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## YRA Noticeboard

The YRA noticeboard is in the window of the Yarralumla Newsagent. Check it regularly for the latest news

## Yarralumla Community Information

For the latest updates to this information click on "The Yarralumla Community" link at [www.yra.org.au](http://www.yra.org.au) or check the YRA noticeboard in the newsagent's window.

## To join the YRA

Membership of the YRA is for a household. For information on joining see: [www.yra.org.au/joinyra.htm](http://www.yra.org.au/joinyra.htm)

## YMCA Sailing Club

### OUTCOME OF THE ACT CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (ACAT) case between YMCA (Applicant), ACTPLA (Respondent) and YRA (Party Joined) relating to the YMCA Sailing Club Clubhouse:

A decision was issued by the Presiding Member, Mr WB Loftus, and the Senior Member, Mr R Nichols on 11 November 2011 relating to AT 35 of 2011:

*"That the Young Men's Christian Association of Canberra Incorporated (the Association) comply with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) (i) of its lease of Block 1 Section 18 Division of Yarralumla by, inter alia, not using the premises for the purpose of the head office of the general administrative functions of the Association".*

The reasons for the decision are posted on the ACAT website. The decision was posted about a week later as the website was being upgraded, so the Canberra Times Court Reporter did not report on it until Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. You can see the article at:

[www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/yrcas-lakeside-plans-left-high-and-dry/2364161.aspx?storypage=1#](http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/yrcas-lakeside-plans-left-high-and-dry/2364161.aspx?storypage=1#)

We are very grateful to the YRA committee members and the sailors and community members who gave up a huge amount of personal and work time to provide arguments to support:

- the upholding of the lease purpose clause,
- the operational requirements of a Sailing Club in its Clubhouse, and
- no precedent being set in having corporate offices on the foreshores.

The other case, AT 59 2011, relating to YMCA wanting to change the Building Class upstairs from a Class 9b Community Use to a Class 5 Commercial Office Accommodation, to which YRA is also a party, has still to be put before the Tribunal. The YMCA, in collaboration with the Sailing Club, needs to decide what it will do about the upstairs in the light of the decision regarding AT 35 2011, before making a decision on how to progress this. The fit-out is now offices and a small training room – the large Regatta Hall and Kitchen have gone. The YRA will wait to hear regarding the next stage.

## Transport for Canberra

The ACT Government has released a draft plan for future transport planning for the ACT - *Transport for Canberra*. It is a well-considered and comprehensive plan which promotes the provision of rapid transport corridors along high density routes, ageing in place - accessing services within walking distance of home; reduction of motor vehicles on the road through promotion of active transport (cycling and walking); and higher costs for parking.

The YRA submitted comments which were generally supportive however question some of the elements which will directly impact on residents in the future, such as:

- the cost of parking in the city centre for elderly or disabled residents and parents of babies and young children who need to access essential services;
- the cost to the garden city concept of high density corridors;
- the need for adequate and well maintained locality services to support the concept of 'ageing in place'; and
- safety measures to ensure protection of pedestrians in particular from cyclists.

## Provide your views on the Draft ACT Planning Strategy

The ACT Government has released a draft of the ACT Planning Strategy that will be the foundation for Canberra's growth for the next 20 years and beyond.

You can see a display of the draft ACT Planning Strategy at:

- Tuggeranong Library – Monday 21 November to Monday 5 December 2011
- Woden Library – Monday 5 December to Monday 12 December 2011
- Legislative Assembly – Monday 12 December to Sunday 18 December 2011

You can also see and comment on the draft documents at [www.timetotalk.act.gov.au](http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au). Comments can be provided up until Sunday 18 December 2011.

Specific proposals in the Draft Strategy have implications for Yarralumla, such as the proposal that inter-town transport corridors (presumably including Adelaide Avenue) will be characterised by buildings around 6 to 8 storeys high and 3 to 6 storeys in the blocks behind. There are also proposals for greater density in and around group and local centres that could have implications for Yarralumla shops and adjacent areas.

The YRA is preparing a submission on the Draft Planning Strategy, so let us know your views on [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au) or keep an eye on our website at [www.yra.org.au](http://www.yra.org.au) for submission updates.

## Proposals for a new diplomatic estate

The National Capital Authority recently invited community comments on three possible locations for a new diplomatic estate on land:

- south-west of Stirling Ridge in Yarralumla
- near old Canberra Brickworks in Yarralumla
- adjacent to the Federal Golf Club in Red Hill

The YRA Committee has written to the NCA concerning the two Yarralumla sites, has sought additional information, and requested further consultations when the NCA has more specific proposals. The NCA's report on the outcome of the community consultations is at:

<http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/haveyoursay/index.php/previous-discussions/new-diplomatic-estate/consultation-report>

The NCA will now commission a consultant to review the three sites and report on the following issues for each site:

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| • natural and cultural heritage | • land contamination               |
| • financial implications        | • site capacity                    |
| • social impacts                | • infrastructure requirements, and |
| • bushfire hazards              | • landscape character              |

## Review of the National Capital Authority

The YRA Committee has lodged a submission in response to the Hawke Review of the National Capital Authority. Yarralumla will be affected directly by any changes in the operation of the NCA, as our suburb is surrounded by national land that is the responsibility of the NCA.

