

YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 20 September 2008
2.30pm, Uniting Church, Denman Street, Yarralumla

WELCOME: Dorothy Jauncey welcomed attendees, advised that she would be chairing the meeting, and thanked Paul Ratcliffe for his supervision of the YRA website.

APOLOGIES: Malise Arnstein, Janet Carey, John Hutchinson, Ian and Helen McAuley, Brian Polden, Alan and Pam Ray, Bruce and Ann Stark, John Mulvaney, John Lee, Susan Page, Veronica Ayers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2007 AGM

Motion: 'That the minutes of the AGM of 1 September 2007 be approved'

Moved: Pip Muller Seconded: Tony Hill Approved

REPORTS

General

Tony Hill spoke to his written report (Appendix A) on the happenings within the suburb that the YRA has been actively involved with. Submissions included objection to the expansion of the Hill Corner preschool onto the adjacent public park land resulting in the successful gazetting of this land as a permanent park; submissions on (a) the LDA's EOI on the Yarralumla Brickworks redevelopment which included the adjacent restricted recreation and urban open space land; (b) the NCA's lake foreshore Recreation Hub proposals and public consultation; (c) the proposal for a single block on Hampton Circuit to be developed into a five-storey 16 apartment building.

The YRA has also introduced a regular YRA suburb information newsletter. Tony thanked First Choice Drycleaners for a dedicated YRA notice board space in their window and the owners of IGA Supermarket for their community notice board. Tony advised he is happy to continue compiling the newsletter. Special mention and thanks to Paul Ratcliffe for the YRA website.

Treasurer

Les Landau presented a written audited Treasurer's report (Appendix B)

Current bank balance as at 30 June 2008 is \$1,158.63.

Motion: 'That the audited financial report for 2007/2008 be approved'

Moved: Greg Cornwell Seconded: Rod Page Approved

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

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion: "That Fraser Argue be appointed Auditor for the 2008/2009 financial year" (Appendix C). Special thanks to Fraser who again audited the accounts.

Moved: Dorothy Jauncey Seconded: Sue Banks Approved

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations have been received from existing committee members

Dorothy Jauncey, Les Landau, Denise Page, Janet Harris

Further nominations were received from the floor

Anne Charlton-Bien – nominated Denise Page, seconded Landon Carter

Max Simpson-Morgan – nominated Dorothy Jauncey, seconded Greg Cornwell

Robyn Cooper – nominated Sue Banks, seconded Les Landau

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

Dorothy Jauncey thanked Tony Hill, Sue Banks, Janet Carey, and Teffany Thiedermann, who have, or are, stepping down from the committee, for their contributions to the YRA.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Representatives of all parties registered with the Electoral Office for the Molonglo electorate for the forthcoming ACT Legislative Assembly election, have been invited as guest speakers to the AGM.

Acceptances were received from:

—Australian Labor Party: Simon Corbell

—Australian Motorists Party: Joe Hlubucek

—Liberal Democratic Party: David McAlary

—Liberal Party of Australia (ACT): Clinton White

—Pangallo Independents Party: Frank Pangallo

—Richard Mulcahy Canberra Party: Richard Mulcahy

—The Community Alliance Party: Norvan Vogt

—The ACT Greens: Shane Rattenbury

Guest speakers were each allowed four minutes to address the meeting, followed by questions from the floor. Attached (Appendix D) is a short synopsis of each speaker's address followed by questions from the floor and the answers.

Dorothy Jauncey closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

All were invited to afternoon tea (provided by the committee), and residents had the opportunity to ask further questions of the visiting candidates.

