



Ashcroft, Kelly

From: Bourne, Sarah
Sent: Friday, 19 October 2012 3:51 PM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

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Hi Kel – These look fine.
 I have shown Vic.

Sarah

From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Thursday, 18 October 2012 4:47 PM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: FW: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hey Sarah

FYI – to these two projects and the timing of material to be released.

Let me know if there are any issues.

Kelly

From: Savage, Shannon [<mailto:Shannon.Savage@aecom.com>]
Sent: Thursday, 18 October 2012 4:21 PM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hi Kelly,

For Gundaroo, we would like to give the letter to the distributor tomorrow for delivery October 27 and 28. That would give people a week to notify me if they would like to be involved in the focus group which we are proposing will happen on November 8. Kylie has written a Comms plan with all of the dates in it and we are hoping to get approval to send it to you tomorrow. Hopefully that will make your life easier. The area we are planning to drop is Crace, Palmerston and Ngunnawal as these are the suburbs that back onto the road. I'm happy to go ahead and draft a media release and Community Noticeboard advertisement for you.

Also, with Ashley Drive, we were going to use the fact sheet as the document for the letterbox drop to local residents to notify them of the information session. We could have this to the distributors by next Friday for a drop the weekend of November 3 and 4 before the information session on the 9th. Drafting a media release is out of our scope but I can draft text for the Community Noticeboard. If you are super busy I can see if we can work something out for the media release as well.

Please let me know what else I can do to help you.

Kind regards,

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From: Ashcroft, Kelly [<mailto:Kelly.Ashcroft@act.gov.au>]
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To: Savage, Shannon
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hey Shannon

When are you planning to put out the Gundaroo letter? I should probably do a media release and put something in the Community Noticeboard. Would you guys be happy for us to do that? Where had you planned on circulating the letter?

Is the Ashley Drive fact sheet just being used at the information session? Again, I should probably draft a media release and put something in the Community Noticeboard encouraging people to attend the drop-in information session.

Kelly

From: Savage, Shannon [<mailto:Shannon.Savage@aecom.com>]
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To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hi Kelly,

Apologies for taking a while to get back to you.

I've had a hectic morning.

Please find attached the fact sheet for Ashley Drive and the letter for Gundaroo.

Can you please provide approval to proceed? I would love to get them off to the letter box distributor tomorrow.

Kind regards,

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To: Savage, Shannon
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Thanks Shannon – following our conversation are you able to send through the final version.

From: Savage, Shannon [<mailto:Shannon.Savage@aecom.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 October 2012 4:37 PM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hi Kelly,

Please see attached the updated fact sheet.

Please note I need to have a chat to you about the last sentence. I haven't been clear myself when it was first drafted. I'll give you a ring to clarify.

Happy to make any further changes you'd like.

Kind regards,

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Hi Shannon

Some comments/questions on the fact sheet:

- The first sentence under the heading **Proposed Works** can read as 'The works identified in the preliminary design have been separated into six packages of work.'
- Each sentence for the six packages needs to finish with a full stop.
- Figure 1 is mentioned twice. The second reference of Figure 1 is to show Stage 1. Maybe we should have an image that shows Stage 1 and Stage 2 work?
- The final sentence about staging should read 'Stage one is expected to commence in [insert month and year] and will include packages [insert which packages]. Stage two is expected to commence in [insert month and year] and will include packages x, x and x. The entire project is due for completion [insert date].'
- I'd also suggest both photo/images have captions.

My other comment for you guys is that the fact sheet details upgrades for a few roads/intersections in the area yet we title the fact sheet 'Ashley Drive upgrade'. I'm wondering if we need to broaden the scope of the title?

Let me know if this is confusing.

Kelly

From: Savage, Shannon [mailto:Shannon.Savage@aecom.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 October 2012 10:57 AM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: Ashley Drive Upgrade - Updated Fact Sheet for approval

Hi Kelly,

As discussed at the meeting a couple of weeks ago, please find attached an updated fact sheet for Ashley Drive. I went ahead and had it laid out in Indesign to save you the effort.

Can you please advise of any changes you would like made?

If possible, I would love to have the final version by Thursday so I could get it to the distributor for the letterbox drop by COB on Friday.

I hope your long weekend went well.

Kind regards,

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Gundaroo Drive Duplication

Focus Group Participants Wanted

The ACT Government is planning to duplicate Gundaroo Drive and invite you to participate in a consultation focus group session.

About the project

As the population continues to grow in the Gungahlin region, so does the congestion of the existing road network. Carrying up to 12,500 vehicles a day, Gundaroo Drive provides an important link for Canberrans travelling from Horse Park Drive through to William Slim Drive in Belconnen.

In recognition of the importance of Gundaroo Drive, preliminary design work is now underway for the duplication of this road.

