

Appendix A: Ground truthing of audit

The following outlines some key insights found through undertaking site visits across various locations and community infrastructure. The findings of these site visits have been used to provide additional context and inform future recommendations in the needs assessment.

Griffith Neighbourhood Centre

Location: 53 Stuart St, Griffith ACT 2603

Website: <https://communityservices1.org/griffith-hall/>



Insights:

- Located next to the Griffith local centre and co-located on public open space, providing an opportunity for activation and use by those passing by.
- A newer community centre, with two community rooms
- While the facility is managed by Community Services, at the time of the visit the facility was locked with no staff.

Recommendations: Well located. If staffing was increased, potentially opportunity to increase utilisation of infrastructure.

Time Out Learning Centre

Location: 40 Throsby Cres, Griffith ACT 2603

Website: <https://timeoutlearningcentre.com/>



Insights:

- Located next to the Griffith activity centre and collocate on public open space, providing an opportunity for activation and use by those passing by, however hidden behind fence and trees.
- Older asset, potentially requires renewal and further investment to ensure fitness for purpose
- Managed by The Time Out Centre (Not For Profit)
- Was staffed and had users at time of visit.

Recommendations: Well located. Older asset, potential opportunities to consolidate if at end of asset life and or renew and ensure it is fit for purpose for the service.

Weston Community Hub

Location: Hilder St &, Gritten St, Weston ACT 2611

Website: <https://www.westoncccentre.org.au/>



Insights:

- Older building – former primary school. Potentially not fit for purpose for the services and programs – increasing operating costs and decreasing utilisation
- Good co-location of services, with a range of services operating from the facility

Recommendations: Good co-location of services. Ageing facility, potential opportunity to consider fitness for purpose to ensure services can deliver programs efficiently and effectively.

Holder Child Development Service

Location: 26 Weingarth St, Holder ACT 2611

Website:

<https://www.act.gov.au/community/families/child-development-service>



Insights:

- Older building however looks like an ok condition
- Potentially an old school site, therefore not fit for purpose
- Not well located with other services and activities
- Location is potentially ageing, therefore potentially not a good service fit for surrounding catchment.

Recommendations: Potential need to review service mix to ensure it matches surrounding community. Ability to improve co-location of services.

Coombs Community Centre

Location: 110 Woodberry Ave, Coombs ACT 2611

Website: <https://ywca-canberra.org.au/community-service/mura-lanyon-youth-and-community-centre/spaces-for-hire/>



Insights:

- New facility
- Co-located with private community infrastructure, with a childcare above the community centre
- Large bookable space
- Was in use at the time, however otherwise not staffed therefore activation outside of booked programs is likely to be limited.

Recommendations: A good bookable space, however potential challenges in the future with activation if the space is not able to be flexible to changing needs.

Denman Village Community Centre

Location: 5 Felstead Vis, Denman Prospect ACT 2611

Website: <https://www.commsatwork.org/>



Insights:

- New facility
- Co-located with retail and activity centre which support activation
- Managed by Communities @ Work and other services also co-locate within the space
- Reception to activate the community centre
- At time of visit, the facility was well utilised

Recommendations: A good model for delivery of community infrastructure

¹ https://www.commsatwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-Venue_Hire_Booklet_Denman_Village_Community_Centre_Communities_at_Work_Online-use.pdf

Belconnen Community Centre

Location: Belconnen Community Centre, 23 Swanson Ct, Belconnen ACT 2617

Website: <https://crccs.com.au/>



Insights:

- Older facility that is potentially not fit for purpose
- Co-located with library and other community infrastructure
- Managed by Capital Region Community Services
- Reception to activate the community centre
- At time of visit, the facility had several users

Recommendations: A good model for delivery of community infrastructure to support activation and provide a range of services. Ensure this facility is providing best fitness for purpose to support services.

Humpy Hall

Location: 17 Frewin Pl, Scullin ACT 2614

Website: <https://crcs.com.au/community-facilities/humpy-hall/>



Insights:

- Older standalone facility that is not activated unless booked
- Managed by Capital Region Community Services
- At time of visit the facility was locked
- Co-located next to non-ACT community infrastructure. On a site that could potentially be redeveloped.

Recommendations: Potential redevelopment opportunity

Holt Neighbourhood Hall

Location: 72 Beaurepaire Cres, Holt ACT 2615

Website: <https://www.westoncccentre.org.au/>



Insights:

- Older facility co-located with a range of different services and infrastructure. Potentially not fit for purpose for user groups and services.
- Managed by Weston Creek Community Centre.
- At time of visit the facility was being used
- On a large site. Potential for redevelopment at end of life.

Recommendations: Potential redevelopment opportunity and or renewal to improve fitness for purpose

Salthouse Community Centre

Location: Henty St, Braddon ACT 2612

Website: <https://www.northside.asn.au/venue-hire/salthouse-community-centre/>



Insights:

- New facility with two community spaces available for hire
- Managed by Northside Community Service
- Is located within a park. While the location provides an opportunity to active the park the community centre does not have active street frontage or co-located with other services to support cross service activation. This could become an issue overtime as the facility ages.

Recommendations: Future new community infrastructure should not prioritise the centre of parks, rather street frontage and connection with other daily services.

Canberra Seniors Centre

Location: 10 Watson St, Turner ACT 2612

Website: <https://canberraseniors.org.au/here/>



Insights:

- Older facility on a large site
- Well activated with programs running at the time of visit
- Co-located with a range of other services and community infrastructure. Not sure level of integration between services

Recommendations: Ensure facility is fit for purpose for users and service needs.

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