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This Is Our Next Footpath Priority

Photographs like this, of people walking on the road or young mothers having no footpath to safely wheel their prams, are a real concern to the Residents Group.

Fortunately we are not alone, as our Council is equally concerned and has classified Tabernacle Road as a priority road for constructing a footpath.

Tabernacle Road has become busier over the years with our area continuing to grow and many of us would have seen potential safety problems with people forced to walk along a busy road.



Please don't feed the gulls



Feeding seagulls makes them vicious and more competitive. It also makes them depend on us for food and many starve during the winter.

What we feed them can also kill them.

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At Last, Picnic Tables in Crompton Reserve



Brian Doman of The City of Victor Harbor accepting the picnic set donated by the Residents Group. From left, John Ruxton, Denis Almond, Wilf Emmett, John Hughes, Gary Kortman and Philip Brown

Crompton Reserve was the last of the Encounter Lakes parks to be built and was for many years equipped to a lower standard than other parks in the development.

Council recognised the problem and by providing high quality playground equipment and safety fencing improved the facility markedly

The Residents Group was concerned that the park lacked picnic tables and seating, particularly for family groups.

In mid 2012 we approached Council

with the proposition that we would meet the cost of a picnic set, on condition that Council matched our offer by providing a second set.

Council was happy to meet this offer and arranged for two picnic sets to be installed in late 2012 with the official handover of the picnic set provided by the Residents Group on February 4th 2013. Both the Residents Group and Council are delighted with the outcome of this project.

Lakes Shark is no Man-Eater



You would have to be stiff to be a shark and be caught by the same person twice in 24 hours, off the same jetty in Matthew Flinders Drive.

The shark was first caught on December 30th by Mark Slater who estimated it to be between 70 and 80 centimetres long. This photo has been examined by the Department of Primary Industries and Resources who confirm that the unlucky fish is in fact a harmless gummy shark.

The shark eventually snapped the line and escaped.



Message From The President

Summer has been and gone and what a great year it has been for those who enjoy our lovely lake environment. As a result of the warm summer, residents, their children and grandchildren, along with many visitors has seemed to have taken to the water and enjoyed this wonderful environment.

Sand has been replenished on the Ketch Place and John

Crompton beaches making them even better places to relax on warm summer days.

Late last year I inspected the rip rap (retaining rocks) with Council staff and it was a pleasure to see the level of care and attention given to gardens; and the absence of vegetation in the rock area. There were some exceptions, but generally weeds have been very well controlled.

In the next few weeks the Residents Group will be collecting 2013 subscriptions. These have been set at the very modest level of \$5 per family and I would urge residents who are not members to support a group who work with no other aim than to keep our suburb "special".

If there are any issues you feel need to be addressed please pass them on to whoever calls on you or phone me, or one of the other committee members listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Gary Kortman

