

The following list has been put together by GAMVA members, in response to feedback from the Gungahlin and Mitchell community. The items on this list will be provided to political parties and election candidates for consideration when they are developing their election policies. Although this list is fairly comprehensive, there may be issues that have not been included. If you have any other items that you would like included, please email info@gcc.asn.au or phone 6242 9444.

Aged services and facilities	Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, access corridors, accommodation and recreational facilities for Gungahlin's older community members, including health and palliative care facilities
Bus services	Expand and improve the provision of public transport services in the Gungahlin district, including the planning and implementation of quality park and ride facilities at EPIC and express bus services utilising local area gathering points (central location bus stops)
Child care facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of adequate childcare facilities in the Gungahlin/ Mitchell districts.
Children's and Youth services and facilities	Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, recreational open spaces and facilities to accommodate childrens' and teenage recreational activities; including the expansion of facilities at Yerribi Park and the provision of a suitable shade structure at the park's skateboard area and the children's play area
Community consultation	Implement policies that will provide local area communities (including Gungahlin and Mitchell) with opportunities for structured consultation and ongoing input into planning and development processes. Policies should provide for appropriate support for community councils and local area representatives
Community facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of appropriate community facilities: 1) in the Amaroo district 2) at the Gold Creek Homestead site; and 3) completion of the Palmerston Community Hall replacement initiative.
Education	Provide funding to plan and develop a local facility for Year 11 and 12 students in the Gungahlin government school system i.e. construct a college facility to provide quality Year 11/ 12 education in the Gungahlin district; to be completed by the start of the 2007 school year.
Electoral boundaries	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, in an effort to review and resolve the current electoral boundaries model, which splits the Gungahlin community into two electorates
Employment	Develop and implement policies that will stimulate and expand sustainable employment opportunities in the Gungahlin Town Centre and Mitchell region, including the implementation of strategies to reverse the stagnation of the Mitchell commercial district.
GTC square and common	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of an appropriate "Town Centre public space". Namely the Gungahlin Town Centre's "Square and Common" areas
Gungahlin Town Centre issues	1) Take appropriate actions to prevent ground floor residential developments within the Gungahlin Town Centre retail core area i.e. the Big W and Coles development's ground floor residential proposals. 2) Provide an ACT shopfront facility in the Gungahlin Town Centre
Light rail	Commit resources to establishing an ACT light rail network, with the construction of the link Civic to Gungahlin Town Centre as the first stage of construction (construction to be commenced by 2007)
Medical services and facilities	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and provision of a local area medical centre. This centre should have the capacity to provide a range of medical services (24 hour X 7 days pw) including selected services identified as appropriate for relieving pressure on the Emergency facilities at Calvary and Canberra Hospitals.
Planning and Development	Implement planning policies that provide quality development and construction outcomes. This needs to include structured consideration of issues associated with the increase of population density in newly developed areas of Gungahlin. Note: Issues like 1) the external appearance of homes and town houses; 2) road widths, parking and laneways; 3) provision and maintenance of open space, trees and street scapes; 4) yard sizes and children's and teenage recreational areas; 5) provision of access paths for the increasing use of motorised scooters etc (by older people and the disabled); 6) telecommunication infrastructure and the provision of "grey water" services, at development stages; 7) environmental issues and the appropriate retention of existing trees, including the need to balance these issues with quality development, long-term safety and residential amenity; 8) the provision of affordable housing and public housing initiatives. Implement policies to revitalise and focus the Mitchell commercial district, including the provision of incentives for retail development
Police services	Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation and provision of full-time services at the Gungahlin police station. Police services must include provisions for suitable transport and back-up manning strategies
Road and transport Infrastructure	Develop policies that will minimise (or eliminate) waste associated with the construction of infrastructure within the Gungahlin region, e.g., install conduits for traffic lights at appropriate intersections at the initial construction stage; improve road design techniques to eliminate the butchering of single lane roads and intersections when road duplication/upgrade is required
Roads	Roads and transport corridors: 1) Provide a suitable solution to the Barton Highway/Gundaroo Road/ William Slim Drive roundabout; 2) Duplicate Gundaroo Road; 3) Duplicate William Slim Drive; 4) Construct the Gungahlin Drive Extension to a dual carriage way at the initial stages of construction; 5) Extend Phillip Ave to Ainslie Ave as an express public transport corridor; 6) Extend Horsepark/Clarrie Hermes Drive to the Barton Highway. 7) Leave Monash Drive corridor on the Territory Plan, as a transport corridor.
Sporting facilities	Provide funding for quality community consultation, design and construction of a suitable sporting complex in the Gungahlin Town Centre. This complex should incorporate facilities for basketball, tennis and bowling activities along with a gym and a swimming complex, comparable to the Belconnen swimming facility (CISAC).
Telecommunication infrastructure	Provide suitable resources to implement provision of quality telecommunication services for all Gungahlin and Mitchell residential and commercial telecommunication users, including high speed internet capacity
Other	1) Implement initiatives to get the Gungahlin district included in the "Yellow Pages" Canberra Street Directory maps (This action is required because of the constantly changing suburb development, in the Gungahlin district)

Following is a draft list of items being considered as a guideline to assess election candidate's interest and commitment. Email info@gcc.asn.au if you have any other suggestions

Candidate information that will assist in assessing if the candidate is able to demonstrate an ongoing interest in the Gungahlin and Mitchell region - **1)** How many meetings (or other activities) associated with the Gungahlin community, have you participated in during the current term of government - November 2001 to August 2004? Note: This includes meetings of GAMVA, the Gungahlin Community Council, Gungahlin Regional Community Services, Mitchell traders or any other Gungahlin/ Mitchell focused organisation. **2)** Do you currentl, or have you ever lived and/ or worked in the Gungahlin/ Mitchell district?**3)** Do you have any demonstrable ties to the Gungahlin/ Mitchell district?

Information relating to the candidate's election policies and perceived commitment to act in the best interests of the Gungahlin and Mitchell community, should they be elected to the Legislative Assembly - **1)** Assessment of the candidate's answers to the GAMVA candidate survey **2)** The candidate's party policies and/ or proven track record in the Legislative Assembly or other representative organisations **3)** Commitment to meet with members the GAMVA group and/ or GCC at regular intervals (e.g. 1 hour every 6 months) **4)** Any other information that will assist in assessing if the candidate is perceived to able to work with community groups and maintain a sustainable commitment to the Gungahlin and Mitchell community.