



## REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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### Minutes of Annual General Meeting (2019–2020) – 18 October 2020 11.00 am at 7 Geerilong Gardens, Reid

Attending: Twenty-two members according to the AGM Attendance Register

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

Marianne opened the meeting and welcomed members. She thanked Derk for making his car port available to hold the socially distanced AGM – the Association was required to hold its deferred AGM by 30 October 2020 to comply with its legislative obligations. Marianne advised that the Committee hoped to hold an AGM in its traditional format with a guest speaker in March 2021. Apologies were received from three residents.

#### 2. Agreement of AGM Minutes of 26 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting on 26 March 2019 were proposed by Robyn, seconded by Ian and agreed by those in attendance.

#### 3. Matters Arising: No matters were arising.

#### 4. Report from President of Reid Residents' Association

Marianne provided her President's Report. She advised that the Committee had continued the work of the Association through the COVID-19 pandemic, however the AGM and her report covered the period 26 March 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Marianne noted the following:

- When the pandemic first hit, the Association made a request for volunteers to help undertake shopping etc. for those Reid Residents who had to be in self isolation. A number of residents offered to help which was very pleasing and it is hoped to build on this community spirit in the future. No requests for help were received.
- The shipping container on Reid Oval immediately opposite the War memorial was eventually moved after considerable liaison with stakeholders. It is now sited on a less conspicuous place near the Rangers Depot.
- We held a very successful Ramble around Reid's Open Spaces on 28 April 2019 as part of the ACT Government's Heritage Festival. Anne Buttsworth spoke of early Reid and the Reid Pre-school, Sue Willis on the tennis Club and Cannon Paul Black on St John's Church. She advised that the Committee was proposing to hold a walk on 22 November 2020 to raise funds for the Association.
- The Association held a dinner at the CIT Reid restaurant on 19 September 2019 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Association. Dr David Headon gave a marvellous presentation on the remarkable Sir George Houston Reid, after whom our suburb is named.
- Reid residents joined neighbours of 23 Dirrawan Gardens in the opposition of the proposed style of the rebuilt Mr Fluffy house. Marianne advised that the style was appropriate for other parts of Canberra but not within the heritage listed Reid. She noted that the land has been resold and that it was a 'watch this space' but we hope the new owners would develop it with consideration of its surroundings, as had the owners of 43 Euree Street (whose house was destroyed by fire in December 2019).
- The Association had been successful in applying for a \$10,000 ACT Government heritage grant to restore eight of the original pebble sign posts, most of which are in Reid but also those in Braddon and Ainslie. This is Phase 1 of the project, with Phase 2 to be undertaken in a future year. Marianne thanked Warren for his help in preparing the application.

- Marianne thanked John Tucker for his service to the Association for over 40 years and his forensic knowledge of all matters to do with Reid. John was presented with a bottle of wine in appreciation for his work. Marianne also thanked the other retiring committee members, particularly John Little (immediate past president), Graham Carter OAM for long service as secretary and president, and Nadine Neilson for her Welcome Pack initiatives – all making a major contribution to Reid.

#### **5. Report from Treasurer and adoption of 2019-20 financial statements**

Derk advised that the Association has \$7,674.86 at 31 December 2019 with no liabilities. Income principally came from book sales of the History of Reid book (\$420.00) and advertising from our three supporters Home by Holly, Journey Home Interiors and Fusion Painting (\$725.00). The major costs for the association had been printing \$637.60) and internet maintenance (\$110.00). Derk noted that a major expense had been insurance but the Association was now covered by the North Canberra Community Council's overall policy which was a considerable saving.

#### **6. Appointment of Auditor**

Derk proposed Scott McAlister, a member of the Association, to be the Association's auditor and this was seconded by Jo Nicholls.

#### **7. Election of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer and Committee**

Marianne advised that nominations had been received for herself, Amanda Reynolds, Derk Swieringer, Sue Byrne, Robyn Bergin, Roy Jordan, Molly Henman, Warren Nicholls and John Henderson. They were nominated en-bloc by Jo Nicholls and seconded by Trish and were confirmed as the new Committee members.

#### **8. Issues of Concern Reid residents would like to raise with the Committee or other residents e.g. government services**

Helen asked whether the Association would organize a Christmas get together for Reid residents, where people brought their own picnic for a chance to meet others. She advised this used to take place, as did cracker night which had to be cancelled due to insurance issues. The Committee undertook to consider organizing this, subject to COVID-19 regulations.

Attendees also valued having the dinners at the Mercure, which the Association would resume when COVID-19 regulations permitted.

Helen also asked about the e-book which was being organized when Graham was Secretary. The Committee undertook to look into this but unfortunately had no knowledge of this prior activity.

Other issues raised by the attendees included hedges and vegetation overhanging and encroaching over footpaths including in Coranderrk and Euree streets, subsidence alongside a drain in Booroondara Street and barking dogs (usually bored dogs which then barked).

Amanda asked that these issues be reported to Access Canberra and then the automatic response, which usually said that they had noted the concern is forwarded to the Association which would take these up with the appropriate ACT Government department. Derk added that if the reports could include that the matter was a hazard or an occupational health issue, this should help in getting action.

#### **9. Any other business**

There was no other business and Marianne closed the meeting, thanking residents for their attendance.

#### **RRA Committee**

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President: Marianne Albury-Colless,

Secretary: Amanda Reynolds

Treasurer & Public Officer: Derk Swieringa

Committee: Sue Byrne, Robyn Bergin, Molly Henman, Roy Jordan, Warren Nicholls, John Henderson