

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members, supporters and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy](#), our GET Zoom event coming soon, AGM planning, activating charity status, and more to read and watch.

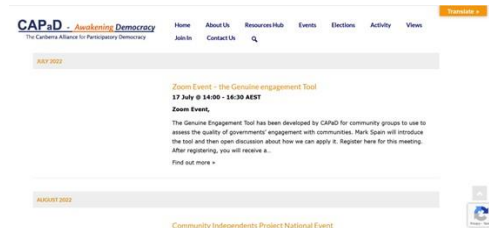
COMING UP

Zoom Events.

17 July @ 14:00 - 16:30. Follow the link to register: [Zoom Event – the Genuine Engagement Tool](#).

The Genuine Engagement Tool has been developed by CAPaD for community groups to use to assess the quality of governments' engagement with communities. Mark Spain will introduce the tool and then open discussion about how we can apply it.

[Find out more about the Genuine Engagement Tool »](#)



Future Zoom events – [listed in our Events Calendar](#).

ACTIVE PROJECTS

Active Democracy ACT (ADACT) & Australia (ADAus)

The Bean group will resume meeting in the next few weeks. If you are interested in joining, please [email the Secretary](#).

In June **Active Democracy Australia** ran a demonstration national KTC to introduce the practice to interested people. [The report of this activity is here](#).

'Another way of listening:' Alicia Payne starts The Canberra Forum

Although CAPaD is not mentioned [in the Canberra Times article](#), we are recognised in [Alicia's tweet announcing this](#). Bob Douglas has been driving this initiative for the past six months. It is a further alternative to the [Active Democracy Groups](#) and University of Canberra Deliberative Democracy Centre [Connecting to Parliament project](#). In part it arose from too few in the Canberra electorate able to commit the time to setting up an Active Democracy group, and from our past discussions about our previous discussions about [Oliver Dowlen's idea of Citizens Parliamentary Groups](#).

OTHER ACTIVITY

AGM Planning and rejoining for 2022-23

That time of year. No pressure but we have some vacant Committee positions for anyone who wants to help more with the governance of the Alliance. Other ways to support us are [joining an Active Democracy group](#) and **donation funds** (see below). Just [paying a membership](#) helps us to cover the costs of insurance, Zoom, Incorporation reporting costs and website fees without which we could not continue to operate. Membership numbers are key information asked of us when visiting MPs. All this helps us. (and members can vote at the AGM) More details coming in a separate email soon.

Time: Aug 21, 2022 02:00 PM (Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney).

[Register here please](#).

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)

Membership for 2022-23 can be [renewed online here](#).

Activating Charity Status – going for DGR

We are applying for Donor Gift Recipient status with Treasury. This is to help generate funding to more expansively implement [our Education Strategy](#). Currently we have focused on our campaigns around elections, helping voters think about integrity and related issues when voting, and in the recent federal election promoting understanding of and use of preferences in voting for the outcomes a voter wants.

We need to establish with Treasury that we can attract donations. The response to our call out for funds for the 2022 Election City News advertisements was very encouraging. We also realise that this is just after donation season, but [if you could make any size donation and or renew you membership](#), that would be fantastic and help us achieve our vision: **a democratic Australia — where citizens trust their elected representatives, hold them accountable, engage in decision making, and sustain the public good.**

THINGS TO READ AND LISTEN TO

ELECTION REFLECTION

First, we'd like to congratulate our renewed MPs (Andrew Leigh, Alicia Payne and David Smith) and Senator Katy Gallagher and welcome new Senator David Pocock. We look forward to working with them over the new few years.

The ABC Story Lab: [a new way to look at electorates and elections outcomes](#) in Australia.

Antony Green's [blog unpacks the ACT senate election result](#) and [Lee Yingtong Li](#) also looks at the preference flows from the senate polling ([only on Twitter at present](#)), reproduced here (you might have to copy it into a word document so you can expand and read it).

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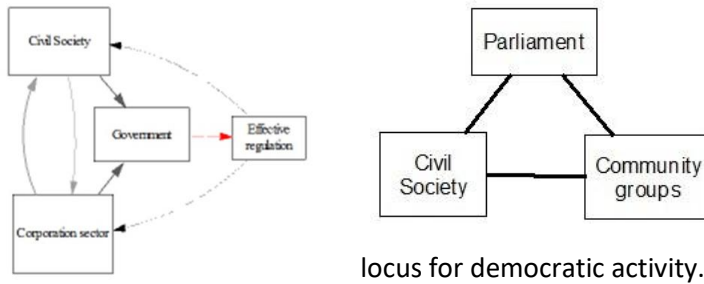
They also modelled what would have been the outcome if Pocock / Doube didn't run; Sesleja would have been returned ahead of Goreng Goreng. Another Tweeter (link lost) observed that when comparing the first and second primary votes for each pair of candidates shows Kacey Lam receiving about twice the number of first preference votes as the second candidates in the other major groups. Also more ACT Liberal voters vote above the line than the ACT norm.

The **Commons Social change Library** have a couple of recently published resources: [Resources](#) to help you hold the next new government accountable; a [collection of articles](#) for insights into the recent election. Lots more [in the main library](#).

Addition to Resources Hub; the Transforming cultures monograph (from the Frank Fenner Foundation).

Democracy Triangles

There are a few of these. Gives a different way to think about who and how democracy happens.



Each represents the actors and their relationships in a liberal democracy. Formal government/parliament is always one actor; civil society or community are another. In the left side model the corporate sector is the third apex. In the right side model community groups (clubs and societies) are the third

DEMOCRACY AS FUN 'COLLECTION'

Back to Pope:

READY FOR A NEW WAY OF DOING EVEREST...



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