



**DRAGON BOAT AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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Dear Simon

Dragon Boat ACT is grateful for the commitment shown by the ACT Government to the project to construct a permanent home in Canberra for the dragon boating community, and strongly supports the project.

Dragon boating in Canberra has grown from very humble beginnings three decades ago, to a pre-pandemic membership level of over 600 people, across genders and across ages from about 12 to over 80 years. Dragon boating is a sport that provides opportunities for fitness and health, social and community connections and competition standards to suit a wide range of skill and ability.

Since our early days in the ACT we have operated from temporary storage containers at Lotus Bay, and moved them in April 2021 to Grevillea Park, to ease congestion at Lotus Bay and to be close to the site that we hoped would be our permanent home.

The Covid pandemic has impacted on dragon boating just as it has on many aspects of life in the ACT and elsewhere. We hope and expect that the permanent dragon boating facility at Grevillea Park will provide a focus and encouragement to help build our membership back to and beyond our pre-pandemic levels. We are very keen to build our sport and see no reason for doubt!

Kind regards.

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