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1910	Federal Government announces plans for erection of brickworks for brick production for construction of the National Capital.
1913	Land Acquired from R Campbell from the property "Yarralumla".
1913	Temporary plant operational (later demolished).
1914	Temporary brick workers camp established (demolished).
1916	20 chamber Staffordshire Kiln (K1) commences work.
1916	WW1 forces closure of brickworks.
1921	Brickworks reopened as part of government push to build Canberra
1922	Tile making (roof tiles) plant installed south of machine shed (demolished)
1923	Brickworks Railway constructed to link works to the construction sites of Parliament House, Hotel Canberra and Civic Centre (Railway demolished 1929).
1925	2 temporary down draught kilns erected on site of present K4 (demolished). Machine shed expanded by 2 bays and new equipment installed.
1927	Hardy Patent Kiln (K2) commences production.
1931	Brickworks closes due to economic depression.
1935	Limited production resumes. By this time most of shale is being imported from other site due to poor quality of material at Yarralumla.
1942	WW2 restrictions causes closure of brickworks.
1944	Limited production resumes.
1945	New brick workers camp (in pine forest) erected to replace the camp removed during the war by the army (not sure when this was demolished).
1950	Construction of tunnel kiln commenced – not completed. Large shed erected over kiln relocated to Duntroon as stores building.
1954	Chamber Hardy Patent Kiln (K3) with loft + awning erected on site of former tunnel kiln. Chimney # 3 erected as flue for K3.
1956	Kiln K 2 extended by 2 bays and upgraded.
1958	Temporary downdraft kilns demolished and 3 new downdraught kilns erected and in service by 1960 - 63
1966	Downturn in demand for bricks leads to closure of 1 kiln, the laying off of 20 men.
1967-70	The conversion from coal to oil firing to increase output of bricks from the remaining kilns takes place.
1970	Extrusion shed and drying slab erected in SW corner of site.
1976	(partially demolished) Brickworks closes for the last time – operations to relocate to Mitchell.
1976	Brickworks site at Mitchell becomes operational Oct 76.
1976	Extrusion shed relocated to Canberra Showground.
1976/84	AR Marr commences work on proposed development on the site as a tourist complex. Proposal was integrated tourist and residential development to include manufacture (pottery/wine/crafts), specialty shops, antique market, nursery, restaurant and tavern, offices and living museums (horse/veteran car/steam era). Medium density housing and the quarry gardens (in the pit areas were also proposed).
1978	AR Marr – land fill and formation of 'reflection' lake formed. Outer quarry leveled and grassed for the 300mm 'brick train' railway.
Jan 1978	Maunsell & Partners Pty Ltd. <i>Development of Yarralumla Brickworks Site. Provision of Trunk Hydraulic Services.</i> Internal Report NCDC