The submission has supported several Review recommendations, including the recommendation that if a nomination of a site for inclusion on the National Heritage List is successful, NCA Designated Areas be amended to include those subject to the heritage listing.

This could have specific relevance for the Canberra Brickworks. Federal Minister Simon Crean advised in his letter to the YRA on 14 September 2011 that the NCA:

“has been working closely with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities to assess the potential to include the central national areas of Canberra on the National Heritage list. As the Canberra brickworks played a significant role in the development of the National Capital, I have asked the NCA to consider that site as part of its work”.

The YRA submission has also raised concerns about a couple of recommendations that have implications for planning and development that involves both the NCA and the ACT Government.



With the year 2013 and the Centenary of Canberra fast approaching, the ACT Government is looking to support high quality, community driven projects, events and initiatives to boost the program of activities being developed for 2013.

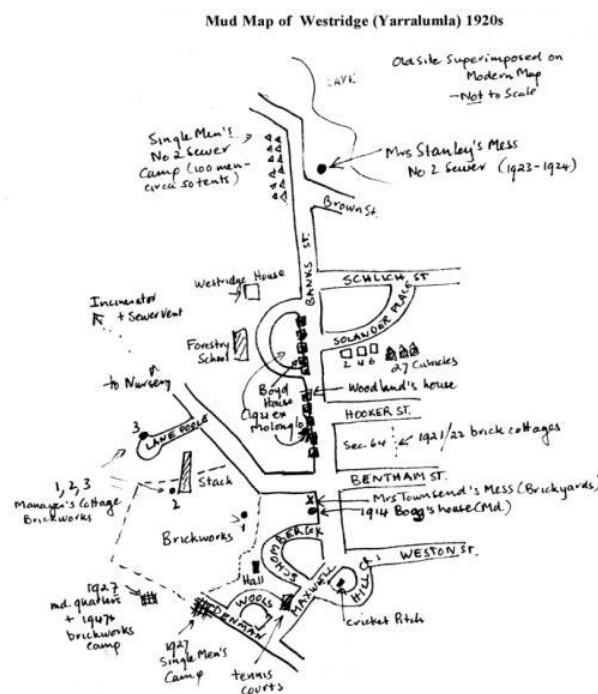
The Yarralumla Residents Association is exploring ideas for how to celebrate the Centenary of Canberra in Yarralumla during 2013. We are looking for your ideas/concepts so we can submit a request/s for government funding on behalf of Yarralumla residents in early 2012.

The celebration could be a single or series of events. There is quite a bit of information at [canberra100.com.au/](http://canberra100.com.au/), especially under "Community Centenary Initiatives Fund".

All ideas will be considered. Please email [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au) to have your say or register your interest.

## Another Big Birthday

Interestingly enough, the Yarralumla Brickworks was also born in 1913, with the intention of turning out 15 million bricks a year.



With the assistance of Ann Gugler, historian and early resident of "Westridge", we are aiming to compile the full and colourful history of Yarralumla, and indeed the brickworks, on our website in time for the Centenary. If you'd like a taste of the information Ann has, take a look at the website [canberracamps.webs.com/](http://canberracamps.webs.com/)

And, if per chance you or your family has any photos or information of the early days to share please email us at [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au)

*The first mud map is a composite one based on information from local residents. This map details the early settlement between the years of 1913-1930s.*

## Houston, We Have A Problem

Canberra's inaugural Mission to Launch Festival, planned for New Year's Eve in Weston Park, has been cancelled. Mothership Music's statement had the headline - Houston, We Have A Problem:

"The decision has been a very difficult one for organisers who, as Canberra locals themselves, envisaged bringing a world-class party to the nation's capital for New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, the current economic climate has seen music festivals across the country suffer with drops in numbers of attendees and poor ticket sales on a large scale. Mission To Launch has unfortunately suffered the same fate."

It was the Mission to Launch Facebook page that broke the news, with fans subsequently suggesting that pricing was possibly a big factor. There has been no word on whether the festival will be reviewed next year.

## ISCCC Annual General Meeting endorses strategic plan

At its annual general meeting on 22 November, the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) endorsed a strategic plan to guide its work over the next few years. The plan will be uploaded shortly to the ISCCC website at [www.isccc.org.au](http://www.isccc.org.au).

