

Upcoming meetings, events and submission dates

19 Feb ABC Life Matters program ‘**Making trees an integral part of urban living**’ with Hilary Harper www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/making-trees-an-integral-part-of-urban-living/11977288

Useful background for responding to Draft Variation 369 Living Infrastructure in Residential Zones and NCA’s Draft Tree Management Policy. For further details on how to comment on both please see below.

27 February ABC News ‘[Canberra's urban forest threatened by extreme heat, drought — and drivers parking on nature strips](#)’

If you park your car on the nature strip, beware — you're killing Canberra's street trees and the ACT Government will track you down. Craig Allen

This particularly applies to the continued parking, often by renovators & even homeowners, on the nature strips in REID! The RRA applauds the ACT Government efforts to crack-down on this mindless form of vandalism to both our street trees, verges and waterways.

5 March CT ‘[UNSW to build \\$1 billion Canberra campus after securing prime city land for next to nothing](#)’

The deal will see the government provide about eight hectares of land, including parts of Reid CIT and the car park opposite, to the university under a peppercorn lease agreement. In return, UNSW will spend about \$1 billion to build a new campus on the inner-city site over the next 15 years. Dan Jervis-Bardy

There will be an eight-week community engagement program. For more information and the opportunity to comment on the UNSW Canberra City Campus Master Plan. For further information see below under **2 May**.

Various dates – Notice from the Climate Change Council Community Forums:

How were you and your community affected by this shocking summer of extreme weather events? What helped you to cope? How can we as a community be better prepared in future? RSVP below to come along to one of our community sessions to share your experiences with the ACT's Climate Change Council.

The sessions will be held at:

- Tuggeranong Community Centre Balcony Room, Thursday 5 March 7-9pm. **RSVP** bit.ly/2Vpmejo.
- Dickson College Hall, Wednesday 11 March 7-9pm. **RSVP** bit.ly/2VvKrom.
- Palmerston Community Centre, Friday 13 March 7-9pm. **RSVP** bit.ly/2I35rLe.

Your participation is vital to making Canberra's response to climate change strong, effective and equitable.

11 March 5.30 pm **Local community meeting** with National Capital Authority
Anzac Parade median, south of the Blamey Crescent, Currong Street intersection
An invitation from NCA to view and discuss the Hebe ‘Otari Delight’ plant display

15 March: Many thanks to Geerilong Gardens residents who have participated in the parking survey. To those who have not, a reminder that counting begins in 10 days’ time!

23 March 6–8 pm Free Public Forum

Albert Hall, 100 Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra

‘Canberra is growing, but how should we accommodate this growth?’

Jointly organised by the Canberra Planning Action Group (CPAG) and the Institute of Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA).

[Registration](#)

24 March 6.30 pm [RRA AGM](#)

Mercure Hotel, Ainslie

Guest speaker: Jack Waterford AM: **‘How the west was lost. And the east, and the north and the south!’**

Please RSVP at info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

30 March 6–7 pm ‘Calamity and Conquest’: Dr Allan Hawke AC, on the convict Joseph Blundell (Blundell’s cottage) and his consort ‘Susan Osborne’

A National Trust (ACT) Talk

[Further information and booking \(essential\) details](#)

31 March: closing date for public comment on the **Tree Management Policy (Draft)** NCA

Click here for the [Draft Tree Management Policy](#). The survey can be found by visiting

www.ourtrees.com.au or via the NCA’s website www.nca.gov.au.

To have your say please take the survey or write to NCA at info@nca.gov.au

3 April – extensions have been granted from 28 Feb to 3 April for:

DV368 City & Gateway and DV369 Living Infrastructure in Residential Zones

Please note that the website for Variations to the Territory Plan is a catch-all for all draft variations and you will need to scroll down to locate these specific DVs.

[DV368 City and Gateway](#) *implements the key planning recommendations of the City and Gateway Urban Design Framework from Barry Drive/Cooyong Street to Mouat/Antill Street and modernises and clarifies the existing provisions of the Inner North Precinct Code.*

[DV369 Living Infrastructure in Residential Zones](#) *proposes changes to make sure standards for soft landscaping area in all residential areas (RZ1 to RZ5) are met.*

2 May: submissions close on the Master Plan for **UNSW Canberra City Campus**

Text below is information supplied by the Program Manager, Program Manager, UNSW Canberra City:

UNSW Canberra is establishing a world class research, education and innovation campus in the heart of Canberra City and we would like to invite the community to contribute to the [Canberra City campus master plan](#).

The UNSW Canberra City campus will host:

- *postgraduate and international education*
- *executive professional education*

- a defence and security innovation precinct
- student accommodation and residential teaching facilities.

The new campus will be located [on the corner of Coranderrk Street and Constitution Avenue and the existing car park site between Constitution Avenue and Parkes Way.](#)

The expansion of UNSW in Canberra will strengthen the City's reputation as the knowledge and education capital of Australia and will complement the UNSW's existing ADFA campus, making it a landmark on Canberra's research and innovation corridor where universities, industry and government can come together to discover and drive global change.

The first step for the Canberra City campus is to develop a master plan and, as part of our eight-week [community and stakeholder engagement program](#), we'd like to invite contributions from the Reid Residents' Association as a key stakeholder and near neighbour to the project. In the first instance, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with the Association at a time and location that is convenient to your members. At this meeting we will be able to provide more information about the project and record any initial feedback

If possible, we would also welcome any assistance you may be able to provide by promoting the community and stakeholder engagement opportunities, perhaps through your website and/or social media channels. [Here is a link](#) to the UNSW Canberra website with information about the project and attached is a short fact sheet which outlines the timeline of community engagement activities.

The opportunity for community input to the master plan closes on Saturday 2 May, however this is the first of many conversations UNSW Canberra will have with the community as we plan and deliver the Canberra City campus.