WHAT’S HAPPENING AT KINGSTON FORESHORE

Welcome to Shoreline, the newsletter keeping you up to date with all things Kingston Foreshore.

CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT

Prepare for a perfect harmony of live jazz, classical, contemporary and world music together with great food and drink, all in the picturesque setting of Norgrove Park. Hosted by the Land Development Agency (LDA), this event will be one of the unmissable highlights of the Canberra International Music Festival.

When: Saturday 11 May 2013
Time: 3pm-6:30pm
Where: Norgrove Park, Cnr of Printers Way and Eyre Street, Kingston Foreshore.

Call 13 22 81 or visit www.kingstonforeshore.com.au for further information.

ROWING CLUB

The Economic Development Directorate is preparing a Master Plan for Grevillea Park on the opposite side of East Basin from Kingston Foreshore. The Master Plan will be used to guide the development of Grevillea Park as a recreational parkland directly related to the use and enjoyment of Lake Burley Griffin.

The Master Plan will cater for the redevelopment of the boat storage and launch facilities that are currently located adjacent to Jerrabomberra Creek. Consultation on the Master Plan is expected to commence in the second half of 2013.

LANDSCAPING

The public realm landscaping works are progressing well, with the first section in front of the Waterfront apartments nearing completion.

Lakefront landscaping works on the island are expected to be completed in May 2013, as is the area between the Waterfront and Aurora apartments, known as Point Park. This will also enable public access on the futuristic pedestrian bridge across the canal.
MARINA

The first stage of the working marina facilities for Kingston Harbour was completed by the LDA in partnership with project managers Manteena in late 2012. The six jetties will become a focal point for energy and activity within the harbour when the commercial boat operators of Lake Burley Griffin begin using the facilities under licence in 2013.

The balance of the works planned within Kingston Harbour, including workshop and storage facilities, will be built as an integrated part of the remaining development site on the island. Alternative sites for a dry boat maintenance slipway facility are currently being investigated at Black Mountain Peninsula.

WILLOW REMOVAL

The Territory and Municipal Services Directorate wishes to advise that work will shortly be undertaken to restore approximately 300 metres of the river bank of the lower Jerrabomberra Creek. The site currently suffers from a predominance of exotic vegetation growing on an area of sediment encroaching into Lake Burley Griffin. This vegetation comprises mostly Crack Willow and Black Alder, both highly invasive species and offering limited habitat for native wildlife.

CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

Cyclists and pedestrians will soon be able to access the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and the Lake Burley Griffin cycle path through Kingston Foreshore and across Eyre Street.

The $16 million road construction project on the eastern side of the harbour is expected to be opened to the public in mid 2013. Footpath and verge landscaping works will be constructed after the buildings are completed to avoid expensive reconstruction costs.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ASBESTOS IS FOUND?

Kingston Foreshore is a former industrial site and at times excavation works have uncovered fragments of bonded asbestos, known as ACM (asbestos containing material).

When this occurs, strict environmental controls are put in place and remediation action is taken, in accordance with procedures that have been developed in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and Worksafe ACT. Adjacent residents are also informed of the discoveries and the remediation action taking place.

Control measures are regularly utilised to ensure that the public and residents are not at risk. These include dust suppression measures such as water sprays, the use of binding agents on exposed soil and air monitoring to detect the presence of airborne asbestos fibres. After remediation excavation, the site is validated by a licensed asbestos assessor.

The LDA, Worksafe ACT and the EPA are continuing to work together to ensure that the environmental controls and remediation methods used are appropriate and rigorously adhered to.