



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS LETTER NOVEMBER 2019

Formed 14 Aug 1944 Association No. AO 1247 ISSN 1030-0651 www.reid.northcanberra.org.au

REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 75th ANNIVERSARY

Our association – originally the Reid Progress Association – first met in August 1944. This was an excellent reason for Reid residents and friends to gather at the CIT Restaurant on Thursday 19 September 2019 to mark the occasion. A lively evening was enjoyed by all and definitely lots of reminiscing.

Our after-dinner speaker was the historian Dr David Headon. David gave a highly entertaining and very informative talk on Sir George Houston Reid, after whom our suburb is named. History has not given Sir George the credit for the role he played in the formation of, and the early years of Federation. We were delighted that Minister Stephen-Smith and Candice Burch, both MLAs for Kurrajong were able to attend. The other MLAs for Kurrajong sent their apologies.



THANK YOU

We wish to thank officers in Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate for relocating the shipping container that has been such an eyesore on Reid Park Oval.

Its removal to a new position adjacent to the Reid Park Rangers Depot creates a clear line of sight across the oval yet still provides storage close by for Daramalan College's cricket gear. Options, including screening the container with plants, proved totally impractical. We hope the new location will diminish the recurring need to paint over graffiti.

We have had many positive comments from relieved residents – so again our appreciation to all those who implemented this relocation.

MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Members of the Committee recently met with a senior manager in Transport and City Services (TCCS) with responsibility for City Rangers and the new Compliance Team.

Aspects discussed included:

- cars and trailers parked on nature strips
- tar, gravel and wood chips put on nature strips
- nature strips not being protected during construction activity
- process for obtaining permits for builders to use public land or park on the road
- tree maintenance and replacement on public land
- issues with the mobile parking patrol (vehicle number plate recognition) van
- commuters parking all day in areas such as around Reid Oval, Anzac Park West and Amaroo Street, despite time limited parking.

We also discussed the ACT Government's publication '**Your Nature Strip – Guidelines for use of residential nature strips**'. This is a particular useful publication and sets out what legally can and cannot be undertaken on nature strips, including the specific section on Heritage Precincts. The Committee commend this publication to all residents of Reid.

TCCS ask that residents of Reid notify all cases of non-compliance to TCCS, via Fix my Street or Access Canberra where compliance action can be identified and taken. The Committee also asks that the Association is notified of such reports via to assist us in monitoring enforcement activity.

ACT HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2019

We are very pleased to see that the ACT Government has legislation under way to 'to strengthen the way damage to heritage places and objects can be dealt with to both deter people from doing damage in the first place and to make them responsible for repairing any damage to heritage places or objects' ([www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_61180/HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_61180/HERITAGE%20AMENDMENT%20BILL%202019)).

For further information see the website page 'Damage to heritage places and objects' at www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/damage-to-heritage-places-and-objects.

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) HERITAGE & WELLBEING INDICATORS SURVEY

We encourage you to complete this survey which aims to find out what the people of the ACT and surrounds find are important activities and landmarks that make Canberra great and should be invested in. For further information see: www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/heritage-wellbeing-indicators-survey/

TRAFFIC COUNT IN REID

An automated traffic count was undertaken of the vehicular traffic along Currong Street, Reid by Roads ACT between 24 August and 5 September 2019.

The average number of vehicles travelling across the four counters during the week were 1,214, 1,251, 926 and 1,240 per day while the average weekend traffic was reduced to 852, 852 745 and 897 vehicles per day.

Residents of Reid have noted the increased traffic passing through our suburb. As significant developments continue to be approved on the edges of Reid, the Association will monitor their effect of more vehicles on the Reid environment.

REID TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Reid Tennis Club members and Reid residents are invited to share a drink with friends, introduce yourself to neighbours and play social tennis on Sunday 17 November '19 at 4 pm, Dirrawan Gardens.

