

**YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Yarralumla Primary School Assembly Hall, Loftus Street, Yarralumla**

**Welcome:** David Harvey, President

**Attendance:** The meeting was attended by 37 Yarralumla Residents Association members.

**Members:** David Harvey, Anne Charlton-Bien, Robyn Cooper, Janie Gillespie, David Johnstone, Margaret Pentony, Diana Wright, Chris Windsor, Fraser Argue, Malise Arnstein, Don Anderson, Edwin Bien, Belynda Buck, John Dowden, Caroline Fitzwarryne, Marea Fatseas, Matthew Long, Peter Lundy, Katie Lubbe, Amit Munjal, Rod and Susan Page, Rita Powning, Peter Pharaoh, David Reese, Robyn and Greg Tegart, Teffany Thiedeman, Robert Twin, Graham and Jick Wright, Andrew Yallop

**Apologies:** Margaret and Greg Cornwell, Paul Flanagan, Theodore Hooy, Mary Kelly, John and Diana Leech, Mike Lewis, Brian Polden, Susan and John Sutton

**Minutes of 2015 AGM:** These had been posted on the website and copies were available at the meeting. Graham Wright moved the motion that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Caroline Fitzwarryne. The motion was carried.

**President's Annual Report: David Harvey**

David Harvey presented his President's Report (Attachment A) outlining the activities of the YRA Committee for the year 2015/16. David welcomed everyone to the YRA's AGM reminding the meeting that this was the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the YRA.

David Harvey acknowledged the incredible effort that the Committee and YRA members had contributed to the various submissions that had been made in the past year, in particular the outstanding work on the proposals for the development of the Brickworks and environs and the work of those members on

the Brickworks Community Panel. Other submissions included the National Capital Plan and DV 346 Solar Access.

The Yarralumla Residents Association has a proud history of working in support of Yarralumla residents to protect and enhance the amenity of the suburb. In the past year that has involved, addressing dog issues in Weston Park, the ongoing lease breach of the YMCA and stalled housing projects, representing the YRA at ISCCC and other community meetings, and being involved with the Canberra Marathon.

Support has also been given to the Molonglo Catchment Group, Friends of Grasslands, Save Stirling Park Group and the Yarralumla Primary School. The YRA is now funding an annual award to recognize community mindedness of students at the Yarralumla Primary School.

Graham Wright moved the motion that the President's report be accepted, which was seconded by Greg Tegart. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report: David Johnstone.**

David Johnstone presented the audited income and expenditure statement for 2015-2016. Copies were available at the meeting.

Peter Lundy moved the motion that the report be accepted, seconded by Edwin Bien. The motion was carried.

A question from the floor from Greg Tegart: Querying whether the residents of Yarralumla understood the impact of the Brickworks development will have on the suburb and how could the YRA increase its membership?

Marea Fatseas informed the meeting that at present the YRA membership represented 15% of the households in the suburb.

David Johnstone requested that he would like to appoint a new auditor for the coming year. He nominated accountant Tony Griffiths as the new auditor and informed the meeting that the YRA has now approximately 163 memberships.

**Appointment of Auditor:**

The motion to appoint Tony Griffith as Auditor was moved by David Johnstone and seconded by David Harvey. The motion was carried.

**Subscription Fees:**

The meeting approved that the subscription fees remain at the current level. Households \$30 and Single members \$20. Graham Wright moved the motion that the subscription fees be accepted, seconded by Caroline Fitzwarryne . The motion was carried.

A question from the floor in regard to memberships. Why are only 2 members listed for a household and therefore only 2 votes.

David Harvey informed the meeting that the YRA constitution states a household consists of 2 members.

**Election of Committee Members:**

Nominations received both before the meeting and from the floor:

- **President:** David Harvey
- **Vice President:** Mike Lewis
- **Secretary:** Chris Windsor
- **Treasurer:** David Johnstone
- **Public Officer:** Diana Wright
- **Acting Secretary:** Janie Gillespie
- **Member: Newsletter Editor** Anne Charlton-Bien
- **Member** Robyn Cooper
- **Member** Paul Flanagan
- **Member** Margaret Pentony
- **Member** Teffany Thiedeman
- **Member** Amit Munjal
- **Member: Assistant Treasurer** Peter Pharaoh

These nominations were accepted by a show of hands by the members of the YRA attending the meeting.

**Questions/ General Discussion / Other Business:**

No questions were forthcoming.

Robyn Cooper reminded the members that there were nomination forms at the back of the hall for YRA activities; Newsletter distribution, Canberra Marathon and Party at the Shops.

**Vote of Thanks:**

David Harvey, President, thanked everyone for coming to the evening meeting. He informed the meeting that there were many forthcoming activities awaiting the Committee in the next year notably further consultations about the Brickworks development. Mr Harvey then welcomed the new members both to the Committee and the YRA and invited all attendees to enjoy the evening.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

## Attachment A

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM 8 September 2016**

Welcome to the YRA's 28<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting. We are a strong group and had 163 financial members at the end of June 30, 2016, which equates to about 15% of the households in Yarralumla.

