

Yarralumla Community Picnic

Sunday 6th March 2016 at 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Weston Park, Pescott Lane, near the new picnic shelter opposite the miniature railway – now known as the Yarralumla Play Station

There will be musical entertainment, free ice-creams for the kids and discounted train rides on the miniature railway.

Why not get a group of your neighbours together for a relaxing and fun afternoon to celebrate our community.

BYO food, drink and picnic blanket.

In the event of rain, we will relocate the entertainment and picnic to the Yarralumla Primary School Hall.

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Residential Nature Strip Guidelines

Submissions close 2nd March

The ACT Government is seeking community feedback on a draft guide that would allow residents to utilise residential nature strips for small scale food production or gardens.

Nature strips are a key feature of Canberra's garden city character. They are designed to present an attractive street frontage and are typically planted with grass and a street tree. The current nature strip guidelines require residents to gain approval to utilise the nature strip, including to plant gardens or store materials temporarily.

The new draft guide proposes to permit some activities on the nature strip without the need to obtain approval (such as growing plants on the nature strip to a height of 50 cm on streets with 50 km/hour speed limits). It sets out other activities that require approval (like installation of irrigation systems) and lists activities that are not allowed on the nature strip (such as installation of shipping containers and play equipment). These guidelines aim to reach a balance whereby residents can use the nature strip, but without causing amenity or public safety concerns.

The public is invited to provide feedback on the draft guide to ensure it meets community expectations before it is finalised.

Further details and to complete a survey

<http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au/consultations/?engagement=draft-nature-strip-guidelines>

Inaugural Yarralumla Residents Association Award

The YRA would like to congratulate Alyssa Poretti and Isabella Buchanan, who are the inaugural recipients of the Yarralumla Residents Association Award, which will now be granted each year to encourage and recognize community mindedness of students attending the Yarralumla Primary School.

16 Hectare site to be marketed to developers late February 2016

Update on the Canberra Brickworks Precinct

The YRA, aided by residents in Yarralumla and across Canberra, were successful in forcing the government to rethink plans for redevelopment of the Canberra Brickworks, the adjacent quarry and forest (encompassing 42 Ha of land).

The much smaller 16 Ha of land slated for development (the Canberra Brickworks Precinct) still includes land between the brickworks and Dudley Street/ Cotter Road and Denman Street with up to 380 new residences. The ACT Land Development Agency plans to market the site to potential developers with Request for Proposal Documents that should be available in the next few months.

The YRA and other stakeholders have had regular meetings since October 2015 concerning the content of the documents and restrictions that could be placed on future development. In a sign of good faith, we have been working with the LDA and other stakeholders to achieve the best outcome for the development of the area to ensure the brickworks do not just deteriorate and that any development will enhance rather than detract from the existing characteristics of Yarralumla.

Summary of process undertaken by YRA and other stakeholders

A summary of the process undertaken by the YRA and other stakeholders together with the LDA is available online at:

<http://www.lda.act.gov.au/canberra/community-engagement>

YRA Parameters – ACT Land Development Agency Request for Proposal

The parameters the YRA has sought to have included in the Request for Proposal are available online at:

<http://www.yarralumlaresidents.org.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/YRA-PARAMETERS-151204.docx>

These parameters have been informed by comments from our members and at our own forum held late in 2015 to confirm that we reflected the views of the Yarralumla community.

The LDA plans to hold an information session to give the community an opportunity to see the final set of parameters and objectives that will guide developers in the submissions. We will notify our members as soon as we have a date, and also post a notice on the YRA notice board in Bentham Street.

We encourage all residents of Yarralumla to be members of the Yarralumla Residents Association to stay up to date with these and other developments.

Party at the Shops – 2017

Thanks to everyone who has offered support for another Party at the Shops. We were advised in January that the ACT Government will not be funding the Party at the Shops program in 2016.

There are some private sponsors who have agreed to help support the program in 2017, so we have decided to postpone our planned Party at the Shops until 2017.

