



Lake User Group (LUG)

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Wednesday 3 June 2015

9:00 am

MV Southern Cross, Alexandrina Drive, Lotus Bay

Summary Record of Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mr Nick Hunter at 9:00am and welcomed all attending.

Participant List

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Nick Hunter	AIS	Craig Johns	Triathlon ACT
Deb Kellock	Waterwatch, Molonglo Catchment Group	Jim Paterson	Lake Burley Griffin Cruises
Kiaron Lomas	Burley Griffin Canoe Club	Paul Cartwright	AFP
Jenny Tyrrell	Scouts ACT	Mat Owen	Canberra Yacht Club
Peter Beutel	NCA	David Townsend	Paddle Steamer Enterprise
David Bagnall	Rowing ACT	Michael Cusack	Rowing ACT
Juliet Ramsay	LBG Guardians	Keryn de Majnic	PS Enterprise
David Mackenzie	LBG Guardians	Dan Ryan	Southern Cross Cruises
Brian Marriott	Southern Cross Cruises	John Freeman	Parks and Conservation Service
Gillian Styles	Dragon Boats ACT	Anne Coutts	Canberra Girls Grammar

Apologies

- No recorded

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting of the Lake User Group (LUG) held on 4 March 2015 were accepted without amendment.

Discussion of actions arising from previous meeting: 4 March 2015

LUG Terms of Reference

The draft TOR was presented to the group at this meeting and members were asked to provide the LUG Secretariat with suggested changes or comments. A second draft will be distributed before the next LUG meeting with the intent of ratifying the TOR at the September meeting.

Future Development of Girls Grammar site

Anne Coutts from Canberra Girls Grammar was invited to speak at this meeting.

Presentation by Canberra Girls Grammar School – Anne Coutts

Currently, the ACT Government is finalizing their site civil works ahead of granting the two sites adjacent to Girls Grammar jetty to the Canberra Girls Grammar School:

- The civil works include construction of a Lake Wall, reed removal and installation of utility services to the sites.
- The school will take possession of the site in September 2015. The site is intended to be used for water sports and they have a lease purpose clause that allows for a small café.
- The school has commenced master planning and intend for the new facility to enhance their requirements to support their existing rowing, sailing and dragon boat programs. They are considering incorporating professional learning space and capacity to provide environmental training. They do not intend to build office space or residential capacity on site. They are also intending to install a new pontoon on the new lake wall.

Presentation by Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) – John Freeman, Manager of Jerrabomberra Wetlands

- Jerrabomberra Wetlands is a 200Ha nature reserve on the eastern end of the lake. The area has a rich history of sand mining, soldier settlement, market gardens, cattle grazing.
- PCS are considering building a visitor centre and have recently improved visitor facilities such as paths and bird hides. They also intend to develop an enhanced environmental education program.
- The challenges include encroachment of the Eastlake development and cat exclusion (as per the Government's cat containment policy).
- PCS intend on strengthening their exclusion policy of Jerrabomberra Creek for lake users and intends on erecting exclusion buoy lines and signage once the rowing club in the area has been relocated. The exclusion policy is principally to ensure the habitat of the migratory bird, the Latham Snake, in the western side of the reserve.

Items for discussion

NCA update – Peter Beutel

- Canberra Central Parklands Master Plan is currently being prepared. It was noted that additional islands are being considered in Central Basin under this proposal. Public consultation on this plan is intended in the second half of this year.

- Bowen Place Crossing is expected to be officially opened on 15 August 2015
- CCMJ is now operating at normal times (2:00-4:00pm, everyday) after the repair required as a result of flooding in February 2015.
- Burley Griffin Canoe Club has a proposal for a second pontoon in the Molonglo River before NCA Works Approval at the moment.

AFP Update: SGT Paul Cartwright, AFP, SRG Maritime

AFP activities to note:

- Boats have been observed operating at night without navigation lights. This is a dangerous activity and contravenes the Lakes Ordinance Act. Clubs are encouraged to discuss this practice with their members at the earliest possible opportunity.
- The proliferation of camping around the lake appears to have abated. The Water Police and NCA have actively worked to discourage camping on the foreshore area.
- A number of boats have recently broken their moorings and potentially putting their boat and other boats at risk. The water police encourage all boat owners with moorings to check their mooring blocks and chains.
- Reporting of Accidents/Incidents on LBG waterways – The Water Police confirmed the need for all boat owners to report accidents/incidents on the lake to the Water Police as soon as possible after the event. The Water Police can be contacted on (02) 6245 7391
- Use of vessels issued with 2C club support vessel permits (petrol powered) for other unrelated purpose – The Water Police and NCA wish to reiterate that a boat can only be used for the purpose identified in their permit application. Ie. A coaching boat is not to be used for fishing. If a boat is to be used for a different purpose, a second permit request will need to be made and the appropriate conditions will have to be followed. Ie. Fishing boats are to use auxillary/electric motors when on the lake.
- Clubs were again asked to notify the NCA when holding event on the lake. This way all appropriate parties can be notified (including the Water Police) and clashing of events can be avoided.

Other business

- Rowing ACT has changed their mailing address to PO Box 7074, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600
- 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.

Proposed meeting dates and venues for LUG meetings 2015

The 2015 dates for the remaining LUG Meetings are:

Wednesday 2 September 2015 (Venue: ADFA Rowing Shed, Yarralumla Bay)

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

LUG would like to thank Brian and his team at Southern Cross Cruises for hosting the June LUG meeting and putting on a glorious day for it.

Meeting Closed: 10:30am

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – 3 June 2015

Actions	
LUG Terms of Reference	A second draft will be distributed before the next LUG meeting with the intent of ratifying the TOR at the September meeting.
Lake Burley Griffin Guardians	A representative of the Guardians will be asked to provide a short summary of the purpose of the group and membership at the next LUG (September) meeting.
Park Master Planning	A representative will be consulted to provide a short summary of the progress of the Master Plans for Grevillea Park and Canberra Central Parklands at the next LUG (September) meeting.
Moored boats coming adrift	NCA to write to boat owners who moor their boats on the lake to check their mooring blocks, chains and shackles for wear and replace where appropriate.