

## **YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **YRA WELCOMES ALBERT HALL DECISION**

The Yarralumla Residents Association strongly supports the decision of the ACT Government to take over management of the Albert Hall from 1 December this year.

YRA President, Tony Hill, said today that the move was an important step in ensuring that Albert Hall retained its place as a focal point in the life of the Canberra community.

‘This is what we have been seeking all along, and we welcome the Government’s announcement,’ he said.

‘It is good news that the fabric of the building will be restored, and that Albert Hall will be available for its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations next March. We look forward to adding our voice when proposals for the long-term sustainability of Albert Hall are being discussed.

‘In this respect, we hope the Government decision will give a very positive lead to the National Capital Authority in its continuing consultations with the community on the wider Albert Hall precinct.

‘A series of professional and community workshops are to be held on heritage, traffic and urban design issues. The ACT Government decision on Albert Hall will undoubtedly influence the outcome of those discussions.’

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