY

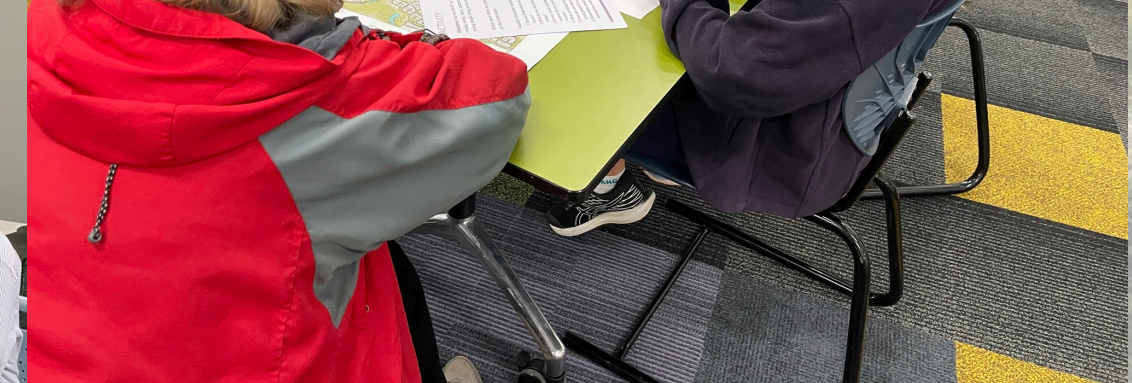
Amenities
Residential, commercial and
retail development
Environment



ACCESSIBILITY

Infrastructure
Transport services
Disability access

PLANNING



IDEAS

From the activity, the ideas opportunities and solutions have been grouped into:

- Community
- Liveability
- Accessibility



COMMUNITY



The need for social connection was deemed as vitally important amongst the students and community members. **The need for community spaces** was discussed and seen as vital to enable social connection to occur.

Community space ideas include:

- Hall / community centre
- Outdoor amphitheatre / festival space / markets space
- Arts and cultural centre
- Community gardens / green spaces and pauses
- Youth centre
- Retail and recreational spaces where people can meet
- Spaces for religious groups to meet

COMMUNITY



Education was a priority, with a **college for students** in Year 11 and 12 seen as a gap.

A public **library and learning** were of concern to community members. Specifically, the community felt the gaps were:

- Library
- Makers spaces
- Access to tutors

Outdoor/indoor sports facilities and amenities were discussed as an opportunity for improvement. Community members discussed the need for:

- Sports facilities and ovals / sports centre / sports courts
- Parks for teenagers / skate park
- Water fountains / public toilets / splash park / dog park

COMMUNITY



Safety was also discussed with the need for a **police station** identified.

Health services and residences for ageing were identified as areas of improvement within the district. The community expressed a need for:

- Retirement centre and residences
- Walk-in centre / health services

LIVEABILITY



With the unique positioning of the Molonglo Valley along the river corridor and the proximity to Mount Stromlo, the community identified the importance of the environment. **Maintaining the environment and planting trees** was highlighted amongst many groups.

Community members wanted:

- More trees planted
- Improved maintenance of parks and nature
- Better access to the river
- Dog park (keep the river safe, as no dogs allowed)
- Public bins

LIVEABILITY



Retail, hospitality, commercial and recreational amenities were identified as missing from the Molonglo Valley.

Ideas were:

- Shops / supermarket / bakery / clothing stores
- Movie theatre / arcade / bowling
- Post Office
- Restaurants / cafes
- Commercial and office spaces
- Recreational spaces, e.g. dance studio, martial arts, music lessons, yoga classes

ACCESSIBILITY



With many schools, activities and services for youth located outside of the Molonglo Valley, it was identified that **the district needs adequate transport services.**

Community members requested:

- Completion and maintenance of bikes paths and roads
- Improved bus network to the City, Woden and Belconnen
- Less traffic congestion through an improved road network
- Access to parcel collection (AusPost)

NEXT STEPS

The MVCF will provide a copy of this document to the Members for Murrumbidgee.

