

2022-23 Report on Implementation of the Education Strategy

Strategic Outcome Domains

Outcome 1 – Government Systems

Outcome 2 – Influences on democracy

Outcome 3 – harnessing the political system

Outcome 4 – reforming the political system

Outcome Domain 1 – Government Systems

Canberrans and Australians will better understand the government system in Australia including the electoral system, how parliament operates, the role of MPs/parliamentarians, the role of the public service, the different levels of government and their responsibilities.

Topics	Activity	Attendance / Response	Outputs	Outcomes	Comments
Background topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the current Australian government system really works • how politicians and MPs can spend and distribute public money • how laws are created and made into law • a new political system is possible and people power can make it happen 	Provide information on the Resource Hub, updating this as possible. Support for the #OurDemocracy campaign (as below).	Google Analytics data on visits lost with upgrade to GAv4.	Unable to measure.	Unable to measure.	This is a relatively passive process; we put out new content to our email list, Twitter followers and Facebook friends, and put links in our newsletter. The capacity to maintain new content in 2022-23 has been low with other activities being undertaken.



<p>Models of governance and democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous governance models and how they influence democracy • Democratic Governance models 	<p>Provide information on the Resource Hub</p>				<p>No activity with this in this past year.</p>
<p>Electoral systems used in Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal parliament - the senate and House of Representatives systems • State and Territory parliaments • Local government 	<p>Initiated set up of the Education for Civics group. Slow start due to participants other commitments. Discussions with ProACT started about collaborating at the 2024 ACT and 2025 Federal elections; CAPaD to run education on voting and candidate selection.</p>	<p>Two Education for Civics zoom events held and initial ideas for activity floated. Initial meeting with ProACT and further meetings planned.</p>	<p>Two meetings held.</p>	<p>None so far.</p>	<p>Early in the planning process. Dependent on funding for Education for Civics project officer, but too early in group's development to move on this.</p>

Outcome Domain 2 – Influences on democracy

Canberrans and Australians will be able to identify the factors that influence effective democracy, in particular the role of these elements on influencing democracy and government:

- elected representatives

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- political parties
- independent representatives
- local electorate community groups
- unelected players with power and money.

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<p>How community can organise to exert their own power into the political system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The triangle of democracy – government, civil society and community organisations • Lobbying and advocacy – individual and as a community • Models of working with your parliamentarians • Petitions and letters • The role of civil society 	<p>Support the Community Independents Project.</p> <p>Provide information on the Resource Hub.</p> <p>Working with Active Democracy Australia to develop their website, which is a toolkit to help voters and community organise to work better with their MP.</p>	<p>Visits measures unavailable (as above).</p> <p>ADAus regularly measures site visits and contacts received from the website.</p>	<p>Forward emails to members and supporters and retweet Tweets to followers.</p>		<p>Continuing to support activity by ADAus.</p>
<p>How people can be influenced to vote</p>					



<p>and money have on democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how the role of public institutions including the public service •can be compromised or undermined by people with power and money 	<p>and the Fair Play Bill campaign.</p>				
<p>How good government and democracy can be undermined or strengthened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how popularism works •how deliberative democracy works to influence democracy •how public figures can use the media to undermine the integrity of public institutions that protect and strengthen democracy •how laws can be made impotent or ineffective 					

Outcome Domain 3 – harnessing the political system

Canberrans and Australians will develop skills in harnessing the political system collectively in communities and electorates to engage their MPs effectively in working for the public good at the local and national levels.



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Skills for active citizens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •how collective wise decision-making works and how collective ignorant decision-making works •how people can learn critical thinking to determine their own reasoning on contested views 	<p>Information in the Resources Hub.</p> <p>Support and promote the Canberra Forum.</p>	<p>Unable to measure.</p> <p>6 members attended as Observer Concierges, 6 members attended as observers. (two attended alternatively in both roles).</p>	<p>Tool available on the website.</p>		<p>Ongoing work planned for 2023-24 to promote the Canberra Forum and use of the GET for assessment.</p> <p>Plans underway to work with DemocracyCo to develop and promote a ‘Kit’ other MPs might use.</p>
Helping your MP work for you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •what is the role of the MP •what an MP can do for their community •Being clear on the level of government to approach •how communities can work with their MP •how communities can hold their MP accountable 	<p>Information in the Resources Hub.</p> <p>Working with Active Democracy Australia and promoting their website and process through publications and our newsletter.</p> <p>Supporting an Active Democracy group in the ACT. Active Democracy Bean is running Listening Posts about the Voice to Parliament to engage</p>	<p>Difficult to measure.</p> <p>Four listening posts and two Zoom events with the TogetherYes campaign.</p>	<p>Active Democracy Aus website and toolkit.</p>		<p>Aim: to promote information about The Voice and engage people in the political discourse while promoting ADBean.</p>

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	<p>people and promote ADBean.</p> <p>Publicised and coordinated observers for the Canberra forum. Worked with DemocracyCo on the Forum. Promoted the Genuine Evaluation Tool (GET) and used it to organise CAPaD's reflections on the Forum. Advocating to Don Farrell, Special Minister of State, for more flexibility for MPs in use of their electorate allowances for supporting participation of constituents.</p>		<p>Updated GET. Reflection report (in preparation).</p> <p>Letter sent.</p>		<p>The major focus of our work this year.</p> <p>Helping to change the narrative around how politics is done in Australia.</p>

Outcome Domain 4 – reforming the political system

Canberrans and Australians will develop knowledge and skills in in effectively reforming the political system so that it effectively delivers for the public good.

Topics	Activity	Attendance / Response	Outputs	Outcomes	Comments
Making good government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to bring Australian Indigenous governance models into improving Australian democracy • the role of public institutions that protect and strengthen democracy 	Promoting the #OurDemocracy campaign and the Australian Democracy Network’s Framework for a Fair Democracy and their Fair Play Bill.	See above.	Passing along emails and Tweets from #OurDemocracy to our mailing list and followers.		Helping to change the narrative around how politics is done in Australia.
Consolidating political change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalising reforms 	Promoting the #OurDemocracy campaign and the Australian Democracy Network’s Framework for a Fair Democracy and their Fair Play Bill.		Passing along emails from #OurDemocracy to our mailing list.		Helping to change the narrative around how politics is done in Australia.
Theories and processes of change	Information in the Resources Hub.	Unable to measure.			

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	Pick up on the Living Democracy conversations from Canberra Conversations in collaboration the Tim Hollo (based on his book Living Democracy).	14 attendees at the Zoom event. 13 subsequent views of the uploaded video.			
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