



**REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.
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Vale John Fitzjames Little

8 November 1955 – 1 August 2022

John was past-President of the Reid Residents' Association, long term resident of Reid, storyteller, bon vivant, wise counsellor and a much valued contributor to our community. He will be sorely missed.

John was honoured with a celebration of his life at Norwood Park Chapel, Mitchell on 12th August 2022 which was also livestreamed at www.norwoodpark.com.au/service-streaming/

REID VOLUNTEERS – We need YOU

Keen to get weeding in the parks, laneways and byways in our lovely suburb?

The Reid Residents' Association has been advised that the best way to do this is through ACT Urban Parks and Places Volunteering at www.cityservices.act.gov.au/public-land/maintenance/volunteering. This enables a community partnership between the local community and the ACT Government and, as a registered volunteer group, a Reid weeders' group would have insurance cover, assistance with equipment and removing prunings etc. Some of the activities that current volunteer groups undertake include:

weed control and removal programs	planting and maintaining plants
monitoring and reporting issues	community education & social events
park restoration projects	citizen science
minor tree maintenance activities	conservation projects

We can do a lot to improve some of the areas that are infested with: invasive grasses, English Ivy, Vinca and woody weeds such as Cotoneaster and St John's Wort and it can be fun checking on our Gang-gangs, having BBQs and excellent morning teas.

Some areas to start with could be the Reid Railway Reserve parallel with Amaroo Street and the laneways that run north/south in Dirrawan Gardens and Geerilong Gardens between Amaroo and Elimatta streets.

If you'd like to lend a helping hand, send us an email: info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

Age Friendly Suburbs Program – consultation phase

This project aims to create opportunities for a healthier and more active lifestyle among older residents and those with mobility needs.

Initial desktop investigations has been undertaken of possible areas of improvement to the path network within Reid and will be soon available for public comment.

We would very much appreciate your views on what areas you believe should be prioritised for path improvements in Reid. Please send us your concerns about Reid's path network from your day-to-day experience: info@reid.northcanberra.org.au

GANG-GANGS in REID

With increasing awareness of the presence of Gang-gang cockatoos in Reid we invited Dr Michael Mulvaney to visit the Reid Railway Reserve site, Amaroo Street. Subsequently, on 9 July, on site Michael was able to provide residents with information about their presence – and the Gang-gangs timed their visit right on cue – and scoped a number of possible nesting holes. Michael has also kindly provided us with the article below.

Nationally the Gang-gang is in trouble having suffered a 69% decline over the last 25 years. In the Canberra area it seems to be holding its own, and we would like to try and work out why this may be so. One reason may be the plentiful supply of tree hollows in the bush surviving in and around the Capital.

We have located 52 Gang-gang nests all within 250 m of the urban edge. Four of these nest records are in planted trees of similar age and species to that of the Reid 'railway line' plantings. One of the nests is in Bass Gardens (Griffith), while another was on the ANU Campus.



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Dr Michael Mulvaney on site, Reid Railway Reserve, 9 July '22



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So, it is possible that there is a nest within Reid or the Blue-gum plantings along Anzac Parade.

Gang-gangs check out hollows all year but will pick up their looking in August and September and will begin nesting in October, when they become secretive and harder to spot.

If you see a Gang-gang looking into, entering or within a hollow could you please report it with a photo on <https://canberra.naturemapr.org/sightings/add>, or send an email to Mulvaney@netspeed.com.au

Brushtail Possums are the biggest competitors for Gang-gang nest hollows in the Canberra area, and also a predator of eggs and chicks. Gang-gangs won't nest in a tree, even if it has multiple empty hollows, if a possum is in one hollow

The Reid plantings do contain a few suitable hollows but a possum was found in one recently poled, so perhaps it is unlikely they are nesting there, but we can remain hopeful.

They certainly are feeding in the Reid plantings and we know that adults will travel at least 4 km from their nesting hollow when searching for food for their chicks



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Favoured food of nesting birds includes gum nuts, green immature wattle pods, green cones of Cypress and Callitris pines and a variety of insects (particularly sawfly larvae).

Blue Gums are favoured comprising a third of the diet of Canberra's Gang-gangs. Thus, mass plantings in Reid and along Anzac Parade are probably of importance for maintaining the breeding pairs known to nest on Mt Ainslie

By planting wattles, Callitris pines and favoured native berry species like White Cedar (*Melia azerderach*) or Geebung (*Persoonia spp.*) you can further enhance the local foraging habitat and encourage Gang-gangs to your gardens.

Dr Michael Mulvaney

17 July 2022

Further information on Gang-gang Cockatoos

Gang-gang research project under way with ACT fauna emblem under threat, Feb 2022

www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7616958/gang-gangs-in-focus-as-act-emblem-risks-entering-endangered-status/

Get to know the gang-gang cockatoo, ANU News, 2022

www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/get-to-know-the-gang-gang-cockatoo

Gang-gang Cockatoo Surveys and Investigations, Canberra Ornithologists Group (2014–21)

<http://canberrabirds.org.au/observing-birds/gang-gang-survey/>

ACT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The RRA Committee is working in cooperation with ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. Further information at www.nhwact.com.au. Reid crime statistics for the last three months:

	May	June	July
Ainslie Avenue	Assault other	Assault other	Other property damage
Ainslie Avenue	Other property damage	Other property damage x 3	Motor vehicle theft
Allambee Street	Arson x 2	Other property damage x 3	Other property damage x 2
Allambee Street	Other theft	Theft of vehicle number plates	Other theft
Allambee Street		Motor vehicle theft	
Amaroo Street			Theft of vehicle number plates
Boolee Street	Other theft x 2	Other theft x 2	Bicycle theft
Boolee Street		Other property damage x 2	
Boolee Street		Bicycle theft	
Booroondara Street	Other property damage		Other property damage
Constitution Ave		Other theft	Other theft
Cooyong Street	Motor vehicle theft	Other theft	Other theft
Cooyong Street	Other property damage		
Coranderrk Street	Bicycle theft	Other theft	Other theft x 2
Coranderrk Street			Burglary dwelling
Currong Street	Bicycle theft		Bicycle theft
Currong Street	Other property damage		
Dirrawan Gardens		Motor vehicle theft	
Elimatta Street		Assault causing ABH	Other theft
Geerilong Gardens	Burglary dwellings	Other theft	
Gooreen Street	Burglary dwellings		
Limestone Avenue	Other property damage		

In August 2022, ACT Police's traffic focus will be on the Territory's many reduced speed areas, including town centres, school zones and road works.

With the imminent commencement of the road works on the junction of Corranderrk Street with Parkes Way, take care when driving through this area and watch out for the inevitable added traffic through Reid as drivers try to avoid the hold ups it will case.

Reid churches information

St John's Fair will be held on **15 October 2022**. St John's looks forward to welcoming all Reid residents. There will be books, cakes, jams, plants etc., a variety of entertainers and a wide range of children's activities and also be a display of classic cars. More information on this, and other activities, please visit www.stjohnscanberra.org.

St Peter's Memorial Lutheran Church: please see St Peter's Facebook page for current news.

Canberra Korean Uniting Church: please see <https://canberrakorean.uca.org.au/> for current news.

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