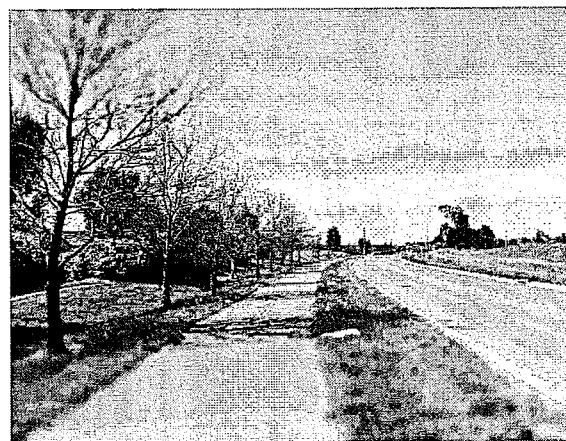
Get involved

Following completion of the preliminary design, local residents and other interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the duplication of Gundaroo Drive. Consultation activities will include information sessions and a focus group.

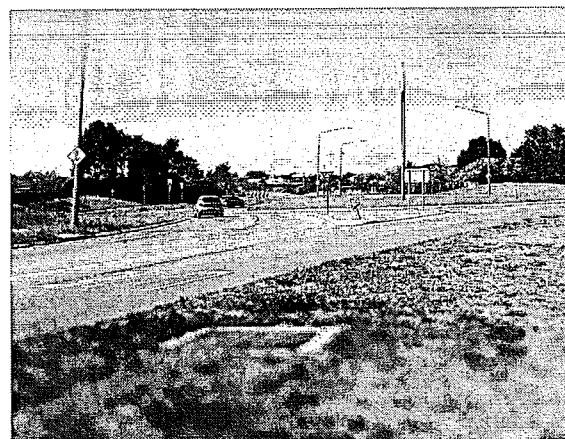
The focus group session aims to identify stakeholder issues and ideas about the project which will help inform the development of the detailed design.

The focus group will be an open discussion between participants, the project team and Government representatives and will include topics such as pedestrian and cycle paths, noise mitigation measures and heritage impacts.

The focus group is expected to be undertaken on a week night early in November and will run for two hours.



Cycle path alongside Gundaroo Drive



Roundabout at Nudurr Drive

For more information

If you would like to be part of the focus group session please contact Shannon Savage from AECOM, who has been engaged by the ACT Government to coordinate the project, on 02 6275 1812 or email consultcanberra@aecom.com.

Registrations close Friday 2 November 2012.



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Ashley Drive upgrade

Fact sheet – October 2012

Ashley Drive is located in south Canberra and provides an important link between Johnson Drive in Richardson and Sternberg Crescent in Wanniasa.

As a result of increasing levels of traffic in the area, the ACT Government recognises that there is significant congestion during the morning and evening peak periods on Ashley Drive. To improve road safety and reduce traffic congestion, an upgrade of Ashley Drive is going to be undertaken.

In 2011, Roads ACT commissioned a Traffic Analysis and Feasibility Study for the area displayed in Figure 1 to make recommendations for improvements. These recommendations have been reviewed and a preliminary design developed to undertake upgrade improvements.

The preliminary design has considered previous traffic analysis, existing utilities, stormwater management, environmental impacts including noise, street lighting and landscaping in the development of the upgraded road design.

Proposed works

The works identified in the preliminary design have been separated into six packages of work.

Package 1: Erindale Drive duplication between Ashley Drive and Sternberg Crescent.

Package 2: McBryde Crescent/Ashley Drive intersection upgrade.

Package 3: Re-configuration of the line-marking on Ashley Drive between McBryde Crescent and Sternberg Crescent.

Package 4: Sternberg Crescent pavement widening from Ashley Drive to Erindale Drive.

Package 5: Addition of dedicated left-turn lanes for Erindale Drive southbound traffic turning into Sternberg Crescent and Ashley Drive.

Package 6: Sternberg Crescent/Ashley Drive intersection upgrade including signalisation.

Construction of Package 1 is expected to commence in mid-2013 and is estimated to be completed by the end of 2014.



Intersection at Sternberg Crescent

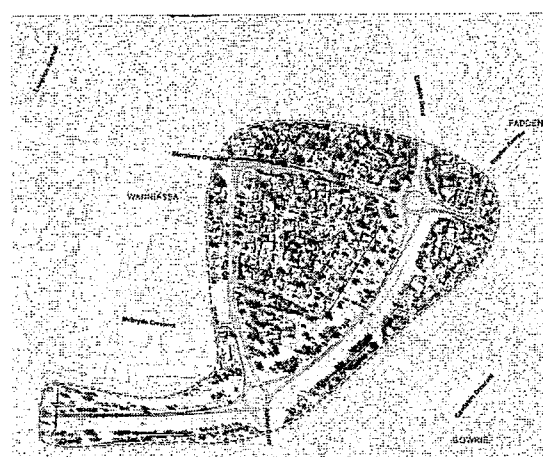


Figure 1: Ashley Drive Study Area

For more information

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Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 5:33 PM
To: Howard, Scott
Cc: Virtue, Geoff; Bourne, Sarah; Smorhun, Vic; Cirson, Adina; O'Daly, Edward
Subject: TAMS Annual Report
Attachments: MIN207_0912 TAMS 2011-12 Annual Report.doc

