

## ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS GROUP COMMITTEE

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## Encounter Lakes Volunteer Gardening Group



The gardening group has met regularly to maintain or improve the parks in the Encounter Lakes area. We have pruned, weeded and spread mulch at Herb Welch (2), Brian Spilsbury (2), John Crompton (2), C.M. Thorpe, Eric Ashby and Allenby Parsons reserves and the Boulevardé Café car park.

These areas of "attack" are determined with assistance from Andrew Comas of the City of Victor Harbor.

Our group has lost members due to age, illness and people leaving the area and we are now reduced to just nine.

Prior knowledge or experience is not necessary to join the gardening group, and with more volunteers our parks and reserves could be in even better shape.

**If you can spare 90 minutes, 8.30am to 10.00am on the second Thursday of each month (except January) call Ken Buckley, 57 Matthew Flinders Drive, on 8552 8151.**

*Ken Buckley*

**CO-ORDINATOR**



## Is Your Street Swept by the Council?

The Council has difficulty using the street sweeper when cars are parked on the road. This results in a build-up of leaves and other materials that very likely end up in the trash racks and can pollute the lake.

**Talk to your neighbours and plan to have cars off the street on "sweeper days". Ring the Council to find out your "sweeper day".**

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## Director to Speak at AGM

**Graham Pathuis**, Director Planning & Regulatory Services with the City of Victor Harbor will provide us with an insight into progress with developing a jetty licensing protocol for Encounter Lakes.

The current Encounter Lakes Management plan already states that jetties are to be maintained in a safe, functional and aesthetically appropriate standard in accordance with the Building Code.

The Council has been developing policy on issues such as registration and renewal timeframes, inspections, public liability, and relevant charges. The last two of these issues are of vital interest to residents and are the basis for Graham's talk at the AGM.



## Encounter Lakes Residents Group



**2013**  
Annual General Meeting  
Friday November 15th  
7-30pm  
Victor Harbor Council

**Put This Date  
On The Fridge  
NOW**

## AGM Talk on Lake & Schoolkids

There are few better sights than to look out on our lake and see kids enjoying a day on the water with their canoes, sail boats, and paddle boards. **Shane Ellis** and **Janette Rix** from Victor Harbor Aquatics will present an entertaining insight into what it takes behind the scenes to make all of this possible.



Both are long-term Victor residents with many years experience in working with, and helping young people, running successful businesses and enjoying our surf beaches. The calm, sheltered waters of Encounter Lakes are an ideal, safe place for introducing young people to the pleasures of water sports.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At October 2013 our Residents Group has a membership of 239 Encounter Lakes families, an increase of more than 10% over October 2012.

It was unfortunate that our lake was closed to water sports over the winter period but the Council takes the responsible position that a little inconvenience is far preferable to exposing users to health hazards. The water quality testing regimen is explained later in this newsletter.

2013 has been a good year for us as the Tabernacle Rd footpath is being built, picnic settings are in place in John Crompton and that park will improve further with the recently approved toilet block.

I would like to thank my Committee members for their dedicated effort, the Beach Boys and the Gardening Group. It's great to see groups of residents whose efforts make Encounter Lakes a manicured and very special place to live. Last but not least is a special thank you to Bill Harvey and his crew who give up their Christmas morning to bring Santa Claus and a special joy to our lake.

The strong spirit of co-operation between the City of Victor Harbor and ELRGI continues to grow and is a situation where everybody wins.

**We could use several more Committee members. If you are interested please call Secretary Wilf or Treasurer Trevor; as I am when newsletters are delivered.**

*Gary Kortman*

PRESIDENT

ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS' GROUP INC

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**TOGETHER**

**We need people interested in making a difference in our unique suburb. Join the Committee, come to 3 meetings a year and help your community. Call Trevor Morgan on 8552 6223**

**If you can spare 17 hours a year and enjoy the outdoors, perhaps the Gardening Group is for you? Call Ken Buckley on 8552 8151**

**Live on a beach and interested in keeping it pristine? Be a Beach Boy. Call Peter Harris on 8552 8713**



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**Those of us on the Committee of the Encounter Lakes Residents Group take this opportunity to wish all of our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe holiday season.**

## Who's Enjoying Our Lake This Year?

Encounter Lakes is one of the very few safe and protected bodies of water in this part of the State. It's worth having a quick look at the groups who use the lake on a regular basis.



2,400 Triathlon Devotees



3,000 School Children



30 Dragon Boaters



15 Paddlers

As well, there's more than 500 families lucky enough to live in Encounter Lakes

## 10% MEMBERSHIP INCREASE ON 2012



ELRGI - Membership by Street at October 2013		MEMBERS
Nicolas Baudin Drive		45
Clipper Court		46
Islander Drive		29
Lakeside Circuit		46
Matthew Flinders - Lakeside to Tabernacle		17
Tabernacle Road		4
Windjammer Court		4
Matthew Flinders - Bartel to Lakeside		21
Ketch Place		8
Bartel Boulevard		12
Off Lake - Ainslie Roberts, Cutter, Encounter, Henry		7
	TOTAL	239

## WHAT IF THIS WAS YOUR GRANDCHILD?

An elderly woman was left covered in blood after a terrifying seagull attack.



