

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members, supporters and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy](#), The Canberra Forum well underway, Active Democracy Bean, Education for Civics ... and more to read and watch.

COMING UP

General meeting and Local Government Local Democracy discussion.

Still in planning stage but a heads up for a Sunday afternoon zoom on May 21 or 28; to be finalised when speakers confirmed.

Future Zoom events – [listed in our Events Calendar](#). More are in the planning stage.

ACTIVE PROJECTS



The **Canberra Forum** first session was on February 4th.

The final session is on Sat 29th April 2022, 1:00pm-5:30pm

Venue details: This may change so please register.

Observers are welcome to all events. [Please register](#) to be sent the link for the venue details for the face to face session. Registrations for each event close a week before that event.

More information is available from [Alicia Payne's website](#).

Active Democracy ACT (ADACT) & Australia (ADAus)

Active Democracy Bean (ADB) at Southside Markets Reflection

Cath and Jane conversed with and provided information to about 30 people from all walks of life (we were there for 3 hours 8 – 11) and our encouragement to "come and have a yarn with us" was certainly taken up. Interestingly, many people were grateful we were there and wanted encouragement and some know how on how to have conversations with friends and neighbours about the Voice. Young people who wanted to check in about how complex everything to do with the voice is seeming now. We had printed out some flyers where people could get more information on the yes case (from the [yes23 website](#)). There is some excellent guides to conversations on that website and we will hand these out at our next stall in May.

We had a call from Pockocks office saying they really appreciated our last newsletter for all the links to great resources that were there. David Smith's office lent us their corflute stand and are very keen to assist with photocopying and planning events. They are very interested to receive our report on what people on the ground are saying. It is quite interesting. We are seeing our role as listening to the community, linking to resources and people and promoting events, as well as doing very local stuff as well. We have met with our local ACT Green MLA and have connections with others.

We are not neutral and say we are promoting the yes vote, and want to have respectful conversations about it. We found the experience enlivening and fun.

Active Democracy Bean Facebook Page

Additionally Active Democracy Bean [has a Facebook page](#) on which they will promote what is on and latest information regarding their activity.

Contact Cath or Jane at activedemocracybean@canberra-alliance.org.au for any support or further information.

More about ADB on their [webpage](#). If you are interested in joining, please [email Cath](#).

The Active Democracy ACT [site is here](#).

OTHER ACTIVITY

Education for Civics

Planning for a national zoom event to scope interest in a project to pursue developing teaching resources for schools and adult education is underway. If you are interested in participating, [please contact me](#).

THINGS TO READ AND LISTEN TO

Our standing reminder about the **Democracy Sausage podcast** from the ANU Public Policy Institute (on a podcast service near you). Lots of very topical topics, and

The Remakers podcast. Australia ReMADE's podcast has had a fascinating series of discussions and interviews over the past few months and is well worth a listen. Available from your favourite podcast service.

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