



Weston Group Centre Master Plan

Information session outcomes

Coleman Court, 12 November 2011, 11am–2pm

The ACT Government is preparing a master plan for the Weston group centre. The first community engagement asked visitors to the centre to identify the things they like about the centre and things they would like improved.

People posted sticky notes on two posters showing the Weston Group centre study area. One poster asked people to name what currently works well and should therefore be retained. The second poster asked what could be improved and what additional services would be needed.

These issues, together with the results of the feedback form handed out at the information session, will be analysed and documented. The results will be available on the website shortly. They will inform the ideas workshop with the community on 30 November and any planning work that will be undertaken.

The following summarises community comments.

Outcomes poster 1: 'Weston group centre – what works well?'

1. Free parking – keep it that way
2. Keep free parking
3. Keep free parking, do not introduce pay parking
4. Free parking
5. Don't get rid of free parking
6. Keep the indoor arena
7. Surrounding town houses means there are usually people around
8. Keep small shopping centre feeling
9. Retain village atmosphere
10. Maintain a human sized city
11. Keep little shops, any competition for Woolies would be good
12. Coleman Court is a nice, friendly shopping centre
13. Variety of small, local traders in addition to supermarkets (eg Freddie frapples, butchers, shoe shop etc)
14. Good retail facilities

15. Skate park works well
16. Maintain Weston oval as community open space
17. Keep and maintain oval
18. Value open space and community facilities
19. Retain the Weston Creek tennis courts
20. Keep the preschool – it's a great community asset
21. Keep the Weston preschool
22. Why build a new school? Use old Weston primary school.
23. Christmas tree at Christmas

Outcomes poster 2: 'Weston Group Centre – What needs to be improved? Services we need.'

1. Swimming pool/aquatic centre
2. Swimming pool with good hydrotherapy pool
3. Add indoor swimming pool – perhaps with tennis courts (intersection Brierly/Parkinson St between Weston Club and Church)
4. Hydrotherapy pool for disabled young and elderly and children with special needs
5. An aquatic centre with hydrotherapy for the aged (modelled on Erindale)
6. What about a swimming pool?
7. Swimming pool
8. Indoor swimming pool
9. Aquatic centre just like Tuggeranong
10. Swimming pool – indoor heated all year round
11. Need a hydro therapy pool
12. Swimming pool
13. Please consider a swimming pool
14. Swimming pool
15. Would give up some open space for a swimming pool
16. Swimming pool
17. No leisure centre/swimming pool
18. More parking



19. Change 2 hour parking limit to 3 hours and introduce free parking on Saturdays and Sundays
20. 2 hour parking too short – should be 3 hours, also loosen 2 hour park limits on some days
21. More free parking spaces around Cooleman Court
22. Cooleman court needs more parking
23. More parking in Cooleman Court needed!!
24. More disability parking
25. Need more parking
26. Better parking
27. Parking: consider structures to manage increasing demand from Molonglo (would pay if more parking/easier to park)
28. Parking – don't wanna pay for it!
29. Parking areas need improving
30. More shops and more parking for more people
31. Re-surface car park
32. Cooleman Court car park surface is atrocious!! Parking in general is insufficient.
33. Parking area surface is in poor condition – trolleys are filthy/broken and not enough bays for trolleys
34. Better surfaces to push trolleys
35. Resurface car park, just terrible to walk on and push trolleys
36. Concrete footpaths needed
37. Footpaths are crappy, very dangerous walking – need improvement
38. Better maintenance of footpaths needed
39. Pedestrian networks are good but could be better sign posted and lit
40. Pedestrian crossing at back of Wollies site
41. Improved bike and pedestrian access needed – get cars right out of centre and give it a much more accessible feel
42. Lighting and more work done on underpasses
43. Better watered trees for shade
44. Library like shopfront library in Kingston
45. Library
46. Local library would be great
47. Library
48. Permanent library not just mobile one
49. Former Weston primary school would be a good school for Molonglo – why build a new one?
50. Reopen Weston Creek primary school (for children in new suburbs)
51. Great centre for community gatherings
52. We need new/improved/bigger community centre
53. Lots of cafes and restaurants with outside seating
54. More outdoor eating areas
55. Coffee shops should stay open longer on Friday nights
56. Brierly Street should be closed off and the area used as restaurants outdoor sitting etc.
57. Close Brierly Street to motor vehicles (except service vehicles)
58. Close off section of Brierly Street to make a pedestrian area only
59. Outdoor movie theatre (use the car parks in off peak time)
60. Make Weston Creek tennis courts public access
61. Needs of older people ignored
62. Aged care seating with support arms
63. Need more competition – another supermarket. Wollies should be required to provide more space in the aisles.
64. Need for a large hardware store in area, eg Bunnings
65. Maybe some type of retail like Big W
66. No variety in shopping types of foods (eg organic)
67. Fruit shop is overcrowded
68. Cooleman/Canberra is crap anyway
69. Cards shop
70. Need another petrol station – one for the whole area is not enough
71. Another petrol station
72. Petrol station – need another
73. I took part in Waramanga shops redevelopment discussions – then nothing happened after the 1st plan was produced – any guarantees this time?
74. Need a lot less concrete and cars. This is a real opportunity to make a people friendly, accessible service centre, that people want to linger in.
75. Oval and community hub site: connect both ends of the area featuring sporting facilities, eg indoor pool, community education and cultural activities



76. No more bike lanes
77. No more bike lanes
78. Safer bike lanes
79. Bike lane access is poorly designed. Redo it and this time consult cyclists.
80. Better designed bike lanes
81. More bike paths near centre itself – dangerous to bike on sidewalk on through parking lots near existing paths.
82. Traffic design – movement of cars should be considered and roads/access improved
83. Access roads improved into centre – very dangerous at the moment
84. Traffic lights at intersection Hindmarsh Drive/Brierly Street
85. Queues at petrol station in Brierley Street are dangerous
86. Nightmare to get into petrol station
87. Widen Streeton Drive, take out stupid white lines and making it one lane
88. Streeton Drive back to 2 lanes
89. Relocate McDonalds, current location on three busy roads!
90. Dangerous coming out of Big Mac
91. Move the Park and Ride to Weston oval – frees up parking for retail
92. Half hour bus service please
93. Busses – could 27 and/or 25 become loops from Woden to make 20-30 minute Woden-Coolo connections?
94. Better bus access
95. Bus like xpresso direct to city every 15 minutes instead of having to go backwards via Woden
96. Enclosed off leash area for dogs
97. Fenced dog park
98. Kids gym
99. Rubbish bins in children’s playgrounds are missing
100. Rubbish bins in kids play area and BBQ area needed
101. More play facilities for children over 5 years
102. Structures from skate park towards Hilder Street – what are they for?
103. The main motivation is to BUILD on Weston oval and the Tennis Courts – WHAT DO WE GET IN RETURN?
104. More medium density/mixed use (eg cafes below, residential above) could bring more people into area
105. Consider activating area around Dillon Close with medium density (4-6 storeys)
106. If more accommodation is built please include group housing for young adults with disabilities
107. Build in front of Woolies on Brierly Street to cover ugly walls