APPENDIX A – Yarralumla Residents Association 2008 AGM

YRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 September 2008

President's Report

I present this annual report as former president of the YRA. I was elected to the committee at the last Annual General Meeting, and became president on a pro tem basis to see how it worked out. Unfortunately, personal health issues and the pressure of other commitments were such that I had to stand down in December, since when the position has been vacant. I've continued to produce a quarterly newsletter and have offered to carry that on if desired. But let me acknowledge and thank my colleagues on the committee who have nobly shared the demands of the president's job over the past nine very active months. They have enabled the association to prepare for what will undoubtedly be another challenging year in the range of issues to be addressed that affect our suburb, and in which the voice of residents must be heard individually and collectively through your association if we wish to maintain the amenity of Yarralumla as a pleasant, viable place in which to live.

Some recent issues – such as the Albert Hall– seem to be nearing a hopefully satisfactory resolution. Others are in an electoral hiatus. Candidates will be speaking to us later and there will be an opportunity to hear their views on these topics. This is very welcome. The hiatus ends on 18 October, and the Brickworks redevelopment, a high density residential proposal in Hampton Circuit, Molonglo-North Weston traffic issues, the proposed Recreation Hub project at Yarralumla Bay to the extent that the ACT is involved in land planning back from the lake shoreline, are all issues with which residents and the association will need to deal with an incoming government.

In our responses to government and the planning authorities, the YRA has sought to consult as widely as possible with the community – through our website, the newsletter, information sessions at the shops, the window displays kindly made possible by First Choice Dry Cleaners and IGA. The aim has been to ensure that our submissions reflect the general view of the community, and not simply individual committee opinions. On some matters it is possible to speak of a fairly broad community consensus: on others there is a diversity of opinion. But even where it has not expressed a particular view, the association has always sought to present a considered, constructive and coherent view on behalf of residents. I thank all who helped on our sub-committees and responded to our questionnaires. Without that input it is not possible to talk of the YRA as a representative organization; and I do urge all of you to maintain your interest and if possible active involvement in the association during what I think will be a pretty demanding year ahead.

I don't want to take up time by going through in detail all the current issues. They've been covered pretty fully in our earlier newsletters, which are available on our website. But as the last newsletter came out in July, it might be useful if I brought members up to date on the most recent position with some key matters.

1. Recreation Hub. Two well-attended public meetings have been held at the YMCA Sailing Club by the NCA and its consultants HBO+EMTB – an information-gathering session on 11 December, and a session on 25 June at which the three development options were up for discussion. The YRA made a submission which, in brief, opposed any straightening of Alexandrina Drive or provision of accommodation by the lake. We supported efficient high-quality smart ponds near the stormwater drain, reported an overall positive reaction from residents to the idea of some cafes but no large franchises by the lake. We understand some 31 submissions had been received by the end of August. A draft plan will be available for public comment about November, which presumably will involve another public meeting. The NCA has been very good at keeping us and the community informed of progress on the Recreation Hub – at a time when it's been fully occupied with internal restructuring after the Federal Election and the Parliamentary enquiry - and I acknowledge this.

2. The Brickworks. Information has been rather more difficult to obtain about the Brickworks project. You know the Land Development Agency in February called for Expressions of Interest to acquire, conserve and develop 24.6 hectares involving not only the heritage Brickworks (Section 102), but also the whole of the Urban Open Space and Restricted Access Recreation land in Block 3 of Section 94 fronting Denman Street. The YRA made a submission, reported in our July newsletter, in which we did not object to a small development within the Brickworks, provided heritage aspects were preserved, but arguing that the whole of the recreation area in Denman Street should be retained. This reflects the strong preference of those residents who contacted us. Submissions closed at the end of April; but while the Evaluation Panel has considered the Expressions of Interest, the LDA has made no announcement on which ones should go on a short list and be made public for the next stage of the development process. With the ACT Government in caretaker mode, we don't expect any announcement until the election – after which the issue will undoubtedly hot up for us all.

3. Hampton Circuit. Again, there has to date been no decision from the ACT Planning and Land Authority to objections from the YRA and some neighbours to erect a five storey block of 19 units at 43 Hampton Circuit. It is one of six adjacent blocks that front Adelaide Avenue identified by the NCA for high-density development in our suburb. Our submission identifying planning, traffic and environment concerns was reported in the July newsletter. It was one of 14 received. One particular problem is the dual – and in this case conflicting – planning responsibilities between the NCA and ACTPLA, which we hope will be addressed in the Federal Government's response to the Parliamentary committee's enquiry into the NCA.

