

## **YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7pm**

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

**Welcome:** David Harvey, President

**Attendance:** The meeting was attended by 27 Yarralumla Residents Association members.

**Minutes:** Janie Gillespie, Assistant Secretary

**Members:** David Harvey, Janie Gillespie, Marea Fatseas, Paul Flanagan, Peter Pharoah, Ian Brown, Landon Carter, Margaret and Greg Cornwell, Jane Crisp, Louise Dooley, Caroline Fitzwarryne, Judith Healy, Anne Hackett, Gwen Gray Jamieson, Katie Lubbe, Peter Outteridge, Denise and Dennis Page, Bruce Stark, Robyn and Greg Tegart, Ann Wilks and John Gibson, Vincent Woolcock, Graham and Jick Wright,

**Apologies:** Karin Ahrling, Robyn and Mark Cooper, Denna Cornell, John Dowden, Theodore Hooy, David Johnstone, Mike Lewis, Brian Polden, Niki Savva, Veronica Taylor, Julia Trainor, Diana Wright, Chris and Graeme Windsor

**Minutes of 2016 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 2016/17. David welcomed everyone to the YRA's AGM reminding the meeting that this was the 29<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 submitted 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, Draft variation of the Territory Plan, the Light Rail Stage 2 and the Canberra Girl's Grammar School Rowing Shed.

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. Committee members have also had various discussions in an attempt to resolve the traffic issues within the suburb. Yarralumla does Christmas was once again an outstanding community activity that the YRA sponsored and coordinated with Belynda Buck in the running of the event.

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

Marea Fatseas moved the motion that the President's report be accepted, and seconded by Margaret Cornwell. The motion was carried.

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

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

Graeme Wright moved the motion that the report be accepted, seconded by Margaret Cornwell. The motion was carried.

#### **Appointment of Auditor:**

The motion to appoint Tony Griffith as Auditor was moved by Greg Cornwell and seconded by Denise Page. The motion was carried.

#### **Subscription Fees:**

The meeting approved that the subscription fees remain at the current level. Households \$30 and Single members \$20. Greg Cornwell moved the motion

that the subscription fees be accepted, seconded by Paul Flanagan . The motion was carried.

### **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
- **Acting Treasurer:** Peter Pharaoh
- **Member: Newsletter Editor** Anne Charlton-Bien
- **Member** Marea Fatseas
- **Member** Paul Flanagan
- **Member** Margaret Pentony
- **Member** Teffany Thiedeman

These nominations were moved by Greg Cornwell and seconded by Graeme Wright.

### **CSIRO – Forestry Site, Banks Street**

Committee member Paul Flanagan provided an update on the CSIRO site to the meeting. He informed the meeting that the YRA had submitted a submission on the draft management plan for the Yarralumla site and that the Committee would continue to monitor any developments.

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

#### **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 8.40pm.

## **Attachment A**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting 19 September 2017**

The YRA started the same year as Floriade, so we will be 30 next year. We had 150 financial members at the end of June 2017 including household members and individual members. If we assume 2 members for each household, we had 256 members at the end of June 2017.

The YRA is represented by a committee of up to 13 members.

- We had a change in the committee following the last AGM. Former President Robyn Cooper stepped down in late 2016, but we were pleased to welcome Marea Fatseas back. I would like to thank Robyn for her contribution to the YRA over many years.
- The YRA is fortunate to have a very strong committee. Past President Marea Fatseas, our treasurer David Johnston, Paul Flanagan and myself have represented the YRA on the Brickworks Community Panel since it started in November 2015. Margaret Pentony was also an alternate member of the panel up until the most recent stage.
- Vice President Mike Lewis and our Public Officer Diana Wright have been willing and able to look at some other issues affecting Yarralumla that would have been overlooked otherwise.
- All committee members have contributed in their own way and I thank them all.
- It is important to remember that the YRA is a volunteer organisation and everyone contributes to the extent they are able. We unfortunately do not have the capacity to deal with all the issues, but we try our hardest.
- I would also like to point out that some of us have day jobs and active social lives. Our Vice President is currently in Iran, our Treasurer is in Europe, and our Secretary is in the US.
- All but one of the current committee will be standing for re-election this year and I thank Amit Munjal for his contribution during the past year.

Next, I would like to highlight some of the activities we undertook during the year ending June 2017.

