

**National Trust of Australia (ACT)**



# **A Future for Our Albert Hall**



**Public Meeting**

**Albert Hall  
5.30 pm Thursday May 24, 2007**

**Friends of The Albert Hall**



Welcome to this historic meeting hosted by the National Trust of Australia (ACT) in conjunction with Friends of the Albert Hall and community partners:

Canberra City Rotary Club  
Yarralumla Residents' Association  
Canberra International Film Festival Inc  
The Embroiderers' Guild ACT Inc  
Earthly Delights Dance Academy

Walter Burley Griffin Society Inc  
Manning Clark House Inc  
Artists Society of Canberra  
Monaro Folk Society

and in association with Canberra Youth Music

### **Program**

Chairman: Mr Christopher G Chenoweth OAM

### **Opening Remarks**

Ms Di Johnstone (Friends of the Albert Hall)  
Dr Lenore Coltheart (Friends of the Albert Hall)

### **Heritage Panel**

Dr Michael Pearson (Chairman, ACT Heritage Council)  
Ms Rosemarie Willett (Walter Burley Griffin Society)

### **Federal Panel**

Senator Kate Lundy (Senator for the ACT)  
Senator Gary Humphries (Senator for the ACT)  
Ms Kerrie Tucker (Greens Senate Candidate)

### **ACT Government Panel**

TBA

### **National Capital Authority Panel**

Mr Michael Ball (Chairman, NCA)  
Ms Annabelle Pegrum (CEO, NCA)  
Mr Todd Rohl (NCA)

### **Questions & discussion**

### **Resolutions**

### **Supper and Entertainment**



## The Albert Hall Heritage Precinct



The Albert Hall Heritage Precinct [outlined in white over a Google earth image] identified in the *Albert Hall Conservation Management and Landscape Plan 2007* aligns with Commonwealth Avenue to the east and Flynn Drive to the west. The northern and southern boundaries capture the plantings to the north of the Hall and the former bowling green and rose gardens south of the Hall. The area comprises part of Sections 39 and 40 Yarralumla.



## A FUTURE FOR OUR ALBERT HALL

### ISSUES

- The need for our Federal parliamentary representatives, the National Capital Authority and other federal government agencies to recognise the significance of the Albert Hall and its Heritage Precinct to the national capital and to the people of the ACT and adjacent region
- The need to institute a body for effective cooperation between federal and ACT governments with full participation by the ACT community to ensure creative and effective planning and management for a sustainable future for the Albert Hall and its Heritage Precinct
- The need for the National Capital Authority to respond to community concern at the ‘Griffin Legacy’ changes to the National Capital Plan effected by Amendment 56 to the National Capital Plan, especially their impact on the Albert Hall Heritage Precinct and adjacent areas
- The need for the National Capital Authority to withdraw Draft Amendment 53 and initiate a fresh process for planning proposals affecting the Albert Hall neighbourhood by:
  - commissioning a heritage study of the whole precinct affected by Draft Amendment 53, with regard to all the aspects of its history including Indigenous, rural, and landscape history
  - including an environmental impact study of any planning proposals affecting the area
  - initiating an effective process for public participation early in NCA planning processes
  - ensuring optimal outcomes for traffic changes based on expert advice and effective community notification, information, consultation and input.
  - ensuring adequate vehicle and pedestrian access and parking for Albert Hall users, especially those less mobile
  - ensuring a sustainable future for the Albert Hall and its Heritage Precinct as an outcome of the new participatory planning process
  - ensuring optimal community access to the Albert Hall and its Heritage Precinct is not adversely affected by changes to the National Capital Plan
  - ensuring future civic and cultural uses of the Albert Hall and its Heritage Precinct are not limited or obstructed by changes to the National Capital Plan
  - recognising the heritage significance of vistas and importance of preserving vistas and green spaces affecting the Albert Hall Heritage Precinct

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- The need for the ACT government to achieve far higher levels of affordable community access and guarantee the future of the Albert Hall as a public venue for civic and cultural purposes
- The need for the ACT government to nominate the Albert Hall to the National Heritage List





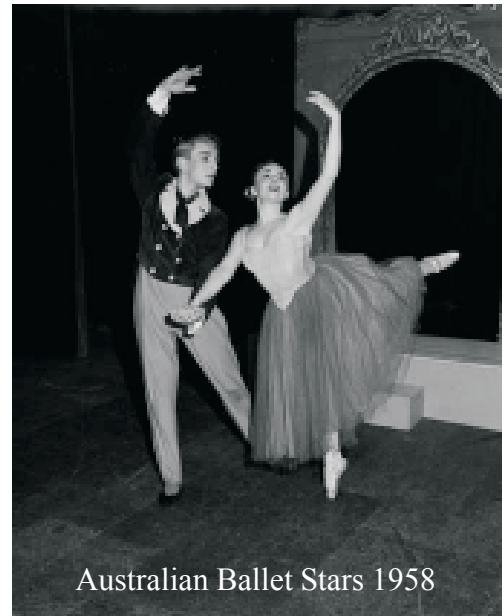
Canberra Youth Orchestra fundraiser Italian Tour 1998



Debutante Ball c1956



Citizenship Convention 1958



Australian Ballet Stars 1958



Bellona in situ c1953



School Craft Displays c1955



Land Auctions c1970



Springtime in Canberra c1956

## WITH THANKS

The Friends of the Albert Hall, National Trust of Australia (ACT) and our community partners warmly thank:

*Our chairman*

Christopher G Chenoweth OAM

*Our speakers and all participants*

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*Our entertainers:*

John Carroll, Monaro Folk Society (coordinator)  
Bush Dancers Display Group  
Bordonian Heritage Dancers  
Theatre Organ Society of Australia (ACT)

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