Lake Users Group meeting  21/6/06

Summary

Rowing ACT representatives: Kate Borger, Camilla Hayman

- Discussion on the conclusion of Water Ski training area trial.
  - Approval has been given for the ACT Water Ski Association to continue using the area.
  - Area is limited to a 370m stretch of water in East Basin and is exclusively for the use of ACT Water Ski Association.
  - Environmental report will be circulated.
  - Use will be controlled by NCA and limited to set hours and days per year.

- Marketing opportunities
  - Members were invited to forward activities they had planned for January and February to Majdie Hordern, Events Manager, for inclusion in the Summer in the Capital brochure.

- Lake works, maintenance and safety
  - Request was made for water temperatures to be measured at a depth of 1m instead of surface temperature. Water temperature and quality information to be circulated to members each Friday.
  - Rowing ACT requested due care and attention be given to water quality testing so as to generate accurate results and avoid any potential unnecessary Lake closure.

- Immigration Bridge proposal
  - Proposal is in conceptual stage at present, it is being run by a group of volunteers. Not initiated by the National Capital Authority.
  - Only preliminary designs have been discussed however members were assured that pylons would be wide (approx 90m) and bridge would be high (approx 12m)
  - Concerns were expressed that dimensions would change without consultation and the designers were not aware of the varying weather conditions of the area.
  - Members encouraged to provide factual information regarding the impact the bridge would have on their activities rather than express opinions.
  - Proposal will be added as a standing item on the LUG meeting agenda.

- Rowers awareness of other users
  - Ferry personnel expressed concern that rowers in both coxed and coxless boats were often unaware of other lake users and this posed serious danger.
  - Rowing ACT responded that we considered safety to be a serious issue and were undertaking several measures to overcome this issue such as circulating information to club members, posting information on the website, updating Lake traffic flows poster and planning water safety and coxswain education courses for Term 3.