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

- Letter of in principle support for the Yarralumla Play Station to build a maze (November 2016)
- Submission concerning the Canberra Grammar Girls Rowing Shed (December 2016)
- Representation on the DA at the Curtin Shops (Block 2, Section 62, January 2017)
- Submission on draft variation to the Territory Plan DV348 (Active Living Principles, Feb 2017)
- Submission on the draft heritage management plan for the CSIRO Yarralumla site (May 2017)
- Submission on Light Rail Stage 2 (June 2017)
- [Submission for the Inquiry into the planning, management and delivery of road maintenance in the ACT (July 2017)]

### **2. Community Events**

- Yarralumla Does Christmas  
 What a fantastic event! I would like to extend my appreciation to Belynda Buck for producing and directing the concert, rehearsing the child performers, and coordinating the decorations with local preschools and primary schools. We couldn't have done it without Belynda.  
 We were also fortunate to have the support of the Wesley and Yarralumla Uniting

Church, the Heritage Nursery, the Yarralumla Primary School, the Yarralumla IGA, GGs Florists and a bevy of performers and back stage crew who donated their time and talents.

- We are still discussing plans for 2017 and unfortunately cannot confirm details yet.

### **3. 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. This activity also generates almost \$2500 a year for the YRA bank account.

### **4. Yarralumla Primary School**

The YRA continues to provide an annual award to encourage and recognize community mindedness of students. We have also donated \$250 to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary paver campaign. YRA committee members have represented the community at recent school events. We also arranged for joint meetings with the ACT government about traffic and parking and are currently working on a Stronger Communities Grant and will have an information stand at the fete.

### **5. Canberra Brickworks Precinct**

Doma Group has been selected as the preferred tenderer, but the contracts have still not been signed. Doma are keen to present their plans to the community as soon as the contracts are signed. The Community Panel has been meeting almost monthly since November 2015 and meetings now take place in Doma's office. Community Panel meetings are to continue monthly throughout the construction phase that is estimated to last another 5 to 6 years.

### **6. Traffic and Parking Issues**

We have been talking to TCCS about Dudley Street and the new brickworks access road, while using the opportunity to discuss broader issues affecting Yarralumla. We prepared a comprehensive analysis of the issues, which we presented to ACT government officials as well as to Kurrajong members Steve Doszpot and Elizabeth Lee. Shane Rattenbury is waiting for us to propose a date, and then we will approach the Chief Minister and Rachel Stephen-Smith for a meeting. We have walked the suburb with TCCS representatives, discussing issues including traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, speed limits, bollards at the shops, and parking solutions.

### **7. YMCA**

We continue to monitor the breach of the Master Plan and have received verbal confirmation that the YMCA will move its headquarters out of Yarralumla Bay by the end of 2017.

### **8. CSIRO Yarralumla Site**

This site near the corner of Bentham and Banks Street is Commonwealth Government land and leased until 2022. We are actively monitoring the site and possible uses.

#### **9. Other development matters**

Other matters of focus during the past 12 months include several stalled housing projects such as the one on the corner of Bentham Street and Hutchins Street. We have numerous meetings with ACT government officials and continue to monitor developments.

#### **10. Inner South Canberra Community Council**

The YRA is a member group and 2 of our committee members represent the YRA at bi-monthly meetings. Both the current Chair and Treasurer of the ISCCC are also on the YRA committee. The ISCCC arranges several interesting forums throughout the year and we encourage our members to attend. The ISCCC also makes submissions on broad issues that affect the residents of Inner South Canberra as well as providing supporting submissions when requested by one of the local resident groups.

#### **11. Storage**

We talked to various government entities about storage options due to our accumulation of sign boards, Christmas decorations and YRA archives sitting in garages across Yarralumla. We were fortunate that the Southern Cross Club in Woden has provided us with free storage.

#### **12. Communications**

- We maintain a website, a noticeboard at the shops, periodic newsletters to members, a twitter account with 571 followers, and distribute newsletters to all residents three or four times a year.
- We conducted a logo design competition during the year and redesigned our newsletters and produced a general brochure.
- Our first survey on the Light Rail Stage 2 was a success and we plan to use this tool to survey our members' views on more issues.
- I would particularly like to thank Alissa Page for managing our Twitter Account, Denise Page for updating the noticeboard, and Anne Charlton-Bien for working on our website upgrade and managing our newsletters.

I would also like to mention two matters that we are actively working on for the coming year.

#### **13. Commonwealth Government Stronger Communities Grants**

We have been looking at ways to use the YRA funds that would benefit the Yarralumla community and realized a couple of months ago that we could apply for a Stronger Community Grant to co-fund capital works projects in Yarralumla. Our applications have been endorsed by Federal MP Gai Brodtmann and we expect to receive confirmation in the next couple of weeks.

Assuming we are successful, we will be co-funding almost \$17,000 worth of capital works projects. The projects are 2 new park benches, a drinking fountain at the shops and two defibrillators - one to be located at the school and one in Weston Park.

#### **14. Tree Maintenance Volunteer Group**

We are talking with the ACT government about establishing a YRA Tree Maintenance Volunteer Group. The first task of this group would be to cut the suckers off trees in public areas and on verges. We are working on an MOU with the government and our committee member Peter Pharaoh is going to lead the group. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the door.

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

David Harvey  
YRA