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Another Great Christmas, Thanks to the Harveys

He looks more like the wicked step-sister than anybody's fairy godmother, but **BILL HARVEY** loves his Christmas morning job of decorating, launching and driving the Santa boat on Encounter Lakes.

It's a real family affair that involves Bill, wife Fiona and daughter Blythe in labeling, sorting and packing presents ready for Bill, Santa and his Elf to deliver to happy children round the lake.

We have enjoyed a Lakes Santa for the last 15 years thanks to the Harveys who provide the boat and their time at no cost. **It really is appreciated.**



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Is Franklin Island part of Encounter Lakes?



Late in 2014 the Developer's warranty period expired and responsibility for ongoing maintenance of Franklin Island passed to The City of Victor Harbor.

At a recent meeting with the Council we were asked to consider our views on inviting residents of Franklin Island to be included in ELRGI and be represented at committee level.

Given we are all part of a single lake system and are both covered by the Council's Encounter Lakes Management Plan, the proposal seems to make sense.

The Committee is seeking resident's views on how we should proceed. Please feel free to call a committee member or write to us.

ALMOST!

During the week before Christmas routine testing of Lake water indicated higher than normal microbiological results from the Tabernacle Rd sampling point.

Council has no option but to close at least part of the Lake in these circumstances until further testing shows that the water quality is acceptable



The interstate Lab that tests Lake water was closed till Jan 6th so we faced the possibility of the Lake being closed for weeks.

ELRGI Secretary Wilf Emmett was formerly with SA Water and between he and Council's Steve Bateman arranged for SA Water to re-test the lake water. With good results, the lake re-opened. **A great Christmas initiative.**



Message From The President

As you read this first Newsletter for 2015, we are well into the year after an active Christmas/New Year period for your committee. The Annual General Meeting held at Carrickalinga House on the 14th of November was attended by some 50 residents and presentations by His Worship, Mayor Graham Philp and Heather Wehr, President of the Victor Dragons

were well received.

The Christmas Party at John Crompton Reserve on December 12th was a resounding success with close to 100 participants enjoying the “sausage sizzle”, beautiful weather and garden environment. We have featured photographs from the event in this newsletter along with some examples of the wonderful efforts residents have made in illuminating their homes with Christmas lights.

Father Christmas again graced our lake delivering presents and Christmas cheer. Bags of sweets brought smiles to many youngsters and our sincere thanks again to Bill and Fiona for undertaking the Father Christmas activities and managing the presents. We also appreciated the support from Ashleigh from the Yilki Deli in getting these sweet goods at a special price.

It was pleasing to have many residents indicate their appreciation for the “Residents Notice” on the Personal Floatation Devices (PFD), Bird Feeding and Fishing Practices. It appears that many lake users have taken the advice to access the PFD’s and we wish to thank Property Managers at Elders Real Estate, Harcourts South Coast, LJ Hooker, Professionals, South Coast Realty and Toops for assisting us by distributing the notices to holiday rental clients in Encounter Lakes residences.

On behalf of the Committee, we look forward to assisting the Encounter Lakes Residents Group members as we work through community matters in the coming year and we will shortly be knocking on your door for the annual \$5.00 subscription to fund the ongoing ELRGI activities.

Tony Aldridge

PRESIDENT



If we change the time of our AGM from evening to afternoon it is likely we would be able to use the Council Chambers. Does this time suit you?



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This device at Joy Beer Park, in Nicolas Baudin is the water control valves for the Lake. At 25 years old they are showing signs of wear and are hard to maintain. Council is looking at hydraulic actuators.



Free, No Obligation Cruises

A headline like this normally guarantees a long queue, but this offer comes with a catch; you don't have a cabin and you have to paddle the boat.

It's not all bad though, as you won't get jetlag and the scenery along the cruise route gives you a different perspective of Encounter Lakes.

The Victor Dragons is looking for people who just want to go for a pleasant paddle or may, perhaps be interested in competitive paddling.

Come to Crompton Reserve any Sunday 9.00am or Wednesday 5.00pm to see whether dragon boating might have a place in your future.

