



Lake User Group (LUG)

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Wednesday 4 March 2015

9:00 am

AFP Water Police shed, Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla Bay

Summary Record of Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mr Peter Beutel (NCA Asset Manager) at 9:00am and welcomed all attending.

The 2015 Chair (Nick Hunter) was unable to attend the meeting.

Participant List

Organisation	Organisation
NCA	Rowing ACT
NCA	Lake Burley Griffin Cruises
Lake Burley Griffin Boat Hire	AFP
Scouts ACT	APF
ADFA Boatshed	Paddle Steamer Enterprise
SES	Capital Region Fishing Alliance
LBG Guardians	Canberra Fishermans' Club
LBG Guardians	Southern Cross Cruises
Dragon Boats ACT	LDA – Guest Speaker
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Triathlon ACT	

Apologies

- Nick Hunter – AIS Rowing
- Keryn de Majnik – NMA (Paddle Steamer Enterprise)
- Simon Booth – Rowing Australia
- Michael Brady – ANU Sport

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting of the Lake User Group (LUG) held on 3 December 2014 were accepted without amendment.

Discussion of actions arising from previous meeting: 3 December 2014

#LoveLBG Ambassador Packs

Additional stock of posters, flyers and car stickers are available from the NCA Reception.

Call for 2015 Chair nominations

Only one nomination for the 2015 was received. Nick Hunter (AIS Rowing) self nominated. Nick has been appointed as chair for 2015.

LUG Terms of Reference

Following the appointment of the 2015 LUG Chair, the process of drafting the LUG Terms of Reference will recommence.

Presentation by LDA on City to the Lake

Ian Wood-Bradley and Melanie Skinner of the LDA gave a presentation to the LUG meeting. Key notes of the presentation included:

- City to the Lake (CtTL) outlines the framework for the development of the southern parts of the Canberra CBD. It is a long term project being undertaken by the Land Development Agency (LDA) for the ACT Government that will guide public and private investment in Canberra's heart into its second century.
- CtTL is one of Australia's largest urban renewal projects. It covers an area of over 70 hectares, accommodating 1 million square meters of new floor space on prime central city and waterfront land. The area stretches from the West Basin to ANZAC Parade including Canberra Olympic Pool, the existing convention centre and large surface car parks.
- Feedback received during the 2013 public consultation, highlighted the importance the community placed on public access to the Lake. While embracing the vision in the CtTL proposal, Lake users wanted to ensure they could continue to use walking and cycling tracks at West Basin, and entre the Lake for water sports without impediment.

- As a result of this feedback, the ACT Government will ensure continuous public access to the Lake edge will not only be maintained in the precinct, but enhanced to improve user experienced.
- The West Basin Waterfront will be the first stage in the ACT Governments' plans to connect the city centre to Lake Burley Griffin. It will be a place for festivals and events – for people to meet, celebrate and play in Canberra. The precinct will include new parks, cafes, restaurants, plazas and streets for the community to use and enjoy.
- The West Basin Waterfront will be undertaken in phases, but the timing for each stage will be determined when a construction schedule has been set. It is expected the construction of the public promenade on the shore of West Basin will commence in the 2015/2016 financial year. This work includes the construction of a new Lake wall on the Eastern section of West Basin, and extending land to maximize public space.
- The arc shape of the shoreline will return to Walter and Marion Griffin's original 1912 design for West Basin.
- A new public path will also be constructed from Regatta Point into West Basin (extending the R. G. Menzies Walk on the northern shore of Central Basin). Parklands and recreation areas for community use will be included on the Eastern section of West Basin, near Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.
- Discussions have been held with some boat operators on the proposed jetty, and information has been requested from the remaining businesses.
- Further development of the West Basin Waterfront will be informed by community feedback, which will commence shortly.
- Lake User Group members are welcome to Contact the Land Development Agency with specific concerns or questions that were not covered in the meeting. The contact officer is :

