

Yarralumla Residents Association Summary of the Committee Meeting on 7th Sept 2004

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, Frances Perkins, 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 discussed the following issues:

- Position of Secretary
Les Landau has agreed to fill the position left vacant at the AGM
- Member communications
YRA Members email addresses will not be given out to anyone.
A summary of committee discussions will be sent out to members via email in BCC ('blind carbon copy') format so addresses are not disclosed.
- If you know of someone who you think would like to see this summary but does not have email access, you are most welcome to print them out a copy and drop it in their mailbox. Similarly, please forward it on to anyone who might be interested that you have email contact with.
- Report on Community Councils.
Community Councils currently exist for each town centre, and have become substitutes for the previous LAPACs (Local Area Planning and Advisory Councils). While these Councils have grown out of Community action, rather than being formed by Government, they are increasingly being used by the Government as a mechanism to consult with the community. They have constitutions and meet in a Community Council Forum which is chaired by either the Minister or the head of ACTPLA and they get small grants from the government to assist with administrative costs.

While Community Councils have been around for some time in other areas, until recently there has not been one covering the inner southern suburbs. A 'Central Canberra Community Council' has now been formed, although there are still some issues about representation being resolved. The YRA will make further contact with the CCCC to explore common goals.

YRA website: www.yra.org.au.

- Report from the Solander Place Group
Solander place group has put in a submission on the core area proposals of ACTPLA.
- Draft Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan
We are waiting to hear back from ACTPLA following our submission. For anyone wanting further information on the 'Core Areas' proposal there is now a link <http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/publications/factsheets/gardencity.pdf> to 'The Garden City provisions of the Territory Plan - the Facts', which outlines the intent of the policies relating to residential areas, and provides answers to frequently asked questions.
- Footpaths
A letter is to be written to ACT Govt on locations of footpaths requiring repair as identified by residents.
- Hill Corner
The Pre-School is awaiting new plans from a new architect.
- Supportive Housing
We noted that a submission has been made supporting the provision of government housing in Yarralumla in general, and draft changes to the regulations relating to supportive housing in particular.

The next YRA Committee meeting is to be on Thursday 7th October.

Les Landau
(Secretary)