



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS LETTER MAY 2018

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Can Reid Survive with the City next door?

The RRA would like to express our thanks to Duncan Marshall for his excellent presentation to the AGM. His perceptive words were very much appreciated and have provided us with much to consider.

Duncan Marshall concluded his talk at the RRA Annual General Meeting on the above topic, about which he had an open mind, with the question **What can be done?**

He offered 'some random thoughts' – which he said were yet to be fully formed. These are:

- What are the [adverse] impacts, current and future? These need to be clearly identified.
- The usefulness of a **Conservation Management Plan (CMP)** for the Reid Housing Precinct to help manage impacts into the future – he noted that RRA was keen to see a CMP developed.
- Stronger compliance tools/resources are needed for heritage bureaucrats to deal with some issues.
- Can Reid learn from other cities/jurisdictions, for example:
 - The use of smart traffic monitors, or a toll for through-traffic, to better manage traffic impacts?
 - reduce the access/exit points in Reid to make the suburb a cul-de-sac to avoid through traffic?
 - anticipate land development/home office/business use
 - permit only small signage for such uses
 - no business-scale parking such as for 6-8 cars at a time
 - set maximum permitted business floor areas
 - permit a home-office, but not an office-home, otherwise Reid will end up like the Manuka housing group
- Review the development potential around Reid, particularly at the edges of the suburb, and manage this better: e.g. set a maximum four stories on one edge [e.g. Ainslie Avenue].
- Develop the idea of a *buffer zone* around Reid to protect the suburb.
- Understand what the City thinks of Reid versus what Reid thinks of the City.

Duncan made a couple of final, general observations, also in the vein of random thoughts:

- Canberra's 'national' heritage – is it also worthy of World Heritage listing?
 - however, it's a complicated thing to find the boundaries around the 'Canberra' heritage place, and
- Heritage in the view of some is a 'dead hand'. There is entrenched opposition to and misunderstanding about heritage in some quarters that is seen as an impediment to development.

100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War



This year's Armistice Day, 11 November, commemorates the centenary of the signing of the Armistice, the end of First World War (1914–18). To mark the significance of this day the Australian War Memorial (AWM) has planned major exhibitions and events.

The Flanders poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) will feature in these displays as these glowing red poppies have become, for Commonwealth countries, the flower of remembrance worn particularly on Armistice Day. With this in mind, the RRA committee would like give to Reid gardeners some Flanders poppy seeds to plant in tubs or in your gardens. Just let us know if you would like to plant these beautiful poppies by sending your request, including your address, to www.reid.northcanberra.org.au/contact-us/.

If red does not work well in your garden there is always rosemary www.awm.gov.au/index.php/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/rosemary or cornflowers. Cornflowers or *bleuet de France* are the floral symbol of remembrance in France <https://ie.ambafrance.org/The-Bleuet-de-France>. Both are readily available in local nurseries.

For further information:

www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/armistice

www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/poppies

www.awm.gov.au/media/press-releases/Memorial-announces-program

ACT Government Inquiry into Engagement with Development Application Processes in the ACT

The Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal invites submissions from interested organisations and individuals to its inquiry.

TOR: www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing-committees-current-assembly/standing-committee-on-planning-and-urban-renewal/inquiry-into-engagement-with-development-application-processes-in-the-act

Written submissions should be lodged with the Committee Secretary by close of business on Friday, 1 June 2018.

The RRA will be making a submission because we are concerned that current DA processes can override both Heritage Council advice and the mandatory requirements of the Reid Housing Precinct Entry to the ACT Register, *Heritage Act 2004*, see www.environment.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/148474/462.pdf

The consequences of the current 'process' are a lack of compliance with legislation impacting on the streetscape in the Reid Housing Precinct.

This is an important inquiry so we remind you that submissions from individuals will be appreciated by the Standing Committee.

ACT Government AND Heritage National Trust NSW visit Reid

Some weeks ago an item on the TV news featured the ACT Heritage Festival. This event was organised by a unit within the ACT Government. For some reason RRA was not contacted about this event and asked to participate. As Reid is the premier heritage housing precinct in the ACT we find this surprising. Or is it just another example of the Government's complete disinterest in anything not connected with new real estate developments?

Fortunately, NSW National Trust has not overlooked wider public interest in Reid. Recently, a house on Geerilong Gardens was included in their Country Weekend inspection program which also covered St John's Church, Government House, Duntroon House and a number of other Canberra residences of architectural interest. Some 480 people, many from interstate bought tickets and visited our lovely suburb.

