

## CAPaD 2021-22 Annual Report

### Achievements in the past year (summary):

- Holding a very successful [DemFest21](#) – a celebration of locally driven democracy in Australia in November.
- Promoting the Big Deal documentary and holding a Big Deal reflection event in October 2021.
- Running [an education campaign on preferential](#) voting for the 2022 federal election.
- Helping with the [#OurDemocracy pre-election National Integrity Survey](#) recruitment.
- Continuing to help [Active Democracy Australia](#) organisation and website revisions and resources expansion.
- Continuing support for [Active Democracy Bean](#) in the ACT.
- Working with the ACT Greens on their Neighbourhood Democracy proposal and advocating for implementation of this with the ACT government.
- Working with DemocracyCo and Alicia Payne to organise a Citizens' Jury event, the **Canberra Forum**, in the federal seat of Canberra.
- **Charity Status achieved.** Application for DGR status in progress.
- Development of an [Education Strategy](#) to coordinate and focus our activities.
- Continued to refine and add content to [the Resources Hub](#) (core component to the Education Strategy).
- Finalise and self-publish the [Genuine Engagement Tool \(GET\)](#) and [background paper explaining the development process](#).
- Successful monthly [newsletters Awakening Democracy](#).
- Continued regular emails to members.
- Active in the Twittersphere.
- Restarted Zoom Events after the election campaigning.

### Congratulations

We congratulate all the successful House of Representative and Senate candidates who were elected at the recent federal election.

### Thanks

I would like to thank the committee members in particular, and the other CAPaD members and supporters who have contributed, practical, moral and financially, to our efforts this past year. I look forward to their support continuing. I especially want to thank the Active Democracy Bean team and our Election Campaign donors.



## Committee Members 2021 - 22

Name / Position	Selected	Due re-selection for 2 years in:
Peter Tait / Co-Convener	2020	<b>2022</b>
/ Co-Convener	2022 vacant	
/ Deputy Co-Convener	2022 vacant	
Deputy Co-Convener	2022 vacant	
Cath Blunt / Secretary	2021, resigning 2022 AGM	Vacant
Mark Spain / Treasurer	2017, 2019, 2021	2023
Bob Douglas	2019, 2021	2023
Petra Cram	2019, 2021, Resigned March 2022	Vacant
Barbara Dwyer	2021	2023
Margaret Lee	2019, retired 2021 AGM	Vacant
Gilles Rohan	2020	<b>2022</b>
Vacant position		

## Details of 2021-22 achievements

### DemFest21 – a festival of democracy celebration of locally driven democracy in Australia

Held over the weekend of November 6-7, we had 31 registrants from all across Australia, 23 submitted presentations for pre-reading across the week of November 1 to 5<sup>th</sup>, and 13 actual presentations with accompanying conversation sessions across the Saturday and Sunday.

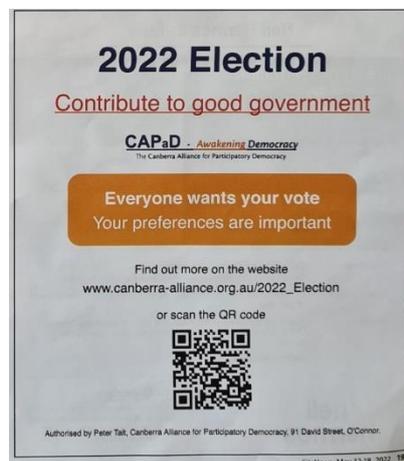
The recording of these session and the pre-reading papers are stored on [the DemFest 21 website](#).

### Promoting the Big Deal documentary

In collaboration with the #OurDemocracy campaign, extensively promoted the Big Deal documentary through our network. We followed this up by holding a Big Deal reflection zoom event in October 2021 for the ACT. We framed this as an Active Democracy ACT promotion.

### 2022 federal election education campaign

With the focus in this year's election on integrity and climate change, the importance of voters understanding how Australia's voting system works emerged as an issue. Conversations in the media and with our friends and family revealed poor understanding. Particularly this applied to preferential voting



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## **Plans for 2022-23**

### **Active Democracy Australia and ACT**

We intend to continue our support for the formation of active electorate groups across Australia to build on the community independents and other electorate level activity that has been growing for the past two or more years.

### **Canberra Forum with Alicia Payne and DemocracyCo**

We hope to develop and help run this in late 2022.

### **Education activity**

We intend to continue our current activities while developing new initiatives in line with our strategy as opportunities arise.

### **Other activity**

Increasing younger people's involvement is a focus, particularly through engaging with universities such as through internship programs. For instance, we need the 2020 ACT election candidate statements analysed in preparation for decisions about the 2024 ACT election.