



REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS LETTER MAY 2020

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REID VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU VERY MUCH

In March 2020, we put out the call for volunteers to assist vulnerable members of our community with shopping etc. during the COVID-19 lockdown. Your responses were heart-warming and demonstrate what a caring suburb we live in. A very big thank you to all the Reid volunteers. The Committee has received advice that vulnerable community members really appreciated knowing help is available should it be needed. If you would like a helping hand please [email us](#).

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (UNSW) – REID CAMPUS

The Committee and other Reid residents met with the UNSW communications team via Zoom on 6 April 2020 to receive a briefing on their Master Plan, provide feedback and discuss the best ways to engage with the broader Reid Community. Please see the [presentation notes and video](#). Committee members and residents also attended a subsequent public Zoom workshop held on 29 April. Feedback provided by RRA included:

Campus design

- Maintain cohesion with the heritage values of Reid
- Desire for a design with high architectural merit and seek advice from heritage architects
- Design to reduce light pollution into Reid with no bright lights facing the suburb

Proposed accommodation facilities

- Maintain privacy of existing residents and the peacefulness of Reid
- Build all high rise and student accommodation south of Constitution Avenue

Traffic and parking

- All student and staff parking to be on site, underground and with access from Constitution Avenue
- Concerns about Reid becoming increasingly more of a 'rat run'
- Ensure students returning late at night enter the campus from Constitution Avenue

Heritage Railway Easement

- Maintain the heritage site in current form and replace the trees lost due to neglect
- Valued by Reid residents and should not be part of a 'porous' border

Childcare Centre

- Keep the childcare facility.

If you would like to provide feedback on UNSW's proposals phone them on 0418 647 354 or via [email](#).

BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Evo Energy and ICON Water (formerly ACTEW) have earned brickbats and bouquets from Reid residents for their employees' approach to the care of community and residents' land.

The bouquet was earned for ICON's prompt and diligent action in attending to a burst water main caused by an unknown driver knocking over one of the historic fire hydrants. Many hours were spent repairing the water pipe, retaining the fire hydrant in situ (but no longer connected) and shortly after repairing the nature strip.

Both ICON and Evo Energy earned brickbats for driving on nature strips and government land after recent rain, causing considerable indentations requiring repair and both taking months to acknowledge and repair. One response was *This is a valuable reminder to ensure we maintain the beauty of our City and follow all access laws when conducting our works.*

Contractors' employees, private or working on behalf of public utilities or the government, should not be parking on nature strips or government land e.g. the parks as a matter of course. Please report any such indiscretions to the relevant company and to the RRA.

AGM 2020

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, we had to postpone our 24 March AGM with presentation by guest speaker, Jack Waterford AM. We will hold this as soon as appropriate and will give residents plenty of notice for you to formulate your questions to the Committee and our guest speaker.

TREES

In November 2019, the ACT Government announced that 17,000 trees would be planted over the next four years to help meet the challenge of climate change. Reid is blessed with many mature trees which were planted when our beautiful suburb was built and have contributed towards it

being cooler than other parts of Canberra. However, some trees are nearing the end of their lives and others are feeling the effects of the recent drought years.

In some cases, trees have been felled by the ACT Government but not replaced such as in Currong Street and Dirrawan Gardens. The ACT Government is looking for residents to advise them where new trees should be planted, including areas where there are not many trees or they are dying/have died.

Visit the [Trees in the ACT project](#). If you are not on Facebook, please email [Community Engagement](#).

Please let the RRA know of your submission and we can also monitor your request. As at May 2020, the website indicates only two suggestions have been made, our suburb needs more reports!

Please note that, when renovating houses, property owners are obliged to obtain an



[Application to Undertake a Tree Damaging Activity form](#).

FAST-TRACK INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM THROUGH COVID-19 FUNDING

The ACT Government is fast tracking additional infrastructure projects to support local jobs and businesses affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. The RRA Committee were pleased to learn, albeit the day before it started, that pavement work would be undertaken in Reid as part of this program. A new pavement has been constructed along Limestone Avenue from Anzac Parade to the bus stop on the corner with Euree Street, replacing an unsightly and well-worn dirt track. RRA

has been requesting that this work be undertaken for a number of years and have been pleased that this has finally come to fruition.

