



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

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ABC FLATS REDEVELOPMENT – 15 STORY'S (sic)

The Assembly Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services (PETAMS) presented its report on the Inquiry into Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 308 –Cooyong Street Urban Renewal Area on 6 September 2013.

Lobbying by the Reid Residents Association (RRA), and others appears to have been largely ignored. PETAMS recommended that 'building heights be reduced'. However, in an exercise of breathtaking hypocrisy, it also recommended that the development 'ensure compliance with RL 617'. This is exactly the same 15 story building height proposed by the developers in September 2011!!!! Go Figure?

Civic is about 574 metres above sea level or RL 574. The Reid flats and Braddon flats will be 43 metres high. At the time of printing this newsletter the PETAMS report is not available on the web. RRA sources report that some members of the PETAMS committee are unhappy with the report.

PETAMS has also recommended further analysis of likely traffic and parking impact and the outcomes of the study be included in any future Development Application as well as investigation of options to facilitate greater use of sustainable transport options. The Conservator of Flora and Fauna is also to conduct a further review of the trees to be included in the redevelopment.




As a result of our submission PETAMS also recommended the Community Services Directorate conduct a Community Facilities Needs Assessment. This is an issue that we raised pointing out there is already a shortage of community and sport and recreation facilities in the inner north and the situation will be made even worse as a consequence to increase the population in these suburbs by 15-20,000.

http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing_committees/Planning,-Environment-and-Territory-and-Municipal-Services/DV308/reports?inquiry=434966

8th REID OPEN HOUSES AND GARDENS SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2013

This RRA / National Trust event includes visits to three different heritage-listed private homes and gardens, as well as introductory talks by experts on the heritage of Reid, and a delicious afternoon tea put on by the Reid Pre-school Parents and Teachers.

The event is held between 1.30 and 4.30 pm on the Sunday afternoon and is suitable for adults, but not young children. Book through the National Trust (ACT) by either calling into its office in Civic at the North Building (1st floor), or by calling the office - telephone 6230 0533 between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Tickets cost \$25 per adult for National Trust, RRA and

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U3A members and \$35 for non members and include afternoon tea and a hand-out on each house and garden. Alternatively, you can book on-line at the Trust's web site: <http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au/> and go the tag "Events and Meetings" 'Proceeds go to support the work of the RRA and National Trust (ACT).

REID – SUBURB DINNER (A GOOD NIGHT)

Come and enjoy!!!! Bring your friends, meet your neighbours!!!

Date: Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 7pm

Location: Mercure Ainslie Hotel Bistro, Cnr Ainslie Ave and Limestone Ave

Cost: Meals at bistro prices plus your own drinks

RSVP: Friday 22 November - Joanne Nicholls on telephone ~~6248 6879~~

BRADDON OVAL DEVELOPMENT

The RRA has supported the objection by the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) to the Canberra Raider's proposed redevelopment of part of Braddon Oval for a mixed use development including: residential apartments, commercial and retail space, shops and restaurants and parking.

We believe the land is a public asset and this action is not in the public interest. Instead the land should be surrendered to permit other community or sport and recreation uses. Again we have pointed to existing shortage of community and sport and recreation facilities in the inner north and the situation will made even worse as a consequence to increase the population in these suburbs by 15-20,000. We believe that any decision on redevelopment should be delayed until after the Needs Assessment has been done and the proposed City Plan completed.

CENTENARY OF CANBERRA RALLY 20 OCTOBER

The Rally, organized by the National Trust ACT, is a premium, fun, family friendly event for motoring and motorcyclist enthusiasts to celebrate the birth of Australia's capital with the Australian community. It is a grand social occasion and is all about having fun and enjoying the excitement and elegance of the automobile. The highlight is a vehicle display on the lawns of Old Parliament House on Sunday 20 October 9am-4pm. Put it in your diary.

NATIONAL TRUST – BECOME A MEMBER

The National Trust is a volunteer organization, that fosters public knowledge and conservation of places and objects that are significant to our heritage. There are many benefits of joining the National Trust including free entry hundreds of Trust properties in Australia and in over 18 countries around the world. The Trust has range of social and educational activities as well as an extensive program of tours catering for a wide spectrum of interests - ranging from local heritage tours; through weekend trips to places of historic interest; to longer tours interstate and overseas.

Membership is open to anyone. If you are interested in becoming a member you should ring 6230 0533. More information is available on the Trust's website: <http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au/>

SUPPORT REID – KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

The Reid Residents Association is your organization and it needs your support. We particularly would appreciate support and assistance from people with legal and planning knowledge and expertise. If you can help, please call Graham Carter ~~Tel 62472095~~ or John Tucker ~~62473697~~

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We need your support. Committee members will be door knocking over the next few weeks. Help us to help you.