

## Yarralumla volunteers for Clean Up Australia Day 9am to Midday on Sunday 7 March 2010

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This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day, when thousands of people from communities around Australia donate a few hours of their time to help keep their local environments clean.

The Yarralumla community will have an opportunity to join in by participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March 2010, at our community Clean Up site. This year the Yarralumla Residents' Association has agreed to organise the Clean Up site, which will be located outside the **Yarralumla Primary School on Loftus Street.**

Yarralumla residents and their friends are warmly invited to come along at any time between **9am and midday on Sunday 7 March** to help keep our public spaces looking good. Just turn up on the day at our Clean Up site to register and pick up your free garbage bag and gloves. A briefing and guidance will be given by the site supervisor, then it will be up to you as to how much time you can spare to help with the cleanup.

Don't forget to wear suitable clothing, with stout shoes, a hat and sunglasses. Put on some sunscreen and bring water.

To help us with numbers please either register as a volunteer on our Clean Up Australia web site at <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/Yarralumla> or email to [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au). You are of course welcome to just turn up on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Replacement of trees at the top of Dunrossil Drive

There will be an open community meeting with Mr Gary Rake, Chief Executive of the National Capital Authority, at the Uniting Church Hall, Denman St, Yarralumla on **Wednesday 10 March**

- 5.30–6.00p.m. Brief outline of reasons for proposing removal of dying trees, and the options available re replacement
- 6.00–7.00p.m. Walk on site to see affected trees (whatever the weather)
- 7.00–7.30p.m. Further opportunity to ask questions or make comments if required (or repeat of earlier discussion for those who could not arrive by 5.30)

**All residents welcome to listen, ask questions, and have your say.**



## Nature strips and trees

Residents who would like to help with the health of their street trees often ask what is allowed as far as watering on nature strips is concerned. The following advice is taken from the TAMS (Territory & Municipal Services) website. For further information go to [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) and follow the links, or enter 'TAMS + Give a tree a drink' on your search engine.

### How can you help young trees?

- *pour two or three buckets of non-potable(grey) water around the base of a young tree once a week*
- *maintain a water holding basin around the tree with a soil at least 10–15cm high around the drip line to contain water*
- *break up compacted surface soil around the base of the tree to allow water to soak deep into the soil*

### How can you help older trees

- *apply as much non-potable water as you can slowly and evenly on the ground around the tree to reduce run-off*
- *concentrate the application beneath the tree canopy*

### General advice

- *water only when required and within water restrictions*
- *if possible use grey water from the bath or shower, or washing machine rinse water*
- *only carry as much water as you can manage*
- *don't park vehicles under trees as this compacts the soil and reduces water infiltration*

## ACT Government's tree management practices and the renewal of the urban forest

The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment has been asked to conduct an investigation into the policies, planning, and practices of tree management by the ACT government. Two community forums have already been held in February 2010, and members of the public are invited to lodge a submission. More information and the terms of reference of the investigation are available on [www.envcomm.act.gov.au](http://www.envcomm.act.gov.au)

Contact the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment at PO Box 356 Dickson ACT 2602 or email: [envcomm@act.gov.au](mailto:envcomm@act.gov.au)

**12 March, 2010** (date has been extended)

*All submissions to the Investigation will be made public unless requested otherwise.*

The Commissioner is required to report to the Minister for the Environment on the investigation by 30 June 2010.

## Yarralumla Brickworks

One of our committee members makes regular monthly enquiries to the Land & Development Agency (LDA) as to plans for the Yarralumla Brickworks. In early February 2010, we were advised of the following:

*'The LDA has commissioned a leading heritage conservation firm to prepare a new Conservation Management Plan for the Brickworks. As part of this work a detailed survey is being undertaken.*

*This work will provide an important input to further community consultation and government decision making about the future of the Brickworks. The LDA is keen to engage with the Yarralumla Residents Association and will be in contact at the beginning of any process to discuss the future of the Brickworks.'*

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*Public submissions due  
12 March 2010*

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## 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](mailto: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 (on the dry cleaner'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](http://www.chorusofwomen.org)

Yarralumla Choir, Canberra Singers for Pleasure,  
Uniting Church Hall, Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm.  
Contact: Margo Hodge 6258 7508.

