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*"Heritage Architect to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Brickworks site."*

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## Yarralumla Recreation Hub

The final Master Plan for the Yarralumla Bay area has been released by the National Capital Authority (NCA). Over the last three years, many residents have attended public meetings about the draft master plan, and the YRA has made four written submissions.

This final document will be used by the NCA, the ACT Government, and leaseholders to prioritise maintenance, and guide future development. The main points of the plan include:

- preserve and enhance public access—pedestrian path around lake edge; shared pedestrian and cycle paths to be 6–10 m wide
- maintain and improve access to boat launch facilities
- Alexandrina Drive to be maintained as a winding lakeshore drive; primary hairpin bend recommended for removal, but overall road layout to have a series of new alternating curves
- no tourist accommodation; no buildings over two storeys (as current); no new buildings on the two headlands; small kiosk allowed on western side of Bay
- improve water quality of the Bay and appearance of stormwater drains; wetland with pollutant trap system recommended
- preserve overall landscape character—native grassland, no net loss of trees

While not all residents will agree with every aspect of the plan, the YRA committee is delighted that, overall, the Master Plan addresses the issues that we have raised again and again. We are also pleased that the principles of the plan are sympathetic to ensuring that the environment and ecology of the Bay are protected. For more detail, check NCA website at [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au) and follow the link on the very first page for Yarralumla Recreation Hub.

## Yarralumla Brickworks

The Brickworks saga continues!

The Land and Development Agency of the ACT Government (LDA) has advised the YRA committee that it is presently in the process of appointing a Heritage Architect to prepare a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Brickworks site. Tender submissions have been received and the evaluation completed in early November; the evaluation report is being reviewed for approval by the Evaluation Team members. The LDA hopes to appoint the consultant by mid-November, and to deliver a final Conservation Management Plan to the ACT Heritage Council for approval in March 2010.

The senior project manager for this plan is enthusiastic about community input, and plans to meet with members of the YRA committee ASAP.

We will keep you informed.

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*"final version of the Master Plan due in mid-November..."*

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*"...Canberra's urban forest, (is) made up of over one million trees, 630,000 of which are managed by the ACT Government.."*

*TAMS website*

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## Weston Park

The final version of the Master Plan for the upgrade of Weston Park is due to be submitted by the consultant to TAMS (Territory & Municipal Services) in mid-November. It will then be sent to the Minister for review and approval, and a launch is expected by the end of 2009. A Conservation Management Planning process is already under way (necessary before any new work is undertaken), and we are assured by TAMS that the Yarralumla Residents Association will be invited to be involved in the consultation—due to get underway in 2010.

We hope that the strong views held by many Yarralumla residents about the plan have been taken into account.

## Tree removal and renewal

Planning for, and care of trees in public spaces in the ACT fall under two authorities

- the ACT government
- the National Capital Authority (NCA).

### ACT Government

The 630,000 suburban street trees and park trees in the ACT are under the planning and maintenance of the ACT Government. At the moment, there is ongoing 'reactive maintenance' of trees that have been assessed as dying or dangerous, and there has been considerable community reaction to the perceived success or otherwise of that maintenance.

See [www.tams.act.gov.au/](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/) and search for 'Tree replacement' for a listing of the number of trees in various suburbs to be replaced under this plan in 2009.

However, a new, and separate long-term program (over ~20 years) for the renewal of trees throughout the ACT is to be launched by TAMS (Territory & Municipal Services) over the next few months as the Urban Forest Renewal Program. They plan to introduce a community survey as the first step in the process. An outline of the Renewal Program was presented to the Yarralumla Residents Association at our AGM in September, and we expect to be very involved in community consultation as the program gets under way. See the TAMS website as above, and by the end of the year, an updated section on the Urban Forest Renewal Program is to be included.

### National Capital Authority

On the other hand, the NCA is responsible for the care of trees in federally-controlled land. In Yarralumla, this includes Dunrossil Drive, where a number of elms have recently been replaced. [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au) click on *Media Centre 2009* and see Item 10-NCA fills in gaps on Dunrossil Drive.

There is also an area of pines at the top of Dunrossil Drive, adjoining Royal Canberra Golf Course and close to the Brickworks, that are Sirex-infested and are dead or dying. The NCA is required to make a submission for the removal of those, and any other trees on federal land, to the Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, which is where the process is at the moment. We anticipate having input over the next six months into the choice of trees that will replace those pines.

## 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.

The YRA is committed to enhancing community life for the residents of Yarralumla. If there are events or activities within Yarralumla which can contribute to this goal, the YRA can assist by providing information to residents through its newsletter, through its website, or through its notice board at the Yarralumla shops.

## What's in Yarralumla?

### Schools

Australian Greek Orthodox Childcare and Preschool,  
Hill Corner

Little Lodge Childcare, McGillivray St.

Montessori Preschool, Loftus St.

