

# YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

November 2007

### Recreation Hub public meeting

**NOTICE.** A public meeting will be held at 5.30-7.00 pm on **Tuesday 11 December** by the NCA Yarralumla Bay Recreation Hub consultants HBO+EMTB, to gather information and ideas from the community for consideration in the master plan. It will be held at the YMCA Sailing Club in Alexandrina Drive, overlooking the Bay. All interested residents are invited to attend. A further session will be held early next year to present initial concepts and options for community comment. The Hub includes the lake foreshore and open land from Hopetoun Circuit to Banks Street, including the boatsheds. See YRA web site for design brief.

### Cotter Road traffic assessment

We're a bit clearer about the impact of the proposed Molonglo-North Weston suburban development on Cotter Road. Appendix J of the Preliminary Assessment by the ACT Planning and Land Authority states that with a population of 15,000 in the new suburbs, Cotter Road would cope with two lanes at a morning peak traffic flow of 1180 vehicles per hour, but require upgrades at the McCulloch Street and Lady Denman Drive intersections. Three lanes and an upgrade at Adelaide Avenue would be needed when the population reaches 30,000 and 1438 vph. No time frame is given for a three-lane road, but it's perhaps 10-15 years. The assessment does not include any future developments in North Curtin or Weston Creek, and we have written to say that Cotter Road may well require earlier upgrades.

### Albert Hall workshops deferred

The community and professional workshops on heritage, traffic and urban design issues arising from the proposal to develop the Albert Hall precinct have been deferred until February because of the Federal Election. A heritage assessment has also been commissioned and is likely to be released soon. After completion, Draft Amendment 53 will be put out again for public consultation. Friends web site is [www.ouralberthall.com](http://www.ouralberthall.com)

### Hill Corner pocket park rezoned

The Minister for Planning, Andrew Barr has issued the new Territory Plan for public comment. The remaining Hill Corner pocket park has been rezoned from Community Facility to Urban Open Space, which is expected to protect the park from future sale and development. Four objections have been lodged with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against ACTPLA's approval of the St Nicholas pre-school development. See YRA web site.

### Lake Burley Griffin sewage spill

Yarralumla residents were dismayed to find Lake Burley Griffin closed for a week because of a sewage spill at the Queanbeyan pump plant on 3 November. Bacterial levels in the lake were 100 times the acceptable limit. While accidents happen, it is galling that ACT authorities apparently were not notified until five days after the event. Public health and safety must be paramount at all times. We trust protocols are quickly agreed to report any future spills as soon as they happen.

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