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May 1978	Wills Denoon & Partners. <i>Yarralumla Structure Plan and Development Plan</i> . Summary Report and Appendices. Internal Report for NCDC.
1979	Brickworks re-opens as tourist attraction in July, '79. Attractions included fire brigade display, veteran cars, fire engine and train rides.
Feb 1979	NCDC. <i>Yarralumla Policy Plan. Report on Environmental Issues incorporating draft EIS and development of Section 100 Yarralumla</i> .
1979	<i>Tourist Road partially gazetted as part of the Yarralumla Policy Plan</i> .
?1979/80	<i>Yarralumla Section 94. Brickworks Redevelopment Section 2. Variation No 5, Map 5</i> . Cover pages notes that variation purpose was to vary city plan to provide access to proposed redevelopment of YBW for tourist and residential purposes. Document has no date or publication details and is a collation of letters and submissions from Yarralumla residents and businesses and appears to be responses to draft Yarralumla Policy Plan.
1980	NCDC. <i>Yarralumla Policy Plan. Supplementary Report on Environmental Issues</i> .
1980	AR Marr in provisional liquidation - liquidation auctions take place in Sept & Nov '80. A 1913 Austral Otis Steam Roller & 1925 Fowler Road Locomotive bought for Museum of Australia.
1982	Antiques market operating in dome kilns Oct '82.
29/09/82	Canberra Brickworks is listed on the Register of the National Estate.
1984	Commonwealth accepts surrender of lease from AR Marr and pays \$1.1m for the lessee's interests on the site.
1986	<i>Conservation Management Plan</i> . Prepared by Lester Firth
Aug 1988	NCDC releases <i>draft Yarralumla Brickworks, South Canberra Policy Plan</i> .
Sept 88	Public comments on <i>draft Yarralumla Brickworks, South Canberra Policy Plan</i> close on 12/9 /88 and Federal Minister notes draft 19/9/88.
17 Oct 88	Federal Minister called for public expressions of interest (EOI) regarding development of Yarralumla Brickworks.
Nov 88	Final <i>Yarralumla Brickworks Policy Plan</i> completed 1/11/88 with public notification 12 /11/88. EOI document ¹ outlines requirements for developers to submit a proposal for development and conservation of the Brickworks. Submissions could be addressed to A/Sec Lands Office of Industry and Development, ACT Administration or Jones Lang Wooten with a closing date of 16 December 1988.
Nov 88	Yarralumla Residents Association formed 22 Nov 1988 following release of draft YB Policy Plan. Letter to Hon Clive Holding Dec 88, advises of formation of YRA and comments on draft YB Policy Plan. Letter states community feels Policy Plan done in haste & does not resolve key issues: need for government policies to moderate housing inflation and ensure good range of public housing; traffic issues; need for a community facilities plan to accommodate new residents; viability of shops by development of retail at YB and Yarralumla Bay.
1988-92	EOI process selects LJ Hookers out of 4 submissions Dec 1988. Hookers invited to take up site in March 89 however Hookers was in voluntary liquidation. Negotiations with Liquidator continued til 1992. Following letters from ACT Government which were not responded to, the ACT Government determined that the offer had lapsed in Aug 1992.
1990	Interim Territory Planning Authority. <i>Draft Variation to the NCDC Policies: Yarralumla Policy Plan 19979 and Yarralumla Brickworks South</i>

¹ ACTPA. (undated). *In the 1920's at Canberra's Yarralumla Brickworks people could buy bricks*. *Times Change*.

	<p><i>Canberra Policy Plan. 1988.</i></p> <p>The Variation proposed detailed variations including: limited capacity for retail and office space, nominated that Block 3 Section 94 change from Open Space to Restricted Access Open Space, provision of new pedestrian and cycle access between the existing residential area and the Cotter Road, the quarry area to be open space for public and/or private gardens, retention of geological features and the capacity for residential development to a maximum of 2,500 sq.m., the capacity for active not just passive recreation uses to allow for opportunities such as a country club or golf course, clarification and defining of building heights across the site rather than having generalized provision, the relocation of heritage buildings within the site, matters to do with traffic and transport including degazettal of the Tourist Road Stage 1 Corridor and opening a new access road to the Royal Canberra Golf Club – to name a few examples.</p>
19/02/91	Approval of <i>Variation No 118 to the Territory Plan – Heritage Places Register. Yarralumla Brickworks (& Federal Capital Commission Type 15 house, Forrest).</i>
Jun 1996	Tenants given notice to vacate with most vacating shortly thereafter.
1996	Allied Projects submits proposal for housing within the Yarralumla Brickworks site for consideration to Chief Minister. The proposal was determined to be non-competitive and was ordered to be withdrawn by the Carnell government in December 1996. Verbal advice from a non-government source is that media and public scrutiny over direct grants by Carnell Government saw lapse of this proposal.
Feb 1997	PALM – Metropolitan Planning & Land Supply Branch. <i>Expressions Of Interest for Purchase, Conservation and Development of the Old Canberra Brickworks.</i> Managed via Richard Ellis, Canberra. There is no documentary evidence that this process was activated. It is understood that it was prepared in anticipation of the Allied Projects Proposal.
1998	Carnell Government invited Lake Burley Griffin LAPAC to submit their views on how the Brickworks could be developed. The Committee which developed a proposal included members of the LAPAC and the YRA.
Mar 1999	Meeting at A Horridge's place prepares Community Values Statement for YBW. YBW is a tangible heritage asset of robust industrial character that should not be lost. It has industrial, cultural, social, botanical and geological significance. WBG defined development guidelines for the Brickworks. The buildings provide a sense of scale, space and grandeur. Development may help the site sustain its character. Industrial processes have left unique geological structures. Don't want glitzy, high rise jungle, low-rise low quality sprawl, cheap development, fenced off condominiums or gated communities, helicopter station. A combo of office development and high quality apartments (urban-village mix), recognise the contributions of AR Marr.
July 99	Burley Griffin Local Area Planning Advisory Committee. <i>Approaches to Conservation and Development of the Old Canberra Brickworks and Environs.</i> Summary includes: YBW of local and national significance and should be retained in entirety, YBW should be retained as a ruin with fabric stabilization, that when linked with other heritage sites in

