



Lake User Group (LUG)

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Wednesday 2 September 2015

9:00 am

ADFA Rowing Shed, Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla Bay

Summary Record of Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

Michelle Jeffrey (LUG secretariat) opened and chaired the meeting and welcomed all attending.

Participant List

Organisation	Organisation
NCA	Triathlon ACT
Waterwatch, Molonglo Catchment Group	Lake Burley Griffin Cruises
Burley Griffin Canoe Club	AFP
Scouts ACT	Canberra Yacht Club
ADFA Rowing	Paddle Steamer Enterprise
Rowing ACT	ANU Sports
LBG Guardians	LDA
ACT Sports and Recreation	Royal Life Saving Society ACT
Southern Cross Cruises	Parks and Conservation Service
Dragon Boats ACT	

Apologies

- Nick Hunter – AIS (current LUG Chair)
- Matt Owen – Canberra Yacht Club
- Gillian Styles – Dragon Boats ACT
- Michael Brady – ANU Sport
- Peter Beutel - NCA

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting of the Lake User Group (LUG) held on 3 June 2015 were accepted without amendment.

Actions arising from previous meeting: 3 June 2015

LUG Terms of Reference

The second draft of the Terms of Reference was distributed for comment/feedback.

Lake Burley Griffin Guardians

An invitation to present at the next LUG meeting was sent and accepted.

Grevillea Park and Black Mountain Slipway

An invitation to present at the next LUG meeting was sent to LDA and accepted.

Moored boats coming adrift

The NCA will send letters to boat owners who moor their boats on the lake to check their mooring blocks, chains and shackles for wear and replace where appropriate. - Ongoing

Presentation by Nicholas Holt, LDA Project Director

Grevillea Park

The submission of the Grevillea Park Development Proposal was discussed at the NCA Board meeting during May. While the minutes of this meeting are not yet available, the release of two sites for sheds at this stage has been approved. One of these is 'ear marked' for the Capital Lakes Rowing Club following previous commitments made by the ACT Government.

A public consultation process will begin in September this year, and information about this will be circulated when available. The NCA will require the site and buildings to be of a very high standard and public access along the foreshore and into the lake must be maintained.

Construction and other works will be undertaken in early 2016.

Black Mountain Slipway Construction

Site establishment began in April this year, with many unforeseen issues creating delays and difficulties for the project. Contamination of the site, lack of contractors interested in tendering for the project, requirements of specialised concrete not normally batched in the ACT, and other issues have created delays and frustrations for the project directors.

Works are now expected to be completed by May 2016, and Black Mountain Peninsula stakeholders and the NCA Events team will be informed by the ACT Government of revised project timeframes.

The operation of the slipway will be managed by ACT Property Group.

Nick welcomes any further questions about this project. He can be contacted via email on Nicholas.Holt@act.gov.au

Introduction of the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians by David Mackenzie and Sue Byrne

The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians is a group of like minded members of the Canberra community with interest in Lake matters, planning, policy and recreation activities. The current membership is 25-30 persons.

The aim of the group is to influence decision makers about matters concerning the development of the Lake foreshores. Primary concerns include: the amount and type of development, the visual amenity of the lake and access by the public. The original plan of Walter Burley Griffin emphasised the vistas of, to and from the Lake, and the Guardians wish to protect these as well as retain the open space around the foreshore.

Items for discussion

NCA update – Michelle Jeffrey

The table of general lake maintenance works is attached to these minutes.

In addition to these, and not covered in the meeting:

- Canberra Central Parklands Master Plan is still being prepared. Public consultation is still expected to be during November/December.
- CCMJ is still inoperable.

Terms of Reference (TOR)

The Terms of Reference were endorsed by LUG. There are minor corrections to two membership names, otherwise the TOR were accepted without change. These will be reviewed at least every two years. Final TOR attached.

Point Park Development

The NCA has received draft information regarding a park development at the southern point of West Basin (from Ferry terminal to Commonwealth Ave Bridge). More "Point Park" development information is to be received. LUG will be informed as new information is received and released.

AFP Update: SGT Paul Cartwright, AFP, SRG Maritime

No AFP activities to note.

Currently an application to film a sequence is being considered by the NCA. This scene includes a person jumping from Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and is tabled for Wednesday night next week (9/9/2015). Many issues and risks must be resolved before approval is granted by the NCA.

Other business

- Feral Fish Scan – Deb Kellock, Molonglo Catchment Group requested members of LUG to participate in a citizen scientist activity and report feral fish (carp, redfin, etc) observations in the Upper Murrumbidgee (includes Lake Burley Griffin) on the web page www.feralfishscan.org.au/uppermurrumbidgee. They are particularly interested in observations of where and when they are congregating and spawning.

- Day at the Lake Event hosted by Royal Life Saving Society ACT – A brief summary of the planned event was presented. The event will be held on Sunday 6 December from 11am – 3pm at Barrine Drive near Regatta Point. LUG members are encouraged to use this opportunity to promote their activities. RLSS are focusing on safety on and near the water. National drowning statistics show that drownings in inland waters are higher than pool or beach drownings. It is hoped that the event will also show that Lake Burley Griffin can be used safely for many activities and change the perception that the lake is too dirty for use. For more information contact Jackie Rousseau (jrousseau@rlssa.org.au).
- Bowen Place underpass will be officially opened on Friday 4 September.
- LBG Water Quality monitoring for the Summer Recreational Season will begin the second week of October.
- Paul Jurak (the Kayak Camera Man) opens an exhibition this Thursday evening, 3 September. Paul often promotes the beauty of the Lake through stunning photos on social media.
- Rowing ACT advised of two major events during this spring. Both events will be completed within an hour, setting off from East Basin to West Lake. Spotter boats will be utilised to provide support. Rowing ACT will be able to provide more information on actra@rowingact.org.au

The 2015 dates for the remaining LUG Meetings are:

Wednesday 2 December 2015 (Venue: AFP Water Police, Yarralumla Bay)

- Dates for the 2016 meetings are:
- Wednesday 2 March 2016 (Venue: Southern Cross Yacht Club)
- Wednesday 1 June 2016 (Venue yet to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 7 September 2016 (Venue yet to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 7 December 2016 (Venue yet to be confirmed)

LUG would like to thank Darren (aka Max) and his team at ADFA for hosting the September LUG meeting.

Meeting Closed: 10:05am

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – 2 September 2015

NIL