



MOLONGLO VALLEY
Community Forum

21 | September
2023

**Public
Meeting**

MEETING AGENDA

Molonglo Valley District Library

Vanessa Little, Executive Branch Manager, Libraries
ACT



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Forum Update

Ryan Hemsley, Convenor, MVC

MLA Address

Opportunity for MLAs to address the community

Questions and Answers Session

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TRANSPORT CANBERRA AND CITY SERVICES

Molonglo Library and Community Centre

Marrickville





Payinthe Library – Prospect SA





Emu Pratters

BIRWAARDI

Green Square, Sydney



Primary
School

Children's
Audiobooks

Children's
DVDs



Imagine Libraries 2030

Our priorities - at a glance



Unlocking access

Increasing access for all.



Better together

Collaborating to shape greater community impact.



Anywhere anytime

Integrated experiences: onsite, online and outreach.



Lifelong learning

Empowering, enabling and sustaining lifelong learning.



Library awareness

Increasing awareness of the library's value.



Ways of working


People-centred, transforming from the inside out.

Unlocking access

- Increasing access for all
- Physical access - site
- Disability accessibility
- Access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Multicultural communities
- Aligned on site, online and outreach



Better together

- Collaborating to shape greater community impact
 - Shaping collections and resources
 - Community participation in assessing and introducing new services
 - Even greater networks for shared expertise – government, community, business
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Anytime,
anywhere

- Integrated experiences; onsite, online and outreach
- Seamless services
- Customer perspective



Lifelong learning

- Empowering, enabling and sustaining lifelong learning
 - Programs and activities
 - Resources in a variety of formats
 - Understanding community needs
 - Being mindful of vulnerable people and connecting them up
 - Celebrating learning as a lifeskill
 - Digital inclusion and other 21st century literacies
 - Community created content
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Library awareness

- Increasing awareness of the Library's value
- Making sure everyone knows what we offer and can access it
- Library at centre of community life
- Working with the community and library users



Ways of working

- People centred and transforming from the inside out
- Skilled, knowledgeable staff
- Strong community / customer culture
- Co-design as an organisational norm
- Sustainability



Next steps

- Consultant being selected this week
- Commence planning up to October
- Probably start co-design process in November and it goes through to May 2024
- Your Say website, meetings, workshops and consultations
- Draft design of a building, of prioritised services and functions and collections will be completed in May – June 2024

How to be involved

- Email any comments or ideas to Library.customerinfo@act.gov.au and put Molonglo Library and Community Centre in the subject line
- Respond to any advertisements or calls for participation
- We will engage with MVCF early in the process to maximise involvement.



Questions?



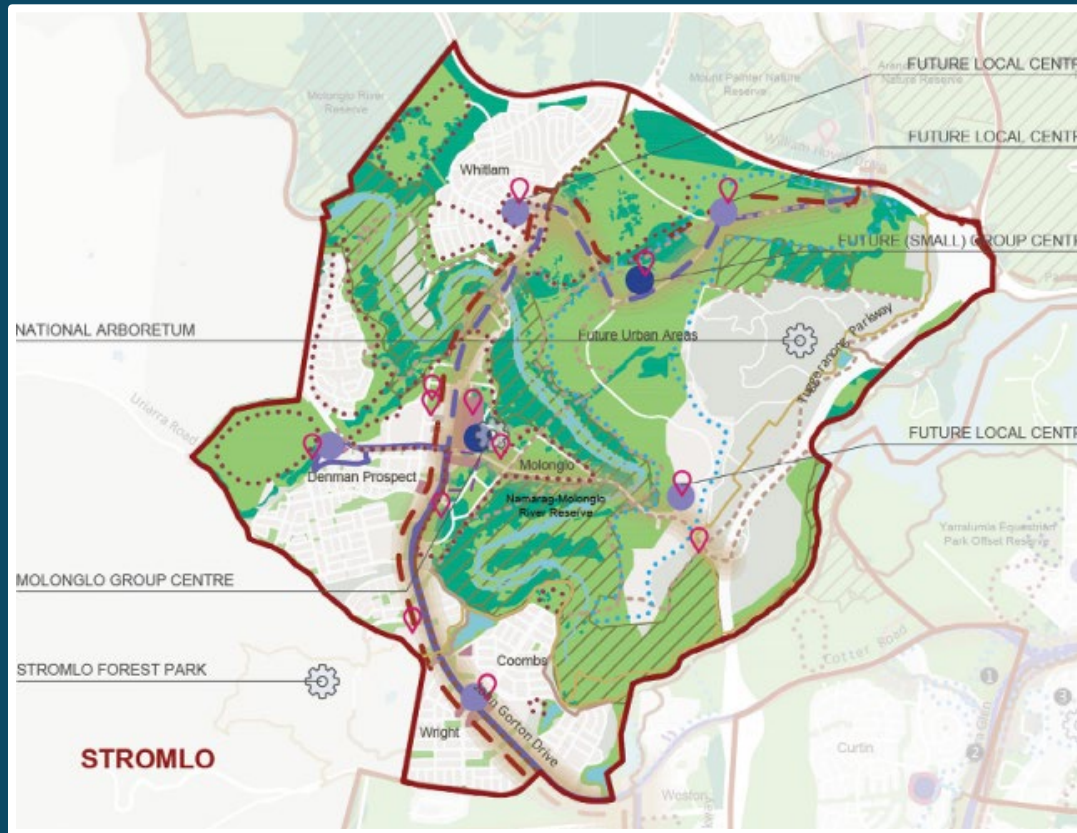
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UPDATE

