

Yarralumla Residents Association Summary of the Committee Meetings in May/June 2005

The following was discussed at the committee meeting. If you would like to know more about any of these issues, or would like to provide input to the YRA, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

Mac West (President)
Les Landau (Secretary)
Mike Roarty (Treasurer)
Sue Banks, Robin Brown, John Soderbaum, Michael Wagner (Members)

The YRA welcomes residents of Yarralumla to become financial members of the YRA, and appreciates your continued support and membership.
If you are not currently a financial member, or know someone who would like to join, it can be done by writing to:

**The Treasurer, Yarralumla Residents Association,
PO Box 123, Yarralumla, ACT 2600**

Subscription is \$10.00 for membership for the financial year 2004-2005

The committee has discussed the following issues:

- **Previous Minutes**
Minutes have been kept for all Committee Meetings.
- **Meeting Quorum**
We have had small numbers at committee meetings.
Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month unless arranged otherwise
- **Membership**
There is now an up-to-date membership and circulation list
- **Brickworks Report**
As recorded in the April minutes, Mac wrote to Neil Savery at ACTPLA and pointed out some questions that had been asked but not answered.
The result, in short is “no news”:
Email From Neil Savery about the Brickworks stating that the consultant’s report has been submitted but not yet fully considered and that ‘as soon as the Minister has had the opportunity to consider the work, I will seek his endorsement to engage further with you and the Committee’.
- **NCA Draft Variation 50**
From the NCA website re **Draft Amendment 50:**
The Draft Amendment proposes to uplift the Special Requirements in the National Capital Plan that require the preparation of Development Control Plans for land adjacent to Main Avenues and Approach Routes (outside of Designated Areas). Instead, principles and policies are proposed to be introduced to guide future development and landscape outcomes for these frontages consistent with the role and status of these roads in the National

Capital. The period for public comments to be provided to the Authority has been **extended to Tuesday 31 May 2005**.

Much information on this continues to be received via Ann Forrest. We pored over a tiny map of the ACT with pink and blue bits, but without a microscope it was impossible to determine the status of the land adjacent to the Brickworks and Dunrossil Drive and Denman Drive – whether it's ACTPLA or NCA jurisdiction. Perhaps someone can advise us at the next meeting? However, an email from Anne Forrest dated 23 June states that the NCA, "at its meeting on 15 June 2005, decided to withdraw Draft Amendment 50. This decision was taken in response to the submissions received."

The letter also mentions that "the NCA remains committed to finding ways to improve the planning system in the Australian Capital Territory, particularly to address areas of overlap with the Territory. In this regard the NCA will explore alternative approaches to addressing issues associated with the Special Requirements of the National Capital Plan". The NCA has also undertaken to consult about "any future proposal to modify the Special Requirements applicable to the main avenues and approach routes".

- **Website**

We discussed the draft 'welcome' that Mac had circulated, and the content areas that we need fleshed out. If we are to get this together in time for the AGM then people need to make an effort now to get a draft ready for discussion at the next meeting. As a reminder:

"The major problem is to get the content together. The following content was agreed to be completed by a week before the next meeting and circulated via email, so we can discuss it at the meeting:

Les	Basic background information on the YRA
Michael/John	Heritage
Robin	Brickworks
Mike	Hill Corner
Mac	Neighbourhood planning
Sue and Robin	Planning & Community Consultation"

- **CCCC**

I don't know who might have heard about this or gone along to a public meeting. If anyone did, or knows what happened, can they please be prepared to tell us about it at the next meeting.

- **AGM**

As indicated above, the committee will be meeting in July to discuss the planning of the AGM in terms of when it will be, its format, guest speakers, letter-box drops etc. If anyone has any ideas (prepared to help?) then please let someone on the committee know. Ideas are always welcome.