Melanie Skinner – Senior Manager, Communications

City to the Lake, Land Development Agency

melanie.skinner@act.gov.au

02 6205 1294

Items for discussion

NCA update – Peter Beutel

- Grevillea Park Master Plan and planning framework from LDA is being considered by NCA Plan. Resolution is expected at next Authority meeting in May 2015.
- The Captain Cook Memorial Jet (CCMJ) pumping rooms were inundated due to a part failure on Friday 20 February 2015. This has caused extensive damage to the jet electrical system. Investigations are underway to establish the extent of the repairs required and the CCMJ will be inoperable approximately 3 months.

- Woody weed removal is underway on the two islands adjacent to Aspen Island in Central Basin.
- Site commencement works have begun on the site recently sold to Girls Grammar School. The chair undertook to provide more information on this development to Lake Users. An invitation will be sent to a Girls Grammar School representative to present and answer questions at the next LUG meeting (Wednesday, 3 June).

Use of Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's)

Shane Townsend from SES informed the meeting that the SES has ever increasing stretched resources. While the SES is supportive of event organisers enlisting the help/attendance of the SES, event organisers would be wise to encourage the wider use of PFD's. At the moment the majority of event participants are not wearing PFD's. The new generation devices are comfortable and non restrictive.

Boat safety and care around non-powered boats – Peter Beutel

Please be considerate of other lake users when out on the Lake. Please slow down before passing other craft and be aware of others. The wake of coaching boats etc can be disruptive to unpowered craft. Remember your "Tinny Etiquette".

Love Lake Burley Griffin – How can you help support the message – Michelle Jeffrey

The Love Lake Burley Griffin message of 'Canberra's Drains are just for the Rain' encourages Canberran's to maintain healthy ponds, streams, wetlands and Lakes in Canberra, including Lake Burley Griffin. The stormwater system in Canberra connects an extensive network of these waterways and by keeping pollutants out of the storm water system the water quality in these aquatic habitats will improve. While posters, flyers and car stickers have been distributed, and more are available at the NCA reception, Lake Users can help spread the message through including the #LoveLBG logo or message on newsletters, event flyers and registrations, or websites. If you have an opportunity to include any of the Love Lake burley Griffin logos, please contact Michelle (LUG@natcap.gov.au) for an electronic logo to use.

General Lake Update – Peter Beutel

The NCA General Lake Maintenance work and program was distributed to LUG members prior to the meeting.

There have been reports of jelly fish in the Lake. These have occurred before and are harmless and are a natural species in the Lake environment.

All craft are reminded to observe navigational light requirements. The days are getting shorter, so more Lake users will be out in pre-dawn or after dusk.

AFP Update: SGT Paul Cartwright, AFP, SRG Maritime

AFP activities to note:

- A yacht's mast became stuck under Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and required assistance

- Assistance with a dragon boat
- Increasing numbers of campers on the Lake foreshore, in particular, the Yarralumla area. AFP will request these campers to move on
- There will be diver training in the Lake over the next few weeks.

Other business

The Carp Out event is on Sunday 29 March, 2015. This will require the cycle path at Lennox Gardens to be closed. A detour to the Flynn Drive path will be in place.

Dragon Boats ACT will be hosting an event 28-29 March at Grevillea Park. Lake users with questions about the event setup are welcome to contact Dragon Boats ACT.

Proposed meeting dates and venues for LUG meetings 2015

The 2015 dates for the remaining LUG Meetings are:

Wednesday 3 June 2015 (Venue: M.V. Southern Cross, departing Yarralumla Bay)

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 AFP for hosting the LUG March meeting.

Meeting Closed: 10:20am

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – 4 March 2015

LUG Terms of Reference	Following the appointment of the 2015 LUG Chair, the process of drafting the LUG Terms of Reference will now recommence.
Future Development of Girls Grammar sites	The chair was requested to invite a representative of the CGGS to provide a short talk at next LUG meeting on what is planned for this site.