4. Albert Hall. There has been worthwhile progress this year. The recent ACT Budget allocated \$2.7 million to refurbish Albert Hall, with a further \$500,000 allocated from the Federal Budget. Last December the ACT Government resumed public management of Albert Hall in response to widespread community pressure, and steps are now underway to produce a Plan of Management for the building. The YRA is a member of the Friends of Albert Hall, which is part of the reference group and is arguing for continued public management of this valuable community asset. As to the development of the wider Albert Hall precinct, the Parliamentary committee recommended that DA53 not proceed, but the Minister has not announced a decision on the committee's report.

5. Hill Corner. Issues surrounding the development of the St Nicholas preschool and day care centre at Hill Corner are reaching a degree of resolution. The YRA supported the rezoning of

the remnant parkland from Community Facility back to Urban Open Space, which has been done, but was not directly involved in an appeal by neighbouring residents to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The result was a decision to scale back the maximum number of places from 40 to 30 – a maximum of 15 at the childcare centre. This represents a partial victory for residents concerned about traffic access, although there are continuing problems of parking particularly on the adjacent parkland when the street is full.

6. Traffic. A final note on traffic. All the matters I've mentioned have implications for increased traffic flows through and within Yarralumla, which we raise in our various submissions to Government – not least the long-term impact on Cotter Road of the Molonglo-North Weston suburban project which will become a three-lane road.. Given the continuing development pressures in and around Yarralumla, it seems high time that the traffic authorities conduct a comprehensive and integrated study into the future needs and limitations of the road system in our suburb. At the local level, I made an approach during the year about for a pedestrian crossing over an increasingly busy Novar Street near the shops; but was advised that, after another count, not enough people use the footpath to warrant a crossing. It's a subject that needs to be further pursued.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will see from what I've said that there are a number of issues of great significance to Yarralumla to be tackled in the year ahead. Some members of the committee will not be renominating again, including myself; but I do urge those of you with the time, the ability and the enthusiasm to seriously consider standing for the committee. Your talents and willingness will help ensure that the voice of residents continues to be heard effectively by those who make the decisions that ultimately affect us all.

Anthony Hill

APPENDIX B – Yarralumla Residents Association 2008 AGM

Yarralumla Residents Association Income and Expenditure Statement for 2007-2008

Bank Account Number 062-902 00903638

Net Assets 30th June 2007

Bank Balance	\$711.83
	\$711.83

Transactions 2007-2008

Income

Refund Bank Fees	\$31.00
Membership Subs	\$1445.00
	\$1476.00

Expenses

Hall hire	\$100.00
Incorporation fees 2006-2007	\$57.00
Insurance (Hall Hire)	\$33.00
Membership Albert Hall	\$40.00
Incorporation Fees 2007-2008	\$31.00
Postage	\$75.00
Printing	\$523.50
Website costs	\$120.00
Bank Fees	\$49.70
	\$1,029.20

Summary

Opening Bank Balance 1st July 2007	\$711.83
Income-Expenses	\$446.80
Income-Expenses+Opening Balance	\$1,158.63
Closing Bank Balance 30th June 2008	\$1,158.63

Signed:

Les Landau (Treasurer, Yarralumla Residents Association)

APPENDIX C – Yarralumla Residents Association 2008 AGM

Auditor's certification of Accounts of the Yarralumla Residents Association

As auditor of the Association for the financial year 2007-2008, I certify

1. That I have obtained the information required,
2. That the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Association according to the information at my disposal and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the association.
3. That the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.