Some of the YRA's key activities and achievements in the past year can be summarized as follows:

#### **1. Public Meetings**

August 2015: Presentation on the vision for an Artisan Hub at the brickworks  
December 2015: Meeting to confirm the YRA proposed parameters for the brickworks.  
Mach 2016: Meeting to present the Brickworks Community Panel objectives.

#### **2. Submissions and letters of support**

- A submission on the exposure draft of the National Capital Plan (July 2015)
- A submission on draft amendment 86 to the National Capital Plan (November 2015)
- A letter of support for the Molonglo Catchment Group's successful application for an ACT Environment Grant of \$23,000 to do work on Caring for Ngunnawal Pathways, which will be predominantly used to enhance the biodiversity value of Stirling Park in Yarralumla.
- A submission concerning DV346 Solar Access. We were pleased with the government decision to only apply the amendment to blocks in subdivisions approved after July 2013.

#### **3. Community Events**

- The Yarralumla Picnic at Weston Park on March 6.
- A Party at the Shops was originally planned, but this was postponed due to the lack of ACT government sponsorship and the prospect of sponsorship in 2017.
- We are pleased to announce plans for a Christmas event to be held on December 17 in Weston Park, which is to be produced by one of our members Belynda Buck. Tentatively called Yarralumla Does Christmas with plans for a picnic and concert from 5pm.

#### **4. Canberra Marathon**

YRA members assisted by volunteers from Canberra Grammar School and Canberra Girls Grammar School once again ran the drink stations in Yarralumla. We will be seeking volunteers again for next April.

**5. Yarralumla Primary School**

Last year, the YRA commenced an annual award to encourage and recognize community mindedness of students at the Yarralumla Primary School. We congratulate Alyssa Poretti and Isabella Buchanan, the inaugural recipients.

We are also looking at other ways to work with the school and you will note from our most recent newsletter that we are encouraging residents to volunteer directly with the school.

**6. Canberra Brickworks Precinct**

The 2 short-listed proponents have been announced and the Community Panel will next meet on September 21 to discuss the tender, which is scheduled to commence in October. Five YRA committee members have been involved in the process to date and we all agree that this has been a productive approach. While there are still no guarantees concerning the ultimate outcome, the process has forced the government and the developers to give serious consideration to the objectives and parameters formulated by the community.

**7. Other Development Matters**

Other matters that have been a focus of the committee during the past 12 months include the ongoing breach by the YMCA of its lease clause and a number of stalled housing projects such as the one on the corner of Bentham Street and Hutchins Street. These matters are currently being discussed with the ACT Government and the NCA.

Canberra Girls Grammar also met with the YRA to consult on their plans for a new rowing shed.

**8. Other Matters**

Dogs in Weston Park, Orana Bay and the surface of the car park in front of the Yarralumla Dog Park are all ongoing issues. The YRA has met with government representatives to seek resolution and the matters are still outstanding.

**9. Inner South Canberra Community Council**

The YRA is a member group and 2 of our committee members represent the YRA at monthly meetings. Apart from providing the YRA with some financial support, the ISCCC also arranges forums of interest to our members such as the forthcoming Meet the ACT Candidates Forum on September 27. The ISCCC has also been supportive on the Brickworks Community Panel.

**10. Communications**

We maintain a website, a noticeboard at the shops, periodic newsletters to members, a twitter account with 500 followers, and distribute newsletters to all residents three or four times a year.

We have also produced a brochure to promote the YRA and solicit new members.

Our most recent newsletter and the brochure used our new logo. We have also moved away from yellow paper to cut costs.

## **11. Committee**

For most of the year we had a committee of 13 and I would like to thank all of them for the hard work and dedication throughout the year. Each and every committee member contributes to the running of the YRA in their own way, but I would like to make particular mention of the committee members who have represented the YRA on the Community Panel.

Three of our committee members will not be standing for re-election this year. Former YRA President Marea Fatseas is running as an independent candidate in the forthcoming ACT elections. We wish Marea all the very best for the election, but also hope that she might rejoin the committee if unsuccessful this time around.

Alissa Page has managed our Twitter Account and was actively involved in the organization of our March picnic. We are fortunate that Alissa has agreed to continue managing the Twitter feed.

Janet Harris unfortunately stepped down due to health reasons and we wish her the very best.

Many members have had a turn at being on the committee during the past 28 years and some of you remain actively involved in various ways including delivering our newsletters. I would like to extend particular thanks to Denise Page for maintaining the YRA noticeboard and the members of the brickworks subcommittee.

The committee and I look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

David Harvey  
YRA President