

# 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, **Know Your Candidate Forums** dates and venues, AGM outcome, AD Bean activity, ... and some more to read and watch.

## COMING UP / HAPPENINGS

### ELECTION 2024

About 43 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.

The major output from the **Democracy in Action Conversations** are the **Questions for Candidates**:

1. What qualifications and diverse experience do you bring to the job of being a representative? How can you demonstrate these?
2. What leadership experience can you demonstrate to the community?
3. How are you going to engage your community in the processes of policy development and decision-making, in order to be responsive to their needs? Particularly, how are you going to engage disadvantaged and marginalised people and their communities (those who traditionally miss out)?
4. How can you demonstrate how you will prioritise community interests and wellbeing over personal, party or donor interests?
5. How are you going to report back to the community how you are performing for them in the Assembly?

Ask them of any candidate you meet.

## Know Your Candidate Forums

Come along to hear candidates respond to questions seeking to know:

### Know Your Candidate Forums - Dates, Venues and Registration links

**Murrumbidgee – Woden Valley (formerly St James) Uniting Church, Gillies Street, Curtin;  
Sunday 22 September– 2.00-4.00pm**

[Register here please.](#)

**Ginninderra – Belconnen Community Centre Monday; 23 September– 7.00-9.00 pm**

[Register here please.](#)

**Kurrajong – Currie Crescent Community Hall, Kingston; Tuesday 24 September– 7.30-9.00 pm**

[Register here please.](#)

**Brindabella – Tuggeranong Community Centre Hall; Sunday 29 September– 2.00-4.00pm**

[Register here please.](#)

**Yerrabi – Forde Community Centre, 7/26 Francis Forde Boulevard, Forde (on the corner of the shopping centre); Monday 30 September– 7.00-8.30pm**

[Register here please.](#)

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

## Democracy in Action Conversations

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



## 2024 AGM OUTCOMES

New Committee – same as to previous committee with Barbara O’Dwyer becoming Deputy Convener. Constitutional amendments were passed. Minutes [here](#).

## ACTIVE PROJECTS

**ACTIVE DEMOCRACY AUSTRALIA (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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Any questions or interest to join us? Contact [activedemocracybean@outlook.com](mailto: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.

OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions 2024 Results - [Country Notes: Australia](#)  
This shows Australians are more approving of their governments, than many other OECD countries.

*From your committee*

*A pdf version of this Awakening Democracy is available [on our website here](#).*

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