

LAKE USER GROUP NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

The National Capital Authority acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

As most of you are aware, the Lake User Group meet via a quarterly face-to-face meeting. Members from various clubs and organisations, from a variety of water sports, as well as representatives from the NCA, the AFP Water Police and the LBG Guardians meet to discuss a range of topics concerning Lake Burley Griffin.



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings as well as rules on social distancing, the June 2020 meeting will be presented in the form of a newsletter.

We hope you enjoy.

David and Chantelle

NEXT MEETING:

- Wednesday 2 September 2020 – YMCA Sailing Club, 35 Alexandrina Dr., Yarralumla ACT 2600
- Wednesday 2 December 2020 – **No venue yet, please let me know if you are able to host**
- Wednesday 3 March 2021 – **No venue yet, please let me know if you are able to host**

Please let me know if you like this newsletter - we would love to hear your thoughts! We are thinking the June and September (out of recreational season) meetings in 2021 could be replaced with a newsletter like this one. We would still hold the meetings in March and December.

Please provide your thoughts at or before the next meeting in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS (for the next 3 months):

EVENT DATE/S	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT NAME
21 June 2020	6am – 8am	Yarralumla Bay	Ian Lindeman Winter Solstice Memorial Swim
4-5 July 2020	7am – 3pm	East Basin + Molonglo Reach	Paddle NSW Divisional Race
2-8 Sept 2020 (event day 5 th Sept 2020)		Central Basin	Skyfire

Please note: These dates are tentative and will be confirmed in the coming months, as restrictions continue to ease.

AFP UPDATE:

ACT Policing is continuing negotiations to acquire accommodation on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

At this stage nothing is confirmed or has been signed.

ACT Policing should know in the next few weeks if they have successfully negotiated a building.

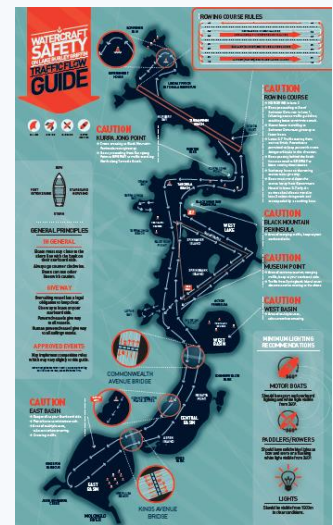


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NCA comment: Watch this space, we'll keep you updated

NCA UPDATE:

- COVID-19** – We hope that everyone is safe and well. As part of the NCA's response to COVID-19, several public toilets, playgrounds around the Lake and the National Capital Exhibition were temporarily closed. The NCA also increased cleaning regimes in public areas around the Estate. We are pleased to say that public toilets and playgrounds are now open. The NCE will be open soon too, keep an eye out [here](#). Thank you to our contractors and service providers for adapting to these challenging times and keep the Lake and the Estate clean and safe.
- Water Safety** - A reminder to all lake users to stay safe on the Lake. Please take the appropriate safety precautions when going out in cold weather and ensure that you have a light on your boat if going out in the early morning or evening. We expect that there will be increased use of the Lake as restrictions are eased in the coming months. We encourage all Lake users to be courteous to others and to follow the [traffic flow guide](#).
- Carillon Illuminations** – From 27 May to 3 June the National Carillon was used as a stunning electric canvas to project a fabulous series of narratives and imagery for National Reconciliation Week 2020. The display will encourage all Australians to reflect upon the part they play – whether big or small – on our journey towards reconciliation.
- Commonwealth Avenue Bridge** – NCA have finalised the business case for strengthening and widening of Commonwealth Avenue Bridge to support increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic. There should be minimal impact to Lake Users.
- Paddleboats** – The paddle boats will be moving to Aspen Island. We expect the move to occur in October 2020.
- Contour 556** – Contour 556 is a free public art event that showcases local, national and international artists with a range of installation around the lake. The event was last held in 2018 and will be returning in October 2020.



Title: Reconciliation, a Continuing Journey of Growth and Togetherness
Artist: Nikita Ridgeway, Boss Lady Creative Designs
Narrative created by: Reconciliation Australia

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7. **Lake Walls Renewal Program** - Work on the lake walls renewal program started on Acton Peninsula in late April. The first package of work involves resin injection behind the walls to fill voids and cracks and to prevent the loss of soil. Following Acton Peninsula, resin injection has taken place along a short section of Aspen Inland and Lennox Gardens with work now being undertaken along the RG Menzies Walk. To date, more than 1km of walls have been stabilised through resin injection and the works are currently programmed to continue through until September 2020. Work Packages two and three will see masonry/paving repairs and landscape repairs to reduce trip hazards.
8. **National Gallery of Australia Foreshore Upgrade** - The NCA will upgrade the shared path that runs between the National Gallery of Australia Sculpture Garden and lake foreshore path to increase the shared path width and to undertake a lighting upgrade. The works will include improved access to the Sculpture Garden, terraced seating walls and minor landscape and supporting works. Work is anticipated to commence later this month. Pedestrian and traffic management plans are currently being finalised and will likely include closure of the foreshore path to maintain public safety. In the event of a closure, pedestrian and cyclists will be diverted around the National Gallery of Australia.
9. **Water Quality** – We have seen a recent spike in BGA levels around the lake as the weather started to get colder. This can happen when the water destratifies and the bottom layer of nutrient rich water mixes with the top layer of water in the lake. We are pleased to say that the water quality has been steadily improving over several weeks. Water Quality testing for the recreational season will recommence in October 2020.
10. **Aspen Island Redevelopment** - The works to redevelop Aspen Island are complete with the exception of a few minor items. The construction fence will be removed in the coming weeks. We encourage the Lake Users to take a stroll around the island and enjoy the new landscape. The island can be used as an event venue - we have already received lots of requests for weddings.