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Hi Scott

Please find attached a media release announcing the release of the TAMS Annual Report. I believe it is due to be tabled tomorrow?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Kelly

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Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 11:01 AM
To: Howard, Scott
Subject: RE: Crime exposed in the library

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Hehe.

From: Howard, Scott
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 9:04 AM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: Re: Crime exposed in the library

Catchy headline.

From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2012 08:57 AM
Subject: Crime exposed in the library

Media summary: The Queen of crime, Gabrielle Lord, will visit Civic Library on Thursday 4 October 2012 to chat with budding authors and crime fiction enthusiasts.

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xx September 2012

2011-12 TAMS ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS), Katy Gallagher, today announced the release of the 2011-12 TAMS Annual Report.

The report provides details on the Directorate's performance and achievements for the financial year, as well as future directions. It is available to view online at www.tams.act.gov.au.

"It has been another busy year for the Directorate as they work hard to deliver a wide range of services that Canberrans rely on every day," the Chief Minister said.

"TAMS continued to deliver a significant portion of the ACT Government's Capital Program with works totalling over \$191 million.

"Work to improve traffic flow and safety on the ACT's road network saw the completion of Gungahlin Drive's duplication, the Kings Highway realignment and upgrade of Tharwa Bridge in 2011-12. Work on the duplication of Monaro Highway also progressed which has since been completed in September 2012.

"Public transport services continued to be a key focus with the implementation of a new ACTION bus network in 2012. Network 12 included services to the new Gungahlin suburbs of Bonner, Crace, Forde and Casey; improvements to existing services in Kippax, central Canberra, Fyshwick and Majura Park; improved connections across the network; and the addition of a high frequency link between Woden and the Canberra Hospital.

"Throughout 2011-12, development continued at the National Arboretum Canberra in preparation for its official opening in 2013. Sixteen new forests were planted to bring the total to 87 forests, a 1.6 megalitre underground irrigation tank was installed and construction commenced on the Visitors' Centre to house the National Bonsai and Penjing collection.

Other key highlights for the year included:

- becoming the first jurisdiction in Australia to implement a free electronic waste recycling service as part of the new National Television and Computer Recycling scheme;
- removing willow debris from over 30 kilometres of waterway and planting 6,100 native plants to replace removed willows as part of the Waterway Restoration Program;
- planting over 6,340 trees and shrubs in streets, parks and along suburb roads as part of the One Million Tree initiative;
- mowing over 76,000 hectares of Canberra's public spaces – the equivalent of 76,000 football fields;
- maintaining 503 playgrounds including nine skate parks, with seven of these playgrounds being renewed and new play equipment installed at Western Foreshores District Park;

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- re-homing 94 percent of the 1,323 suitable dogs that came through the Domestic Animal Services facility;
- completing the 5.8 kilometre Gibraltar Peak Trail in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve;
- delivering 4,948 tonnes of linen to customers of Capital Linen Service including public and private hospitals, health and aged care providers, hotels, restaurants, major tourist attractions, educational institutions and emergency services;
- issuing 14,928 plants to eligible homeowners under the Plant Issue Scheme;
- preserving the history of Yarralumla Nursery through the digitisation of early records in February 2012. These were made available to the public in August 2012;
- managing around 81,885 square metres of owned and leased office accommodation and a further 156,473 square metres of accommodation for community and commercial organisations through ACT Property Group; and
- interacting with Canberrans via Canberra Connect over 7.6 million times either by phone, the website or through a shopfront.

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2012 4:10 PM
To: Howard, Scott
Cc: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: Majura Parkway
Attachments: MIN204_0912 Joint Release - Majura Parkway superintendent and construction tender announced_video flyover released.doc

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Hi Scott

As requested Majura Parkway media release attached. I assume the Feds have sent this to their Minister who would have been editing it so the version they have may be different now.

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Katy Gallagher
Chief Minister
Minister for Health
Minister for Territory and Municipal
Services

Joint Media Statement

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ANNOUNCED FOR MAJURA PARKWAY

Work on the \$288 million Majura Parkway project will soon commence with the awarding of the construction contract to xxx. Tenders for the construction of Majura Parkway were called on 26 May 2012 and closed 31 July 2012.

"I'm pleased to announce xxx as the successful company to undertake the construction of the Majura Parkway," Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, said today. "This signifies the next step in this critical road infrastructure project which will deliver 11.5 kilometres of dual carriageway connecting the Federal Highway through to the Monaro Highway.

