



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Pedal Boats Afloat!

The National Capital Authority (NCA) is seeking an experienced business operator to manage the hiring of the much-loved pedal boats on Lake Burley Griffin.

Having recently acquired a number of pedal boats the NCA is finalising the restoration of the boats and seeking an operator to manage the business functions through an Expression of Interest (EOI).

The EOI invites respondents to provide and operate a commercial boat hire service within the Central Basin of Lake Burley Griffin with the hope of having them back on the lake this summer.

“The pedal boats were a popular recreational activity enjoyed by locals and visitors for many years and have a direct link to Canberra’s history. The NCA is excited to have them returned to Lake Burley Griffin,” said Sally Barnes, Chief Executive National Capital Authority.

The boats were assessed by a marine safety expert and will undergo minor repairs and updates. In addition, they will receive a new coat of paint.

“We will have one or two of the boats on display at this year’s Floriade event as a commemoration and a reminder that the boats will be returning to Lake Burley Griffin.

“The love that Canberra has towards the pedal boats is fantastic. It seems that just about everyone I’ve spoken with has a joyous memory of the boats, pedalling and exploring the Lake and taking a closer look at attractions like the Captain Cook Memorial Jet,” said Suzanne Hannema, Director National Capital Events & Activation.

For further information or to apply to the EOI visit [www.nca.gov.au](http://www.nca.gov.au) or download from Austender [A19-066] [here](#). Responses to the EOI are due by 2pm, Monday 9 September 2019.