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SAVE ON SOLAR HOT WATER AT WRIGHT

Water heaters are one of the most energy hungry appliances in the family home. That is why the LDA is pleased to announce the availability of a \$2,500 rebate to land purchasers in Wright who install a solar water heater.

This presents an ideal opportunity for you to make a significant saving on the initial costs of a solar water heater and reap the benefits of lower energy bills.

More information on the rebate is available in the revised Wright Housing Development Guides that are available on the Molonglo Valley website. It is important that you refer to this document to ensure that the solar water heater you install meets the requirements for a rebate.

For land purchasers that have already

had their plans endorsed and who are interested in applying for the rebate, please contact the Home Sustainability Advisor (HSA) to discuss the additional information that you will need to submit to the LDA.

HANDY TIP FROM THE LDA'S HSA

Correct placement of solar water heater collector panels is important. The collector panels need to be free from shading and be correctly sited on the roof of your home to maximise the efficiency of the system.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Take a drive out to Wright and you will see that a lot has changed!

Construction of Wright Stage 1A is now complete, with Operational Acceptance received on 16 December 2011.

Temporary traffic arrangements will be implemented on John Gorton Drive prior to the end of December to provide access to Wright 1A.

MOUNT STROMLO OBSERVATORY AND LIGHT POLLUTION



Mount Stromlo Observatory is Australia's oldest astronomical observatory, having undertaken astronomical observations since before Canberra was established as the Australian capital.

The Observatory was heavily impacted during the 2003 Canberra bushfires. Since then, a significant amount of rebuilding has occurred, thanks to the Australian National University (ANU) and support from private organisations.

The Observatory relies on dark night sky for high quality observations. Any light with a line-of-sight to the Observatory, or that is directed into the sky making the sky less dark, makes observation difficult and less accurate. The brighter the light, the greater the impact!

Residents from surrounding suburbs, including Wright, can play a part to protect the night sky from light pollution and help the ongoing operations of the Observatory. This can be easily achieved through good lighting. Here are a few tips to help you achieve good lighting in your home:

- install the right light for the intended use;
- minimise excessive lighting of external areas;
- minimise or limit the use of external ornamental lighting;
- avoid lights that point upwards or horizontally;
- shield or screen outside lights and direct the lights only to where it is needed;
- prevent inside lights from shining outside through use of curtains, blinds or shutters and by keeping doors closed;
- prevent lights reflecting on white or other surfaces;
- switch lights off when they are not needed; and
- install time switches or motion detector switches, especially for flood lights.

Good lighting benefits everyone and helps you save on energy bills!

Image: Night lights from Mount Stromlo. Photo by Nicholas Ritchie.

MINGLE AT MOLONGLO



Molonglo's Community Development Program, Mingle at Molonglo, is an exciting initiative from the LDA that helps build a vibrant community through activities such as new resident programs, family events and more!

These fun filled activities provide a great opportunity for Molonglo residents to get involved in their local community and learn about the resources available in the area, while connecting with their neighbours.

The LDA will soon be seeking tenders for a consultant to provide a community development program for residents of Wright and Coombs in Molonglo Valley.

Are you going to be a resident at Molonglo? Register your details on the Mingle at Molonglo database by emailing mingle@act.gov.au

Keep an eye out in the near future for more Mingle at Molonglo news!

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT MOLONGLO VALLEY AND THE HOME SUSTAINABILITY ADVISER

"The mandatory requirements of Molonglo Valley's Housing Development Guides may seem to be a restraint to a lot of designers, architects and potential owners and developers, however, LDA has the foresight in Wright and Coombs to create environmentally sustainable developments and solar orientated housing designs. This brilliant idea encompasses Walter Burley Griffin's vision for Canberra to provide residents with quality of life in an ideal city."

"The delivery and outcome of LDA's current plan at Molonglo Valley shows

LDA has the initiative to create innovative residential suburbs which will most certainly be a case study for planners across the country and internationally. I am expecting a significant improvement on the future of Canberra's planning. In addition, arranging a regular consultation with LDA's Home Sustainability Advisers, will achieve fantastic results in Molonglo Valley for those who wish to live life in this metropolitan, yet beautiful and eco friendly environment".

- Hooman Ehsani, ModArch Pty Ltd.

HSA PLAN ENDORSEMENT

A total of 57 house plans have now been endorsed by the LDA's HSA!

Have you got your plans endorsed yet? To make an appointment with the HSA please call (02) 6205 0600 between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note that the LDA will be closed for Christmas from 5pm Friday 23 December 2011 and will reopen 8:30am Monday 3 January 2012.

SALE OF TRANSCACT

On 21 November 2011, iiNet entered into a binding agreement to acquire TransACT Communications Group.

TransACT will continue to honour all of current supplier contracts and the sale will not affect the provision of Fibre-to-the-Premises services to Wright and Coombs.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

The LDA takes aerial photography of Molonglo Valley every few months. This photo of Wright, taken in October 2011, shows how far the suburb has come since construction first commenced.





CAT CONTAINMENT

The ACT Government recently amended the *Domestic Animals Act 2000 (ACT)*, meaning that Wright and Coombs has been declared a cat containment area.

This means that residents of Wright are required to keep their cat confined to their premises at all times. Residents can be achieved by confining their cat to their house, or providing a purpose built cat enclosure in the yard.

There are many businesses in Canberra that specialise in cat enclosures, allowing your cat to explore the outdoors while remaining within your premises.

ENVIRODEVELOPMENT

Wright and Coombs has recently been re-certified under the Urban Development Institute of Australia's (UDIA) EnviroDevelopment scheme.

The scheme uses rigorous standards to identify Australia's most sustainable development projects.

In October 2010, the LDA was awarded certification for Wright and Coombs in four of the six categories - energy, ecosystems, community and waste.

The suburbs achieved this through initiatives such as being designed to maximise solar access for the greatest number of homes, establishing the

new 'Mingle at Molonglo' community development program, partnering with the National Arboretum Canberra to recycle green waste from construction as mulch, establishing environmental buffers between protected areas and urban development and much more!

Certification needs to be reviewed every 12 months to ensure developments are meeting targets.

To find out more about the UDIA's EnviroDevelopment scheme visit www.envirodevelopment.com.au

DUNPHY ST

WRIGHT STREETS: DUNPHY STREET

Dunphy Street, providing future access off John Gorton Drive to many Wright residents, takes its name from two conservationists, Myles Dunphy and his son, Milo Dunphy.

Born in 1891, Myles Dunphy spent his life dedicated to national parks and wilderness areas and was an advocate of the need for a professional parks service. In 1927, Milo

co-founded the Sydney Bushwalkers Club. Five years later he then helped form the National Parks and Primitive Areas Council. In 1977, Milo was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his services to conservation.

Myles Dunphy's son, Milo, was born in 1928. During his lifetime, Milo was an active conservationist through organisations such as the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Nature Conservation, and successfully campaigned for the

preservation of the Colong Caves in the Kanangra Wilderness and the Boyd Plateau.

In 1996, the NSW Government established the Dunphy Wilderness Fund, which resulted in the purchase of private and leasehold land to allow for the creation of further wilderness areas. Further testament to the work done by the pair is the Dunphy Award, presented annually by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, which honours the work of both Myles and Milo Dunphy.

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