	<p>Yarralumla forms a heritage precinct, that the precinct be developed as an industrial archaeological park and an ACT Heritage Centre, that initial financing of Brickworks Heritage Park be provided by development adjacent to the Brickworks (that resident and work populations and commercial activity contribute to viability), area is fully publicly accessible, development should be a mixture of residential; commercial and limited manufacturing on a fine scale and grain providing alternative housing/working places to what is currently available in ACT, development to be relatively dense clusters provide equivalent density to 15 dwellings per hectare, development should be distinct from Yarralumla, accessed by Cotter Rd, preserving old city edge, reestablish Westridge Circle as landscape feature.</p>
2000/01	<p>Connell Wagner. <i>Old Canberra Brickworks and Environs Development Control Plan</i> for Office of infrastructure and Asset Management. The Brief for the DCP was based on the LAPAC document noted above. The draft DCP provided 3 development options for housing/site development, fenced public gardens, investigation of possibility for Floriade relocation from Commonwealth Park, adaptive reuse of Brickworks dependent on decontamination, consideration of aged persons units in association with Uniting Church, there was a recommendation that the majority of land remain undeveloped. There was significant opposition from NCA, YRA and wider Yarralumla community.</p>
Mar 2001	<p>YRA organizes Community Search Conference to provide community input to Connell Wagner Study. Summary notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to identify values that could then be used for considering development at the Brickworks. • Principles: Y is a residential suburb; retain open space public access; lake side setting and space for people with opportunities for formal/informal interaction; ensure viability and vitality of shops; sense of place relates to history, clear boundaries, community safety, linkages; no major blockbuster/national events i.e. other people using suburb; maintain demographic mix; participatory planning; trees, canopy, birds, gardens, wild life corridors; limit through traffic; no major development along foreshore. <p>Participants were asked to apply principles to 3 options developed and discussed in meetings in late 2000. Common themes are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of brickworks as heritage area • Development to be kept within 8A • Minimal housing • No necessary nexus between cost of brickworks and housing put onto site • Wooded areas valued • Floriade not wanted • Provision for low key arts/cultural/recreational activities • Prefer sensitive development around Westridge Quarry/Garden and gravel area
2003	<p>Consultations underway for development of Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan. YBW not included in Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
2003-04	<p>NCA commission Central National Area Western Foreshore and Environs Planning Framework – draft report due out for comment in late 2004. Drivers for the study include the fires of 2001 and 2003, increased pressures on the lake for recreation and proposal for expansion of the</p>

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2004	Thor's Hammer, a recycling timber business is main tenant. Three artists are still tenants.
July 04	<i>Draft Yarralumla Neighbourhood Plan</i> released for public comment by ACTPLA.
July – Oct 04	Brickworks Review Project for ACTPLA underway by Susan Conroy /Munns Sly Architects

Please note history from 1913 to 1986 is drawn from timeline prepared by Eric Martin & Associates for Connell Wagner, 2001 and Lester Firth Conservation Management Plan 1986. Bruce McDonald the ex-caretaker has also assisted in refining and clarifying issues.