

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members, supporters and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy](#): 2024 **Democracy in Action** Conversations, seeking help, Education for Civics in the ACT, ... and more to read and watch.

COMING UP / HAPPENINGS

2024 ACT Election, 19th October and **2025 (maybe 2024) Federal Election**

Democracy in Action Conversations

Three 90 minute Democracy in Action Conversations.

Conversation 1 – 12th May

What makes a good MLA?

What's a representative? How can we know our MLAs are being a good representatives?



[Register here.](#)

More information [in the ACT election tab.](#)

The outputs from this conversation will be collated and circulated and feed into -

Conversation 2 In August

How can we know which candidate will make a good representative?

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Conversation 3 – **Electorate Candidate forums** in Mid September

How do the candidates wanting your vote plan to represent you?

How are they going to hear their community's (that is your) voice?

Getting Community involved in Local Government

Scope for democracy at the local municipal / town / suburb government level is rich. Anne Jedzini will talk about their research in this area and open up discussion about how this knowledge can help strengthen democracy.

When: Jun 5, 2024 07:00 PM Canberra / AEST

[Register in advance](#) to receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Contributing to CAPaD in this transformational year?

Thank you to the people who have volunteered and donated so far.

We need more of your help. See [how you can contribute here.](#)

You can volunteer for as much or as little as you can find time and energy for and or [donate.](#)

ACTIVE PROJECTS

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(ADAus) The project with Change Politics continues. Planning is underway for an event to bring all the people who have expressed interest together.



Active Democracy Bean

A monthly forum and other events are being planned. Watch the Events page on our website.

Any questions or interest to join us? Contact activedemocracybean@canberra-alliance.org.au

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

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

Education for civics

What is provided for students about the ACT Assembly and our Hare Clarke voting system?

Well, a whole suite of programs in fact. See <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/visit-and-learn/programs>. For school aged and adults.

Do you want to help with this project? [Email us](#).

THINGS TO READ AND LISTEN TO

Our standing reminders about:

- [Democracy Sausage podcast](#) from the ANU Public Policy Institute. Lots of very topical topics, and
- [The Remakers podcast](#). Australia ReMADE's podcast has a fascinating series of discussions and interviews and is well worth a listen. Both **available** from your favourite podcast service.
- **Juice Media** for an [irreverent and spicy look at current politics](#) in Australia and beyond.
- **Crazy Town** From [the Post Carbon Institute \(go to Products/Podcasts\)](#). 2025 season looking at how to get out of Crazy Town. And still lots of back episodes to listen to.

Addition to our library

US based Democracy – a user's guide, gives a detailed overview of democracy and how we might make it work better for us. Very current.

Nobel laureate economist (Angus Deaton) savages his own profession as clueless and unethical ([\\$here@Crikey](#))

In case you are pay-walled out, key quotes include:

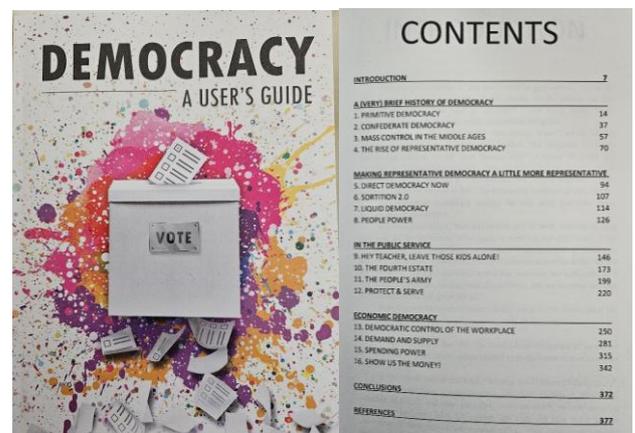
“Without an analysis of power, it is hard to understand inequality or much else in modern capitalism.”

“It's what passes for economic debate in a media that,

far from recognising the role of power in capitalism and seeking to hold that power to account, is part of the power structure itself. Our corporate media, like other large corporations, likes to influence politics to change the rules of the game. Not only is it unwilling to scrutinise such power, it is incapable of doing so.”

Democracy Rising

A [series of conversations](#) on deliberative democracy: how it works and examples of it working. By Resilience.org of the Post Carbon Institute.



DEMOCRACY AS FUN

David Pope from the Canberra times IN 2021.
Still we wait for the gardeners to do their job.
Or is that our MPs?

From your committee

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