



## Canberra Highland Society & Burns Club

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### **A fresh start for Canberra's club industry**

The Canberra Burns Club welcomes the announcement today of the establishment of Canberra Community Clubs, a new representative body for our sector.

The Burns Club will be a founding member of Canberra Community Clubs, which is being launched this morning by the ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, at the Burns Club.

The Burns Club is very proud that our President, Athol Chalmers, has been elected as the inaugural chair of the new organisation.

Mr Chalmers said: "it's the start of a fresh, new era for the club sector."

"We felt that our voice as a small community club was under-represented and that the sector's relationships with Government needed to be rebuilt. Canberra Community Clubs gives us an opportunity to collaborate with fellow clubs and the Government as we seek to ensure Clubs continue to make a positive contribution to Canberra's economy and its social amenity."

The Burns Club Board looks forward to working with the Canberra Community Clubs Board, the Government and our other stakeholders.

Mr Chalmers said: "we cannot afford to stand still as Canberra becomes an increasingly diverse, outward looking city, with greater expectations of their community clubs. Together with our colleagues, we look forward to delivering on these expectations."

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