MOLONGLO VALLEY DISTRICT STRATEGY



Legend

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| District boundary | Economic and employment focus | Potential future light rail corridor |
| Blue-green network | City/town/group/local centre and oth | Current rapid transit corridor |
| Urban open space | Service trades/Industrial | Proposed rapid transit corridor |
| Urban ACT ecological network | Local centre | Current principal active travel route |
| Sensitive ecological communities | Group centre | Future principal active travel route |
| Protected conservation area | | Current main active travel route |
| Water bodies | | Future main active travel route |
| Sportsfields | | Bicentennial National Trail |



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MOLONGLO TOWN CENTRE

FORUM RECOMMENDATION:

*“The first step towards accommodating [an ultimate population of 86,000 residents] should be the **reclassification of the Molonglo Group Centre to “Town Centre” status.**”*

To provide sufficient time for this reclassification to be factored into the future development of the centre, this change should take place with the commencement of the new Territory Plan [in 2023-24], rather than at some undefined point in the future.”

- **Extract from the Molonglo Valley Community Forum’s Submission on the Draft Molonglo Valley District Strategy**



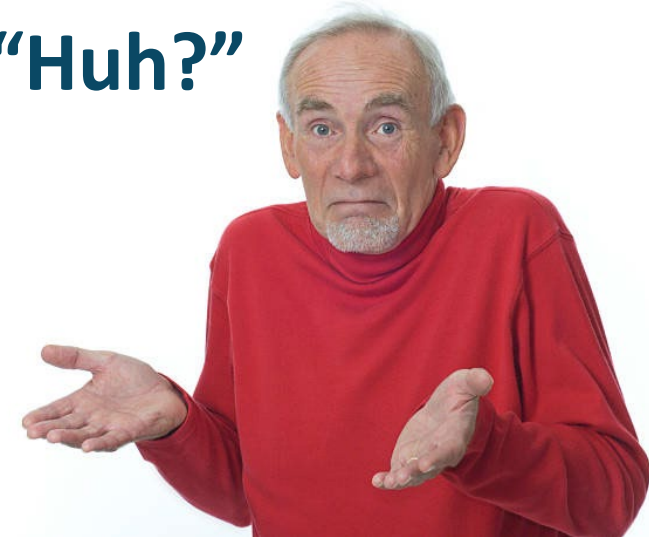
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ACT GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE:

The economic access driver identifies that one direction is the transition of Molonglo group centre to a town centre in future with an accommodation, hospitality and food focus to support recreation and tourism activities in the district. This is a long-term strategy. Typically, a town centre offers employment opportunities and provides higher order retail facilities, offices and consulting rooms; cultural, community and public administration; entertainment, educational, religious and residential facilities. Molonglo should not be upgraded to a town centre until it has been developed to provide these services.

“Huh?”



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- Extract from the [ACT Planning System Consultation Response Report](#)

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NEXT STEPS

Ed Cocks MLA's petition :

www.edcocks.com.au/build-molonglo-town-centre



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COOMBS AND WRIGHT VILLAGE UPDATE



*Estate Development
Plan* due to be lodged
before the end of 2023



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MOLONGLO RIVER BRIDGE UPDATE

Molonglo River Bridge Crossing

Current update

The detailed design and construction tender has been awarded to B.M.D Construction Pty Ltd. Detailed design is expected to start in the coming months and be complete in late 2023 with major works commencing soon after. The bridge and approaching roads are expected to be complete and open to traffic by the end of 2025.

Start date: early works expected to commence mid-2023

Completion date: the road approaches and bridge are expected to open to traffic in December 2025.

Molonglo River Bridge Crossing

Design is underway on Molonglo River Bridge Crossing.

City Services website today

City Services website
snapshot from March 2023



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MOLONGLO RIVER BRIDGE UPDATE

Key features

- 227.5 metre Molonglo River Bridge (23-metres high) and approximately 1.7 kilometres of arterial approach roads (one-kilometre to the south and the rest to the north).
- Public transport infrastructure including a southbound queue jump bus lane (on the northern side of the bridge), two bus stops, and provision for future light rail infrastructure.
- On road cycle lanes and off-road shared paths to support the active travel network and provide access to the Molonglo River Reserve.
- Integration with the Molonglo Group Centre (MGC) south of the bridge including a pedestrian underpass of John Gorton Drive adjacent to the MGC.
- Incorporation of a services corridor, including electricity, across the Molonglo River to allow the full development of Molonglo.
- **Five signalised intersections (three associated with the MGC masterplan).**
- Provision of habitat for native fauna such as platypus nesting sites, striped legless lizards, water birds and bats.

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- **Two new intersections including one connecting into the Molonglo Group Centre.**
- Provision of habitat for native fauna such as platypus nesting sites, pink-tailed worm lizards, water birds and bats.

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MURRUMBIDGEE

MLA

UPDATES



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THANK YOU

Next public meeting

November 2023 (date TBC)

STARRING...

THE MOLONGLO GROUP

CENTRE



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