Anne Little, 75, suffered a deep gash to her head and a wound to her chin during the incident, which her home care manager likened to the Hitchcock movie "The Birds"

The pensioner was enjoying a stroll in the sun when a large gull swooped at her. It repeatedly pecked at her head and face, continuing to attack even after passers-by intervened to scare it off.

**DON'T FEED THE BIRDS**

CHRISTMAS MORNING IS A SPECIAL TIME ON THE LAKE

## Like Santa to call on YOU?



If you would like Santa to deliver a present for you, your family or friends, it's easy to arrange.

Wrap and clearly label the present with the name of the recipient and drop-off address.

During the weekend of December 21st and 22nd drop the presents to the

Harvey's at 26 Lakeside. You can contact Fiona Harvey after 5.00pm on 8552 4041 or Bill Harvey on 0417 820 311.

**NO JETTY?, NO PROBLEM, WE CAN DELIVER TO ANY BEACH**

## Encounter Lakes Christmas Party Everybody's Invited!



**In the Bartel Boulevard park, Friday December 13th, 5.00pm**



Early in 2014 Victor Harbor Library will join the 'One Card' network which connects the systems of more than 130 public libraries across South Australia to let you borrow and return items wherever you go, using your current library card.

With the 'One Card' system you no longer have to separately look up individual library catalogues and can easily reserve books, CD's, Talking Books and DVD's from any library in the State. When available, all requested items will be available from our library.

**The 'One Card' initiative is a breakthrough for all library users.**

## Maintaining Water Quality in the Lake

There are a number of factors involved in maintaining water quality in the lake.



**The first is the flow control chamber**, which is located by the Nicolas Baudin/Clipper Court roundabout.

The control structure operates automatically to let water from the sea into the Tabernacle Road end of the lake when the tide is high, and let water out of the Bartel Boulevard side of the lake when the tide is low.

**The second is the annual swim-through inspection** where a diver cleans and maintains all underwater inlets and gratings to remove weed growth. This normally takes up to three days.

These factors ensure there are no restrictions on water exchanges between the sea and lake.

**The third is the management of storm-water** that enters the lake. Council is responsible to ensure trash racks are appropriately maintained and that Streets are swept regularly.

**The fourth is to protect the lake against known natural problems.** Council closes all gates when the Inman mouth breaches and when there is a significant storm surge that would let suspended sediments settle in the pipe-work.

Residents also have a responsibility to be mindful of storm-water management. We need to understand that pesticides can pollute and garden fertilizers can assist algal blooms during the warmer months. Dog owners must pick up and dispose of dog droppings. The use of detergents should be limited when cleaning motor vehicles and oil and grease spills must be avoided.

These factors are more critical in summer months when water temperatures are higher and smaller tides result in less water exchange.

The final action is the monitoring and reporting of water quality. Monitoring occurs five times during warmer months and once in winter. Given people swim and canoe in Encounter Lakes, the water quality must be within the 2008 Department of Health public health guidelines.

Water samples are taken from the shore at the same nine locations during each monitoring, with two of these samples coming from Franklin Island.

The samples are sent to Kellogg Brown & Root for laboratory analysis where they are tested for characteristics including E.Coli, Giardia and Cryptosporidium, as well as pH, temperature, clarity, Nitrogen and Phosphorous.

Normally, the water quality is very good and almost always within the test guidelines. In instances where readings are outside safe range Council undertakes a visual inspection of the sample site.



Often there are situations such as ducks roosting on the beach or a shag deciding it has a new favorite rock next to the sampling point. If there are no obvious signs of contamination, further testing and reporting is done immediately.



The results are analysed and tabulated against results from earlier tests to track trends. Formal laboratory reports are provided to both Council and the Encounter Lakes Residents Group after each round of testing.

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## Good News From the Beach Boys

The good news is that activities are back to normal on our waterway. With summer fast approaching we now need to look at the condition of the beaches

which do deteriorate during the winter months.

We inspected every beach with the Council on October 9th and initial assessment is that most beaches will require spraying and a sand top-up. Existing sand needs re-spreading and two rock walls on beaches will be upgraded.

Council Infrastructure Manager, Bruce Henderson is hopeful that work upgrading all beaches will be completed by Christmas.

The Beach Boys" ask all residents, particularly those on the lake, to ensure their storm water drains are not blocked, as this can let pollutants develop. If you have any concerns please contact Council, an ELRGI Committee member or a "Beach Boy".

*Peter Harris*

BEACH BOYS SECRETARY