



Lake User Group

Wednesday 11 June 2014

9:00 AM

Treasury Building, National Capital Authority

Summary Record of Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair (James Hammond) opened the meeting at 9:00am and welcomed all attending.

Participant List

Organisation	Organisation
Rowing ACT	Canberra Lakes Rowing Club
NCA	Lake Burley Griffin Cruises
AMSA	Molonglo Catchment Group
LDA	Canberra Yacht Club
ADFA Boatshed	NMA (Paddle Steamer Enterprise)
Dragon Boat ACT	ACT Sport and Recreation Services
PS Enterprise	Canberra Region Fishing Alliance
Southern Cross Cruises	Triathlon ACT

Apologies

AIS Rowing
Scouts ACT
AFP Maritime
Burley Griffin Canoe Club
Capital Region Fishing Alliance

Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

Minutes of the last meeting of the Lake User Group (LUG) held on 12 March 2014 were accepted without amendment.

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

‘NCA to invite a spokesperson from LDA to present at the next LUG meeting. Subjects to include Slipway, Kingston Harbour, Grevillea Park’

Completed – Arrangements made for LDA to attend meeting 11 June 2014.

‘Peter Beutel to meet at the Regatta Point Jetty on Monday 17 March with concerned commercial boat operators to discuss the height of the pylons and other infrastructure issues’

Completed – Minor works to be undertaken before 30 June 2014 including the installation of larger cleats, chains, and the left bumper and pylon to be lowered.

‘Representatives from LUG groups to be nominated to assist in the working group for the development of LUG Terms of Reference and a Process for selecting office bearers. Those wishing to participate are to contact Michelle Jeffrey’

One response has been received.

Presentation on Grevillea Park development – Guest speakers: Simon Dolejsi (ACT Sport and Recreation Services), Sharni Silver (Environment, Sustainable Development Directorate), and Nicholas Holt (Land Development Agency)

Following a strategic review of the lake recreation facilities and the increasing need for infrastructure, opportunities have been identified for the development and construction of low scale recreation infrastructure at Grevillea Park.

A master plan is currently being drafted and will be released for public consultation in the coming months. This is a high level plan with many fine details yet to be confirmed (e.g. parking requirements, pedestrian and cycle access and integration).

A total of four sites have been earmarked within the draft master plan. It is proposed that two of these be released by the ACT Government during the 2014-2015 financial year and the remaining two be released in the 2015-2016 financial year. The sites to be released and in which order has not yet been determined.

Significant off-site servicing work is required before the commencement of any construction as the area has limited sewerage, water and power amenities suitable for the intended development.

It is planned that the Capital Lakes Rowing Club be offered one of the sites to hasten the relocation of the club from Kingston Harbour. It is expected that many groups will express interest in the remaining three sites. Those who wish to do so are encouraged to contact Simon Dolejsi from ACT Sport and Recreation Services (simon.dolejsi@act.gov.au).

The LDA will engage a project manager and an architect to draft and design the Capital Lakes Rowing Club shed, which will be subject to NCA planning requirements and approvals. Cost of construction is to be borne by the ACT Government. The tenure model for groups located at Grevillea Park is yet to be determined. As yet there has been no consideration regarding the construction of a jetty.

Black Mountain Slipway update

It is expected that the slipway will be completed by December 2014 with the facility to become operational by early 2015.

Any works to be done in the water are expected to take a number of weeks with measures in place to minimize any disruption to lake users.

Presentation on the Implementation of the Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 and Regulation 2013 by David Marsh and Ian Jones

The [Marine Safety \(Domestic Commercial Vessel\) National Law Act 2012](#) (the National Law) covers Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCV) and is administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) as the national regulator. This has now replaced the different 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 accredited inspectors for the National Law.

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 authorised to use the Lake. Existing permit holder 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 vessels.

