



## REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

### ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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#### RRA Committee

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Committee: Sue Byrne, Sue Lynskey, Joanne Nicholls, Amanda Reynolds, John Tucker

Reid Residents' Association (RRA) has had another busy year and I would like to thank committee member for their respective contributions over the last 12 months.

We have aimed at fulfilling the Objectives of the association as set down in RRA's constitution:

- 4. (1) To foster an appreciation of the present Reid environment and encourage its preservation, taking account of the interest and welfare of the community.**
- (2) To support and implement agreed action on Reid Community projects and interests.**

There is an obvious divide between the Reid Housing Precinct heritage issues and the usual issues relating to all suburbs of Canberra such as street cleaning, lighting, garbage collection, parking in streets and on nature strips, burglaries and neighbour disputes.

Our activities to foster an appreciation of our beautiful environment and implement various actions on behalf of the community are outlined below.

#### Meetings and correspondence

We have corresponded and met with ACT Government, including MLAs and Ministers on the following issues:

- establishment of parking spaces and/or parking vehicles illegally on nature strips thus damaging the verge
- undertaking house renovations without erecting requisite fencing protection for the verge
- erecting wire fences at the front boundary
- operating a commercial carpark encompassing a whole backyard
- building a residential house and converting it into flats after receiving occupancy approval
- inconsistency of development approvals within the Reid Housing Precinct
- mandatory heritage requirements with Mr Fluffy rebuilds.

Regarding parking issues we have requested consideration by Government of one permit per household licensed to car registration so enable overflow parking on the street at any time.

We have encouraged Government to implement mandated heritage requirements and understand that further Mr Fluffy rebuilds in Reid will not follow the current precedent.

Policy and governance appear to be at very much at odds with each other in these matters. We will continue to emphasise the importance of implementation and enforcement of the Government's own

# Reid Residents Association

7 Geerilong Gardens  
Reid ACT 2612

(Assoc No. A01247)

## Balance Sheet

As of December 2017

3/01/2018

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### Assets

#### Current Assets

Cash On Hand

CPS Cheque A/C

\$2,412.23

IngDirect Hight Interest A/C

\$5,026.92

Total Cash On Hand

\$7,439.15

Total Current Assets

\$7,439.15

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\$7,439.15

### Liabilities

Net Assets

\$7,439.15

### Equity

Retained Earnings

-\$1,486.64

Current Year Earnings

\$2,360.16

Historical Balancing

\$6,565.63

Total Equity

\$7,439.15

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## Profit & Loss Statement

1/01/2017 through 31/12/2017

3/01/2018

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Income                         |                   |
| Subscriptions & Donations      | \$100.00          |
| Book Sales                     | \$300.00          |
| Interest Received              | \$70.16           |
| Advertising Revenue            | \$500.00          |
| Heritage Grant                 | \$1,980.00        |
| Total Income                   | <u>\$2,950.16</u> |
| Cost of Sales                  |                   |
| Gross Profit                   | <u>\$2,950.16</u> |
| Expenses                       |                   |
| Heritage Grant Expenditure     | \$345.00          |
| Dues, Subscriptions & Donation | \$37.50           |
| Printing                       | \$207.50          |
| Total Expenses                 | <u>\$590.00</u>   |
| Net Profit / (Loss)            | <u>\$2,360.16</u> |

legislation on parking and the mandated requirements of the Entry to the ACT Heritage Register, *Heritage Act 2004*.

### **University of New South Wales (UNSW)**

We were impressed with UNSW's early approach to RRA last August to meet and discuss, at such an early stage, the possibility of an expansion of UNSW's campus into Reid on the present CIT site. We look forward to some exceptional developments with regards to design and amenity of proposed buildings and landscaping.

### **Newsletters**

Two newsletters have been published, delivered by hand and also posted on RRA's website.

### **RRA's new logo**

The RRA committee would like again like to congratulate and thank Penleigh Boyd whose design was chosen to replace what appears to be the Blue Atlas Cedar (*Cedrus atlantica glauca*) logo.

