Gorman Centenary Upgrade - Resident User Group Bulletin #15

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Hello Gorman User Group,

Current activities at Gorman House Arts Centre:

- · We continue to undertake investigative (geotechnical, hydraulic, landscape) works across the site to inform planning and programming.
- To enable Gorman Arts Centre to participate in the ACT Heritage Festival for the 100-year anniversary of Gorman House, construction will not commence before 28 April 2024 or be scheduled to impact festival participation.
- Contractors are undertaking a Noise Management Plan for the cafe and outdoor dining area as required for Development Approval. Site investigations involve the engineers making noise (85dB) inside block G1 (formerly Sage) and in the future outdoor dining area to measure the impact on the residential areas opposite, which took place yesterday morning.
- The Project Team recently met with Heritage ACT to iron out potential red flags with the aim of expediating the approval process.

Next steps:

- Once settled, artsACT will schedule a meeting with residents on the scope of works that can be undertaken within available budget. Can each studio holder and representative from each organisation, please reply on what your shutdown period is over the Summer as that will assist us with scheduling.
- In addition, once staging is confirmed, artsACT will reach out to any resident users that will be disrupted by Stage 1 of construction to discuss if any relocation is required.
- We hope to be able to have these discussions with you either late this year or early next.

Thank you kindly and just to reiterate that we are acutely aware of your need to finalise forward programs and we are doing everything we can to discuss the plan for staging works with you as soon as possible.

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I acknowledge the Ngunnawal People as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region.

I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

Artwork: *Together*, 2019 (detail) by Selina Walker

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