

Light rail stage 2

The ACT government has announced draft routes for Light Rail Stage 2 (from Civic to Woden down Adelaide Avenue).
<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/light-rail-network/city-to-woden-stage-two>

The route down Adelaide Avenue will have a direct impact on Yarralumla and also impact the possible solutions for addressing existing traffic issues at Hopetoun Circuit and the Novar Street/Kent Street Bridge. The current draft also locates one of the light rail stops on Adelaide Avenue near Cotter Road, close to the site previously proposed for the Mint Interchange. No details have yet been provided about possible development near such as light rail stop. However, previous proposals assumed commercial development and a park and ride area between Denison Street and Adelaide Avenue (Deakin) as well as high-density residential development on the Yarralumla side (which was knocked back when the Community fought to restrict the size of the Canberra Brickworks Precinct).

The consultation is in its early stages, and interested parties have until June 11 to have their say.
<https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/LRS2>

YRA submission

The YRA plans to make a detailed submission and would appreciate Yarralumla residents sharing their views with us. If you make an individual submission we would appreciate if you would send us a copy.

YRA survey—light rail stage two

YRA has set up a survey so that we can collect Yarralumla specific data as well as collate comments for residents.

The YRA online survey is at: <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/YRA>

Responses will be accepted until the end of May.

ISCCC (Inner South Canberra Community Council)

The ISCCC is a non-government organization formed in 2010 to provide a unified and strong voice for residents of Inner South Canberra. The YRA is an active ISCCC participant and has two committee positions. The current ISCCC Deputy Chair and Treasurer are both YRA committee members.

The ISCCC arranges public forums during the year, the most recent one being about Light Rail Stage 2, the Independent Integrity Commission, and an update on Mr Fluffy Houses from the Asbestos Task Force. We encourage all residents to attend these public forums. The next ISCCC public forums are scheduled for 11 July and 12 September. The focus in July will be Canberra's urban forest and climate change strategy. The ISCCC now distributes hard copy newsletters, but we will also email our members details the topics closer to the dates.

YRA Membership

Approximately 15% of households in Yarralumla are current YRA members. We send our members eNewsletters to keep them informed of issues and events in Yarralumla.

Membership is annual and runs from 1 July to 30 June. If you are a new member and join in May or June 2017, we will extend your membership through until 30 June 2018. The membership form is available on our website.

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Yarralumla Shops Noticeboard

See local event information on our noticeboard at the shops.



NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Canberra Brickworks Update

The ACT Government has selected Doma Group as the preferred tenderer to develop the Canberra Brickworks Precinct. Doma Group is behind developments such as the Realm Hotel and residential precinct, the Little National Hotel, the Burbury Hotel, and the Brassey Hotel, but we confirm that no hotel is planned for the Canberra Brickworks Precinct.



Contractual negotiations between Doma and the ACT Government continue, and we expect that the successful tenderer will be confirmed before the end of June.

The execution of contracts is just another step in the process, which will then allow Doma to start seeking the various approvals and planning permits required to proceed. There will be scope for broad community consultation at various stages in the process, expected to take at least 6 months.

The Brickworks Community Panel, which includes YRA committee members, provided feedback to the Doma Group before they submitted their tender proposal and has also provided feedback on their subsequent tender.

The Brickworks Community Panel formulated a set of objectives based on discussion with our members over many years and with a list of parameters confirmed with our members in late 2015. The extent to which the ACT government and Doma have responded to the objectives

and parameters has been the basis of feedback provided by the Community Panel to the government and the Doma Group before and after submission of the tender proposal. However, the Community Panel had an advisory role rather than a decision-making role. It is important to remember that some aspects of the development such as access roads, are the responsibility of the ACT government rather than the developer.

The 16-hectare site to be developed covers a much smaller area than past proposals and will have the conservation and adaptive reuse of the Canberra Brickworks at its core. There will be two new parks and up to 380 dwellings, including standalone houses and apartments. As reported in the press, there are plans for restaurants, cafes and a bike repair store amongst other commercial activities. A new access road is being planned to connect the Canberra Brickworks Precinct to the Cotter Road/Dudley Street and the ACT government has recently announced a substantial budget allocation for roads works related to the Precinct. We anticipate that Yarralumla residents will be particularly interested to see how the development interfaces with surrounding streets such as Bentham Street, Lane Poole Place, Schomburgk Street, Woolls Street and Denman Street and how it might impact on nearby streets.

Yarralumla Resident and Doma Managing Director, Jure Domazet has advised his intent for Doma to present plans to a meeting of YRA members and the broader Yarralumla community following the execution of contracts. We will coordinate with Doma and advise our members via email as soon as the date and location are set. We will also post a notice of the meeting on our noticeboard at the Bentham Street shops and on our website.

We encourage all residents to ensure their YRA membership is current so that they do not miss this notice.

Traffic and parking

Traffic and parking have been issues in Yarralumla for many years; traffic volumes throughout Yarralumla far exceed the capacity of existing street designs, with many vehicles only passing through Yarralumla to get to Deakin and beyond.

Members of the YRA committee have been talking to Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS, formerly TAMS) about traffic and parking issues affecting Yarralumla.

Topics include the proposed upgrade of Dudley Street including the bottlenecks at the Novar/Kent St Bridge and how best to place the Access Road to the Brickworks currently proposed via a new roundabout near the Cotter Road/Dudley Street intersection. We have been discussing the possibility of pedestrian crossings and signalization of some intersections. We have also been discussing the congestion at Hopetoun Circuit, and the perennial problems of parking at the shops in Bentham Street, as well as the implications of the proposed Light Rail Stage 2.

CSIRO Site (cnr Banks and Bentham St)

We recently made a submission to the CSIRO on a draft Heritage Management Plan for the area. The Plan also provides some very interesting history of the suburb. <https://www.csiro.au/en/About/Strategy-structure/Heritage-management/Yarralumla-Invitation-Public-Comment>

This site is almost as large as the Canberra Brickworks Precinct and the current lease is due to run out in 2022. We understand that CSIRO is moving out and that there are plans to knock down some of the non-heritage listed buildings to remediate the site to its original state. We have been assured by the National Capital Authority that no plans for the site have been finalized, but we take this opportunity to flag that the YRA committee is monitoring the situation as best we can.