

MEDIA RELEASE – 31 May 2019

Woden Community Service welcomes ACT Government commitment towards new Woden Community Centre

Woden Community Service (WCS) welcomed the ACT Government's allocation of \$1.75m towards the design of the Woden Community Centre in the ACT Budget for 2019/2020 announced today.

"I welcome the ACT Government's commitment today towards building a community centre for Woden," said WCS CEO Jenny Kitchin.

"A lack of community space for our services has been a long standing issue for the community in this area. It is great to see a commitment by the ACT Government towards improving the infrastructure that will meet our community's needs," explained Ms Kitchin.

"WCS is celebrating 50 years of service this year and the plans to develop new an appropriate community infrastructure will ensure that we can continue to serve our local community long into the future," said Ms Kitchin.

WCS was first establish in 1969 by a group of local residents responding to the needs of people in the community. Childcare, family support, aged care, social groups, mental health support and other community-based services have always been a central part of the services that WCS provides.

Due to the lack of a central community centre, WCS currently operates out of three separate sites.

"This purpose built centre will address current shortcomings and will improve our capacity to serve the community well, particularly for the members of our community that most need assistance and support," said Ms Kitchin.

"We look forward to working with the ACT Government and engaging our community in developing the design and plans for the new Woden Community Centre," said Ms Kitchin.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

Woden Community Service (WCS) is a not for profit organisation that has been providing high quality community based services for 50 years.



WCS employs 390 staff and has an active volunteer program delivering a wide range of services covering: children, families, young people and seniors, including disability, housing and mental health support.