Titanic connection

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Electricity was produced by four generators, each driven by a large marine diesel engine. These marine diesels were manufactured by Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipyard that built the Titanic.

These diesel engines were 'dry sump' engines, which means that the engine's oil was stored in a separate reservoir and circulated through the engine by an external pump system. At Kingston, the diesel engines were mounted on concrete plinths, with oil reservoir tanks located in a pit underneath each engine.

The diesel engines were removed in the 1960s. However, when the generator building and the concrete plinths were demolished in 2002, three of the four oil reservoir tanks were still in the ground. Each was clearly marked 'Harland and Wolff – Belfast'.

Access to the Boardwalk

The Boardwalk timber has been recycled from the boardwalk adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel at Sydney Harbour. It is almost complete and is still on track for a June 2012 completion.

Options are being investigated to provide some interim public access to the central section of the Boardwalk later this year.

The Boardwalk will provide access to future restaurants, cafes, galleries and specialist shops.

Canberra Glassworks 5th Birthday Celebrations

Join the Canberra Glassworks on the weekend of the 26 and 27 of May for a full program of activities that will be fun for the entire family.

There'll be demonstrations, talks, workshops, glass experiences, special behind the scenes tours, craft for the kids, play corners and treasure hunts as well as the making in glass of the winning designs from our kids design competition.

The celebratory exhibition Eat! is a group exhibition of works by 20 artists from all over the country exploring the theme of the presentation of food and the rituals around eating. Don't miss it – celebrate all things glass on this special weekend – it's fun for all the family!

For more information visit: www.canberraglassworks.com.au

Canberra International Music Festival Kingston Foreshore

3PM - 6.30PM SATURDAY 19 MAY 2012

Come along to Kingston Foreshore’s first LDA community event. Leg warmers, beanie and scarf are a must as you wander through the brisk autumn festival. Relax and enjoy live music from Canberra International Music Festival performers.

Where: Norgrove Park, Cnr Printer’s Way and Eyre Street, Kingston Foreshore
When: Saturday 19 May 2012
Time: 3pm-6.30pm

Enjoy the delights of a twilight festival in the heart of Kingston Foreshore, as the Canberra International Music Festival comes to life. Showcasing a mix of international and local jazz in the award winning Norgrove Park. The Festival offers a myriad of autumn indulgences from the entertaining to the mouth-watering, including gourmet warm food and performances, cosy fire heaters and the Chai Latte Lounge.

Meander around the lit eco pond and wetlands, measuring an impressive 2,500m². Sample delicious dishes from around the world, and warm up with traditional mulled wine.

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Event attractions
Live music, delicious food & drink in serene Norgrove Park

Chai Latte Lounge
Come and relax in the comfy Chai Latte Lounge, where you will be able to enjoy delectable chai latte, a variety of coffee and other hot drinks. The Lounge will feature cozy seating and fire heaters, in a wistful atmosphere of fairy lights and sounds of the live music.

Garden Bar and Tapas
Visit the Garden Bar and indulge in a variety of delicious tapas food including spicy chorizo, chimichangas, gourmet braised beef cheek pies, cheese and antipasto platters. Relax under the vine canopy and enjoy the surrounds of Norgrove Park. Listen to the live music whilst sitting at the cocktail tables amid the warmth of cozy fire heaters.

Where to park
Consider sustainable transport alternatives. Bike racks are available for use at the event.

Parking is available on Wentworth Avenue, Kingston, please see the map below. This event will be powered by green power and provide the opportunity for attendees to recycle.

Performances

LOS CHAVOS are a Canberra based 8 piece band playing Latin rock, reggae, and samba. Lead singer Andy Jauregui, a Latin rock singer from Cochabamba in Bolivia, brings an infectious Latino exuberance to their performances. A classic Latin party band.

OMAR FARUK TEKBILEK (born 1951, Adana, Turkey), is a Turkish World Music super star multi instrumentalist and singer. He is well known for his performances with the ney (Turkish bamboo flute) as well as on Oud, Saz, Zurna and Percussion as well as his soaring vocals that have been featured on many of his recordings.

WANDERLUST are an exciting and innovative group. Their music is fresh and original combining jazz improvisation with the diverse rhythms and melodies of global music, and really fires with energy. Led by Miroslav Bukovsky, long recognised as one of Australia’s best trumpeters and composers, the six piece band has attracted international attention.

Market Stalls
Meander around the market stalls discovering autumn treats and delights from Canberra and the surrounding area.

Old Bus Depot Markets
A Celebration of Wool, 20 May 2012
Meet craftspeople from Canberra, the region and interstate to see the amazing things they create with wool.
Meet and speak to wool producers, craftspeople and artists, view hand spinning, learn about hand felting, watch people weaving and try on handmade woollen garments. Mix with stallholders, craft enthusiasts and other visitors who love to knit, felt, design and make homewares.
You’ll find hand-felted garments and accessories, designer knitwear, millinery, weavings, funky beanies and farm label knitwear. A vast array of woollen yarns, including hand spun and hand dyed yarns. Stock up on woollen hats, scarves and socks in time for winter.
For more information visit www.obdm.com.au

Public realm landscaping
Work continues at the end of the island and work along the lake shore adjacent to the Waterfront apartments is well advanced and will be complete this month.
A significant feature of the work in front of the waterfront is the 3.5m wide, shot blasted concrete path that runs along the lake edge. This work will continue through in other areas of the landscaping and a ribbed stone edge will also provide a clear delineation of the lake edge.
This work will provide high quality access to the lake for pedestrians and cyclists.

Norgrove Park update
The new bridge decking in Norgrove Park is complete and is being well received by users.
Look out for the newly installed cycle route information throughout Norgrove Park. Safe and attractive cycle routes link to district and metropolitan cycleways.
Informative signage is being installed during May through Norgrove Park. The signage describes flora and fauna, the wetlands and eco pond and history of Cecil Norgrove who the park was named after.

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