"Interest in the tender process for construction was well received by the industry with seven national infrastructure companies making submissions to undertake the work.

>>Insert para about the successful company's experience with road projects to highlight why they have been chosen.

"The site supervision contract for the project has also recently been awarded to [insert company name] who will oversee the construction project.

"Both the Australian and ACT Government regard safety as a critical element in the effective delivery of this project. As part of the prequalification requirements to undertake this work, tenderers were required to be accredited by the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme to ensure robust management systems are in place to ensure the highest levels of safety during the works. Tenders were also evaluated on their previous safety record and their ability to demonstrate how safety would be managed during the implementation of these works."

ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher, also welcomed the news of the successful tender for the construction of the Parkway.

"Due to start late-2012 and be completed by 2016, this multimillion dollar project is the single largest road infrastructure investment in the ACT," the Chief Minister said. "The project is jointly funded by the Gillard and Gallagher Labor Governments, both contributing \$144 million each.

"Preparation for the construction of Majura Parkway commenced last month with sections of pine plantation in the Majura Valley region being cleared to make way for the road's alignment.

"In addition, following this announcement, a simulated flyover video allowing Canberrans and other interested stakeholders to get a sneak peak of what the completed Parkway will look like has been publicly released.

"The flyover video showcases the Majura Parkway design northbound toward the Federal Highway and southbound towards the Monaro Highway, highlighting key features of the road. A separate video also provides a view of the Molonglo River Bridge – a 200 metre long elevated bridge over Morsehead Drive and the Molonglo River.

"The completed Majura Parkway will play a significant role in improving the main national and regional freight route and the ACT will also benefit from additional capacity on its road network."

To view the simulated flyover or for more information about the Majura Parkway project visit
www.majuraparkway.act.gov.au

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From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2012 3:14 PM
To: Howard, Scott
Cc: Cirson, Adina; Smorhun, Vic; O'Daly, Edward; Bourne, Sarah; Peters, Paul
Subject: MR for CM - new park and ride facilities for Calwell and Kippax
Attachments: MIN177_0712 New park and ride for Calwell and Kippax.docx

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Hi Scott

Please see attached media release for the Chief Minister to announce new park and ride facilities at Calwell and Kippax. The successful tender contract has just been signed. Work is due to commence later this month.

Note: Russ Morison and Nick Tsoulas from Tuggeranong Community Council/Tuggeranong Residents Association, contacted TAMS last week asking if they could be involved in a project start/sod turning event for Calwell Park and Ride. I'm also told that Minister Burch has expressed she is keen to be involved in some form of ceremony.

I'm not sure if anything can be done in the way of a sod turning/official start work ceremony given Caretaker however I will leave with your office to discuss.

Cheers,
Kelly

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Contract awarded for new Park and Ride facilities

ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher, today announced that local contractor, Tread Lightly Earth Moving, has been awarded the \$500,000 contract for the construction of new Park and Ride facilities in Calwell and Kippax.

The new Park and Ride facility at Calwell will be located at the corner of Johnson Drive and Were Street and the Kippax facility on Moyes Crescent. Work is due to commence later this month.

"South and northside residents will soon be able to make use of the new facilities in Calwell and Kippax by parking their car for free and catching a bus for the rest of their journey to work," the Chief Minister said.

"The new Calwell facility will include approximately 60 parking spaces and be conveniently located near bus stops on Johnston Drive and Were Street. Buses at these stops are scheduled to arrive every 20 minutes during the peak period and every 30 minutes during the off-peak.

"The Kippax facility will provide approximately 25 spaces and is also conveniently located by bus stops on Moyes Crescent. These stops are serviced every 15 minutes to Belconnen and the City making this location an attractive transport option for locals, particularly for those who work and currently pay for parking in the town centres."

The Chief Minister said the new Calwell and Kippax Park and Ride facilities further demonstrate the ACT Government's ongoing commitment to provide Canberrans with better public transport options and to reduce traffic congestion on our roads.

"In 2010-11, the ACT Government committed more than \$4 million to construct a network of Park and Ride facilities over four years. Calwell and Kippax bring the number of Park and Ride facilities in the ACT to 15, with other facilities located in Tuggeranong, Woden, Weston, Belconnen and Mitchell. Bike and Bus facilities are available at several of these locations.

"Plans are also underway to design and construct new Park and Ride facilities at College Street in Belconnen as well as Cotter Road near north Weston.

"I encourage residents, particularly those living in Calwell and the suburbs of west Belconnen surrounding Kippax, to make use of their new park and ride facilities. Construction of these sites are expected to be complete toward the end of 2012," the Chief Minister concluded.

