



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.

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2020. This has certainly been a challenging year for all with the bushfires, floods, heavy rainfall and the impact of COVID-19.

This is our third newsletter since restrictions have effected face-to-face meetings. We have received positive feedback about these newsletters and we are hoping to continue to deliver them, post-COVID.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through these times. We wish you and your families a lovely Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.



David and Chantelle



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 March 2021 – Newsletter

Wednesday 2 June 2021 – Newsletter

Wednesday 1 September 2021 – Newsletter



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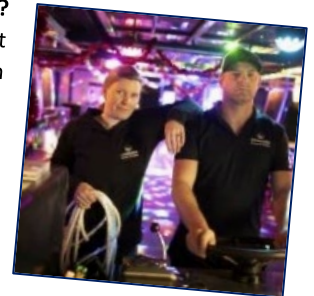
MEET CLINT AND CHARMAINE Owners of Canberra Cruises and Parties

Where is your favourite spot on the Lake?
Driving around the National Carillon at nighttime when it's all lit up or with projections on it. It's beautiful!

What do you do in your spare time?
Charmaine likes to play competition 8 ball and Clint's busy running two businesses but in down time likes to work on cars.

What's a fun fact about you? We're both kiwis, been living here for 8 years and we have a new crew member joining the family who is due on ANZAC Day!

Anything else? We're very grateful to the boating community for welcoming us and their generous support and advice in helping us get started with our business. We'd like to say a special thanks to Jimmy, Adam, Garnett, Brian, Iain, Tali and Fergus.



<http://www.canberrapartyboat.com.au/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Canberra Aqua Park

Dates Nov 2020 to Feb 2021

Location Black Mountain Peninsula

Canberra Triathlon

Date 5 December 2020 **Time** 6am – 3pm

Location Black Mountain Beach and West Basin

Capital Lakes Sprint Regatta (rowing)

Date 5 December 2020 **Time** 6am – 2pm

Location East Basin

Dragon Boat Regattas 2020/21

Dates 12 Dec 2020, 16 Jan 2021 **Time** 6am – 5pm

Location Grevillea Beach, Dragon Boat course at East Basin

Rowing ACT Regattas 2020/21

Dates 30 Jan, 12 Feb & 27-28 Feb and 13-14 Mar 2021 **Time** 7.30am – 4pm

Location Rowing course at Yarramundi Reach

Triathlon ACT Aqua Series

Date 27 January 2021

Location Weston Park East and Yarramundi Reach

Please note: Some events/dates are tentative. Separate LUG event notifications will be distributed closer to these event dates.

MARION MAHONY GRIFFIN'S BDAY

Event proposal

In February 2021, the NCA is proposing to allow certain petrol vessels on Lake Burley Griffin to celebrate Marion Mahony Griffin's 150th birthday.

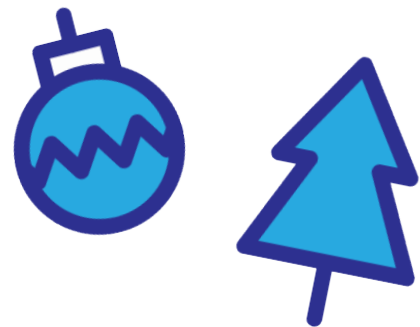
At this stage, no details are confirmed, but we are proposing to hold it on a Saturday in February, between 10am and 4pm.

The Canberra community, and interstate visitors would be invited to bring their petrol-powered vessels and enjoy the beautiful landscapes that we get to enjoy every day.

There will be restrictions on which vessels are allowed. The vessels would be limited to 10 knots and operators would need be licenced.

All lake users would be welcome to join in, in the day's activities.

More updates to come. **For any questions or concerns relating to this proposal, please email events@nca.gov.au**



Chantelle Martins, NCA

Clean Up Lake Burley Griffin Day event 2020

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UPDATES

WATER POLICE UPDATE

Last update, the Water Police had moved their vessels and air berths from their mooring point at Yarralumla West Jetty to Yarralumla East Jetty.

AFP accommodation remains away from the lake, but they are planning to return around March 2021.

Vessel safety equipment compliance inspections will increase over the next few weeks. A reminder to all that you must carry your boat licence and all safety equipment.



Water Police

NCA UPDATES

COVID-19

The NCA continues to review our operations in line with advice from health officials, ACT Government and the Federal Government.

There are no major updates since our last newsletter.

Wherever possible we continue to pivot our public programs and business dealings to teleconference or digital spaces.

We continue to practice social distancing, good hygiene and other risk mitigation measures in all of our operations.

More info and NCA updates [here](#).



CANADIAN FLAGPOLE



NCA staff and the Flagpole project team with the flagpole base after it was fell by an arborist

As reported in the last LUG newsletter, the NCA had planned to remove the 62-year-old Canadian Flag Pole at Regatta Point to undertake a thorough condition assessment.

