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### **NCA announces new operator for West Kiosk and opening of ‘Little Burley Market’**

Commonwealth Place and its surrounds on the southern side of Lake Burley Griffin will become even more lively and vibrant this Spring with two new visitor experiences opening. These experiences will complement the existing “Jetty” food and music venue that opened last Spring.

The first is ‘The Little Burley Market’ which will be open in the “cup area” of Commonwealth Place every Saturday from 17 September to end of May 2023 from 9:00am to 1:30pm. It will bring together a range of vendors where people can wander through interesting stalls featuring local products against the spectacular backdrop of the lake.

Local Village Markets, which revitalised Haig Park with a farmers and foodies market, will be the same team behind ‘The Little Burley Market’. Creative Manager, Alexa Ashton, said their team is excited to be launching in such an incredible location.

“The National Triangle is the ‘Mecca’ of ACT tourist attractions including the National Library, Questacon, the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and more. To fully experience everything this exciting project has to offer will require multiple visits,” Ms. Ashton said.

Meanwhile, from November, visitors and locals alike will be able to enjoy a new European-style relaxed dining experience at West Kiosk, right by the edge of Lake Burley Griffin at West Jetty. The new bar named ‘*Margot Espresso Vin and Fromage*’ (*Margot*) will specialise in local wines, curated cheeses and quality morning espresso.

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain said these new experiences will add to the vibrant atmosphere around Lake Burley Griffin in the warmer months.

“I am pleased to announce that the NCA has confirmed that Sustainable Valuables Pty Ltd will shape the new lakeside attraction, following an open tender process,” Minister McBain said.

“Lake Burley Griffin is a much-loved Canberra asset and I want to make sure it remains synonymous with pure enjoyment and a place where Canberrans and visitors continue to make glorious memories.”

‘*Margot*’ is the brainchild of Nick Tyrrell (GoBoat) and James Souter (The Boat House Restaurant) and is inspired by the relaxed outdoor dining experiences of European capitals. The name is a nod to one of the more famous cafes in Paris, *Les Deux Margots*, a favourite of famous novelist, Ernest Hemingway.

There will be the usual coffee and grab-and-go food from early morning, but afternoons and evenings will focus on showcasing local wines and delicious cheeses. The proponents envisage regular wine tastings with local vintners and an ever-changing menu to complement the four seasons of Canberra.

Mr. Tyrrell said he was excited to bring another inspiring concept to what is considered the defining centrepiece of the National Capital.

“From the moment we launched GoBoat here five years ago, it has been apparent how much people love Lake Burley Griffin,” Mr. Tyrrell said.

“I am delighted to be able to launch another relaxed social and outdoor adventure for Canberrans and visitors to enjoy.”

Contributing to the festive atmosphere will be brand new and colourful pedal boats for hire from the West Jetty annually from October until March.

NCA Chief Executive, Sally Barnes, said Canberrans, visitors and tourists would have an experience akin to rivieras found in Italy, France and other parts of Europe.

“The NCA would like to thank, firstly, Seg Glide Ride, the company which has for 10 years operated the well-loved Segway hires and, second, all those who submitted proposals to operate the West Kiosk,” Ms Barnes said.

“We congratulate Nick Tyrrell and his team from Sustainable Valuables on their new venture and look forward to enjoying their brand of hospitality at *‘Margot’* later this year.

“The NCA conducts periodic reviews of amenities around the Lake to test the market to deliver the best visitor experiences possible.”

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