Yarralumla Primary School, Loftus St.

### Religious groups

Canberra Mosque, Empire Circuit

St Peter Chanel Catholic Church, Weston St.

Uniting Church, Denison St.

### Arts and crafts

Solander Gallery, 10 Schlich St.

Yarralumla Gallery, Weston Park Rd (near the nursery)

### Local health services

Yarralumla Surgery, Bentham St.

Yarralumla Pharmacy, Bentham St

## How do we stay fit in Yarralumla?

### Petanque

Petanque (French boules), Sundays 4pm at old  
basketball courts (behind YPS). All welcome.

### Rowing

Canberra Rowing Club, Alexandrina Drive

### Running and jumping

Children's playgrounds – Loftus St & Canberra Mosque

### Sailing / canoeing

Canberra Yacht Club, Alexandrina Drive

LBG Sea Scouts, Alexandrina Drive

YMCA Sailing Club, Alexandrina Drive

### Tennis

Yarralumla Tennis Club, Mueller St.

Contact: Gwenda Bramley 6286 4670

### Yoga

Yoga classes at Uniting Church Hall (3 days/week).

Contact Judith 0408 865 437

## 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

Yarralumla Choir, Canberra Singers for Pleasure,  
Uniting Church Hall, Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Contact: Norma Freney 6247 4470.

### Dancers

Canberra International Folk Dance Assoc. (CIFDA)  
dance nights, Uniting Church Hall.

Weds. 7.45 – 10.00pm,

Contact: Judy Parker 6281 5229.

Historical Folk Dancing, Earthly Delights Music &  
Dance, YMCA Sailing Club, Sundays 3.15 – 6.00pm

### Support groups

Dragons Abreast (Breast Cancer Survivors Dragonboat  
Team), Southern Cross Yacht Club,

Contact: Marion Blake 6287 4919

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> Thur. of month.

Contact: Jenny Jarvis 6288 2636.

## Updates to community information

The community information in this newsletter, together with hyperlinks, is available on the YRA website. From the main page click on "the Yarralumla community" link on the left.

Check the website regularly for new information and updates to this information.

## Volunteer at Yarralumla Primary School (YPS)

Yarralumla Primary School (YPS)([www.yarralumlaps.act.edu.au](http://www.yarralumlaps.act.edu.au)) is keen to have more community volunteers to assist with activities such as reading support, the kitchen garden, etc. If you are interested, please contact *Volunteering ACT* who organise and coordinate volunteers in the ACT. (Tel. 6251 4060 or [www.volunteeract.org.au](http://www.volunteeract.org.au))

## Food from Yarralumla gardens

Many gardens in Yarralumla produce an abundance of food (vegetables, fruit, eggs, etc) while others have the potential to do so, but are underutilised despite the good intentions of their busy owners. There are opportunities here for sharing produce, making better use of 'quiet' gardens, and getting to know your neighbours.

If you are interested or would like to participate in a discussion on how this might work in Yarralumla, send your details by email to [info@yra.org.au](mailto:info@yra.org.au) or phone Peter Abbott on 6285 1054.

## Your contribution

If you have ideas about community events or activities which you would like to see in Yarralumla, why not send in your ideas via the YRA mailbox? The YRA website and notice board can help connect like-minded people in the community.

Suggestions or information on community events/activities can be submitted 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.

## Feedback on the newsletter

The YRA committee welcomes any comments on the content or format of this newsletter.

## 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

## What's on in Yarralumla?

### Christmas events

Saturday 28 November 4pm - 7pm  
**Annual Advent Event for children**  
Uniting Church

Wednesday 9 December 10.30am  
**Uniting Church Christmas morning tea**

Saturday 12 December 6.30pm  
**Bush Christmas Picnic Dance**  
Yarralumla Woolshed  
Monaro Folk Society.

### Markets / community garage sales

Saturday 21 November 10am - 4pm  
**Handmade Markets**  
Yarralumla Woolshed

Saturday 5 December 10am – 2pm  
**YMCA monster garage sale**  
Mueller St.

### Social events

Sunday 1 March 2010  
**Government House Open Day**

### Holiday programs

School Holidays  
**YPS Holiday Program**  
Contact: Mathew Long 0402 901 453

### School 2010

Late January  
**New YPS kindy students picnic**  
Contact: Samantha Birch 0412 468 837

## What else is on?

Thursday 26 November 6pm  
**NCA Public Forum, Parliament House**  
The NCA will hold a public forum to begin an open dialogue about planning in Canberra. For details and to RSVP, see [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au)

Friday 20 & 27 November 7pm – 9.30pm  
**Music in the City**, Garema Place

Saturday 21 & 28 November 8.15pm  
**Films at Twilight**, Garema Place  
Music in the City and Films at Twilight are ACT Government community events. For information [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) and follow the links >play>community events> 'round town.