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S

COVID-19 has been a difficult time for us all. Initially, the Commonwealth Government banned all services and closed all places of worship. While the easing of restrictions is changing all the time, St John's is currently open for private worship but our St John's community and worship continues online. The weekly worship and sermon is placed on YouTube, along with suggestions for appropriate hymns and music, worship for children and youth via Zoom and morning prayer on Tuesday to Saturday mornings also via Zoom.

The organ recital and church family service, when we were joined by the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the dedication of St John's, was held just prior to the shutdown. We are hoping to hold the morning tea at the Officer's Mess at Duntroon later in the year once the restrictions have been lifted.

Our clergy can be contacted via [email](#) or 02 6248 8399. St John's Care is also operating to assist vulnerable Canberrans. They can be contacted at the [St John's Care website](#) or on 02 6248 7771.

ACT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The RRA Committee is working in cooperation with ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. (ACTNHW). Visit [NHWACT](#) for further information.

Reid crime statistics for February, March and April 2020

	February	March	April
Ainslie Avenue	Other theft		Assault causing ABH
Allambee Street	Assault other	Assault causing ABH	Other theft
Allambee Street	Other theft	Other property damage	
Boolee Street	Other property damage		
Booroondara Street		Burglary dwelling	
Constitution Avenue		Other theft	
Coranderrk Street		Burglary dwelling x 3	
Coranderrk Street		Motor vehicle theft	
Currong Street			Bicycle theft
Dirrawan Gardens		Other theft x 2	
Doonkuna Street		Burglary dwelling	
Elimatta Street		Assault other	
Euree Street	Burglary dwelling		Motor vehicle theft
Euree Street	Other theft		
Goreen Street	Burglary dwelling x 2		
Limestone Avenue		Other theft	

Property crime is often opportunistic in nature and everyone has a responsibility to take steps to keep their property safe. Most home break ins happen during the day. Burglars usually look for doors unlocked and windows left open so they can grab what they can and make a quick getaway. If a burglar can't see an easy way in, they often won't try. To raise awareness the [ACT Government](#) and ACT Policing, with the support of [ACT Neighbourhood Watch](#) and [ACT Crime Stoppers](#) have launched a new Property Crime Prevention campaign *Outsmart the Offender*. The campaign is to focus on car theft, home burglary, apartment theft, small business theft and tradie tool theft and will be spread over the next six months. For more information see [Property Crime Prevention](#).

PROCEDURES FOR BUILDERS TO PARK ON ROADS

When residents are undertaking renovations to their properties, parking is not allowed on the nature strip by the residents or their builders. Builders may apply for a permit to park on the road for a period while the renovations are undertaken.

The ACT Government has confirmed the procedures that the builders or resident must follow: *“When a contractor wishes to utilise road related areas, such as on street parking or a carpark, in the first instance the contractor would need to approach Roads ACT to obtain a Temporary Traffic Management Plan (TTM). A TTM allows changes to traffic conditions in public areas, after an approved TTM has been issued the builder/contractor can apply for a land use permit through our unit, this land use permit allows vehicles to park within an approved area for a specified period of time. When applying for a land use permit our team requires the following documentation to begin the approval process – PLEASE NOTE - Fees will generally apply for the commercial use of public unleased land.*

Further information on TTMs can be found at [City Services Temporary Traffic Management](#).

DV369 – LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

The RRA made a submission to the ACT Government on Draft Variation 369 ‘to achieve 30% tree canopy cover and 30% permeable surfaces in urban areas by 2045’.

Concerns were raised that insufficient consideration had been given to the generic term ‘trees’ (need to detail watering, maturity size, climate change, soil compaction), the proposed planting ratio is less than the mandatory minimum (40%) for precincts such as Reid and proposes a lower requirement (only 15%) for heat generating developments such as apartment blocks. We also raised the CSIRO’s heat map showing suburbs with lots of trees were cool compared to those with a high degree of build infrastructure.

REID NEEDS YOU!

Membership of the Reid Residents’ Association is FREE and is open to residents of Reid upon application to and approval by the Committee. A large membership of residents provides the Committee with a greater voice when negotiating with the Territory and Commonwealth Governments, utility companies etc. for more services and grants for our suburb (and don’t we deserve these with our rates!).

PLEASE APPLY TO JOIN THE REID RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION. Your Association needs you!

This can be done online using the [membership application form](#).

Become a supporter or sponsor

Each year it costs about \$1,800 to operate RRA. This includes website management, printing newsletters etc. **Do you run a local businesses** that might wish to insert an advertisement in our newsletter to assist our operational costs. If you can help please contact Nadine Neilson via info@reid.northcanberra.org.au.

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