

## MINUTES

### Yarralumla Residents Association - Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007

28 McDonnell Street

**1. Meeting opened at 7.40 pm**

**Present:** Sue Banks (Chair), Jan Carey, Janet Harris, Dorothy Jauncey, Debbie Argue, Mary Bennett, Les Landau

**Apologies:** Lynn Russell

**2. Previous minutes**

The minutes of the previous May meeting were approved.

**3. Correspondence:**

- Sue tabled the comprehensive email correspondence list (attached)
- Australia Post mail:
  - 11/5/07 ACTPLA Draft Variation 287: Gold Creek Homestead 5
  - 14/5/07 Tenants Union ACT Inc. Tenant News
  - 1/6/07 NCA, Hamish Sinclair re DA 66
- It was agreed that we would ask Paul to put Tenant News as a link on our website [www.tenantsact.org.au](http://www.tenantsact.org.au) and Debbie would contact Tenant News and request that the YRA be taken off their mailing list. **(Action: Debbie)**

**4. Business arising from the previous minutes**

### MAY 2007 ACTION LIST

<u>Item</u>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timing</b>
Sue to do a list of email correspondence so that a complete list of the email correspondence will be presented at meetings.	Sue	Completed
Debbie will continue to pick up from	Debbie	Completed

Post Office and table a list of correspondence in		
JC to follow up correspondence from Registrar General's Office re fine for late payment	Jan	Jan has contacted the Registrar General's Office and has had some debate about whether we should pay the late fee or not given that we have acted on advice from the RG Office and in good faith. It was agreed that Jan would resolve the issue ( <b>Action: Jan</b> )
Change bank account to a Society Account in order to save bank fees	Les	Completed
Sue to be the Web liaison contact with the Webmaster Paul Ratcliffe. And arrange for the approved minutes to be placed on the website	Sue	Completed
It was agreed that YRA would write to NCA asking for clarification about motor boats etc	Dorothy	Completed
Mary will find a bird expert to get advise about the bird life species around Yarralumla and the affect of power boats on the bird life	Mary	Mary contacted the National Parks Authority who advised that there are platypus, water rats, fish and eels as well as birds in the Yarralumla area. Mary also contacted the Canberra Ontological Group who supplied lists of species. They agreed that the bay is a favourable spot for species and nesting. The concern was that power boats would

		erode the area and destroy the species. Mary will keep a copy of the lists so that we know where they are. Thank you to Mary for her work on this.
Les will get back to SMEC about the possible increased traffic routes in Yarralumla	Les	Completed. Email has been sent to SMEC and Lindsay Evans.
Sue Banks will liaise with the Friends of Albert Hall about the handing over of the petition to Annette Ellis and accompanying ceremony and the proposed letter to NCA advising them about the petition.	Sue	Completed, petition presented. YRA represented by Les and Sue. Annette Ellis has advised we should go with the NCA consulting process. A committee has been formed with members of ACT Govt, Friends of Albert Hall and NCA. Thanks to YRA members and others for all the work that has been done on this.

### 5. Treasurer's report

- Les Landau tabled and spoke to his report
- Bank balance \$788.88
- Outstanding monies are membership fees and website accounts
- 100 memberships to date.
- Thank you to Les for all the work he does as Treasurer

### Motion:

*Permission is given for the Treasurer to transfer money electronically without the necessity of two signatories up to an amount of \$500 until the next AGM.*

**Moved:** Jan

**Seconded:** Janet

**Carried**

## **6. Other business:**

### a) Use of YRA email database

- It was agreed that we couldn't use the email addresses for sending community notices to people, as they are private addresses.
- There was discussion about a possible electronic community notice board - people could put notices on the website community notice board through the YRA Secretary.
- There was discussion about putting a note on the bottom of our emails asking people for feedback
- It was agreed that we should keep our membership details confidential. Les will look into that **(Action: Les)**

### b) DA 66 – Diplomatic Mission for Yarralumla

- DA66 was discussed
- Minor concern that Stirling Ridge may be used for diplomatic missions in the future but agreed that this is not significant
- Dorothy will draft a response to NCA with our position on DA66, which is supportive at this stage. **(Action: Dorothy)**
- Sue will ask Paul to put a link on the website to DA66 and will send a message to the members stating our position. **(Action: Sue)**

### c) Recreational Hub

- Sue reported that there is nothing to report about this
- We noted Hamish Sinclair's explanation for the inclusion of power boating at the hub as planning for the future and his reassurance that it would not be allowed by regulation at the moment. We found it unusual and not very convincing

Final

d) Sustainable Energy Group

- Trish Fuary is interested in starting a sustainable energy group in Yarralumla.
- Mary contacted Roger Banks who owns the Farrer Service Station who has a scheme about carbon credits and reducing plastic bags.
- It was decided that we did not want to support the widening of footpaths for bicycle use at this stage
- Sue will report back to Trish that we had some discussion about the idea of a sustainable energy group and we will continue to discuss it. **(Action: Sue)**

e) AGM

- Les suggested that we should start to organise the AGM, which must be held by the end of September.
- Discussion about possible venues and Mary will try and get a venue sponsored **(Action: Mary)**
- Suggested date, **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2007** at 11.00 to 12.30 pm or second preference, **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007**

f) Feasibility study on rowing course

- Not relevant to recreational hub. Sue will email Pip **(Action: Sue)**

**7. Next meeting**

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 15 Hooker St., home of Debbie Argue.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm