



**HELP NEEDED**

The RRA is very keen for assistance with its IT needs including a website. If you can help please contact Graham Carter Tel [REDACTED]

**SUPPORT REID – Become a sponsor or donor**

The Reid Residents Association is your organization and it needs your support. Each year it costs about \$2,000 to pay for insurance, printing newsletters, audit etc. We are looking for people and local businesses, who might be able provide assistance in either cash or kind to assist with our operational costs.

Exclusive advertising will be provided in this newsletter for sponsors.

If you can help please contact: Derk Swieringa Treasurer Tel [REDACTED]

**ACT HERITAGE STRATEGY – Have Your Say**

The ACT Government is seeking your input to the development of a new Five Year ACT Heritage Strategy 2016-2021. The Strategy is intended to set a clear direction and framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and promotion of our heritage.

The Government wants to collaborate with the community to:

- emphasise what's important about our heritage places and objects
- reshape the way the community and visitors think about and engage with our heritage
- refocus resources to ensure that the highest priority areas receive the greatest attention

The Strategy will be founded on the aspirations and interests of the community, so it will be a true reflection of your heritage.

Your feedback is important

The access the discussion paper and details about the information sessions and how to submit your comments go to: <http://haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au>

Public comments are welcome until 9am Tuesday 29 March 2016.

**DRIVEWAYS – How's Yours?**

Is your driveway in poor condition and need attention? Do you know the ACT Government is responsible for the maintenance of the section of the driveway between the edge of the road and the residential property boundary facing the street. **Fix My Street** is an online reporting facility which provides direct contact to ACT Government Agencies for the reporting of municipal service requests. Residents can submit their requests anonymously or they may create an account on the system which will allow them track the progress of the request. Other issues that can be reported include noise graffiti, damaged footpaths, potholes, mowing in public areas, and much more: <https://www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au/app/forms/fixmystreet>

**NOISE IN REID**

The Chronicle has reported ACT Police data showed most noise complaints in Canberra were from residents in Braddon and Reid. The loudest month was March and the quietest was June. Complaints have increased greatly with 1,300 made across the city in 2015. This was an increase 45 per cent on the previous year. While complaints about noise pollution in Civic rose in 2015, it had only about one third of the amplified music complaints of Kingston.

Reid residents are familiar with noisy motorbikes, heavy vehicles using the suburb's streets as a short cut (an axel load limit applies in Blamey Crescent, but not in Reid streets), amplified music from Commonwealth Park and other venues, building work often going on all through the week as and weekends and, of course, inconsiderate neighbours holding noisy parties.

Residents can be penalised if they fail to comply with police direction to cease offensive noise. For noise restriction across the ACT, check the Environment & Planning Directorate's website: [http://www.environment.act.gov.au/environment/environment\\_protection\\_authority/residential\\_information/noise\\_in\\_residential\\_areas](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/environment/environment_protection_authority/residential_information/noise_in_residential_areas) or call ACT Police on 131 444 or Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

Come along, join us and meet your neighbours.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 22 March 2016 @ 7pm Mercure Hotel (aka the Ainslie Hotel)**

**Followed by informal dinner in bistro**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome, & apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes & matters arising
3. Reports and financial statements
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Election - President, Hon Treasurer, Secretary and up to 5 committee members
6. Other business

GUEST SPEAKER

**NOMINATIONS**

Committee nominations forms are now available from Mr Derk Swieringa and must be returned to him prior to the meeting - Tel: [REDACTED]

**FLORIADE IN GLEBE PARK**

Late last year the RRA Committee wrote to Mick Gentleman, Minister for Planning about media reports that the Government is planning to move Floriade to Glebe Park. A comprehensive list of issues and questions were put to the Minister.

A response from Chief Minister, Andrew Barr is attached. In essence he says:

- The National Capital Authority (NCA) has concerns about the time required to assemble and disassemble the event.
- The NCA does not intend to renew the rental arrangement with notice to consider alternative options.
- No decision has been made to move the event to Glebe Park.
- Were any decision taken..... there would be consultation with residents and the RRA.
- Input will be invited in coming months.
- The concerns and questions raised by RRA are relevant and robust discussion will be welcomed.

The RRA Committee will continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly.

<b>President</b> John Little [REDACTED]	<b>Secretary</b> Graham Carter OAM [REDACTED]	<b>Treasurer &amp; Public Officer</b> Derk Swieringa [REDACTED]
<b>Committee Members</b> Marianne Albury-Colless, Sue Byrne, Sue Lynskey, Joanne Nicholls, Amanda Reynolds, John Tucker, Reba Kirby		

### TAMS Meeting

The Committee met with representatives from Roads ACT on 7 March to discuss the unannounced building of a pavement in the historic Dirrawan Gardens Park and general parking signage issues in the suburb.

It appears the pavement originated from a 2008 report on pre-schools and although it noted that Dirrawan Gardens was a very quiet road, there were limited vehicular child drop offs and crossing the road was not a significant hazard, the ACT Government has chosen to spend many thousands of dollars on putting a pavement in the Park. Neither the Association, most residents in the street or the ACT Heritage Unit were consulted prior to its construction, with community consultation being limited to a letter sent to the school and a resident opposite. This is another example of how poorly the Government chooses to conserve and manage its heritage assets.

We have obtained an undertaking that RRA will be consulted on future infrastructure projects. Please let us know if you hear whispers or learn of similar construction activity.

The Association were advised that Traffic Management and Safety team (TM&S), part of Roads ACT, are responsible for parking signage such as the 2 hour limits in some streets and no parking between 9 - 11 am and 2-3pm. If you become aware that signs are missing or get knocked over, please advise TM&S and also keep the Association informed. TM&S has only undertaken to consult with the Residents Association if there are any suburb wide amendments to traffic issues, not on parking signage for individual streets. TM&S have agreed, however, to include the Association in their discussions regarding the inconsistent parking arrangements currently permitted in Dirrawan Gardens (they were only going to consult those notified of the pavement's construction in their 'community consultation!').

TM&S confirmed that permits are not issued so that private vehicles or tradesmen can park on nature strips and emphasised that parking or storing of any type of vehicle or trailer on a nature strip is prohibited.

### Tree Planting and Weed Removal

Urban Treescapes, part of TAMS, have informed the Reid Residents Association that they will be undertaking a revitalisation program for the trees and open spaces of Dirrawan Gardens, which includes infill tree plantings in the Park, removal of some dying trees and the removal of weeds and woody shrubs from the pedestrian laneway between Dirrawan Gardens and Booroondara Street. This work will also improve the safety of pedestrians using the laneway and is due to be undertaken towards the end of March 2016.

### Heritage Advisory Service

Did you know you can access 1 hour free Heritage advice on site from the ACT Government sponsored Heritage Advisory Service. Contact Philip Leeson Architects Pty Ltd Unit 4, 9 McKay Street, Turner ACT 2602 T 02 6295 3311.

### CSIRO Headquarters Redevelopment (Blocks 4 and 5 Section 38 Campbell)

The CSIRO is consolidating its activities in Canberra and intends to sell their office building site adjacent to Campbell High School for high density residential and some mixed use development. The National Capital Authority (NCA) has released a draft Development Control Plan (DCP) 16/01 for public consultation and the RRA Committee needs to respond by 11 April 2016. Some issues we may need to address are:

- Building height and architectural quality in built form;
- Access to the site and parking and traffic impacts;
- Landscaping.

The NCA document is available at:

[https://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/attachments/article/4351/Draft\\_Development%20Control%20Plan\\_Block%204%20Section%2038\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/attachments/article/4351/Draft_Development%20Control%20Plan_Block%204%20Section%2038_FINAL.pdf)

If anyone has comments that they wish to include in the RRA submission they should advise Graham Carter Tel [REDACTED] by 1 April.

### REID – SUBURB DINNER 22 March 2016 @ 7pm

**Straight after the AGM**

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

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

**Cost:** Meals at bistro prices plus your own drinks

**RSVP:** Sue Lynskey on telephone [REDACTED]

**Election Issues** Several of our members are assisting the National Trust in the preparation of an ACT Election Heritage Issues Paper and negotiating with political partners and politicians. Some of the subjects that effect Reid include:

1. Elevate Heritage to Ministerial status;
2. Heritage and History Impact Study;
3. Conservation Management Plans for Heritage Housing Precincts;
4. Blundell's Cottage Site Development;
5. Review the ACT Planning and Development Act and other relevant legislation
6. National Listing of Canberra

If you would like to assist or seek more information contact: Graham Carter Tel [REDACTED]

**Replacement Plaster Ceiling Cornice and Strapping** Are you intending to repair, renovate or extend your home? Do you need to match the plaster cornices or ceiling strapping? If so we suggest you contact ACT Plaster Products 15 Stephens Rd, Queanbeyan Tel 6297 2773. They are the only manufacturer outside Sydney and have been in business for over 50 years and can match and supply all types of impossible to find architectural ornamental plaster cornices & ceiling roses.

### OPEN HOUSES – Coordinator Needed

After 10 years of arranging the event, John and Esther Tucker are standing down from organizing the Reid Open Houses event each November. This is an important event for showcasing the suburb as well as raising funds for the Preschool as well as the Residents Association. This involves arranging for owners and coordinating the afternoon activity with the assistance of other volunteers. Please contact John Little Tel [REDACTED]

### 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. The benefits of joining the National Trust include free entry hundreds of Trust properties in Australia and 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 ring 6230 0533. More information is available on the Trust's website: <http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au/>.



## Andrew Barr MLA

CHIEF MINISTER

TREASURER

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MINISTER FOR URBAN RENEWAL

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND EVENTS

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MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

Mr John Little  
President  
Reid Residents' Association Inc.

Dear Mr Little

Thank you for your letter to Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning, about the potential relocation of Floriade to Glebe Park. Minister Gentleman has referred your email to me for a response on behalf of the ACT Government given that Floriade falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

As you would be aware, Floriade is held in Commonwealth Park, a site managed and owned by the National Capital Authority (NCA). The NCA have advised the ACT Government that they would not make Commonwealth Park available for Floriade in the form that it has previously been available over the last 28 years. This is due to a range of concerns the NCA have including the length of time required to assemble and disassemble the event.

The NCA have advised the ACT Government that it was not their intention to renew our rental arrangement within Commonwealth Park with notice given to consider alternative options for an event site in Canberra. One of the options put forward was Glebe Park. I can advise that no decision has been taken to move Floriade to Glebe Park. Were any decision taken to relocate the event to that location then there would be consultation with a range of stakeholders, including surrounding residents and the Reid Residents' Association.

The ACT Government is committed to delivering a world-class Floriade festival that all Canberrans can continue to be proud of and enjoy. In identifying the best location for Floriade moving forward, it is important that all opportunities are investigated to help facilitate sustainable growth and to enhance the quality of the event.

My preference is to keep Floriade in Commonwealth Park. For the immediate future, the NCA has agreed to extend its current Licence Agreement with the ACT Government – which will enable the delivery of Floriade in Commonwealth Park for 2016 with a re-configured footprint.

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The ACT Government is also working in close collaboration with the NCA on the longer term future of Floriade and is in the early stages of planning for 2017 (Floriade's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and beyond.

As a much-loved Canberra event and a major visitation driver for the Territory, this planning will be centred on staging Floriade in a manner that continues to deliver strong tourism and economic returns, along with an overall event experience that meets high community expectations.

It is therefore important that the Canberra community gets the opportunity to have its say on Floriade's future, including the event's potential synergies with the Canberra CBD and the city's broader surrounds.

I can advise that input from members of the public, the business community and other key stakeholders will be invited in the coming months.

The suite of concerns and questions that you have raised regarding Glebe Park are certainly relevant and robust discussion on these issues will be welcomed as part of this public consultation, where the thoughts of all interested groups can be explored in more detail.

As such, Events ACT will keep the Reid Residents' Association informed about the timing and format of the community consultation phase.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

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