### **Website**

The RRA website is now well and truly up and running. We are very pleased to announce a new posting of the Design Vocabulary of Reid, an illustrated guide to both record and inspire future renovations and developments particularly within the heritage precinct. We would again like to thank Penleigh Boyd for curating this excellent on-line facility so useful as a record and for research.

If you have images of those elements integral to your original house and/or garden design we would be delighted if you could send them to [info@reid.northcanberra.org.au](mailto:info@reid.northcanberra.org.au) with your permission to use these images, if selected, on the website.

We have recently added past newsletters and will continue to do so to provide a chronicle of past activities and issues concerning residents over the years.

If you have other documents, memories or images of Reid that you think could make a valuable contribution to the history of Reid we would be delighted to hear from you.

### **City Railway Remnant**

We congratulate the National Trust's work that has resulted in the City Railway Remnant on the southern side of Amaroo Street being entered into ACT Heritage Register. Apart from the heritage values of such a site it will afford a welcome buffer to future construction on the CIT site.

We would urge membership of the National Trust who is the key body upholding the conservation of Australia's built and natural heritage, see [www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Open House & Gardens**

The National Trust (ACT) in collaboration with RRA and the property owners opened three privately-owned houses and gardens from the 1920s & 30s. The properties, comprised two late 1920s Federal Capital Commission (FCC) houses (a FCC 7 & a FCC 9), and a 1936 Dept. of Interior Type 'O' house. This is always a very popular event and unfortunately people had to be turned away as there is a limit on numbers for safety reasons.

### **Dinners**

We have held two well attended dinners at the Mercure giving residents a chance to catch up and air any concerns they might have.

### **Reid Tennis Club**

We have been very happy to support the activities of the Reid Tennis Club by promoting family events on the RRA website. We look forward to exploring possible shared events and activities.

### **Burglaries**

There does seem to be a spike in the number of burglaries in Reid over the last 18 months. Please report these to the ACT Police and look to see how you can increase the security of your home.

### **Neighbour disputes**

The RRA is concerned that some residents are unaware that their actions are actually reducing the amenity of the suburb and are, in many cases, unlawful. Destruction of nature strips, inadequate protection of street trees during renovation, removal of registered trees, barking dogs, excessively loud noise (parties, air conditioners, chain saws etc.), illegal parking, are all subject to law.

The RRA does not have a remit to undertake dispute resolution. You may wish to report such issues to the relevant authorities:

- People noise: Australian Federal Police T: 6256 7777 or EPA T: 13 22 81 or by email: [environment.protection@act.gov](mailto:environment.protection@act.gov)
- Fix My Street at [www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet](http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet)
- Urgent safety issues such as fallen branches or branches about to fall: Access Canberra T: 13 22 81 available 24/7
- Conflict Resolution Service <http://www.crs.org.au>
- ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) T: 6207 1740 or by email: [tribunal@act.gov.au](mailto:tribunal@act.gov.au)

### **Submissions**

The RRA responded to the ACT 'Housing Choices Discussion Paper' 9 March 2018 stressing the importance of retaining the heritage precinct as a unique representation of the 'garden city' concept, the inspiration that underpinned the guiding design principles of Canberra.

### **Future gaze**

The RRA committee is keen to see the heritage values of the Reid Housing Precinct upheld by residents and Government. This is not a matter of moth balling the suburb but encouraging renovation and rebuilding to be done sympathetically within the design parameters set by the heritage Entry. We will continue making representations to Government on these heritage issues.

We look forward to developing an ongoing relationship with UNSW and Government so that parking and traffic flow relating the new development are reconciled with needs of Reid residents and the proximity of the Reid Housing Precinct.

As we are a voluntary organisation we would be delighted to have assistance with the following:

- membership recruitment
- content development for the website
- Open Houses and Gardens activity (November)

We look forward to hearing your suggestions (and help) for future activities. Please contact us by emailing [info@reid.northcanberra.org.au](mailto:info@reid.northcanberra.org.au).

My best wishes to all residents for a stunning autumn and another lovely year in Reid.

Marianne Albury-Colless  
President