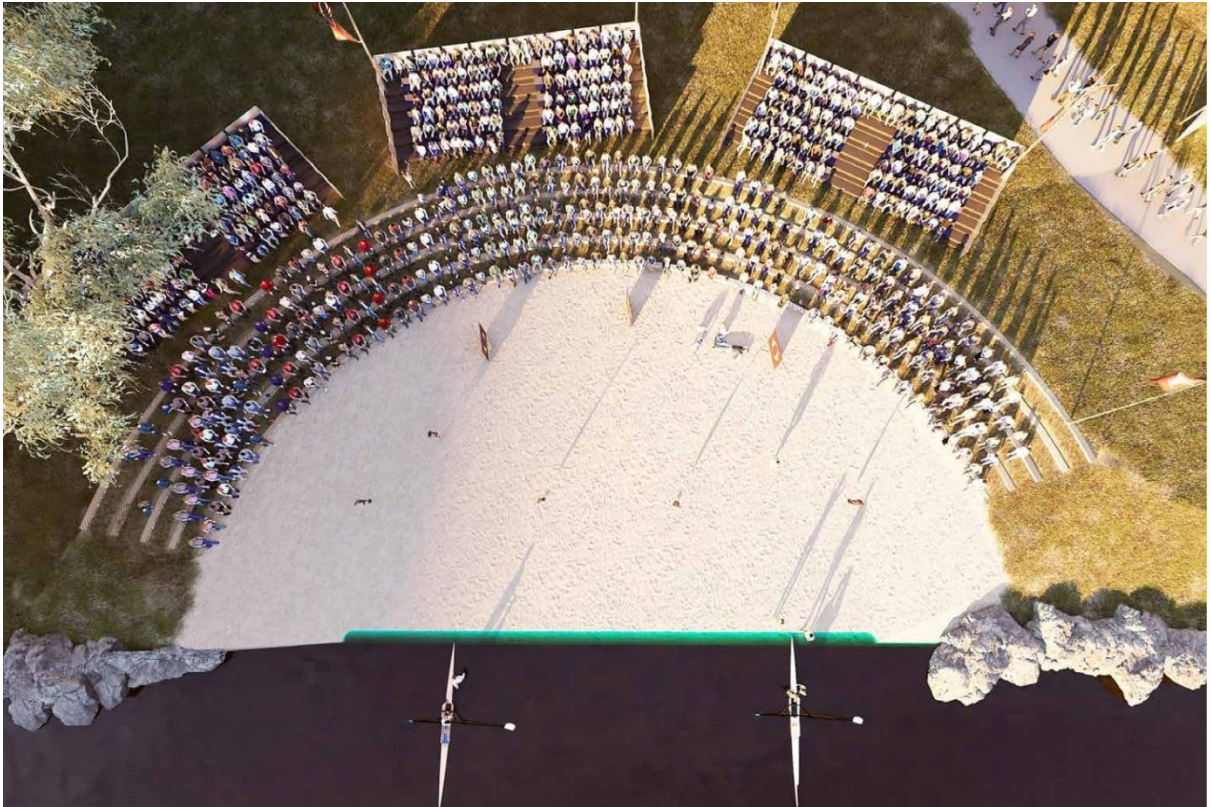


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**BLACK MOUNTAIN PENINSULA
ENHANCEMENT WORKS**
COASTAL ROWING ARENA – MINOR WORKS APPROVAL

RED SHED INC.

11 March 2026
National Capital Authority (NCA)
Treasury Building, King Edward Terrace
Parkes, ACT, 2600
ATT: Works Approval Officer

Executive Summary

October 2025 saw the successful beginning of Red Shed Inc.'s ambitious new rowing event – the Golden Oar, which is set between Black Mountain Peninsula and Weston Park. Red shed has been committed to using rowing as a catalyst for positive change within the Canberra community, which it has now successfully extended internationally. This works approval is for the development of a new Coastal Rowing Arena situated to the north of the existing Red Shed.

The proposed works include the construction of an amphitheatre-style arrangement of retaining walls that will frame and support the competition area to create a cosy, yet functional recreational space for the public year-round. The project involves tree removal within the footprint, earthworks to excavate and regrade the site and the replacement of existing soil with sand to form a safe landing area for coastal rowing events, wherein athletes regularly dive onto the beach to finish races.

Construction is planned to commence in April 2026, with completion by August, allowing a 2-month buffer prior to the golden oar for defect rectification, and to introduce the community to the new facility. Not only will this site be providing the setting for a coastal rowing event at the annual Golden Oar, but it will also provide the public with an incredible asset that can utilised year-round.



Locality Plan



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Description:

Refer to the location of works plan shown above: the proposed coastal rowing arena is located between Red Shed and Black Mountain Rowing Club; this arena will form a new recreational feature within the Black Mountain Peninsula's landscape.

The arena is designed to support both community use for leisure or to participate in coastal rowing events and training year-round, as well as providing a world class arena for professional events such as the annual Golden Oar for international athletes.

Proposed Works

This Works Approval seeks permission for the construction of an amphitheatre style construction of retaining walls surrounding the coastal rowing arena. These walls will provide structural support and define spectator seating terraces while also assisting in retaining sand inside the arena.

The works also involve the removal of the trees located along the shoreline. Within the amphitheatre footprint, existing soil will be replaced with sand to create a beach for coastal rowing events, this is needed as athletes frequently dive onto the sand to complete races.

To support event operations, accommodation for conduit installation throughout the arena and amphitheatre zone required for powering event electronics and lights. Additionally, hydraulic works will be incorporated as necessary to provide shoreline protection, ensuring the interface between the arena and waterbody is stable, erosion-resistant, and capable of managing site drainage.

Scope of works

The project comprises the following minor works:

Tree removal	As shown on the accompanying survey drawings, there are several key trees that will be removed, this occurs with the full support of the CED.
Earthworks	Excavation and grading of soil to achieve desired levels to form the arena, and removal of soil on beach area and replacement with sand to form the soft fall area that can be used for competition and leisure.
Retaining walls / amphitheatre construction	The retaining walls serve to provide seating for spectators and assisting in keeping the sand inside the arena. The steps will be approximately 2m deep and 300mm high, with a grass top and mowing strip to assist with grass maintenance.
Associated works	Transfer existing bike path West to accommodate temporary event seating.

Scale and nature of works

The works are limited in extent and are confined to the defined project footprint. No major buildings or large-scale infrastructure are proposed.

Drawing register and Supporting Reports

Please find below a list of attachments to this submission:

- i. Design Drawings
 - ii. Existing Site Photos
 - iii. Level Survey
 - iv. CED Email of Support
 - v. NCA Letter of Authorization
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Work Schedule and Proposed timing

The upcoming Golden Oar 2026 aims to provide Coastal Rowing as an event for athletes to participate in. With this goal in mind, it is our aim to begin construction by late April with the finishing timeline of August in order to provide a 2-month buffer period to allow for any defects that may present themselves and give residents an opportunity to use the facility prior to its debut competition.

Statement of Compliance

The proposed works are minor in scale and consistent with applicable planning and land management requirements. All works will be undertaken in accordance with relevant engineering, environmental, and safety standards.