Items for Discussion

NCA Update – Peter Beutel

50th anniversary of the inauguration of Lake Burley Griffin

The National Capital Authority is working with the Canberra Museum and Gallery on an exhibition exploring the history and use of the lake since its inauguration in 1964. A series of events will be promoted along with the exhibition, including:

- Lectures by Canberra historians Dianne Firth and John Gray at the National Capital Exhibition
- Talk with engineer, Chris Leigh at CMAG to see objects from Scrivener Dam and learn about the anchor bolt replacement project
- An anniversary concert at the National Carillon
- Volunteer led guided walks of Lake Burley Griffin

It is expected other events will be added to this programme.

A “50th celebration” brand is being developed to include on promotional materials. This can be provided to all LUG members holding events during October. The NCA will also promote these events through its communications channels.

Boundless Canberra

The first stage of the ACT's largest and most inclusive children's playground is on the verge of completion; featuring slides, swings and an adventure fort, and accessible to all children regardless of their level of ability.

Once completed, the Boundless National Children's Playground will be the size of an AFL field. It will be able to accommodate children with physical, visual and spectrum disabilities.

The playground was a Centenary of Canberra project, built on land provided by the National Capital Authority in Kings Park, next to Lake Burley Griffin.

Canberra Chinese Garden – Lennox Gardens

Work has commenced on the Canberra Chinese Garden in Lennox Gardens and is expected to be completed in October 2014.

The works comprise the construction of an arrival plaza, a Garden Gateway structure and a Crane Viewing Pavilion. Both structures are orientated and placed in accordance with the principles of Chinese garden design. A selection of garden artworks and artefacts are positioned throughout the garden. Feature trees such as *Cimmaron Ash* and *Crepe Myrtle* and a stepped rock garden are also proposed to be included.

A series of pedestrian paths will be constructed throughout the gardens linking the upper and lower parts of the Garden.

The existing shared asphalt path will be demolished and replaced with a new 3.0 metre wide asphalt cycleway/path (bounded by granite sets to match the existing edges). Total width will be 4.0 metres. The path will be tapered to meet the existing path at either end of the new works.

No changes are proposed to the pedestrian boulevard (between the site and Nara Peace Garden) within Lennox Gardens.

The BBQ facilities that have been removed will be relocated within Lennox Gardens. The NCA is currently considering a Works Approval application for the new locations.

General Lake Update – Peter Beutel

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

Peter Beutel highlighted the following works:

- Scrivener Dam Sluice Gate Refurbishment

Sluice Gate 3 at Scrivener Dam is now being refurbished and this work is expected to take approx. two weeks. Due to the logistics of the works, the lake level has been lowered by 75mm-100mm.

- Installation of permanent water quality signs

Permanent changeable water quality signs have been installed at 18 locations around the Lake. These locations are popular entry points to the water and will be part of the communication systems the NCA has in place for informing water users of the conditions of the Lake. Other communication methods will continue to be the web site, twitter and media releases.

AFP Update

No report was provided by the Water Police, however Darren Walker from ADFA wished to inform others who operate from the Yarralumla area that there had been a break in at the ADFA sheds overnight on Tuesday 10 June.

Other Business

Terms of Reference Working Group

Only one response was received for the working group to develop Terms of Reference for LUG.

Peter Beutel, James Hammond and Matt Owen met to discuss the parameters of the Terms. These Terms will assist in the appointment of office bearers (Chair and Vice Chair) and ensure transparency. The Terms will also assist the Chair in the delivery of information to the media and how the Chair may represent the group.

A first draft Terms of Reference will be sent to those on the LUG contact list. Comments and feedback are to be sent to the LUG email (LUG@natcap.gov.au) for consideration before a final draft is released for consideration. The final draft will be presented to at the next meeting (10 September) to be ratified and accepted by LUG.

Action Item: First draft of the LUG Terms of Reference to be sent to those on the LUG Contact List.

James advised the meeting that he is moving to Adelaide in July and reluctantly resigns as the Chair. A new Chair is to be nominated before the next LUG meeting.

James was thanked for his contribution to LUG and his time as Chair.

Action Item: Nominations for Chair are now to be called by the NCA.

Meeting Closed: 10:15 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 September 2014

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – 11 June 2014

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
First draft of the LUG Terms of Reference to be sent to those on the LUG Contact List.	Chair
Nominations for Chair are now to be called by the NCA.	Secretariat