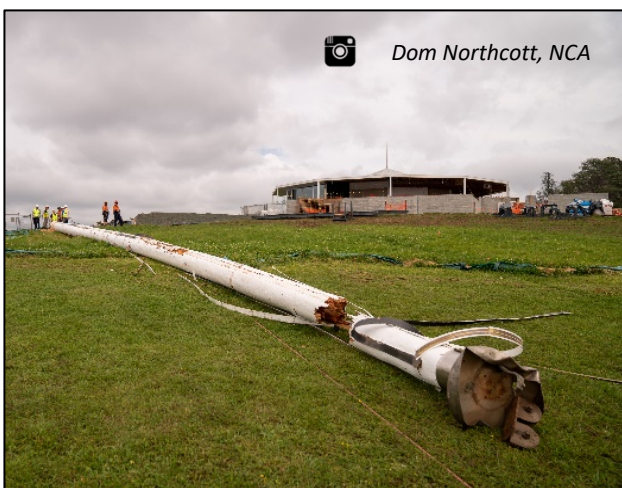
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Initially it was planned to remove the pole using a crane prior to completing the condition assessment. However, once the base cowling was removed, the engineers determined it could not be removed safely by the crane as was initially intended. Felling of the pole using an experienced arborist was the best option available.

On Friday 13 November at 9:38am, the pole was felled at Regatta Point where it shattered into a number of pieces.

The final condition of the pole is such that it cannot be repaired. The future of the poles remains, and what goes back in its place, are currently under consideration. The remains of the poles are currently in a temporary compound on the southwestern shoreline of Acton Peninsula.



The flagpole, shortly after it was dropped

FILMING ON THE ESTATE

You might have noticed that there is an increased amount of filming happening around Lake Burley Griffin and around the Parliamentary Triangle.

Many Australian TV shows are filming within Australian and including Canberra to film, as they are unable to travel overseas.

Unfortunately, we can't tell you which shows have visited but keep an eye out on your favourite Australian TV shows and you might spot our Lake!

ACTON WEST DEVELOPMENT

In September 2020, the City Renewal Authority began the next important stage of work to extend the boardwalk as part of our exciting Acton Waterfront Project.

Completion of the boardwalk will create the new lake edge consistent with the National Capital Plan. It also continues the transformation of the Acton lakefront from an underutilised area dominated by bitumen carparks into an active, attractive, and connected precinct supporting lake usage.

Extending the boardwalk and the associated reclamation work is scheduled to be completed in the second half of 2022 while the interim park is expected to open in early 2023.

A construction zone has been established requiring changes to the parking arrangements and how people access the area. It includes a new path that takes cyclists and pedestrians safely around the work site. Please see map at page 7 of the newsletter.

The standard work times for the site are from 7am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday. Occasionally, some activities (for example site cleaning, deliveries and some vehicles arriving or leaving) may start and finish within 30 minutes of the standard times. Some work may take place on Saturday's to meet programme requirements.

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UPDATES...continued

Work is progressing well with approximately 20% of rock fill placed. Gravel varying in size from 5 mm to 75 mm is being used to create the new area. The new boardwalk will sit above an outer layer of rock armour created using larger rock of between 200 mm to 700 mm.

Piling to create the foundations for the boardwalk is expected to start in January or early February 2021. It is likely that the piling will create some noise.

Local, civil infrastructure contractor Chincivil has been engaged by the Authority to undertake the work. The Chincivil team built the very popular Henry Rolland Park.

If you would like any more information about this project please call Simon Lansdown, Director Community Engagement on 62052980 or via email cityrenewal@act.gov.au. Information is also available at www.cityrenewalCBR.com.au

SEAPLANE DEMONSTRATION

The NCA have been approached by an operator who wishes to hold a Seaplane demonstration flight in Canberra. At this stage it is unknown if this demonstration will involve landing the aircraft on the lake or a low flyby to test noise levels.

The operator is also in discussions with air safety regulators about this proposal.

JETTY WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

The new Jetty Wayfinding sign for Commonwealth Place East has been fabricated, and we are now in the process of finalising the artwork design. We will keep you updated.

LAKE WALLS

First phase of stabilisation behind the walls of Lake Burley Griffin is complete including resin injection behind 3.95km of stonewalls, posing a high risk.

The second phase of stabilisation behind the walls of Lake Burley Griffin is likely to start in the new year with stabilisation of the walls around Henry Roland Park.

Watch this space.

NGA FORESHORE UPGRADE

Works to widen the shared path that runs between the National Gallery of Australia Sculpture Garden and lake foreshore path is complete.

CANBERRA AQUA PARK (CAP)

Canberra Aqua Park are back at Black Mountain Peninsula. Please see the 'Lake User noticeboard' section for more info.

SATELLITE SELFIE

Last newsletter we told you about the Satellite Selfie where, as part of National Science Week, a satellite was planned to have flown over Canberra on the mornings of 17, 19 and 21 August. Due to weather, the event was rescheduled to 25 August 2020.

Thanks to GoBoat for participating!

If you are interested in seeing the "selfies", please visit: <http://www.mso.anu.edu.au/SatelliteSelfie/Tiles/CanberraNorth/canberranorth.html>

WATER QUALITY

The 2020/21 Recreational Season has commenced. The results will be posted on the free Swim Guide app and NCA website before Friday 4pm until mid-April 2021.