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From: Ashcroft, Kelly
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To: 'Sarah Bourne'; Howard, Scott
Subject: FW: Monaro Highway

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Hi Scott and Sarah

FYI – I've been advised that Monaro Highway has been inspected by Roads ACT. All is good to go for tomorrow. The reduced speed limits were lifted after lunch today so the road is now functionally open.

Kelly

From: Peters, Paul
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 11:01 AM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Cc: Gill, Tony; McHugh, Ben; Byles, Gary
Subject: FW: Monaro Highway

Hi Kelly,

Can you discuss with Tony please.

We should not hold up the functional opening of the road but I would think we should give both Australian Government Minister and our Minister a heads up that the road will be functionally open, including the final speed limit this afternoon.

Thanks

*Paul Peters
Executive Director
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From: McHugh, Ben
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 10:56 AM
To: Peters, Paul
Cc: Gill, Tony; Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway

After lunch today.

From: Peters, Paul
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 10:56 AM
To: McHugh, Ben
Cc: Gill, Tony; Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway

Thanks Ben

When do speed limits get lifted?

Ta

*Paul Peters
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From: McHugh, Ben
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 10:55 AM
To: Gill, Tony; Peters, Paul
Cc: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway

Both directions were open to traffic in two lanes this morning.
All works will be complete by lunch time. Contactors are tidying up the site in preparation for tomorrow morning.

Ben

From: Gill, Tony
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 8:48 AM
To: McHugh, Ben; Peters, Paul
Cc: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway

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From: McHugh, Ben
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 8:37 AM
To: Peters, Paul; Gill, Tony
Cc: Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway

I am just about to jump in the car and head out for an inspection.
I will let you know on my return.

From: Peters, Paul
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 8:20 AM
To: Gill, Tony
Cc: McHugh, Ben; Ashcroft, Kelly
Subject: FW: Monaro Highway

Hi Tony,

Are we all good for tomorrow's opening ?

Thanks

Paul Peters
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From: McHugh, Ben
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 3:14 PM
To: Gill, Tony; Peters, Paul
Subject: FW: Monaro Highway [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI.

From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 3:10 PM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Cc: Cox Anselm; McHugh, Ben
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Perfect thanks Sarah and Anselm

From: Bourne, Sarah
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 3:09 PM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Cc: Cox Anselm; McHugh, Ben
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi,

I have just confirmed with Minister Burch's office that the event will commence at 9am.

Still to confirm Gary Byles as MC but the run sheet below looks fine.

Sarah

From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 2:31 PM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Cc: Cox Anselm; McHugh, Ben
Subject: FW: Monaro Highway [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey Sarah

Can I please get some advice from your office on the below?

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From: Cox Anselm [<mailto:Anselm.Cox@infrastructure.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 2:24 PM
To: Ashcroft, Kelly
Cc: Media; Leung Tammy
Subject: RE: Monaro Highway [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Kelly,

I just got a call, and apparently they've now settled on 9am. Can you please confirm that your side of the shop also has this understanding?

Also, are you happy with this as a run sheet? (I'm happy if you want to change the order/timing/events, as long as it finishes ~9:20)

9.00 am – Mr Byles welcomes and introduces the Federal Minister, ACT Chief Minister and Federal Member for Canberra.

9:03 am – Anthony Albanese speaks.

9.08 am – Joy Burch speaks.

9:13 am – Photo opportunity and media interviews.

9:20 am – Event concludes.

Cheers,

Anselm
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From: Ashcroft, Kelly [<mailto:Kelly.Ashcroft@act.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 09:10
To: Cox Anselm; Leung Tammy
Cc: Media
Subject: Monaro Highway

Good morning

FYI -

I have just been informed that Minister Burch has agreed to represent the ACT Chief Minister with Minister Albanese at the opening of Monaro Highway on Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 9.15am.

Media material is being coordinated within Chief Minister's office based on what was previously provided.

Cheers,
Kelly

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From: Ashcroft, Kelly
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 1:29 PM
To: Howard, Scott
Cc: Smorhun, Vic; O'Daly, Edward; Cirson, Adina; Bourne, Sarah
Subject: MR for CM - Playground renewals and shade sail installation
Attachments: MIN205_0912 Play space renewals and shade sail installations complete.docx

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Hi Scott

Please find attached a media release for the CM announcing the completion of play space renewals and installation of shade sails at existing playground sites.

Note, as discussed, the giant slide at Point Hut Pond will be complete over the next couple of weeks. I have referenced this in the release.

Cheers,
Kelly



Katy Gallagher MLA

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Playground upgrades and new shade sails enhance play opportunities in Canberra

ACT Chief Minister and Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher, today announced the completion of five play space upgrades and installation of 13 new shade sails at existing playgrounds.

"As part of the ACT Government's \$1 million 2011-12 Playground Safety Program, the renewal of five play spaces in Canberra is complete," the Chief Minister said.