For 2016 we will be hosting a community picnic in Weston Park on 6th March. See the notice in this newsletter.

LDA to hold information session for community to see final Request for Proposal documents

Urban renewal – a Partnership with the Community

Public Forum: Tuesday 16 February – 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Albert Hall

Speaker: David Dawes, CEO, Land Development Agency & Director-General, Economic Development Portfolio, ACT Government

Hosted by Friends of Albert Hall. The event is free, but registration is requested.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-urban-renewal-a-partnership-with-the-community-tickets-20778738767>

Canberra Marathon Sunday 10 April 2016

The Canberra Marathon will once again pass through the streets of Yarralumla on the morning of Sunday April 10. This will involve partial street closures on Kintore Crescent, Denman Street, Maxwell Street, Banks Street, Weston Park, and Alexandrina Drive.

Volunteers needed to man drink stations

The YRA is seeking more volunteers to help with the drink stations that we will man throughout Yarralumla to support this event.

The YRA provides 6 to 8 volunteers at each of the drink stations in Yarralumla, handing out water/ energy drinks as the marathon runners pass through our suburb. Our efforts are greatly appreciated by the runners and it is a fun morning for the volunteers (despite the early start).

Please email info@YarralumlaResidents.org.au if you think you might be able to help out (approximate time of 7:00am to 11:30am). We will confirm details of location and start time closer to the date.

ACT Guidelines for recreational water quality in Lake Burley Griffin

The National Capital Authority updates the status of the water quality at 8 beach sites in Lake Burley Griffin once a week from October to April each year.

The current status, which includes details for Weston Park, Yarralumla Bay, Lotus Bay and Yarralumla Beach are available at:

<http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/WaterQuality/index.php/en/weekly-reports>

Dunrossil Drive Tree Regeneration

The NCA has advised that Stage 2 of the Dunrossil Drive tree regeneration program is scheduled to commence in March, with removal of old pine trees that were planted back in 1926-27, many of which are now in serious decline and have been assessed as presenting a hazard to public safety. The NCA has indicated that access to some areas adjacent to Dunrossil Drive will be disrupted during the removal. Tree replanting for Stage 2 will occur 12-18 months after the tree removals are completed.

YMCA Paddle Board and Kayak Rental

Saturdays and Sundays 8am to 6pm

The YMCA opened a new Paddle Hub in January and Paddle Boards and Kayaks can now be rented on a half hourly basis. What a great new way to enjoy Yarralumla and Lake Burley Griffin! Located at the YMCA Aquatic Recreation Centre Yarralumla Bay

35 Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla Tel. 0407 262 975

<http://www.canberra.ymca.org.au/sailing/SCabout/Pages/the-paddle-HUB.aspx>

ISCCC

The YRA is an active member of the Inner South Canberra Community Council and receives considerable support both financially and in addressing issues of common interest. The ISCCC is working closely with the YRA and responding to government plans for the Brickworks as well as legislation that will affect future developments in Yarralumla.

About the ISCCC

On 7 July 2010 the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) was formally established at a public meeting with founding member groups Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA), Yarralumla Residents Association (YRA), Old Narrabundah Community Council (ONCC) and an associate member Inner South SEE-Change. A number of individuals also joined as members. At this meeting the members adopted a constitution and elected office bearers. Since 2010, the Oaks Estate Progress Association, Red Hill Residents Group, Kingston-Barton Residents Group and Deakin Residents Association have also joined the ISCCC.

The ISCCC is a 'federation' of Inner South residents groups and operates with and through these organisations.

