

Brickworks Meeting

Monday 30 May at 7:30 pm – Uniting Church Hall, Denman St, Yarralumla

Your chance to have another say

We are organising a public meeting with David Dawes, the head of the new Economic Development Directorate which will include the functions now undertaken by the Land Development Agency (LDA). The meeting is for Yarralumla residents to express their views directly including in response to submissions made to the LDA. The YRA has requested that, well before the meeting, the LDA provide the analysis of the submissions and the de-identified submissions for public scrutiny. The details of the proposals from the LDA are publicly available through their website:

http://www.lda.act.gov.au/?/canberra_brickworks/index.

We expect this to be an important opportunity to try to bring the proposals for the development and the wishes of residents into line. We need a good turnout.

Yarralumla Recreation Hub

The following is an update on action relating to the plans by the YMCA Canberra to move eight of its corporate staff into the YMCA Sailing Club Building. YRA has been active in advocating against this occurring as this would set a precedent in allowing corporate offices into the Hub which is contrary to the NCA Recreation Hub Plan, which YRA was a party in drafting, and the "purpose clause" of the lease for the Sailing Club Land.

On 9 March Sean Moysey, the Delegate of the ACT Planning and Land Authority informed us that "pursuant to Section 351(2) (b) of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, he had decided to make a controlled activity order requiring the lessee of Block 1, Section 18, Yarralumla (YMCA Sailing Club) to comply with clause 4(a) (i) of the Crown Lease registered Volume 1702 Folio 43.

This is the purpose clause "To use that part of the premises known as Block 1 only for the purpose of a club house for occupation exclusively by the YMCA Sailing Club as its base of sailing operations on the adjacent lake and within these premises affording areas for recreation instruction light refreshment management locker room and toilet facilities storage for ministrations to and fabrication of members' club and visitors' craft and for associated light boat handling facilities and vehicular parking".

The order took effect on 10 March 2011. The Order will apply until it is revoked by ACTPLA.

On 5 April YMCA Canberra appealed the decision. We have not yet seen the details of their appeal as the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) has yet to issue Directions. When it does, ACTPLA will forward the Directions to YRA as we submitted a request for a controlled service order. We will then request to be a party in the Hearing. We will update you on developments as they occur.

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YRA General Meeting

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There are three issues to be discussed at this meeting.

1. Tony Powell's proposed strategy to combat dismantlement of the ACT planning system

Tony Powell is a civil engineer and town planner. From 1972-1985 he was the Commissioner of the NCDC. He says he "cling(s) to the past by writing regular letters to the Canberra Times about how hopeless the Territory Planning system is".

He will identify what needs to be done by community groups to get the Stanhope Government and the Assembly to realise that something has to be done about a planning authority that does no professional work in relation to such things as rezoning applications, relying instead on planning reports prepared by the developer and leaving it to volunteer community groups to defend retention of the status quo. This is Neil Savery's stated view of ACTPLA as 'arbitrator', which flies in the face of its actual responsibilities as spelled out in the enabling planning legislation.

He will refer to his Draft Variation submission on the Brumbies Rugby proposal to rezone the former Canberra South Bowling Club site near Manuka.

The submission (DV307) highlights the virtual collapse of ACTPLA as a planning authority in the normal sense of that term.

He will also talk about the changing role of the Commonwealth Government vis-a-vis state governments, particularly with regard to large scale metropolitan infrastructure, and Canberra's declining importance as the seat of federal administration as the Commonwealth public service decentralises to state and regional centres throughout Australia and re-skills itself in the process. He made a lengthy submission to the Hawke review noting implications for the future of the NCA and the Territory planning administration.

2. Amendment of Constitution

Draft amendments were circulated to you in the last edition of the YRA Newsletter. PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU. (There is a copy on the YRA website.) You can check the changes proposed against the current Constitution on our website. Changes proposed will include allowing formal communications with members by email (where one exists) not just letterbox drop; a clear relationship between Sub-Committees and the YRA Committee; office-bearer deputies and an increase in committee members, as many committee members are away from Canberra frequently; and improved clauses to ensure privacy.

3. Update of the Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan

The Inner South Community Council Committee (ISCCC) meeting on 15 March 2011 requested that residents' groups update their Territory Plans. While the ACT Territory Plan and the National Plan (where applicable) hold legal status on the planning and development of the ACT, the Neighbourhood Plans are the most recent community developed documents to shape the future of our suburb. As such, it is important that the Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan is updated to reflect the current views of residents and to report through the ISCCC on a collective position for the Inner South.

Could you please print a copy of the Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan from the ACTPLA website and bring with you to the meeting. You can find it at:

http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/2518/yarralumla-anp.pdf

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Print the Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan

The Yarralumla Community

The following provides a snap-shot of some of the community facilities, activities and events in Yarralumla which together contribute to the social, cultural and sporting life of this community. Contributions can be sent to the YRA at info@yra.org.au.

The YRA provides information to residents through its newsletter, through its website, or through its notice board at the Yarralumla shops in the newsagent's window.

The community information in this newsletter is available on the YRA website. From the main page click on "the Yarralumla community" link on the left. Check the website regularly for updates and new information.

Who meets regularly in Yarralumla?

Singers

A Chorus of Women (singing and discussion on social issues) Uniting Church Hall, Sundays 3.30pm.
Contact: Meg Rigby 6247 1948
www.chorusofwomen.org

Yarralumla Choir, Canberra Singers for Pleasure,
Uniting Church Hall, Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm.
Contact: Norma Freeney 6247 4470.

Dancers

Canberra International Folk Dance Assoc. (CIFDA)
dance nights, Uniting Church Hall. Wednesdays
7.45 – 10.00pm, Contact: Judy Parker 6281 5229.

Environment groups

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) undertake weeding and planting at Stirling Park several times per year.
Contact: Jamie Pittock at pittockj@yahoo.com or at www.fog.au

Playgroup

Playgroup with 'grandma' helpers assisting the parents. Parents with children up to school age welcome. The playgroup is affiliated with ACT Playgroups Association.
Uniting Church Hall. Mondays 9.30am-11.30am.
Contact: Simon 0412 027 015 or Jean 6281 3396

Support groups

Dragons Abreast (Breast Cancer Survivors Dragonboat Team), Southern Cross Yacht Club,
Contact: Marion Blake 6287 4919 or
www.dragonsabreast.com.au

Ladies Friendship Group (for ladies who would like to keep in touch with life), Uniting Church Hall,
2 – 4pm on 4th Monday of month.
Contact: Koraline Killeen 6282 9248.

Onward Stroke Club (support group for people who have had a stroke), Uniting Church Hall,
Thursdays 10am – 12 midday
Contact: Bev Cadden 6282 2582 or 0417 061 984.

Networks

National Council of Women ACT Inc. Uniting Church Hall 12 midday on 2nd Thursday of month.
Contact: Jenny Jarvis 6288 2636.

How do we stay fit in Yarralumla?

Dragon Boats

Dragaon boat racing club basic training sessions
Contact Alfred Pawlicki at navmat@hotmail.com
or 6266 4777

Indoor Bowls

Uniting Church Hall, Denman St, Yarralumla
Monday afternoons

Rowing

Canberra Rowing Club, Alexandrina Drive.
www.rowingact.org.au/CRC

Running and jumping

Children's playgrounds – Loftus St & Canberra Mosque

Sailing / canoeing

Canberra Yacht Club, Alexandrina Drive,
www.canberrayachtclub.com.au
LBG Sea Scouts, Alexandrina Drive
www.act.scouts.asn.au/ACTScouts/Sites/LBG
YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive
www.ymcacanberra.org.au

Tennis

Yarralumla Tennis Club, Mueller St.
Social Night Wednesday 7.30pm
Contact: Gwenda Bramley 6286 4670

Walking

National Heart Foundation walking group. Tuesdays
8am (near the dry cleaners). Contact Helen Grant
6162 1155 or Bill Caddey (NHF) 6289 2658

Yoga

Yoga classes at Uniting Church Hall (5 days/week at 5.30pm). Contact Judith 0408 865 437 or
www.yogawithjudith.com.au or
Judith@yogawithjudith.com.au

Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC)

The Council, of which the YRA was a founding member, is less than a year old, but is going from strength to strength. Its recent public meetings, one in which the Brickworks proposal was a major item and the other considering the need to make neighbourhood plans effective in controlling the development of suburbs, were well attended. There are now residents' groups representing all of inner south Canberra participating in the Council. As we have strong mutual interests, especially in transport issues, the YRA looks forward in particular to collaborating with the Deakin group.

The establishment of the ISCCC meant that such councils cover the whole city. (In due course Molonglo will need one). The Councils come together in Combined Community Councils meetings thus there is the means for city wide collaboration on matters of mutual concern. The need for reforms to the overall planning and development regulatory system will be a matter the Combined Councils will work on and will seek to get clearly on the agenda for the next Assembly election. www.isccc.org.au

Have your say on Yarralumla

If you have ideas about what you would like to see happen or change in Yarralumla, from those little annoying things to your grand ideas, send your thoughts to the YRA via its email address, info@yra.org.au, via the contact page on the website at www.yra.org.au or to PO Box 7123, Yarralumla ACT 2600.

Your suggestions can be included on the YRA website (with your permission) and can assist the YRA in representing residents to build a stronger community.

Join the YRA

Membership of the YRA is for a household. For information on joining electronically see: www.yra.org.au/joinyra.htm

To join with a cheque, send \$15 to the Yarralumla Residents Association to the PO address below with details of your name, address and email (if you have one).

We use the membership fees to pay (primarily) for printing, website maintenance, and hire of hall for general meetings. Letterboxing of the newsletter is done by the YRA committee and other YRA members. Updated information is also provided in the window of the newsagent at Yarralumla shops.

Website: www.yra.org.au **Email:** info@yra.org.au

Address: Yarralumla Residents Association,
PO Box 7123, Yarralumla ACT 2600

President: Robin Brown

Vice President: Robyn Cooper

Treasurer: Les Landau

Secretary: Caroline Fitzwarryne

Committee: Anne Charlton-Bien, , Di Wright, Denise Page, Marea Fatseas, Janie Gillespie, Peter Abbott.

YRA Diary Dates

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What's on in Yarralumla?

Markets / community garage sales

Saturday 4 June 8am – 12pm

YMCA monster garage sale

Mueller St, Yarralumla

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June

Uniting Church Mid Winter Arts and Craft Show

Contact: Val & Dennis Harding 6281 4497

<http://yarrauniting.org.au/activity>

Saturday 6 August 8am – 12pm

YMCA monster garage sale

Mueller St, Yarralumla

What's on in Canberra?

If you are new to Canberra or looking for things to do the following websites are good places to start.

<http://www.visitcanberra.com.au/en.aspx>

<http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play>