Signed:

Date:

Name: Fraser Argue

APPENDIX D – Yarralumla Residents Association 2008 AGM

Brief Synopsis of the four minute address to meeting by each guest speaker

Simon Corbell – Australian Labor Party

Listed the government's activities in Yarralumla. Protection of urban open space on Hill Corner park. Brickworks; they are working with previous studies. ACTPLA and NCA working together on Adelaide Avenue developments but agreed need for both parties to clarify and simplify.

Joe Hlubucek – Australian Motorists Party

Strong interest with motorists and cyclists and money raised from personal transport going back to roads and cycle paths. Protect green areas. Education priority and transport of older people to appointments, etc. and driver training. Driver sports centre good income.

David McAlary – Liberal Democratic Party

Small tax, small business. Not to increase size of Legislative Assembly. School funding with voucher system to choose school and affordable housing in private sector. Embracing change in Canberra and development around foreshores of lake.

Clinton White – Liberal Party of Australia (ACT)

Has spoken to Yarralumla businesses. Concern about brickworks proposal and Maxwell Street to traffic lights on Cotter Road. Concern about parking at shops; traffic; Denman Street honing and drug dealing. Keep green spaces. Concerned at Adelaide Avenue development; proposed change at Yarralumla Bay. Will have open and transparent consultation.

Frank Pangallo – Pangallo Independents Party

Introduced himself and gave a CV of his team. Intends to learn rules and regulations of ACT planning. Concerned at ad hoc development, hinted he would make areas of heritage/conservation like Queanbeyan, with any redevelopment sympathetic. Brickworks – a need for formal public hearings; concerned with transport and traffic. If minority government will sit down with leaders and only align with party with similar beliefs.

Richard Mulcahy – Richard Mulcahy Canberra Party

Concerned that taxes increased, education/health decreased in last few years. Will listen to community. Concerned about older people on fixed incomes paying taxes; abolish utilities tax and fire emergency levy. Priority with health, education and appearance of city.

Norvan Vogt – The Community Alliance Party

Scout leader, involved community development. His party made up of 17 groups of community minded people. Will take back to basis and run Canberra like city council. Will back good policy from all parties. Interested in lowering taxes and charges across the board. Made statement that Woolworths, Coles and banks don't pay payroll tax.

Shane Rattenbury – The ACT Greens

Says his party stands up for community. Wants to build city for future; concerned with climate change, greenhouse increases, older population, water, public transport. Will protect open spaces, improve community engagement, end majority government that is bad for

Canberra. Vote for 17 Legislative Assembly members, no more and concerned with the new Molonglo suburbs planning and transport.

Questions and answers from the floor to Guest Speakers

Q Simon Corbell, will you soft pedal on same sex marriages?

A Government accepts all adult consenting relationships without reservation and like the race issue they do not discriminate.

Q Clinton White, re parking in Novar Street near shops, how are you planning to alleviate the problem?

A Liberal party will take up this and other community issues after election.

Q Simon Corbell, what can be done about fire risk of uncut grass and to stop unauthorized dumping on vacant land?

A Make complaint to landlord (private) or Fire Brigade will assess risk on public land. Simon to make enquiries. Richard Mulcahy will formally take it up.

Q Simon Corbell, on behalf of Sea Scouts, leases on boat sheds have expired and understand ACT Government reviewing. When will they be renewed?

A Organisations can now renew leases, volunteer organisations often let leases lapse (not reminded) through no fault just changes in committees.

Q Everyone, do Woolworths, Coles and banks not pay payroll tax?

A Richard Mulcahy and Simon Corbell both agree not true as far as they know. Norvan Vogt to check and put answer on his website.

Q Simon Corbell, how can 16 units be allowed on one block of land?

A Government looking at higher density along transport corridors like Adelaide Avenue.

Q Do any candidates have an interest in plans for the police cottage on the lake?

A Everyone answered in the negative.

Q Simon Corbell, will you retain the open space on the lake foreshore?

A Open spaces will be retained, maybe a coffee shop, no residential accommodation. Simon went on to say he had added 240 sites to urban open space protection during his time as minister.