

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy](#): the AGM is coming, two Zoom events in September; thanking the supporters of our City News Ad; help needed to sort the Resources Hub; more about our election campaign; a petition for truth in political advertising and four new things to read or watch. And what do you think of the revamped website?

COMING UP

AGM Save the date. November 1st, 2pm, probably still on Zoom. If you are interested in helping out on the committee, please let the Secretary know.

Thank you to those of you have paid and donated generously. Very helpful.

Note: if you joined in or since May this year, your membership carries over into this year.

CAPaD Zoom Events

Empathy and Collaborative Meaning-Making: An Overview of Citizens' Councils

You are warmly invited to a 2hr Zoom seminar with a taste of Dynamic Facilitation.

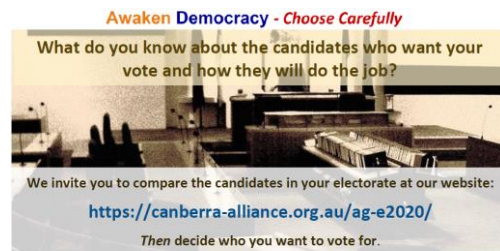
For more details and to [book your ticket go here](#).

2nd September and **repeated on the 9th**.

Big thank you

To the 19 people who all together donated to \$2225 toward the advertising campaign in the City News.

Here's an idea of what to watch out for.



Help needed

CAPaD is looking for people to help the Secretary move our Ideas and Resource Hub content (as on our website and other content) into the new format ([see website tab headings](#)) and list them in categories.

Getting better representation for better government

The 2020 ACT Election on October 17th

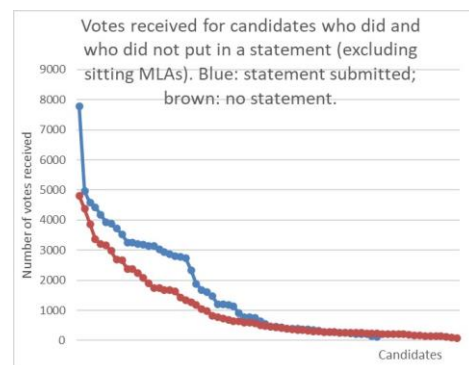
Voting starts on September 28th after the candidates are declared on the 24th.

Candidate Statements

At present there are 77 candidates and [we have received 17 completed statements](#).

Please keep asking candidates if they have made as statement. Even better, if they have, tell them you have read it.

Looking at past elections, it looks like there is some correlation (but we can't say causation) between candidate statements and votes (figure). [See our election pages for more details](#).



Peter Tait was interviewed on **2XX** on Friday 28th August about democracy, our upcoming election, the candidate statements and more. [Hear the wide ranging interview at this link](#).

Distributing the flyer

Margaret Lee is coordinating distribution of our flyer about the statements ([copies on the website](#)). If you can [let her know if you](#) download and where you handed them out please.

Keeping government democratic in times of pandemic and after

A small win

The ACT has passed truth in political advertising legislation. Alas not quite in time for this election. So what about similar federal legislation. The Australia Institute is [running a petition to this end, if you'd like to sign](#).

CAPaD - making change in 2020.

Electorate-based-mobilisation

Since Rob Salter spoke with us about electorate-based-mobilisation in May, CAPaD has been working with him and some others to develop a website for "sharing ideas, information and stories about electorate-level action for better representation and better governance."

New stuff to read and look at

Links to the August 30 Zoom

Mark Evans [Democracy 2025 – bridging the trust divide](#) powerpoint and video.



New piece in the blog: [Three things happened that show we need parliament urgently.](#)

Bringing citizens into governance; parties no longer doing it, so what alternatives? Marija Taflaga of ANU. [Branch stacking is a sign of a withering party system](#). From The Conversation.

The Power of Dialogue; bringing together 128 women with opposing views and ask them to talk together; [see what happens](#).

From your committee

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