WORKS COMPLETED THIS FY:

COMPLETED

- Yarramundi Reach - Shoreline clearing
- Nerang Pool - Tidy up of weeds
- CCMJ - Repairs to buoy line
- Yarralumla Bay (near YMCA) – Temporary gravel boat ramp
- Commonwealth Place - Repair 1 x broken and spread out of cleats across duck board
- Rowing course - Repairs to long and lat
- Clearing and replanting on the Southern Shoreline of Springbank Island
- Lanotec of jetties - Lotus Bay Beach, Lotus Bay Finger (CYC), Lotus Bay (CYC), Acton Peninsula East and West, Yarralumla Bay East and West and Regatta Point
- Beach grooming – Yarralumla, Weston Park East, Lotus Bay and Grevillea
- Erosion control works at Scrivener Dam buoy line (GG side)
- Clearing of weeds and at the stormwater channel between Rond Terrace and Blundells Cottage
- 2 new picnic furniture sets for Springbank Island
- Buoys at 2 locations on LBG
- Fish Stocking – 22, 700+ Murray Cod
- Additional sand at Grevillea Beach due to lower lake level
- Removal of nuisance aquatic plant at Central and East Basin
- Minor works to NMA jetty including reinforcement plates to seating, bracing on pile and gate repairs
- Painting of piles and fender upgrade at Regatta Point Jetty
- Timber replacement at Lotus Bay West Jetty
- 150+ plants replanted at Springbank following fire
- Repairs to timber seating at Commonwealth Place
- Aspen Island refurbishment including beach (NCA Design and Construction team – Jo Prego)

IN PROGRESS

- Lotus Bay Jetty – Formalisation of carpark and jetty works
- Lake Walls remediation project (NCA Design and Construction team – Adam Deutsch)

PLANNED

- Yarralumla West Jetty Refurbishment (former water police)



Green tree guard = 2019 plantings
Pink tree guard = 2020 plantings

CLEAN UP LBG DAY

A message from Tammy Ven Dange:

It may only be June, but we're already planning for the next Clean-up Lake Burley Griffin Day 2020. This year, we're scheduling it for Sunday, 15 November to coincide with National Recycling Week. With this event growing every year, we realise that there's a direct correlation between the amount of rubbish we clean-up and the number of volunteers. So, the more volunteers, the better.

We'd love to cover as many locations around the Lake again with your help. If you are interested in being a site supervisor on the day of the event, please let me know. Last year, we had 7 locations with supervisors from the Burley Griffin Canoe Club, Capital Lakes Rowing Club, the Ice Dragons Paddle Club, the Molonglo Conservation Group, the Yarralumla Residents Association and Triathlon ACT.

We'd love to get you and others back again this year. The time commitment is for about 4 hours on the 15th and a meeting the week before. We also hope that you'll recruit some of your own members to help.

If you're interested in supporting this event in 2020 as a site supervisor, please let me know at tvendange@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Tammy



PROPOSED MURAL AT YMCA SAILING CLUB

A message from Chris Ablett (YMCA):

The YMCASC is proposing to put in a Works Approval Application for a painted Mural on the 3 doors at the southern end of our Boat Storage Shed. At present they are in desperate need of maintenance and we are of the opinion that we could do something extra to lift the visual experience of the area.

Our intention is to reflect the principle activities which are carried out by the YMCA Aquatic Recreation Centre. Each door will have a picture denoting a particular activity. The three we have chosen are the Hub which has Stand Up Paddle Boards and Canoes for hire during the summer months, The YMCA Sailing Club which holds regattas, school sailing programs, learn to sail courses and Club Sailing activities plus power boat courses. These are mainly summer orientated. The third door will feature the Model Boat Club which holds races in Yarralumla Bay basically for the whole year.

We are fortunate to have within our membership a person with the talent to produce an outstanding mural which we believe will enhance the appearance of our Club and contribute to Yarralumla Bay becoming the centre of aquatic activity for Canberra. With two sailing clubs, four rowing clubs, sea scouts and ADFA it's beyond dispute however does not have the visual presence to reflect that.

You can contact Chris at ablexpl@iinet.net.au or on 0413 989 352.



YMCA PONTOON EXTENSION 1-7 OCT

A message from Eric Hines (YMCA):

The YMCA Sailing Club are intending to host the 2.4mR yacht nationals over the October 2020 long weekend. To service the expected 15 to 20 yachts our existing pier will need a temporary extension which we are borrowing from Dragon Boat ACT. This would extend the Yarralumla Bay pier by approximately 15m into the bay from approximately 1 to 7 October. If this would cause major disruption to your on water activities, please let us know asap.

You can contact Eric at eric.hines1@hotmail.com

TOLL RESCUE HELICOPTER

Every couple of months, the Toll Emergency Rescue Helicopter, perform essential training on the Lake. See some photos taken on 13 May 2020 by Lake User Tony Croke ([Facebook Cecil1958](https://www.facebook.com/Cecil1958) www.lakeburleygriffin.com.au).

Thanks for sharing Tony!