"Canberra families now have access to more fun and contemporary play areas with upgrades to play spaces on Mueller Street in Yarralumla, Rosman Circuit in Gilmore, Gibbs and Crafer Places in Kambah., and the giant slide at Point Hut District Park in Gordon. The refurbishment of the giant slide at Point Hut District Park in Gordon is also expected to be complete of the coming weeks.

"The upgrades include new equipment such as swings, climbing frames and slides as well as new paving, art work, seating and landscaping. The final designs reflect community feedback about what local residents wanted to see in their play spaces. Working with residents and schools enabled the renewed play spaces to more closely meet their needs.

The Chief Minister said that work to install shade sails and structures across 13 existing play spaces sites across Canberra was also recently completed.

"The ACT Government invested \$400,000 toward the installation of shade sails making our play spaces more pleasant and encouraging families to use them during the day, especially during the warmer months.

"The new shade sails are an average 100m² in area and will shade large areas of the play spaces and any seats beneath them.

"Shade sails have been installed at play spaces on Bonython Street in Downer, Canaway Crescent in Evatt, Captain Cook Crescent in Griffith, Weston Park in Yarralumla, Julia Flynn Street in Isaacs, Wilkins Street in Mawson, Sainsbury Street in Wanniasa, Violets Park in Ngunnawal, Moonlight Avenue in Harrison, Kippax Shops in Holt, Eddison Park in Woden and the Black Mountain Peninsular play space in Acton.

"A custom built roof structure has also been installed at the playground on Finn Street in O'Connor.

"The ACT Government is committed to providing safe, accessible and modern play spaces for Canberra kids. The renewal of play spaces and installation of shade sails further demonstrates this commitment," the Chief Minister concluded.

NOTE: This media release will be considered a draft only until it has been through appropriate Communications and Marketing Unit approval processes.

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Date: xx September 2012

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Gallo, Renee

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2012 4:37 PM
To: Howard, Scott
Cc: Cirson, Adina; Smorhun, Vic; O'Daly, Edward
Subject: ACT Writer in Residence release for issue today
Attachments: MR520_0912 The ACT's Writer in Residence.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Scott,

I have attached the media release on the successful applicant for the ACT Writer in Residence Program for your info.

Regards,

Renee

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13 September 2012

THE SEARCH FOR ACT'S WRITER IN RESIDENCE COMPLETE

Libraries ACT is happy to announce that the search for the ACT writer in residence has come to an end.

"We started the search for a creative and enthusiastic writer to take part in the ACT Writer in Residence Program in August this year, and are happy to announce that Andrew Croome has been awarded the residency," said Vanessa Little, Director, Libraries ACT.

"Mr Croome will undertake a paid residency at the Mount Stromlo Observatory. This initiative has been made possible by National Year of Reading funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, which is funding a writer in residence in each state and territory.

"He will spend 20 days 'in residence', with 10 days spent in action at the observatory and the other 10 days spent producing written pieces inspired by his time there. Mr Croome will also offer a workshop to staff interested in telling their own stories.

"The Writer in Residence Program is one of the many fun reading and writing initiatives taking place around Australia as part of the National Year of Reading, which aims to help Australians discover, or rediscover, the pleasure of reading."

Ms Little said Mr Croome is looking forward to being able to explore the observatory and share his stories.

"The story of astronomy and space exploration in the ACT is a remarkable one, and I'm excited to be able to spend time at the Mount Stromlo Observatory in this, the National Year of Reading, to see what new stories can be told," said Mr Croome.

"A love of books, writing and reading is something that can amaze and inspire for life, and I hope that my stories will capture something of the fascinating work being done to explore our universe."

Ms Little said Mr Croome creative pieces will be considered for publication under the National Year of Reading banner.

Statement ends

Media contact: Kelly Ashcroft, 6207 6882

Gallo, Renee

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 3:42 PM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: RE: Two Libraries ACT releases FYI

Thank you.

From: Bourne, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 3:28 PM
To: Gallo, Renee
Subject: RE: Two Libraries ACT releases FYI

Thanks Renee – All good.

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 3:04 PM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: RE: Two Libraries ACT releases FYI

Sorry Sarah. Now attached.

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 3:03 PM
To: 'Sarah Bourne'
Subject: Two Libraries ACT releases FYI

Hi Sarah,

I have attached two libraries releases for your information.

One is on the Canberra Readers' Festival (very similar to a previous release) and this will be issued on Friday.

The other is about one of the activities that will be conducted as part of the Libraries ACT Spring Program, and this will be issued next week.

Regards,

Renee

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HIGH PROFILE AUTHORS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL THIS WEEKEND

It's not too late to purchase your tickets for the inaugural Canberra Readers' Festival – *For the love of reading...* being held at The Playhouse this Saturday 22 September 2012.