Encounter Lakes Volunteer Gardening Group



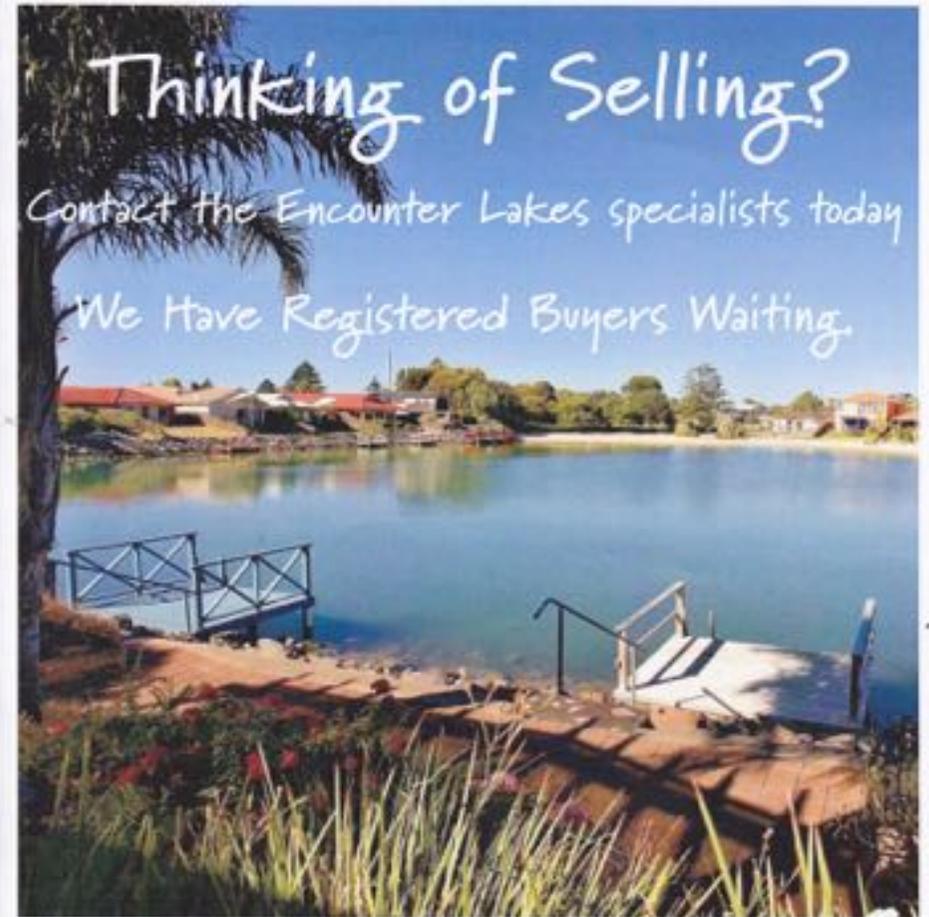
The Encounter Lakes Volunteer Gardening Group is still trying to keep the reserves in a respectable condition but could do much more with a few more members.

The work consists mainly of pruning and general tidying and no special skills are necessary. Involvement is for 1.5 hours, one day per month, 8-30am till 10-00am on the second Thursday of the month.

It's not hard work, you meet some nice people and you help keep Encounter Lakes as beautiful as it has always been.

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL MAX LANE ON 8552 3387, OR AFTER JULY 1ST, KEN BUCKLEY ON 8552 8151

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This is the first time you have seen advertising in the ELRGI newsletter. Carolyn offered to print our newsletter at no cost, in exchange for this advertisement. Your committee thought this a good deal that helps us keep subs at a reasonable level.



The Latest From The Beach Boys

I am happy to welcome our new members John Ruxton and Graeme Cowan. Both are strong contributors to our community as John is also an ELRGI Committee member, as is Graeme's wife Jill. I would also like to thank John Atkinson for his input and support over the past four years.

The beaches continue to be in a good state of repair, largely due to the Council using a de-mountable conveyor system to move sand. The conveyor is a real time saver and overcomes the beach access problems which have been a concern in recent years. We have recommended to Council that they budget for 200 tonnes of sand to be able to replenish one or two beaches next year.

The Beach Boys continue to monitor algae problems, issues with weed spray on marine life, bird feeding and dogs on beaches, for Council. Water quality is regularly monitored throughout the year with extra samples taken during summer. Water quality reports are provided to the Residents Group.

Activity on the lake over summer months has increased in recent years. It's good to see both the "young ones" and "the oldies" enjoying paddle boats, canoes, standing boards, sail boats and most anything else that floats. Add swimming and fishing and it explains the fun and laughter that is part of lake living.

Friends and family visiting the lake have often been heard to say "Wow, how good is this?". As residents, we know just how good it is for 12 months of the year.

I appreciate the contribution of all members of the Beach Boys and the ongoing support from the City of Victor Harbor. It's a great feeling that along with the Residents Group committee we are all part of what makes Encounter Lakes great.

Peter Harris

SECRETARY

Another Great Christmas on the Lake

For the first time in many years the residents' Christmas gathering in the park, on December 14th was enjoyed in great weather conditions. It was great to see so many of our neighbours enjoying the festive season together.

The tradition of "Santa on the Lake" on Christmas morning continued in 2012 with presents being delivered to lucky people right round the lake and close to 20kgm of bagged sweets being thrown to children anxiously waiting on beaches and jetties.

