Welcome to shoreline, the newsletter keeping you up to date with all things Kingston Foreshore. Please contact us at info-kf@act.gov.au if you would prefer to receive Shoreline via email, have any comments or would like to change your details.

Christmas Markets 2011

Christmas Markets start on Saturday 3 December 2011 where you can browse and buy beautifully handcrafted, personalised home wares and gifts, scrumptious Christmas fare such as gingerbread houses, cakes and cherries, gifts for the table and the tree, exquisite hand carved decorations, live Christmas trees, art, soaps and plenty of stocking stuffers.

The Christmas Markets will be open every Saturday and Sunday in December in the lead up to Christmas - and even on Christmas Eve 24 December 2011, so it’s the perfect place to stop by to pick up your last minute gifts.

Christmas market dates:
3-4 December 10-11 December and 17-18 December 2011

Construction update

The boardwalk

Work is well under way on the new boardwalk being constructed around the Kingston Harbour. The boardwalk will provide access to restaurants, cafes, galleries and specialist shops.

Locally-based construction management firm Manteena has driven over 120 piles into the harbour bed to support the walkway. Installation of the steel framing has commenced, this will support the recycled timber decking of the boardwalk. The Boardwalk will be complete in mid 2012.

INTERESTING FACT This timber has been recycled from the boardwalk adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel at Sydney Harbour.
Norgrove park

Norgrove Park bridges are being upgraded to provide improved amenity and comfort for pedestrians. The new material called ‘Webforge’ is a galvanised steel mesh with an epoxy based rubber crumb cushioned walking surface. Visitors to Commonwealth Gardens will have seen this material used on the bridge across Nerang Pool, as part of the RG Menzies Walk.

This will improve recreational access to the Kingston Foreshore precinct; work will commence mid January 2012 and will take about a month. The bridges are being closed progressively in turn and alternative routes through the park will be available at all times.

Pedestrian bridge

Much of what you need is within walking distance at Kingston Foreshore and the new pedestrian bridge across the canal at Point Park is being erected in early December 2011. The bridge will be open to the public once the adjacent foreshore landscaping has been completed in 2012.

INTERESTING FACT Baxter Engineering’s steel bridge was trucked to the site in two sections. The two sections will be joined together on site, the bridge decking added and the entire bridge swung into place across the Canal by a single crane.

Public realm landscaping

A significant element of the landscaping is the construction of a paved promenade along the harbour shore as this will provide a broad, pedestrian boulevard where the public, commercial and residential spaces meet.

Urban Contractors have commenced work at the end of the island and are constructing a landscaped area which will include paving, passive recreational areas and water filtration terraces designed to protect the water quality in the harbour and in the adjoining lake.

Landscaping work at Point Park and along the lake shore adjacent to the Waterfront apartments will follow in early 2012. This area will be landscaped to provide family-friendly park destinations with an emphasis on safe, protected spaces and a high level of amenity.

Boat harbour

Set to become a key destination for visitors and residents alike, the Boat Harbour recently achieved development approval. Located on The Island, the working boat harbour will feature six pontoons to be used by boat operators on Lake Burley Griffin and facilities for mooring and maintenance.

Local contractor Manteena is undertaking the design and construction of the boat harbour works. Work is expected to start in early 2012 with completion in mid year.

Old Bus Depot Markets

Portobello Road event 2012

The new year starts with gusto at the Old Bus Depot Markets with the always popular Portobello Road event on Sunday 15 January 2012. Developed and delivered by the staff and management of the Old Bus Depot Markets.

Collectors love to search for the weird and wonderful through the aisles of quirky collectables, antique jewellery, small antique furniture, retro decorative art, china, cut glass, linens and lace, silverware, rare books, antique buttons and restored pieces. Pick up a gorgeous mid-century art glass vase, or a long silver spoon.

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