"We are excited to showcase six high-profile, Australian authors as part of the Canberra Readers' Festival. Participants will be entertained by Frank Moorhouse, Kate Grenville, Melina Marchetta, Kel Robertson, Hazel Edwards and Anita Heiss," said Vanessa Little, Director, Libraries ACT.

"As well as getting the chance to hear from notable Australian authors, there will be opportunities for avid readers to debate, discuss and share their views on books with each other, with authors and with the community."

Tickets for the Canberra Readers' Festival can be purchased online through Canberra Ticketing or in person at the box office at the Canberra Theatre Centre on the day of the Festival until sold out.

Ticket prices start at \$32 for a full day ticket (\$25 for concession). For those people who are unable to attend the full day's program, we have individual session tickets also available.

"This is a fantastic event for those who love to read, for aspiring authors and especially for the many passionate people who are members of book clubs in our community."

For more information including the full day's program, author profiles and ticket sales visit www.library.act.gov.au

Participating author bios are attached.

Editor's note: To arrange an interview with any of the participating authors contact TAMS Communications on 6207 6882.

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2012 Canberra Readers' Festival – *For the love of reading...*

Participation authors

Frank Moorhouse

Frank Moorhouse was born in the coastal town of Nowra, NSW. He worked as an editor of small-town newspapers as an administrator and in the 1970s became a full-time writer. He has written fiction, non fiction, screenplays and essays and edited many collections of writing. *Forty-Seventeen* was given a laudatory full-page review by Angela Carter in the *New York Times* and was named Book of the Year by *The Age* and 'moral winner' of the Booker Prize by the London magazine *Blitz*. *Grand Days*, the first novel in The Edith Trilogy, won the SA Premier's Award for Fiction. *Dark Palace* won the 2001 Miles Franklin Literary Award and was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Award, the Victorian Premier's Literary Award and the Age Book of the Year Award. Frank has undertaken numerous fellowships and his work has been translated into several languages. He was made a member of the Order of Australia for services to literature in 1985 and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Griffith University in 1997.

Kate Grenville

Kate Grenville is one of Australia's finest writers. Her bestselling novel *The Secret River* has been published in more than twenty countries. It has received numerous awards, including the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Miles Franklin Literary Award. The companion memoir, *Searching for the Secret River*, was released in 2006.

The Idea of Perfection won Britain's prestigious Orange Prize for Fiction, and her other award-winning novels, which include *The Lieutenant*, *Lilian's Story*, *Dark Places* and *Joan Makes History*, have become modern classics. Her most recent book, *Sarah Thornhill*, is a sequel to *The Secret River*.

Website: <http://kategrenville.com/>

Anita Heiss

Anita Heiss is an award-winning author. She has published historical fiction, children's and adult novels, social commentary, travel articles and a text book on publishing Aboriginal literature. In 2004 she was listed on the Bulletin/Microsoft 'Smart 100'. She is an Ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the 2012 National Year of Reading. Anita's latest book is a memoir titled *Am I Black Enough For You?*

Website: <http://www.anitaheiss.com/>

Kel Robertson

Kel Robertson was born on the south coast of New South Wales in the mid 1950s. He lived in Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Cobar before attending high school in Bathurst in the early 1970s.

He is a graduate of four Australian universities and has been a bored non-completer at a number of other tertiary institutions.

He lives and works in Canberra, where his grandfather was a minister of religion in the 1930s.

Website: <http://kelrobertson.net.au/>



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Hazel Edwards

Authorpreneur Hazel Edwards believes writers are in the business of creativity and that their intellectual property should be valued. But she also started the first belly dancing class in Antarctica when stuck in the polar ice during an Australian Antarctic Division expedition as writer. Creativity is risking the combination of unlikely ideas in a productive way.

Best known for *There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake*, which celebrated its 30th anniversary with a short Pocket Bonfire Production film, (currently touring nationally with Little Big Shots) and a Chinese translation, Hazel writes across media, for children and adults.

Website: www.hazeledwards.com

Melina Marchetta

Melina Marchetta's first novel *Looking For Alibrandi* was published in 1992 and was released as a film in 2000 which she also wrote. She has written six more novels including *The Piper's Son* which was longlisted for the Miles Franklin Award in 2011, and is currently completing her fantasy series, *The Lumatere Chronicles*, the final novel of the trilogy, *Quintana of Charyn* to be released in September 2012. Her novels have been published in 20 languages. Melina lives in Sydney where she writes full time.

Website: <http://www.melinamarchetta.com.au/>



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SPECIAL MORNING STORY TIME WITH MEM FOX AND JUDY HORACEK AT GUNGALIN LIBRARY

Canberra kids aged three to seven years old (and their parents) are invited to start their weekend with a special morning story time on Saturday 27 October 2012 at Gungahlin Library.

