



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY 2019

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RRA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26 March 2019

6.15 for 6.30 pm

Mercure Hotel, Ainslie Avenue

Guest speaker: Rachael Stephen-Smith MLA Minister for Urban Renewal and resident of Reid

Topic: **Canberra's urban design plans and heritage**

RSVP: info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

After the meeting, please join other Reid residents for dinner in the Bistro

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLAN DRAFT AMENDMENT 91

Submissions close COB 4 March '19

This Amendment has many implications for not only Northbourne Avenue but for the adjacent areas including Reid.

Please consider this proposed Amendment carefully and read [the Record of Meeting 6 February 2019](#) to see the expressed concerns of those attending this meeting government responses.

ACT HERITAGE FESTIVAL 13 April – 4 May '19

RRA is hosting a 'Ramble around Reid's open spaces' as part of the ACT Heritage Festival on **Sunday 27 April 2019** starting at 2.00 pm.

Cost: \$10 (includes a copy of the Heritage of Reid book)

Meet at Reid Tennis Club, Dirrawan Gardens, bookings not required.

Do join us, there is so much to learn about our suburb.

NEIGHBOUR DAY 31 March 2019

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community. Held on the last Sunday of March every year it is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour or meet new neighbours. The principle aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around you.

You can make Neighbour Day as big or small as you like, from a chat with the people next door to a cuppa with neighbours from down the road. You could even join fellow Reid residents at the Mercure Hotel on Tuesday 26 March for dinner.

ACT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. (ACTNHW) was established in 1984 and has grown to have members across the ACT. The aim of ACTNCH is the promotion of a safe and secure environment through the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

This community crime prevention program promotes safety, security and well-being, resulting in more caring neighbourhoods. The program is also aimed at reducing crime, especially property crime and crime to the person. ACTNHW encourages residents to look out for neighbours, especially the vulnerable.

Reid has always had a strong sense of neighbourly looking out for each other's safety and home security. As the city grows around us, working together and actively preventing potential crime will become more important.

The RRA Committee is working in cooperation with ACTNHW and encourages all Reid households to join the program. Members are provided with helpful advice on home security, home contents' invisible marking pens and large wheelie bin stickers to deter would be burglars and much more. The program commitment is low and mostly consists of communicating with neighbours. For further information visit www.nhwact.com.au

Reid crime statistics for January 2019

Ainslie Avenue	Theft of vehicle number plates
Allambee Street	Other theft
Boolee Street	Assault other
Booroondara Street	Other property damage
Booroondara Street	Other theft
Currong Street	Other theft
Gooreen Street	Other theft

REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

Reid Oval

The Committee has made representations to the Government regarding what appears to be unregulated all-day commuter parking under the trees surrounding Reid Oval, resulting in soil compaction and damage to the trees.

Unfortunately correspondence received from the Government demonstrates that they are completely unaware of what actually happens, advising us: 'All day parking is not permitted as there is a two-hour limit which discourages people working in the city using this area.' It would be good to see this properly enforced.

We are also informed: 'While parking under the canopy of any tree is not ideal, it is not considered feasible for Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to install bollards in this area.'

The Committee is attempting to meet with the Government to discuss this issue and the unsightly, often graffitied, shipping container.

TREES

Please be aware that there is a legal process to be undertaken if you are carrying out renovations (plumbing, landscaping etc. requiring root trimming) as such activities have the potential to damage trees on government land i.e. the nature strip or verge. The application to Undertake a Tree Damaging Activity is available at:

www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/trees/tree_activity_application_forms

An application for Tree Registration is also available from the same webpage.

e-PETITION 'TREES DECLINE MUST BE REVERSED'

The RRA would like to draw your attention to a petition being sponsored by Caroline Le Couteur MLA on the necessity to plant more trees in Canberra. The petition calls on the

Government to plant an extra 7,000 trees a year to reverse the decline and begin to restore the city's tree canopy. This is an important investment in future of our city. Please see the petition at: <https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetId=100>

MR FLUFFY BLOCKS IN REID

The ACT Government has listed all Mr Fluffy affected premises in Canberra and these are identified by unit and block. Street addresses have also been provided. The complete list can be viewed at www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/the-list/the-list

To redress some erroneous advertising it is important to know there are only three affected premises in Reid. The table below provides the details.

Section	Block	Street Address (REID)
31	3	72 Coranderrk Street*
28	5	23 Dirrawan Gardens*
37	3	46 Euree Street**

*These blocks are currently vacant.

**The house on this property has been rebuilt.

Please note, it is vitally important that the heritage values of the streetscapes and built form in the Reid Housing Precinct be maintained as it epitomises the Garden City (UK) or City Beautiful (USA) movements of the C20th. Accordingly, this area has been assessed to have such high values that it has been entered into the ACT Heritage Register www.environment.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/148474/462.pdf

It is up to us all to uphold the Specific Requirements for the Conservation of the Precinct (Entry to the ACT Heritage Register, *Heritage Act 2004*, pp. 8–22). It is most unfortunate when owners and government do not adhere to these values as it diminishes the aesthetics and remarkable uniformity of the precinct. This is ultimately what makes Reid such a distinctive place.

Owners living on either side of 72 Coranderrk Street and 23 Dirrawan Gardens are strongly advised to check development applications (DAs) for any proposed rebuild on those vacant blocks. If you have any concerns at all, please contact RRA Committee at info@reid.northcanberra.org.au.

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S

When did you last visit St John's precinct? There are so many gems in our corner of Reid. The Prophetic Tombstone is one:

On 8 November 1845, thirty-three year old Sarah Webb tragically died during childbirth. During her lifetime she was a pioneer in the Canberra region, but it was her death that catapulted her to fame. She was buried at the newly consecrated St John's Church and churchyard. Her headstone reads 'For here we have no continuing city but seek one to come', a slightly inexact quote of Hebrews 13:14, where the biblical passage refers to a heavenly city hoped for by believers.

Within a few decades after Sarah's death it became apparent that the Limestone Plains was going to be the site of the future national capital. The quote on Sarah's headstone started attracting notice with many taking the passage to be a strange and coincidental prophecy of the coming city of Canberra.

Forthcoming events: commencing **Wednesday 13 February 2019**: A new playgroup is starting for babies and toddlers up to 18 months and their mums each week during the school terms. The group will meet from 9.30–11.00 am and is open to **all** residents of Reid.

Morning tea provided. \$3 per week.

Contact Margaret: family.minister@stjohnscanberra.org

Full details of Easter activities will be on St John's website shortly.

VALE RHODANTHE GRACE LIPSETT OAM RN RM

Dr (Hon) Rhodanthe Lipsett was a most remarkable woman. She received an OAM in 1992 for her lifelong work with mothers and babies and in 1996, she was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Midwives in recognition of her work in the profession. Ten years later Australian College of Midwives created the *Rhodanthe Lipsett Award* in recognition of her work.

In 2012, Rhodanthe received an honorary doctorate from the University of Canberra for her lifetime service to baby and maternal health including the publication in 2004 of *No One Right Way*. The revised edition, titled *Baby Care: Nurturing your baby your way*, was launched in 2012 by the then Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO. Royalties from book sales go to the Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Charitable Fund, a fund Rhodanthe established to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women study to become midwives.

Rhodanthe was born on 21 January 1922, raised in South Australia and lived in Reid, Canberra for over 60 years until she died peacefully at home on 17 January 2019. For the many people assembled at St John's Church Hall, Reid on 17 February 2019 it was a privilege to hear the warm and treasured memories and extraordinary contribution Rhodanthe made over her lifetime to the welfare of babies and mothers.

SUPPORT REID

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