### Dancers

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

Historical Folk Dancing, Earthly Delights Music &  
Dance, YMCA Sailing Club, Sundays 3.00 – 6.00pm  
from 3 May. [www.earthlydelights.com.au](http://www.earthlydelights.com.au)

### Playgroup

Playgroup with 'grandma' helpers assisting the  
parents. 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](http://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: Koralline 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month.  
Contact: Jenny Jarvis 6288 2636.

## How do we stay fit in Yarralumla?

### Exercise classes

Exercise classes at the YMCA Sailing Club – Mon. Tues.  
Wed. Fri. am (until end of March) Contact: Hamish  
Balfour 6285 3670.

Self defence classes at the YMCA Sailing Club. Mon.  
Wed. 7.30pm (until the end of March) Contact  
Hamish Balfour 6285 3670.

### Petanque

Petanque (French boules), Sundays 4.00pm at old  
basketball courts (behind YPS). All welcome.

### Rowing

Canberra Rowing Club, Alexandrina Drive.  
[www.rowingact.org.au/CRC](http://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](http://www.canberrayachtclub.com.au)

LBG Sea Scouts, Alexandrina Drive  
[www.act.scouts.asn.au/ACTScouts/Sites/LBG](http://www.act.scouts.asn.au/ACTScouts/Sites/LBG)

YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive  
[www.ymcacanberra.org.au](http://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 (3 days/week).  
Contact Judith 0408 865 437

Yoga classes at YMCA Sailing Club  
Mon. 6pm & Thurs.10am (until the end of March)  
Contact Hamish Balfour 6285 3670.

## More on Food from Yarralumla Gardens

Following the notice in the November YRA Newsletter calling on residents interested in making better use of underutilised Yarralumla gardens for food production, a small group met to discuss this further. We have identified a number of gardens which could use some help to increase production. If you have underutilised green fingers or are keen to give fruit/vegetable gardening a try but don't have any space, we can put you in touch with the right people. Contact Peter Abbott on 6285 1054 or [peter.abbott@biosearch.com.au](mailto:peter.abbott@biosearch.com.au).

## Changes at the YMCA Sailing Club

The YMCA has announced changes regarding the use of the facilities at the Sailing Club. From the end of March, the Y will be running its exercise and fitness programs at their refurbished Chifley site (the old Melrose primary school). The move is designed to provide upgraded facilities in air-conditioned premises and a more holistic health program by working with other organisations co-located at the Chifley site. While the Y acknowledges that this change may inconvenience some Yarralumla residents, it was considered necessary to consolidate their resources. They hope that Yarralumla residents will attend the Chifley classes.

## Focus on Yarralumla personalities

If there is a particular individual or group in Yarralumla you would like to tell everyone about, why not write a short paragraph for the next newsletter?

This is an opportunity to highlight our community's personalities and quiet achievers.

## Join the YRA

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

**Website:** [www.yra.org.au](http://www.yra.org.au) **Email:** [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au)

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

**President:** Robyn Cooper

**Treasurer:** Les Landau

**Secretary:** Dorothy Jauncey

**Committee:** Peter Abbott, Anne Charlton,  
Janet Harris, Denise Page

## What's on in Yarralumla?

### Markets / community garage sales

Saturday 3 April 8am – 12pm

**YMCA monster garage sale**  
Mueller St.

Sunday 23 May 10am

**Handmade Canberra's Upmarket**  
Albert Hall

Saturday 5 June 8am – 12pm

**YMCA monster garage sale**  
Mueller St.

### Social events

Sunday 1 March 2010 10am-4pm

**Government House Open Day**

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June

**Uniting Church Mid Winter Arts and Craft Show**

Contact: Val & Dennis Harding 6281 4497  
<http://yarrauniting.org.au/activity>

## What else is on?

Sunday 7 March 9am-midday

**Clean Up Australian Day**  
Yarralumla Primary School

Wednesday 10 March 5.30pm

**Community Meeting re trees on Dunrossil Drive with Gary Rake of NCA**  
See article on page 1 of this newsletter.

Wednesday 10 March 4.30pm-8.30pm

**Albert Hall's 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party**  
Music and dances from various eras.  
Listen to the Albert Hall Compton organ.  
Panel Discussion-"Our Albert Hall..."  
See the website for full program  
<http://www.ouralberthall.com/>

## 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](mailto:info@yra.org.au), via the contact page on the website at [www.yra.org.au](http://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.