"Stay cosy in your pyjamas, grab your favourite teddy and come along to Gungahlin Library for a special sleep-in story time session with Mem Fox and Judy Horacek," Vanessa Little, Director, Libraries ACT, said today.

"Fox and Horacek have reunited to bring nursery rhymes to life in their new book *Good Night, Sleep Tight* and Canberra families have the opportunity to hear the book read during story time by the author and illustrator.

"*Good Night, Sleep Tight* tells the story of Bonnie and Ben and their babysitter, and the rhymes he tells them at bedtime. The book brings back the rhymes many parents loved as children, reinvents them for a new generation and offers another storybook that parents and their children can bond over.

"*Good Night, Sleep Tight* is one of many popular children's books by Mem Fox including *Possum Magic*, *Where is the Green Sheep?*, *A Giraffe in the Bath* and *Hunwick's Egg*."

Ms Little said Story Time encourages children to use their imagination through listening and participating in stories, rhymes and fun songs.

"The Story Time program is a fun way to introduce your child to reading and to the library. It also helps children develop their listening and language skills as well as teach them how to behave as part of a group," Ms Little said.

"Libraries ACT offers regular Story Time sessions as well as a variety of programs and resources for children and teenagers of all ages.

"The Giggle and Wiggle program is for babies and toddlers 0-2 years of age and encourages learning through play, rhymes, songs and stories to help with language development of small children.

"With nine different locations across the ACT, there is always something to do at your local public library," Ms Little said.

For details on all Story Time and Giggle and Wiggle sessions visit www.library.act.gov.au

What: Sleep-in Story Time session with Mem Fox and Judy Horacek
When: 10.15 am – 11.15 am, Saturday 27 October 2012
Where: Gungahlin Library, Corner of Hibberson and Gozzard Streets Gungahlin
Reservation: Bookings are essential. Please call 6205 9000 or visit www.library.act.gov.au

Copies of *Good night, Sleep Tight* will be available to purchase on the day.

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MONICA MCINERNEY ON HER LOVE OF WRITING AND JOURNEY TO PUBLICATION

If you have a passion for writing and have always dreamed about becoming an author come and join Monica McInerney at Belconnen Library on Tuesday 2 October 2012.

"Monica is touring Australia from 1 to 19 October 2012 and is pleased to be visiting the ACT where she has spoken to enthusiastic audiences in the past," said Vanessa Little, Director, Libraries ACT.

"Be inspired by Monica while you chat with her about her journey to publication and her new novel *The House of Memories*, which will be released in Australia in October 2012.

The House of Memories is a moving novel about Ella O'Hanlon and the memories she encounters when she tries to escape her troubles by flying half way around the world to stay with her uncle.

"Monica's best-selling books also include *A Taste For It*, *Those Faraday Girls* and *Lola's Secret*, and some of her books will be available for purchase and signing on the day."

Bookings are required, so to reserve a seat visit www.library.act.gov.au or call 6205 9000.

What: Chat with Monica McInerney
When: 6 pm – 7 pm, Tuesday 2 October 2012
Where: Belconnen Library

Statement ends

Media contact: Kelly Ashcroft, 6207 6882

Gallo, Renee

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 10:25 AM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: RE: Media releases for clearance

Thank you Sarah.

From: Bourne, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 10:13 AM
To: Gallo, Renee
Cc: Howard, Scott
Subject: RE: Media releases for clearance

Hi Renee – These are fine.

Scott – FYI.

From: Gallo, Renee
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 9:58 AM
To: Bourne, Sarah
Subject: Media releases for clearance

Hi Sarah,

Kelly is on leave at the moment and wanted me to follow up on the two attached media releases.

Please let me know if they are good to go.

Kind regards,

Renee

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CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

Do you love to read? Would you like to meet new people? Then why not register for the Libraries ACT *Read Around Canberra* program for 2013.

"*Read Around Canberra* will celebrate its 11th year in 2013, and Canberra writer and creative-writing teacher Susan Hampton will lead five reading groups over 10 sessions in a series of group discussions," said Karen Hansen, Acting Director, Libraries ACT.

"Susan has selected a varied collection of books including *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, by Edmund de Waal, *The People Smugglers* by Robin de Crespigny and for those who love the classics we will also look at Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*.

"Susan is a teacher, writer and freelance editor who lives in Canberra. She has written seven books including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, and her work is collected in many anthologies. Several of her books have won national awards, and *The Kindly Ones* won the 2006 Judith Wright Award administered by artsACT."

Ms Hansen said that Canberrans are encouraged to register now for this popular program and that places were limited.

"*Read Around Canberra* will commence in March 2013 and all information including registration forms and full list of books to be discussed are available at all Libraries ACT branches or online at: www.library.act.gov.au," Ms Hansen said.

The 2013 *Read Around Canberra* program cost is \$130 per person (for the series of 10 sessions) and all books are supplied by Libraries ACT.

Statement ends

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