FEEDING BIRDS

Like many Reid residents, I have been feeding birds for many years. In particular, a pair of gang gangs come most mornings for their breakfast of sunflower seed. On one occasion they must have told their mates about the free feed and a flock of 17 gang gangs arrived.

On a recent ABC Radio National program about domestic bird feeding the main messages were:

- Don't worry about going on holidays and your bird friends starving to death. They are more likely visiting other houses in the neighbourhood and, also, domestic feeding is only a small part of their diet.
- Provide a source of clean drinking water.
- Regularly clean your seed tray and water bowl as they can harbor infectious bird diseases.

D. Swieringa

RRA Christmas Get together – 6 pm Monday 9 December

Please join us for RRA Christmas drinks & dinner at Olims Bar & Bistro (Mercure Hotel Ainslie).

ACT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The RRA Committee is working in cooperation with ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. (ACTNHW) For further information visit www.nhwact.com.au

Reid crime statistics for August, September and October 2019

	August	September	October
Ainslie Avenue	Assault other	Assault other	Motor vehicle theft
Ainslie Avenue	Other property damage		Other property damage
Allambee Street	Burglary dwellings	Assault causing GBH	
Allambee Street	Other property damage	Other property damage	
Allambee Street		Other theft	
Booroondara Street			Burglary dwellings
Constitution Avenue	Theft of vehicle number plates		
Currong Street	Motor vehicle theft		
Doonkuna Street			Burglary dwellings
Elimatta Street			Assault causing ABH
Kogarah Lane	Assault other		

Neighbourhood Watch Week

Neighbourhood Watch Week is being held this year on 13–20 November, in conjunction with Bunnings Crime Prevention Week. Representatives of ACT Neighbourhood Watch will be providing information and holding a sausage sizzle on Saturday 16 November 2019 at Bunnings Belconnen from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Helpers welcome.

RRA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the RRA is to be held on Thursday 26 March 2020. Please put this date in your diary.

Please consider whether you would like to join the Committee or assist us in some way ex-officio. We are a friendly bunch of residents with a variety of skills and interests with one passion – the suburb of Reid. If you would like to meet other residents and feel you would like to help please contact us at info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S

A new Welsh slate roof



In 1960 asbestos tiles replaced the seriously deteriorated timber shingles on the St John's roof. From July to October 2019 these asbestos tiles were replaced with Welsh slate costing nearly \$400,000.

One major hailstorm could have rendered the church unusable because no repair work could be carried out on the asbestos tiles. They were also at risk of breaking down with the potential of releasing asbestos into the environment.

Since the church's listing on the ACT Heritage Register in 2004 significant work has been undertaken on the foundations, water management, lighting, stained glass windows, replacing crumbling stonework and general maintenance.

We give thanks for all those who financially contributed to the new roof and the preservation of St John's, many of whom were Reid residents.

St John's forthcoming events:

Thursday 28 November 2019: Organ and flute recital entitled 'Advent to Christmas'.

Darryn Jensen, Nigel Poole and Sheila Thompson on the organ accompanied by Rosemary Shepherd on flute. Entry/retiring collection by donation 12.30 pm

Sunday 15 December 2019 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00 pm

Tuesday 24 December 2019 Christmas Eve Community Carol Singing and Pageant 6.30 pm

Please see our website for full details of our Christmas activities.

SUPPORT REID

Each year it costs at least \$2,000 to operate RRA although we operate as a not-for-profit organisation. These costs include website management, printing newsletters etc.



We are developing a new advertising strategy to assist meeting our operational costs and provide a service to residents. **We are looking for businesses that do work for the residents of Reid such as tradespeople, home deliveries or other service industries.**

If you are a such a trader or can recommend someone who would like to advertise in our 2020 newsletters please contact Nadine Neilson at info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

RRA Committee

Contact via: info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

President: Marianne Albury-Colless, Secretary: Amanda Reynolds,

Treasurer & Public Officer: Derk Swieringa

Committee: Robyn Bergin, Sue Byrne, Graham Carter OAM, John Little, Nadine Neilson, John Tucker