Representations

The RRA has been attempting to discuss issues with the ACT Government and its officers concerning the suburb on enforcement matters including provisions of the *Heritage Act 2004*, parking (see below) and building regulations. Unfortunately the Government continues to avoid addressing these matters but RRA will persist in its attempts to hold the Government to its obligations. The RRA has also met with members of the Opposition to highlight the issues of particular importance to Reid.

Community News

St John's Anglican Church, Reid

The restoration of the Lychgates is complete, with their roofs having new mountain ash shingles. Funds from the National Trust-St John's Church Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund and a grant from the ACT Heritage Council enabled this work to be completed.

Forthcoming events:

17 May 2018 Alpha 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life's biggest questions through a Christian perspective over eight weeks. Each week starts with a talk that looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation in a relaxed, low key and informal way. All welcome - those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, new to Reid and those who are just interested. No charge.

2 June 2018 Churchyard Working Bee 9.30 am

Join parishioners in maintaining the wonderful grounds on the first Saturday of each month. Various tasks undertaken around the St John's precinct. Morning tea provided.

3 June 2018 Organ Recital 'Laudate Dominum' 2.00 pm

Organist David Reccia Chynoweth will perform works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelsohn and others. Tickets at the door: Adult \$30, Concession \$25

90 Years of Tennis in Reid

Reid Tennis Club is 90 years old on Monday 27 August 2018. The first meeting was held on the 27 August 1928 in the Ainslie School. To celebrate the event, the Club is hosting a dinner at the Mercure Hotel, Limestone Ave, on Monday 27 August 2018 at 6.45pm. Members of the Reid Residents Association and other Reid residents are invited to attend and join present and former Club members and other tennis players.

Inquiries to Reidtennisclubact@gmail.com or Sue **0434 982 924**, Peter **0423 904 471** or Terry **0401 901 700**. Cost is \$60 per head.

Other tennis news

The summer months have been particularly busy at the Tennis Club. Two successful community tennis days were held: one in December and the second in February. Many Reid residents came along to try their hand at tennis and to meet other residents. Membership from Reid residents continues to increase. The Club has around 200 members drawn from a wide cross section of Canberra.

The Club coach from Tennis Canberra holds classes on Wednesdays: juniors from 4.00 pm and adults from 6.00 pm. Cardio tennis is popular with adults.

Street Sweeping



With autumn upon us the deciduous trees will be shedding their leaves. Transport Canberra and City Services' Services' website notes: 'Roads ACT conducts a comprehensive street sweeping program to remove leaves and debris from gutters along our road network. Every street in Canberra receives at least two sweeps every year. Over the period between May and August our efforts are concentrated on the removal of leaf litter from the deciduous

trees in the inner north and south suburbs.'

Reid is scheduled for sweeping in January, May, June, July and August.

If your gutters fill up with leaves in between these scheduled sweep – this can clog the storm water drains – ring Access Canberra on **132281** or put in a request for sweeping via the 'Fix My Street' website www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet/

Sewer Mains Rehabilitation Program Works

ICON Water is continuing its program of rehabilitating the sewer mains that run through Reid with the work scheduled for the next couple of months. This program involves inserting and then expanding a PVC liner inside the sewer main to be rehabilitated.

ICON Water has engaged Interflow to undertake this work. Interflow may be contacted on 0408 118 315 while ICON Water's contact number is 02 6248 3111 (select option 3) weekdays 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Illegal Parking

Illegal parking continues to increase in the suburb as it is being treated as a free all-day parking opportunity for city workers, shoppers and students. The RRA continues to make representations to the ACT Government in an effort to increase parking patrols in Reid to enforce parking regulations the suburb such as limited time parking areas.

Particular areas of concern are: Anzac Park West, the area surrounding Reid Oval, Amaroo Street and Dirrawan Gardens.

Please note *ACT Parking Infringements Guide* and PINcodes for the various situations that constitute illegal parking.

Cases of illegal parking may be reported to ACT Parking Operations on 02 **6207 7200** or by email to parking.operations@act.gov.au. The RRA would appreciate being advised of any reports you make and response you may, or may not, receive from ACT Parking. Please email us on info@reid.northcanberra.org.au.

Telstra, NBN & Reid – notes from a friend of RRA

Please find this article outlining the complexities of dealing with broadband providers in Reid at <https://reid.northcanberra.org.au/category/news/>

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