The Residents Group was very happy with the help of the Victor Sea Rescue Squadron for the loan of their boat which is easier to launch into the lake than Bill Harvey's cruiser. "Santa on the Lake" is something unique to our suburb and helps to make the day special for the children on the shore, not to mention those on the boat, who enjoy the experience just as much.

Picture shows Santa, (Trevor Morgan), Elf (Terry O'Reilly) and Fairy (Bill Harvey) delivering presents to the Aldridge family in Ketch Place



A Great Change to Make Kids Safer



The Residents Group had been concerned for several years about the safety of kids using the lake with organised canoeing and sailing groups.

With cars and equipment trailers parked on the relatively narrow Bartel Boulevard there was a very real safety risk for anybody unloading equipment.

The excellent indented parking areas the Council has developed on both Bartel Boulevard and Matthew Flinders Drive go a long way to settling our concerns.

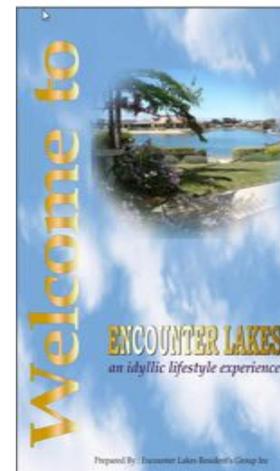
Be Aware of European Wasps

The European Wasp is a nasty creature that stings and has the ability breed quickly and build up large communities.

They will make outdoor living a misery and have tendency to crawl into drink cans. If you drink from such a can, the sting could be fatal. If you see wasps try to find the nest and call the Council. **Don't try to destroy the nest yourself.**



Welcome Package For New Residents



Encounter Lakes Residents Group has produced a package we feel might be useful to people moving from elsewhere, to our suburb.

It provides a brief history of the Lakes Development and explains some of the conventions about jetties, bird feeding and other relevant issues. An explanation on lake level is also provided.

Names and contact numbers for ELRGI committee members is included together with a copy of the Fleurieu Directory and an invitation to join our group

CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND WE WILL DELIVER A COPY TO ANY NEW RESIDENT

An Insight Into Lake Maintenance



Sea water flows into the lake at Lakeside Circuit, then through the waterway before exiting the system at the corner of Nicolas Baudin and Clipper Court. This is achieved through close to 1km of pipework that is 1.5 metres in diameter.

A secondary pipe links our lake with Franklin Island where the maximum high water level is set at one metre above that of our lake.

Water is initially pumped to the Franklin Island waterway and when the our lake level is dropped this water gravitates back to Encounter Lakes and creates a stronger tidal flow back to the ocean. This design helps to flush sediment from the pipe,.

The picture above shows the valve network in the park in Nicolas Baudin, opposite Clipper Court. The valves control all water flows from the ocean into and out of Encounter Lakes.

Water flows in when the sea level is higher than the lake and the valve is open. Conversely, lake levels can only be lowered when the ocean is at low tide.



PIC 1

We all know about the rate of growth of algae, oysters and mussels on rocks and jetty piles over time. The same situation applies with the pipe-work from the lake to the ocean.

You may have noticed the boat in PIC 1 moored at the marker off Franklin Parade where the inlet/outlet pipe terminates. Each year Lawrie Commercial Diving inspects all pipes at both the lake and sea ends.



PIC 2

The diver noted that silt build-up in the ocean intake pipe had declined from 550mm in 2006 to 290mm in 2011, mainly as the result of Council maximising the water volume and flow during each flush.

During each inspection the diver swims into each end of the pipes to inspect condition and chip out oyster and mussel growth.



PIC 3

PIC 2 shows the stainless steel outlet grille late in 2011. The growth is mainly soft algae and after 12 months growth covers 15% to 20% of the grille. PIC 3 shows the grille after cleaning and the comment was made that all grilles are in excellent condition. Slow growing algae is normally left in place as this impede the growth of more vigorous varieties.



PIC 4

PIC 4 shows seagrass growth in the ocean at the end of the inlet pipe. Seagrass is healthy as it holds sand in place and prevents it building up in the pipe-work.

The annual inspection also covers the valve and switching mechanism and the Council receives a full report.

[This brief overview is a simplification of a more complex process.](#)