Many of the identified concerns and ideas are already being addressed by the MVCF in its current priorities.

We will use this input to assist with our advocacy and in discussions with the ACT Government on how to preserve and improve the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Molonglo Valley and its community.

ACTIVITY DOCUMENTS



Playground with
toilets and barbeques.

Playing fields for
weekend sport
- netball
- basketball
- soccer
- etc.

Public
Library

funding in school library
is limited so not all new
releases are available.

Direct buses
to Belconnen

is there
ongoing
for CWSC
oval?

can there
be a pop
up library
temporarily?

Bike tracks
connecting locations
for safe travel for kids

Activities

- karate
- dance
- tennis
- netball
- soccer
- art classes
- music lessons
- cooking classes
- trade skills

STEM
Maker
spaces.
tutors

youth Community Centre
• Expressive in nature
• Safe & Social
• Welcoming
• Accessible to all young
people.

If facility
are
for locals

Something to
do about public transport.

skate
park



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PLANNING

Evelyn Scott School
High School.
- in 2023 when it
opens, will it only
be for year 7 or
for years 8-10 too?

Parks for
teenagers.

Outdoor amp theatre
- performance space.

An mini art gallery

Bins

Is this a
priority in
the town
creation?

A College

More
shops

Cinema center (to watch
movies)

Calm
in the centre
easy to get
to places

Safety
ICE CREAM

were hals
were hals

LOLLY
shops.

HOSPITAL

Campe
site.

SP: ^{at School}
SITE
(needs to be
a secret)

LIBRARY

Officeworks
Bunnings
JB Hi-Fi

Affordable
housing

Swimming
pools.

More trees

dog park

more
HOSPITALS.

more water
faucets.

COMMUNITY
HALL



PRIORITIES

Hall

Bins

Froote trees.

ice cream
shops

aburialah
art gallery

Netball courts
handball courts
mini
golf course

COMMUNITY

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LIVEABILITY

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Better traffic

Ovals

Facilities
in Parks
*Bubblers
*Bathrooms

Rock climbing

Sports Centre with
places to play tennis,
swimming, football

Ice seat!
ring
+ track
shoe
sentu.
(fake snow centre)

PLANNING

Shops (clothing stores)

more pharmacy

More play grounds

More water fountains
(bubblers)

Cafe

Community
Garden

Skate park

Restaurants

Flexible office hub

A place for people to practice
religion

More bus stops

Theater

Urte
center

Performing
arts centre

art gallery
(art gallery)



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- LIKES
1. Wild life
 2. Bike Paths
 3. Recycle Area
 4. CWS (best infrastructure)
 5. MOLONGLO LEISURE CENTRE
 - 6.

- WANTS/NEEDS
- COMMUNITY
1. SPORTS COMPLEX (TENNIS COURTS, SQUASH ETC.)
 2. CAFE / SHOPS / BOOK
 3. TRAM / BETTER PUBLIC XPO
 4. BETTER TRAFFIC MGMT.
 5. POLICE STATION
 6. AUSPOST
 7. POOR SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY & SUPPORT
E.G. HEALTH BUS, RECLINK WORKER.
 8. CENTRELINK WALK-IN CENTRE
 9. GAMES ARENAS IN (YOUTH CENTRE)

10. MOVIE THEATER
11. LASER TAG.
12. COMMUNITY HALL
13. COMMUNITY INSURANCE (SIMILAR TO IN VIC.)
14. DOG PARK
15. MORE PARKS (PLAY GROUNDS)

What we like
about Molonglo Valley:

schools

Playgrounds

forreys

Bike Path

Swimming Centre

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Things we want:

Safe access to rivers



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Police Station

Retail

Community Organisations!!
public toilets!!

Community Centre

walk in health clinic!!

Offices

public library
library

Sport fields
(soccer basketball
cricket etc... Hockey

Shopping Mall

Fun Zone
for kids
(Water Park)

light rails!!
Theatre | Cinema!!

Nature Reserve!!

Bakery



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