



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

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MR ALASTAIR COE MLA TO ADDRESS AGM

Come along, join us and meet your neighbours.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.30pm Wednesday 18 March 2015

@

7 Geerilong Gardens Reid

Agenda

1. Welcome, apologies and adoption of the Agenda,
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
7. Address by Mr Alastair Coe MLA.

Mr Coe is the opposition speaker for Planning and Heritage. We have asked him to talk about:
What is the significance of heritage?

How do we manage the conservation of housing precincts for future generations?

NOMINATIONS

Committee nominations forms are available from Mr John Tucker and must be returned to him prior to the meeting - Tel: 62473697.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNE BUTTSWORTH

We are delighted that Anne Buttsworth (PSM) has been acknowledged in the Australia Day Honours List for 2015. Anne Buttsworth AM has been recognised for 'significant service to women through history preservation roles, to the advancement of archival research, and to the community of the ACT'. Anne is long time Reid resident.

Without Anne's energy, determination and tireless pursuit of funding, the Australian Women's Register would, quite simply, not continue to exist. the register remains the pre-eminent online source of information about Australian women and their histories. This would not have been possible without Anne's voluntary contribution to the project.

President John Little	Secretary Graham Carter OAM	Treasurer & Public Officer Derk Swieringa
Committee Members Marianne Albury-Colless, Sue Byrne, Sue Lynskey, Joanne Nicholls, Amanda Reynolds, John Tucker		

Vale Hec McMillan

Reid has lost one of its great characters. Hec McMillan, died peacefully at his Reid home on January 16, aged 95. He grew up in Canberra from 1926. In an excerpt from an oral history interview recorded with Ken Begg in 1996 he recalls the national capital in the mid-1920s. 'Limestone plains stretching in every direction with very little on them'. He describes the opening ceremony of the Provisional Parliament House in May 1927, which he attended as a seven year old. He also recalls Nellie Melba singing at the ceremony but cutting her song short.

'Hec' a household name in Canberra, with roles to play in many community activities particularly the theatre became more widely-known for his roles in films like 'Babe' (1995), 'Dad and Dave: On Our Selection' (1995) and 'Sons and Daughters' (1982) and for NZ comedian John Clarke's 1991 show, 'A Royal Commission into the Australian Economy'. His family has described him as a loving husband and father, a kind and generous friend, a dutiful soldier, loyal colleague, cricket nut, golf tragic, foiled opera singer and cryptic crossword demon– and very fine actor.

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/>.

HELP NEEDED

The RRA is very keen for assistance with its IT needs. If you can help please contact Graham Carter Te! [REDACTED].

REID – SUBURB DINNER

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

Date: Tuesday 7 APRIL at 7pm

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

Cost: Meals at bistro prices plus your own drinks

RSVP: Joanne Nicholls on telephone [REDACTED]

DRIVEWAYS

Is your driveway in poor condition and need attention? The ACT Government is responsible for the maintenance of the section of the driveway between the edge of the road and the edge of 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>

NATURE STRIPS AND TREES

Nature strips are an integral part of Canberra's garden city environment. The nature strip or roadside verge is public land and not part of the leasehold property. We all need to be aware that parking or storing any type of vehicle or trailer on your nature strip is prohibited. You can be booked.

Apart from mowing any further landscaping or development requires approval. If you become aware of a fallen branch contact Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. In this regard the piling of grass clippings soil, etc around the base of street trees can cause significant harm by burning the roots or trunks and even kill the trees.

Planning Issues

The RRA, together with National Trust (ACT) and representatives of other heritage precincts, recently met the ACT Government Heritage Units and discussed:

- Demolition of Houses;
- Exceeding Plot Ratios;
- Conservation Management Plan;
- Precinct Plan and Map;
- Parking Area on Nature Strips;
- Section 3 Parkes Development; and
- Asbestos Removal.

A further meeting is planned and we would welcome any comments that other residents may have on these issues.