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WORKS COMPLETED

SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER & THIS FY

COMPLETED

- Tidy up and erosion control at Radford launch wall
- Flood event clean up
- Temporary boat ramp near Radford Rowing
- Signage and fencing to create barrier between Springbank visitors and the Gulls, Weston Park east pontoon refurbishment
- Yarramundi Reach longitude and latitude rowing course refurbishment
- Tidy up of impeding bull rush at rowing course,
- New anchor point at Regatta Point beach
- 2x new cleats and additional fender added to Regatta Point jetty
- Lake Wall Renewal (NCA Design and Construction Team)
- NGA Foreshore (NCA Design and Construction Team)
- Aspen Island Refurbishment (NCA Design and Construction Team)

IN PROGRESS

- Dec 2020 - CCMJ Buoy Line refurbishment
- Jan/Feb 2021 – Over 20k Golden Perch coming to LBG

PLANNED

- Jan/Feb 2021 once the Gulls have moved out - Springbank Island Jetty Refurbishment including timber replacements, fender repairs
- Dec 2020 - Yarralumla West jetty refurbishment including replacement of timbers, refurbishment to kickboards, remediation of piles
- Dec 2020 – Commonwealth Place jetty refurbishment including vertical fenders and seating repairs/replacements as required



LEGEND

-  PROPOSED TREES IN GROUND
-  EXISTING TREES
-  SEATING
-  ASPHALT
-  LIGHT BEIGE SODA BLAST CONCRETE
-  PRECAST CONCRETE BOARDWALK
-  REINSTATED CYCLE PATH TO EXISTING ALIGNMENT
-  DRYLAND GRASS
-  LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN
-  BEIGE EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE
-  PRE-CAST CONCRETE WALLS TO REAR OF BOARD-WALK 450mm HIGH
-  PERMANENT WORKS APPROVAL ZONE
-  INTERIM PHASE WORKS APPROVAL ZONE
-  WAY FINDING SIGNAGE LOCATION
-  INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE LOCATION
-  BIKE HIRE BUILDING WILL HAVE ADAPTIVE RE-USE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TOILETS AND ALSO ALLOW FOR A FUTURE COMMERCIAL USE
-  AMENITY/ BBQ PICNIC FACILITIES
-  MINI AMPHITHEATER / STAIRS



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MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

A message from Cherry

Royal Life Saving will be launching a national Drowning Prevention and Water Safety campaign this Summer entitled "Make the Right Call".

The campaign targets Men and is based on consistent fatal drowning trends of men in inland waterways.

It makes literal and subliminal references to the dangers of combining excessive alcohol consumption with aquatic recreation activities. Royal Life Saving is seeking the support and assistance of like-minded organisations within the ACT in broadening the reach and impact of this campaign throughout the community.

Electronic and physical collateral is available for those who would like to join the campaign this Summer. Please contact Royal Life Saving ACT General Manager, Cherry Bailey for more information and resources: cherrybailey@royalact.com.au or 0411480437



Pic provided by Cherry Bailey, Royal Life Saving ACT

CANBERRA AQUA PARK

A message from Will

Canberra Aqua Park will be back this summer at Black Mountain Beach from Saturday 28th November 2020.

The park will be operating daily from 10am to 8pm until the end of school holidays, at the end of January next year.

Canberra Aqua Park would love our fellow Lake Users to visit the park.

Give Dave Watts a call at 0421 417 077 or write to canberraaquapark@gmail.com and they will be very happy to offer discounted mate rates for their fellow neighbours.

It will be fun for everyone!



Pics provided by Will, Canberra Aqua Park



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HOOKED ON THE LAKE

A message from Jason

Talking with some other anglers recently, I was pleased to hear that the natives are quite active at the moment, and will continue to grow in participation with the cod season opening in a few weeks.

I was cycling around the lake on Friday and saw someone putting a redfin in Lake Burley Griffin near a pelican, much healthier than the bread we still see people feeding at Western Foreshores in front of the sign telling them not to. The lakes are busy with anglers at dusk, all out getting fresh air and having an enjoyable cast and stroll around the points.

I'm sure the anglers around Canberra are looking forward to the annual NCA stocking, and with the healthier waterways are no doubt eager to hear the post-election stocking proposals, with natives and trout still of interest in the ACT.

The NCA are happy to announce you can expect over 20,000 Golden Perch fingerlings in LBG in Jan/Feb 2021



HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS?

Do you have an NCA boat permit for your vessel?

If you have moved house in the last 6 months, you might not have notified our reception team. Please send your new details to reception@nca.gov.au

This will ensure your boat permit + stickers go to the correct place next May/June 2021.



DO YOU LIKE THE NEWSLETTER?

We have had a lot of positive feedback about the newsletters and would like to seek your feedback if we were to continue them next year after COVID when we are able to meet face to face again.

We will send out a short survey early next year about how we deliver event and LUG notifications. We would love to hear your thoughts about the way our group meets into the future.

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