During its first five years of operation, the ISCCC has undertaken a wide range of major work in support of the communities it represents. Details of some of the ISCCC's main achievements up until 30 June 2015 are available online at:

<http://www.isccc.org.au/isccc/wp-content/uploads/Achievements-2010-15.pdf>

Heritage Festival – National Trust Open Day – Sunday 3 April 10am-3pm – Yarralumla Forestry Heritage Precinct, Banks Street

The former Australian Forestry School played a significant role in the development of forestry in Australia and is significant for its architectural design, its contribution to the townscape and its place in the early social history of Canberra. The Forestry Precinct comprises about 11 hectares of land that includes the former Australian Forestry School, Forestry House, an oval, plant nursery and arboretum. There will be displays about forestry and timber and others from local community organisations, classic cars, lots of activities for the kids, singers and dancers and refreshments such as devonshire teas, icecreams and a sausage sizzle. The ACT branch of the Australian Institute of Foresters will provide tours around the area and tell you about the Forestry School's history. Entry by gold coin donation.

Discovering a forgotten woodland and rediscovering Ngunawal culture Saturday 9 April, 9.30am-12.30pm

Field day and barbecue to celebrate Ngunawal caring for country and local Landcare. Come and find out about living history in a corner of Yarralumla woodland as told by a local Ngunawal family. Event organised by Molonglo Catchment Group. Venue: Alexandrina Drive, opposite Southern Cross Yacht Club (between Chinese Embassy annexe and Stirling Park)

Stay up to date with YRA news between newsletters

- On the noticeboard at the Yarralumla shops
- On the YRA website www.yarralumlaresidents.org.au
- Via email to our YRA members

YRA membership

If you are not currently a member now is the time to join as **membership fees are half price** for the remainder of this membership year ending 30 June 2016.

YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Membership Application Form 2015/2016

Residents of Yarralumla (at least 18 years of age) are invited to join/renew their membership to the Yarralumla Residents Association Inc. by completing this form, enclosing the Annual Fee or copy of Bank Receipt, and sending it to:

The Treasurer, Yarralumla Residents Association Inc. PO Box 7123 Yarralumla ACT 2600

New Member Renewal Ordinary Member Household Member (residing at same address)

Name:Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

Email:Telephone:

For Household Member, please list other member of the household (at least 18 years of age)

Name:Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

Email:Telephone:

Street Address: Yarralumla, ACT 2600

Postal Address:

Communication with members will be primarily by email unless you do not have this available (please indicate above).

The YRA has several sub-committees and ways to be involved or help. Please circle areas of interest:

- Community Events – assist in planning, organising, publicity etc
- Newsletter – coordination, production, distribution
- Website – writing content, technical maintenance
- Planning and development – submission development, meetings, advocacy
- Professional advice – eg legal, financial, planning
- Other.....

Annual Membership Fee – Ordinary Member	\$20 -\$10	(for period to 30 June 2016)
Annual Membership Fee – Household Member	\$30 -\$15	(for period to 30 June 2016)
Donation (optional):		
Total:		

Method of Payment: Cash Cheque Direct Bank Deposit

Cheques: Please make cheques payable to the Yarralumla Residents Association

Bank Deposits: CBA, Account Name: Yarralumla Residents Association, BSB: 062-902, Account No. 00903638

Is a receipt required? Yes/ No (please circle)

I/We live in Yarralumla and agree to abide by the Association’s Constitution*.

Signature:

Date:

* The Constitution is available online at: <http://www.yarralumlaresidents.org.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/YRA-Constitution-as-at-May-8-2012.pdf>

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Weston Park

Pescott Lane near the new picnic shelter opposite the miniature railway

Live entertainment



**Free ice-creams
for the kids**



Bring your own food, drinks and picnic rug

Get a group of your neighbours together for a relaxing and fun afternoon to celebrate our community



In the event of rain, we will relocate the picnic and entertainment to the Yarralumla Primary School Hall

Present this voucher anytime on Sunday March 6, 2016

To receive a **Double Pass for the price of Single Pass (\$5)** on the Weston Park Miniature Railway at YARRALUMLA PLAY STATION – opposite the Yarralumla Picnic, Pescott Lane, Weston Park

<http://westonparkrailway.com.au/> 9:30am to 5:30pm

