



Lake User Group

Wednesday 10 September 2014

9:00 AM

Treasury Building, National Capital Authority

Summary Record of Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Peter Beutel (NCA) advised that due to James Hammond (LUG Chair, March to June 2014) leaving Canberra, nominations for an Interim Chair had been invited. As no nominations had been received, Nick Hunter from the Australian Institute of Sport was approached and agreed to undertake this role for the remainder of 2014.

The Interim Chair (Nick Hunter) opened the meeting at 9:05am and welcomed all attending.

Participant List

Organisation	Organisation
AIS Rowing	Burley Griffin Canoe Club
Lake Burley Griffin Boat Hire	Rowing Australia
ADFA Boatshed	PS Enterprise
AFP	ANU Sport
Lake Burley griffin Cruises	Rowing ACT
National Museum of Australia (PS Enterprise)	Capital Region Fishing Alliance
AMSA	Southern Cross Cruises
LDA Guest Speaker	

Apologies

Sea Scouts ACT

Canberra Yacht Club

Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

Minutes of the last meeting of the Lake User Group (LUG) held on 11 June 2014 were accepted without amendment.

Discussion of actions arising from previous meeting: –11 March 2014

‘First draft of Terms of Reference to be sent to those on the LUG contact list’

Ongoing action item – Terms of Reference still to be drafted. Michelle Jeffrey (LUG Secretariat) to contact James Hammond to clarify status of terms of Reference development.

‘Nominations for Chair are to be called. An email requesting nominations will be sent to those on the LUG contact list’

Completed – No nominations were received. Nick Hunter has agreed to be Interim Chair for the remainder of 2014.

Presentation on City to the Lake: Overview and Early Activation – Guest speaker: Tim Xirakis (Land Development Agency)

The primary objective of the City to the Lake project is to revitalize the city and create a waterfront treatment that engages and attracts people to the area.

It is planned that approximately 15,000 residents will live in the area and the area will offer a mix of retail and entertainment venues and recreational uses.

The West Basin project is part of a larger plan for development of the area and surrounds (City Hill, Constitution Avenue, Reid CIT) and includes a new entertainment arena/stadium, new law courts, new (redeveloped) theatre and convention centre space which will be four times the current convention centre capacity.

The slides of the power-point presentation given by Tim Xirakis are attached to these minutes.

Should you have any comments, questions and suggestions regarding the West Basin activation, these can be sent to LUG@natcap.gov.au. These will be collated and forwarded to Tim on behalf of LUG.

Items for Discussion

NCA Update – Peter Beutel

50th anniversary of the inauguration of Lake Burley Griffin

Watershed: Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG)?NCA Exhibition

6 September – 23 November 2014

The NCA in partnership with CMAG have developed an exhibition ‘Watershed: Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of lake Burley Griffin’. The exhibition includes photographs, maps historical objects and personal stories. Further information on the exhibition can be found on the Canberra Museum and Galleries web site www.museumandgalleries.act.gov.au/cmag/exhibitions.

Free: CMAG at London Cirt, Canberra City

Monday – Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm Weekends 12:00 – 5:00pm Closed public holidays

Lake Burley Griffin inauguration anniversary concert at the National Carillon

Friday 17 October 2014: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

A special anniversary concert for Lake Burley Griffin.

Free: National Carillon, Aspen Island; and audible around Central Basin.

Toast the Lake: National Capital Exhibition on Regatta Point.

Friday 17 October 2014: 5:30pm – 7:00pm (limited to 45 places)

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the lake with talks and a toast at the National Capital Exhibition. Hear from John Gray OAM, who, with Parks and Gardens, undertook tree planting before the lake was created. Landscape architect and historian Dr Dianne Firth will also provide a short presentation. The toast will be offered by Andrew Smith, Deputy Chief of the National Capital Authority.

Free: RSVP via CMAG (p: 6207 3968) by Wednesday 15 October.

Lake Burley Griffin walks

Wednesday 24 September, Wednesday 22 October and Wednesday 19 November: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Join a National Capital Authority volunteer for a guided walk around the Central Basin and celebrate the astonishing story of this water jewel in Canberra's crown.

Free: for enquiries, contact National Capital exhibition via 6272 2902.

Meet in the reception area of the National Capital Exhibition, Barrine drive, Regatta Point.

General Lake Update – Peter Beutel

The NCA Lake Works Program was distributed to LUG members prior to the meeting.

Works completed prior to this meeting:

- Lake wall refurbishment works at Commonwealth Park, Acton Peninsula and Lennox Gardens – Completed July 2014
- Commonwealth Place jetty east navigation lights installation – Completed August 2014

Works commenced or underway prior to this meeting:

- Commonwealth Place duckboard decking maintenance – Proposed completion: September 2014
- Lake edge woody weed control – proposed completion: November 2014

Proposed works (based on priority rating)

- Jetty maintenance program – Lanotec application and additional painting works – Proposed completion: December 2014
- Lake wall refurbishment works at Lennox Gardens, Kings park and Rond Terraces – Proposed completion: December 2014

AFP Update

No items or issues were raised.

Other Business

There still seems to be some confusion regarding the [*Marine Safety \(Domestic Commercial Vessel\) National Law Act 2012*](#) (the National Law) which covers Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCV). This legislation is administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) as the national regulator and has now replaced the various maritime regulations covering the states and territories. Water bodies may still have specific regulations which will run concurrently with the National Law, such as the Lakes Ordinance 1976 for Lake Burley Griffin. The ACT Water Police are authorised inspectors for both the National Law and Lakes Ordinance.

Identifying whether clubs and sporting institutions are affected by the National Law can be difficult. Clubs and sporting institutions are encouraged to consult with AMSA for a specific determination, as a single case of having been paid for the use of a boat is deemed to be a commercial exchange, resulting in the boat to be classed as a DCV. The implications of not correctly registering a boat as a DCV are heavy fines and potential non payment of claims by insurance companies if there is an incident.

AMSA can be contacted through:

- Email - nationalsystem@amsa.gov.au
- for specific clarification questions - David Marsh - david.marsh@amsa.gov.au

- for specific technical questions – Ian Jones - ian.jones@amsa.gov.au

Changes to the NCA Boat Permit Process - Peter Beutel

The NCA has recently implemented a new process to administer power boat permits on Lake Burley Griffin. For this year only, all existing boat permit holders must submit an online application via the NCA website (nationalcapital.gov.au). The application must include additional information, including photos of the boat and motor. This information will assist the NCA and Water Police gain better knowledge of the craft authorized to use the Lake. Existing permit holders will not be required to obtain a boat inspection at this time unless significant modifications have previously been made to the vessel since the original application. Inspections by the Water Police are still required for new applications for boat permits. So far there have been fewer permits issued than in previous years. This may be due to a number of reasons such as permits being automatically issued to those who no longer owned boats or have moved or some boat owners being unaware of the new process and expecting to receive the permit automatically. It is the NCA's intention at this time to automatically issue permits for 2015-16.

Review of the ACT Recreational Water Quality Guidelines by ACT Health.

The meeting with ACT Health for stakeholders wanting to know more about the most recent review of the ACT Recreational Water Quality Guidelines will be at the ACT Health Protection Services office in Holder. **RSVP notices are to be sent to Adrian Farrant (Adrian.Farrant@act.gov.au)**

Address: Mulley St, Holder

Date: 2 October 2014 (NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE)

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Meeting Closed: 10:00 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 December 2014

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – 10 September 2014

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
Draft of the LUG Terms of Reference to be developed.	Secretariat