

YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 7pm

Yarralumla Primary School Assembly Hall, Loftus Street, Yarralumla

Welcome: Robyn Cooper, President

Attendance: Forty five members of the YRA attended the evening meeting.

Apologies: Twenty-eight apologies were received from YRA members.

Minutes of 2011 AGM: These had been posted on the website and copies were available at the meeting. Caroline Fitzwarryne moved the motion that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Denise Page. The motion was carried.

President's Annual Report: Robyn Cooper

Robyn Cooper presented her President's Report (Attachment A) outlining the activities of the YRA Committee for the year 2011/12. She thanked Caroline Fitzwarryne, Diana Wright and David Johnstone for the amazing time and effort they had put into the ACAT case. She also thanked Paul Ratcliffe, Denise Page and David Bedford for their support to the YRA. Robyn thanked her Committee members for all their support during the year and wished Marea Fatseas all the best for the coming year. Robyn said she would be happy to continue as a member on the YRA committee.

Robin Brown moved the motion that the President's report be accepted, seconded by Peter Lundy. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: David Johnstone, Treasurer presented the audited income and expenditure statement for 2011-2012 (Attachment B). Copies were available at the meeting. Peter Outteridge moved the motion that the report be accepted, seconded by Marea Fatseas. The motion was carried.

Election of Committee Members:

Nominations received both before the meeting and from the floor:

- **President:** Marea Fatseas
- **Secretary:** Janie Gillespie
- **Treasurer:** David Johnstone
- **Public Officer:** Diana Wright
- **Member: Newsletter Editor** Anne Charlton-Bien
- **Member: Vice President** David Harvey
- **Member** Robin Brown
- **Member** Robyn Cooper
- **Member** Peter Outteridge
- **Member** Kristy Bos

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

Discussion of Short-Term tasks:

YRA members were invited to volunteer for positions within the various sub-committees to help the Committee.

Questions/ General Discussion / Other Business:

Anna Hackett, from Neighbourhood Watch, informed the meeting that a 'Meet the Legislative Assembly candidates' forum was organized for Sunday 23rd September at the Yarralumla Primary School.

The ISCCC was also arranging a 'Meet the Candidates' forum to discuss inner south Canberra planning issues.

Dr Alan Cowan, from the Save Stirling Park Group, raised the issue of the NCA's proposal to establish new diplomatic estates. The possible sites being considered were Stirling Park, the area near the Brickworks or the Federal Golf Course. Dr Cowan informed the meeting that the Stirling Park site was a valuable grassland within inner south Canberra with 95 species of birds, bearded dragons and blue-tongue lizards.

A couple of other members expressed the view that the Brickworks was a superb site for embassies rather than Stirling Park and suggested that the Brickworks site should be put forward as first option for the new diplomatic estate.

Vote of Thanks:

Marea Fatseas, incoming President, thanked everyone for coming to the evening meeting. She informed the meeting that there were many forthcoming activities awaiting the Committee in the next year notably the embassy development issue and the decision about the Brickworks after the election.

She thanked Robyn Cooper for all her sterling efforts as YRA President and her role as a great mentor. Retiring Committee member and former Secretary Caroline Fitzwarryne, who had been heavily involved in pursuing many matters, was thanked for her commitment and service to the YRA.

Ms Fatseas then welcomed the new members both to the Committee and the YRA and invited all attendees to enjoy the evening, especially the wonderful piano playing by David Harvey.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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Tuesday, 4 September 2012
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome

I would like to welcome residents to the AGM and social gathering this evening and thank you for your attendance.

Again it has been a busy year for YRA with many calls to comment on plans drafted by the ACT Government and National Capital Authority, work to ensure the character and amenity of our suburb is retained, and using different approaches - increasingly electronic means of communicating with members.

There has been a significant focus on work to preserve the Yarralumla Bay Recreation Hub for aquatic recreation activities:

- On 11 November 2011, ACAT found that the YMCA of Canberra could not use the YMCA Sailing Club premises for the purposes of general administrative functions for the YMCA.
- Members of the YRA Committee gave up an enormous amount of their personal time to represent YRA at the Tribunal. This work was led by Diana Wright and Caroline Fitzwarryne with great research support from David Johnstone and Paul Fitzwarryne.
- Further to the ACAT finding, YMCA of Canberra has recently submitted a Development Approval for use of the YMCA Sailing Club for community/social use and to have up to ten staff installed in the Clubhouse for associated administrative activities. YRA lodged a submission opposing this due to lack of lakeside facilities for aquatic recreational activities and because community use can extend to commercial activities such as child care. I would also like to formally thank those residents, who also supported this position with individual submissions which built a strong case in opposition. The Inner South Canberra Community Council also supported YRA's position with a letter to ACTPLA.
- On 27 August 2012, ACTPLA provided a decision on the DA application - with partial refusal for the use for building for social/community activities and partial approval for variation of the lease for aquatic recreational activities and associated administrative use.
- YRA is seeking further clarification of the associated administrative activities as the number of staff was limited to TEN, which appears to be far in excess of the possible

number required for administration of a small club. We have written to ACTPLA on this matter.

YRA has also provided submissions on the following:

- Transport for Canberra – draft plan for future transport planning
- Adelaide Avenue Transport corridor and stops for Yarralumla and Deakin
- the draft ACT Planning Strategy
- DV306
- the proposed establishment of further diplomatic estates in Yarralumla
- the Review of the National Capital Authority
- a submission for the Centenary of Canberra activities which was unsuccessful
- Canberra's Inaugural Mission to Launch Festival which was subsequently cancelled
- Albert Hall Plan of Management
- the Canberra Yacht Club Marque
- the DA to extend the lease for 34 Banks Street to incorporate the corner verge, which is an historic feature of Yarralumla street scapes. This submission was successful with ACT Govt providing 12 months for the neighbour in question to re-establish the corner verge as a public space.
- The establishment of a slipway for maintenance of commercial boats on Lake Burley Griffin – while two sites were considered near the Canberra Yacht Club and the Yarralumla Nursery, latest reports are that it is now unlikely that either site will be considered.

Brickworks Update

There have been delays in progress on the Brickworks and Environs. David Dawes of the ACT Government has publicly advised that this has been delayed while the NCA considers the location for a diplomatic estate.

Inner South Canberra Community Council

YRA has continued to have active membership of the Inner South Canberra Community Council. YRA Committee members - Caroline Fitzwarryne and Robyn Cooper hold Committee positions representing YRA and Marea Fatseas as an ordinary member. Marea has also worked exhaustively on development of a strategic plan for ISCCC and is guiding its implementation.

Concert and Picnic in Weston Park

Just to prove we are not all work and no play - a highlight of the YRA calendar in February this year was the YRA Concert and Picnic in Weston Park. This proved a highly successful event with an excellent turn out of residents enjoying the music of Ian Stehlik and Queen Juanita and the Band. I would like to particularly thank Ian and his fabulous band and key organisers Stu Turvey and David Harvey for making this a memorable event. The YRA would like to continue with social activities which bring our community together.

New YRA Website

Work was undertaken during 2012 to develop and populate a new YRA website. While we have some further fine-tuning, I would like to acknowledge the work by David Harvey and Stu Turvey in this area.

Email Communications

We have made a concerted effort to communicate regularly with members by email. This has allowed us to pass on information quickly, send reminders, and generally keep you in the loop and test ideas - particularly where timeframes were tight. In addition to this we have home delivered newsletters in December and August and notices for two special General meetings.

Changes to the YRA Constitution

Your Committee has supported changes to the Constitution, which updated membership arrangements and payments that had not changed since the inception of YRA. There were also a number of minor changes, which ensured the constitution meets the Model Rules. Thanks to David Harvey for his patience and persistent work on the constitution, which allowed us to deliver a version acceptable to all.

Thank you

I would like to close by thanking the outgoing YRA Committee, who have worked hard to keep the wheels turning this year. Members are: Caroline Fitzwarryne (Vice President), Janie Gillespie (Secretary), David Johnstone (Treasurer), Diana Wright (Public Officer), Marea Fatseas, Anne Charlton-Bien (Newsletter Editor), David Harvey, Stu Turvey and Robin Brown. Also thanks to Denise Page for maintaining the noticeboard in the newsagents, David Bedford of the Yarralumla Newsagents who hosts our YRA Noticeboard and Julia Trainor, who completed the successful work on the verge in Banks Street.

While I thank the committee for their tireless efforts there is a special mention that I would like to make and that is to acknowledge and make a presentation to committee members Diana Wright, Caroline Fitzwarryne and David Johnstone for the enormous dedication of time and energy in mounting our successful challenge against the YMCA in ACTPLA. They are responsible for preserving the Yarralumla Bay Recreation Hub for aquatic recreation activities and will benefit residents of the ACT into the future. Thank you.

Robyn Cooper

YRA President – 2012

Attachment B

Yarralumla Residents Association
Income and Expenditure Statement for 2011-2012

Transactions 2010-2011

Income


Membership Subs	\$1,315.00	
Donations (mainly from picnic)	\$252.15	
		\$1,567.15

Expenses

Hall hire	\$150.00	
Printing	\$528.00	
Bank Fees	\$2.40	
Website costs	\$126.00	
Stationary	\$42.90	
Incorporation fees	\$42.00	
Insurance (various)	\$796.90	
Picnic Costs	\$247.20	
ACAT Costs	\$205.43	
		\$2,138.24

Summary

Opening Bank Balance 1 st July 2011		\$2,098.53
Income-Expenses		-\$571.90
Opening Balance+ (Income-Expenses)		\$1,512.44
Closing Bank Balance 30 th June 2012		\$1,512.44


Signed: 

David Johnstone
Treasurer, Yarralumla Residents Association

Auditor's certification of Accounts of the Yarralumla Residents Association

As auditor of the Association for the financial year 2011-2012, 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: 6th September 2012.
Name: Vivie Higgins