

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
ON SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 1999 AT 2.30 PM
IN THE UNITING CHURCH HALL DENMAN STREET, YARRALUMLA**

PRESENT: Approximately 54 people were in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Margaret Saval, S Turner, Denise Page, Fraser Argue.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Previous minutes of the 1998 AGM were accepted. Moved Susan Kon, seconded Rod Page.

YRA TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report as attached. Proposed by Peter Clarke, seconded Jean Malvaney. Membership stays the same at \$5. Auditor reappointed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Susan Kon tabled the following report. **1** The committee of the YRA has had a busy year working together with the Burley Griffin LAPAC on a concept plan for the preservation and development of the Yarralumla Brickworks and nearby areas. The concept plans have been completed and sent to the government. Ric Butt will give an update later in the meeting. **2** Then a proposal for a development at the corner of Kintore & Novar Streets. At a meeting on the 18 April at which two motions were passed, the results were sent to the Chief Minister, Minister of Urban Services, Opposition Spokesman and the Speaker. An update on the plans will be given later in the meeting by Nigel Wace and Peter Clarke. **3** The Minister of Urban Services in his reply to our letter said; "The views of the community on this matter constitute valuable input into the planning process and will be taken into account in any further discussion with the lessee of the site or his representative" and he thanked us for advising him of the local community's feeling in relation to this matter. **4** A committee member Robert Cussel has written to PALM inviting Paul Lewis and David Collett to come and speak to the new committee on developing a Section Master Plan for Yarralumla and you will hear more of this in later meetings and newsletters. **5** On the 6 August the Secretary of the ACT Hospice Palliative Care Society invited Rod Page and myself to meet them at the Hospice to discuss a possible location for the Hospice in Yarralumla on the green near the corner of Alexandrina Drive and Novar Street. The Society is with us today to consult with the Yarralumla community at this early stage and to involve us in this very important proposal. **6** Lastly I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hospitality, time and hard work in dealing with the issues as they come to hand. And a special thanks to our past president Rod Page and Treasurer Fraser Argue who are retiring, for their time and effort.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1999/2000:

President Peter Clarke; **Secretary** Denise Page; **Treasurer** Susan Kon;
Committee Robert Cussel, Nigel Wace, Tony Matthews, Rob Whitten, Catherine Sykes, Sue Treggeagle, Paul Burt, Brian Polden.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

ACT Hospice Palliative Care Society.

The President, Heather Wain, spoke about the six possible sites for the relocation of the Hospice. The Society prefers Yarralumla because: of location, easy access from both sides of the lake, water views, patients can watch life go on around them. The Society would cease lobbying for Yarralumla if the feeling of the community were against it. The debate in the assembly is due next week hence the hurry. Then Peter O'Keeffe explained the Hospice as a place for people to live out the end of their lives. The Hospice is not a hospital but a very quiet, reflective place with very caring people looking after the patients. Shirley Sutton, the secretary, spoke saying there was no central location north or south with a lake view close to bus transport; the Yarralumla site has these needs and a northerly aspect. There would be a need to work through the NCA and Territory Plan. The Hospice would be a single story building with landscaped grounds, not fenced off from the public. A lively debate followed with arguments along the lines of "a noisy spot from the various sailing clubs with midnight parties, busy roads, a lot of car accidents, some people paid high prices for their houses, lost views and what was in it for Yarralumla, the shops being the only area that would gain". Nigel Wace spoke of the botany and lowness of the area, and the flood plain that could be overcome. Few day patients and not a great increase in traffic flow. At this stage the Society was unable to produce either a traffic flow or feasibility study. Nigel Wace proposed the following motion, seconded by Graham Wright: **MOTION: That this meeting of the Yarralumla Residents Association approves in principle the siting of a Hospice on Block 11, Section 100, Yarralumla. 24 for, 19 against, 11 abstained. MOTION CARRIED.**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr Eric Martin.

Spoke on planning in the inner parts of Canberra. Yarralumla has no heritage controls and the following views are his own. Yarralumla has a history with development in the 1920s and the Brickworks and then more development in the 1950s; the character small houses on reasonable blocks, street trees and proximity to the lake and Westbourne Woods. Controls; the heritage registration is significant with specific controls but section 65 is nominated but not assessed. Through planning controls the set backs should be 6m front, 3m side and rear, plot ratio 3.5%, height 2 story, multi unit development similar but upper levels set back further. Plot ratio and multi unit development and block size need to be looked at. These are his own comments. This talk was cut very short by the length of the debate over the Hospice site. **Dr Knyvett requested a motion, seconded by Lex Courage. MOTION: The YRA holds the view that all existing public open space in Yarralumla should be preserved as such and development of any kind should not be approved. 10 for, 31 against, 4 abstained. MOTION LOST.**

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YARRALUMLA BRICKWORKS.

Ric Butt had been asked by Susan Kon and Nigel Wace to give an update on the Yarralumla Brickworks but was not in attendance.

GARAGE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE.

Nigel Wace and Peter Clarke attended a meeting on 17 August with architect and developer. Altered plans tabled, development much smaller, 8 units, 2 story with no land between, housing 16-30 occupants. Entrance and addresses in Kintore Circle. Nigel advised careful watch on development to ensure changes adhered to.

YARRALUMLA PRECINCT GROUP UPDATE.

Susan Kon advised the works for the Precinct Group upgrade (shopping centre) have been delayed until after Christmas.

WOOLLS STREET REDEVELOPMENT.

David Norris spoke on a redevelopment issue in his street and **David Norris then moved the following motion, seconded by Catherine Sykes. MOTION: That the meeting on 22 August 1999 of YRA strongly expresses the view that the ACT Legislative Assembly review and clarify the criteria for commercial development within the residential areas, including appropriate boundaries between a home office and other developments with more significant impact. In the meantime developments other than small conventionally defined home offices should be deferred. The meeting is strongly opposed to the development of residential housing that includes purpose built commercial office space. This does not preclude a residential property being used as a home office but is aimed at preventing residential areas being converted to commercial areas by stealth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Building Height in Yarralumla. A member of the audience asked if the YRA was aware that in the Burley Griffin Local Area Plan Draft under Development Clusters B & C (2nd last page) a taller residential land mark building is envisaged and that the meeting 23 May voted that no buildings more than 2 story be built in Yarralumla. President to look into matter.

Commonwealth/Canberra Bricks. Susan Page requested old Commonwealth or Canberra bricks made by the Brickworks stored in gardens urgently needed for Yarralumla Shops upgrade to incorporate a little part of the suburb's history.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm.