Community Consultation continues on Section 49 Kingston

The consultation process is well underway on the future of Section 49 Kingston and everyone is being invited to share their views on how this major urban renewal project should unfold.

The area, which houses some of Canberra’s most historic and iconic heritage buildings including the Power House, Fitters’ Workshop and Former Transport Depot, is bound by Wentworth Avenue, Eastlake Parade and Giles Street. It is also one of Canberra’s most picturesque areas with terrific potential for a lively and vibrant community area where artists, cultural organisations and creative businesses can make, teach, perform and sell their work.

The recently completed Kingston Arts Precinct Strategy provides a framework to guide development of an arts hub focused on these three major buildings. The vision is for an exciting focal point for the foreshore and the whole community, but such a vision can only be achieved with careful thought and planning around how it may unfold.

That’s where Canberra’s community steps into the picture. Your views on the future of the foreshore’s cultural precinct are valuable, and everyone is invited to participate in the process of deciding how this beautiful area will evolve.

The first community workshop was conducted in early September and has already provided some valuable input into the planning process and on the proposed concept. A Drop-in Session, more workshops, stakeholder interviews, focus groups and another two community information sessions are scheduled before the end of October as part of an extensive program of consultation with the local and wider metropolitan community. From these should come an excellent basis for finalising planning options for the area’s future development.

If you haven’t already participated in the consultations, there’s still plenty of time to ensure your views are heard. You can make comments or submissions at any time during the consultation process and are welcome to attend the community information sessions. Visit the consultation section of the LDA website, available at www lda.act.gov.au to provide your feedback and views, or to find out more about the information sessions.
Boardwalk and Promenade on track for 2012

Now that Kingston Foreshore’s harbour is complete, work on the boardwalk and the Promenade in the harbourside precinct is about to start. The boardwalk, designed by nationally renowned landscape architects and urban designers, Oxigen, is expected to be delivered by June next year. The landscaping work will be progressively delivered over the next two years.

Locally-based construction management firm Manteena has been selected to deliver the boardwalk, which will flow through public, commercial and residential areas as it skirts the harbour. The boardwalk will link up with already established pedestrian and cycle paths to create a flow of recreational traffic through Kingston Foreshore to the Parliamentary Triangle and Jerrabomberra Wetlands.

Landscape specialist, Urban Contractors, will landscape the Promenade throughout the harbour area that connects to the Island and the rest of Kingston Foreshore. From the Promenade there will be spectacular views across the water to Mount Ainslie and the Jerrabomberra Wetlands.

The Promenade will include new parks, paving, public art, trails and trees, as well as high quality areas with street furniture to sit and enjoy lunch or a coffee, or to just take in the spectacular views.

Once completed, these iconic features will link commercial and residential spaces and provide easy community access to future restaurants, cafes, galleries and specialty shops, as well as direct access to the water’s edge.

Our new Harbour

The Island’s recreational and functional harbour is a step closer with the site’s Development Application (DA) lodged and public comment to be invited soon.

This foreshore feature will provide the commercial facilities to moor, maintain and store their craft, right in the hub of the precinct’s exciting business, retail and residential area.

Visit www.actpla.act.gov.au for more information and to provide comment on the development proposal.

For the diary

CANBERRA GLASSWORKS

2011 Ranamok Glass Prize
One of Australia’s major visual art and crafts spectaculars, the Ranamok Glass Prize exhibition is on show until 22 September 2011 at the Canberra Glassworks. The exhibition is the first time these outstanding works have been on display and will be your last chance to see them before they tour Sydney and Melbourne. Visit www.canberraglassworks.com for more information.

Klaus Moje Exhibition
One of Australia’s National Living Treasures, Klaus Moje has developed a legacy of brilliant works and devoted followers across the globe. As well as Australia, his work can be found in public and private collections throughout Europe, Japan, and the US, and has been the subject of major museum retrospectives that have toured Australia, Germany and the US over almost two decades. This exhibition from 28 September 2011 to 20 October 2011 will be the only opportunity to see his works in Australia in 2011.

OLD BUS DEPOT MARKETS

Green Savvy Sunday