

# **Yarralumla Residents Association**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 2 September, 2007. 2.30p.m.–4p.m.**

**Uniting Church Hall, Yarralumla**

### **Minutes**

**1. Welcome:** Susan Banks, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2. Apologies:** Peter Lundy, Landon Carter, Janet Harris, Debbie Argue, Lynn Russell, Helen & Ian McAuley, Brian Polden, Jill & Ian Stehlik, Ric Butt, Lyn Lee, Steven Stone, Mary Ford

### **3. Approval of minutes of 2006 AGM**

Motion: 'That the minutes of the AGM of 10 September 2006 be approved'.

Moved: John Lee      Seconded: Len Touhey      Accepted

### **4. Reports:**

**President:** Sue Banks described the very busy and active year for the YRA. She commented that the YRA was fortunate to have a committee of eight people with varied skills and lots of energy. She reminded the meeting that we must not lose sight of the fact that we share Yarralumla with the whole of Canberra as it is a recreational suburb, and the roles of the ACT Govt and National Capital Authority both impinge on the suburb. Some activities and achievements of the committee this year included:

- \* a membership drive that was moderately successful
- \* efforts to improve our communication especially through Paul Ratcliffe improving the website
- \* consultation and communication on the Yarralumla Recreational Hub
- \* communication re building regulations on three sites on Adelaide Ave
- \* involvement in Albert Hall debate
- \* negotiation re Hill Corner as designated for open space
- \* request to embassies in Yarralumla asking them to respect water restrictions
- \* getting information about removal of trees for fire safety around Brickworks
- \* consultation with NCA and submission re a proposed new diplomatic site
- \* contribution to the forum about the proposed listing of Lake Burley Griffin on the Commonwealth Heritage List
- \* submission re the proposed Molonglo development and its effect on traffic flows through Yarralumla

\* discussion re a sustainable suburbs project

The President wished the incoming committee all the best. A vote of thanks was given to her for her wonderful job as President and the amount of time she has given to the YRA in the past year.

**Treasurer:** Les Landau presented a written audited treasurer's report. Current bank balance: \$710.00

Motion: 'That the audited financial report for 2006–07 be approved'.

Moved: Les Landau    Seconded: Greg Cornwall    Accepted

Motion: 'That the annual membership subscription for this financial year be increased to \$15 per household'.

Moved: Les Landau    Seconded: Pip Muller    Accepted

A vote of thanks was given to Les Landau for his work as treasurer.

### **5. Appointment of auditor:**

Motion: 'That Frazer Argue be appointed Auditor for the 2007–07 financial year'.

Moved: Les Landau    Seconded: John Lee    Accepted

### **6. Election of committee**

Nominations have already been received from Susan Banks, Jan Carey, Janet Harris, Dorothy Jauncey, Les Landau, Teffany Thiedermann.

Further nominations were received from:

Denise Page (nominated by Susan Page, seconded by Anne Charlton-Bien)

Garry Hearn (nominated by Sue Banks, seconded by Mike Roarty)

Tony Hill (nominated by Dorothy Jauncey, seconded by Jean Thompson)

All nominations were accepted and all appointed to the YRA committee.

Susan Banks thanked Mary Bennett, Debbie Argue, and Lynn Russell (all leaving the committee) for their contribution to the YRA over the past year.

### **7. Guest speaker:**

Stuart Mackenzie, National Capital Authority, accompanied by Jenny Jaducik (NCA).

The NCA has prepared a brief for the master plan for the Yarralumla Recreational Hub and selected a consultant. This consultant (HBO +EMTB) includes a team of architects, landscape architects, urban planners, environmental consultants; they will do some design consultation and complete a draft plan. Issues include public access, water police, traffic management, cycle ways, stormwater. It was noted that the area is one of the most beautiful sites in Canberra, some of the tree plantings dating from the 1920s.

### **Questions from the floor and responses included:**

Q: Are there plans for a new development? A: Yes, if a suitable development.

Q: Is there going to be a restaurant? A: Unclear at this stage.

Q: What led NCA to take up this initiative? A: Area is run-down and is an opportunity to make it a more popular destination and incorporate tourism.

Q: Is there a social planner on the team? A: Yes.

Q: Is there a possibility of including this in the federal government's \$17 million wetlands grants, or are there extra \$ available? A: Open space behind the lake has been identified as a possibility for ponds area. Don't think any of the federal money has been set aside for this.

Q: What does 'tourist facilities' mean? A: Building heights, character of site will be considered. Tourism refers to lake-oriented activities, e.g. triathlons, dragon boat racing.

Q: Comments on motorised sport? A: Not an area where motorised sport is allowed.

Q: Can you confirm the lease status of the properties around the shore? A: No, but leases will be taken into account. Our objective is to maintain the level of access to existing community groups.

Q: What were referring to with 'Floriade'? A: There is no proposal that Floriade be any part of this project.

Q: Have you visited previous documents headed by David Lamont? A: No, no predetermined plans.

Q: More scope for flexibility with dogs? A: This is a user need that can be incorporated into the master plan.

Q: Are you considering further buildings? A: Possible, but this is a question that needs to be addressed in the consultation process.

NCA proposed timeline: start process with consultants, meetings with stakeholders over the following months, aim for completion of planning by June 2008.

A vote of thanks was given to Stuart and Jenny.

This was the end of the advertised agenda, and the Chair, Dorothy Jauncey, closed the formal proceedings of the meeting at 3.30p.m. The floor was then opened for other informal business that residents may wish to raise.

### **8. Other business**

\* Development application for corner of Hutchins & Bentham Sts: Myra Croke alerted the meeting to the DA for this area. Submissions close 6 September, plans on ACTPLA website. Further comments were made by Sue Stone. The Chair noted that the YRA does not have a view on this matter, and that if residents wish to support or object to the DA, they could look at the plans available, and make submission to ACTPLA.

\* Pedestrian crossing: Tony Hill asked if members had any views about a pedestrian crossing at the shops. The meeting agreed that the whole question of pedestrian safety around the shops need to be addressed.

\* Albert Hall: *Friends of the Albert Hall* is now incorporated. Greg Cornwall is President. Website: [www.ouralberthall.com](http://www.ouralberthall.com)

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.50p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. A vote of thanks was given to the Chair.

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