

Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members, supporters and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy: ACT Election business](#), ... and candidate videos watch.

COMING UP / HAPPENINGS

ELECTION 2024

14 (as I write this) days to go to close of polls for the ACT election. **Our main activity from here** on is to give people opportunity to think differently about the candidates, to know them as people beyond the policies and promises that are flying thick and fast across Canberra at the moment.

To this end, it would be helpful to put up the attached flyer in lots of places so the word can get out.

Several people have complained that they would have attended a Know Your Candidate Forum if only they had known. Well, please help people get to know.

Know Your Candidate Forums

Reasonably attended by both candidates and voters.

Forum	Candidates briefed	Candidates at Forums	% of Candidates	Candidates apologised	Voters at Forums (present&online)
Yerrabi	2	9	35%	4	18
Ginninderra	3	14	42%	2	24
Kurrajong	4	12	35%	2	27
Murrumbidgee	2	9	33%	5	43
Brindabella	1	8	33%	3	26

Much more detail – as in who did and didn't come, [here](#).

Next – Watch and Promote Candidate Videos

[Watch what candidates said in response to our questions.](#)

To help publicise the videos and candidate responses please [put his flyer](#) up in lots of places.

Spread the word please. Voting is one of our citizen powers and knowing our candidates is crucial to knowing who to preference.

Understanding how ACT elections work

Talking to candidates and voters reveals some misunderstanding of how ACT vote counting works, and how to give the candidates you want elected the best chance.

In short, put them first preference. Sounds obvious, but ... maybe it isn't. Also important is numbering every box down to the point that you reach candidates you don't want elected.

We have [a fact sheet available](#).

Purpose – building Wellbeing Economy Governments

Film event supported by CAPaD. November 13 6pm to 8pm, Gang Gangs Downer.



Purpose is a documentary feature film which follows the journey of two political economists, Katherine Trebeck & Lorenzo Fioramonti, with a simple dream: Change the way progress is measured in order to change what governments do.

Over two years this film traces their efforts to build Wellbeing Economy Governments, with Lorenzo also entering parliament to change a G7 government from the inside. It's ambitious stuff and their journey is anything but smooth sailing.

Following the film, we'll sit down with economist, author and proud Canberran, Katherine Trebeck, to delve into all things wellbeing economy (as much as we can fit into 20 minutes), in conversation and with an opportunity for questions from the audience, where we collectively ask, "what's next?" particularly in our hometown, this beautiful city of Canberra.

Book your ticket and watch a short trailer [at this link](#).

Democracy in Action Conversations

Links to all the outputs of these conversations are [on our Election page](#).

The plan is to restart these in November or early next year to look at the job description of a representative and how do we see if our MPs measure up.



Democracy Sizzle December 1, 2024

Noon, Weston Park barbeques complex, to celebrate the year, hang out and chat. All CAPaD members and friends welcome. BYO plate +/- own sustenance and beverages.



Furthering community participation in 2025

Some ideas we are working up for activity in 2025:

- Developing a more exact job description for parliamentarians in the lead up to the federal election, to capture in more detail how we expect them to work for the public good and then use that to develop a mechanism for reporting that to the MP's electorate community
- Holding another round of Know Your Candidate forums based on this for federal election candidates
- Developing the mechanism for reporting our parliamentarian's representative activity to the electorate communities using existing data sources and websites where possible, and exploring in more detail how to present this in an easily accessible way
- Advocating for an ACT participatory budgeting trial with the new Assembly
- Developing ideas for and seeking funding to set up a Standing Citizens' Assembly pilot in the ACT.

Interested in being a part of any of these? [contact us](#).

ACTIVE PROJECTS

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(ADAus) We continue to receive requests for involvement and for additions to electorate webpages.



Active Democracy Bean

Politics in the Pub Events; third Monday of each month, 5:30pm to 7:30pm Austrian Australian Club in Mawson. Next event, September 16th.

[More details including future Politics in the Pub events here.](#)

Any questions or interest to join us? Contact activedemocracybean@outlook.com.

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](#).

THINGS TO LISTEN TO, WATCH AND READ

Our standing reminders about:

- [Democracy Sausage podcast](#) from the ANU Public Policy Institute. Lots of very topical topics, and
- [Juice Media](#) for an [irreverent and spicy look at current politics](#) in Australia and beyond.
- [Punters Politics](#) [another comedic look](#) at Australia's political goings on.
- [Crazy Town](#) From [the Post Carbon Institute \(go to Products/Podcasts\)](#). 2025 season looking at how to escape Crazy Town.

All **available** from your favourite podcast service.

[Candidate videos](#) are a must see.

From your committee

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