If you are interested, please call Sandy Mayhew on 8552 1719 or Anthony Lang on 0418 805 516

The Beach Boys—April 2015

Beaches around the Lake are generally in good condition and the Council continues to be responsive when requests are submitted for top up sanding.

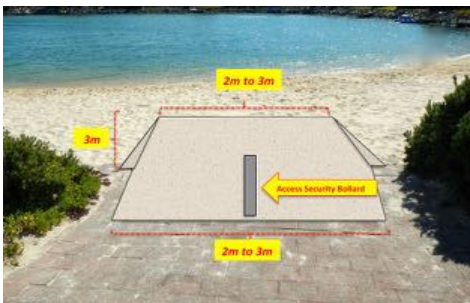


There are several areas around the Lake where water movement is restricted and this tends to increase algae

Growth. Paddlers unwittingly aerate the water and this helps to reduce algae growth, so head for, and paddle through any algae you see. It looks like close to 60% of people using water craft are not wearing at least a buoyancy vest. It's worth noting that inspectors are about, and fines of \$200+ have been issued.

Peter Harris
CO-ORDINATOR

Proposed Boat Ramp



Discussions are under way between the Council, Encounter Lakes Residents Group and Victor Dragons on the possibility of building a boat ramp at the end of the parking area off Tabernacle Rd.

The Victor Dragons have submitted a formal request to Council for

the construction of a ramp which will now be progressed by the infrastructure division. The ramp would help the Dragons, Lake maintenance, Santa, Triathlons and Emergency Services. It might also support a lake based option for sand replenishment at Lake beaches.

The Christmas Sausage Sizzle



Sometimes everything just goes right. The Christmas show at John Crompton Reserve was one of these. The weather was perfect, the snags cooked to perfection and the venue delightful.



These photos show part of the 97 people who enjoyed a great evening with friends and neighbors.

Serenity at Christmas



Few things are as beautiful at night as lights reflected on calm water.

Many residents give lots of pleasure to neighbors and the many visitors to our area with their imaginative light shows that are easy to see from most of the lakefront parks.

It doesn't get much better than this.



More Parks Around Encounter Lakes

In the October newsletter we gave you an insight into the location of some of the parks around the lake and the people after whom they were named.

So far we have mainly described parks on the Matthew Flinders side of the suburb. In this issue we will concentrate on the Nicolas Baudin side.



Andrew Comas from the Victor Harbor Council controls the maintenance program and the materials in close liaison with Ken Buckley who organises the Encounter Lakes Residents Gardening Group.

It's only a small group but is one that takes a great pride in ensuring our parks are places we can all enjoy. Like any volunteer group there is always room for a few more helpers.

If you have a few hours to spare and enjoy gardening , please give Ken a call on 8552 8151.

Now, let's have a look at the parks and gardens on the sea side of Encounter Lakes.



Above – John W Crompton Jr Reserve, Tabanacle Rd. **John Crompton OAM was Mayor of Victor Harbor from 1993 to 2003.**

It seems appropriate that this reserve has a carpark, as John Crompton Jr's father brought the first car into Back Valley, a 1924 Dodge

Below - The Herb E Welsh Reserve in Islander Drive is one of the smaller and least usable of our parks.

A search of Council archives turned up nothing on Herb Welsh. Between 1946 and 1950 a Hamilton Welch was Chairman of Encounter Bay Council. Possibly a typo?



Above – George Battye Reserve, Nicolas Baudin. **Never on the Council but was a farmer at Waitpinga and in the Bluff area..**



Above – The Joy Beer Park in Nicolas Baudin Drive. **Joy Beer joined the Victor Harbor Council in 1976 and was Mayor from 1976 to 1980.**



Below - John Higgins Reserve, Clipper Court. **John Higgins was District Clerk for Encounter Bay Council 1856 to 1858.**



Below - Brian Spilsbury Reserve, in Nicolas Baudin Drive. Right on the lake, this is a small but beautiful park.. **Brian Spilsbury was Mayor of Victor Harbor from 1989 to 1993**



Left – Coote Reserve on Encounter Terrace is the sea side face of Joy Beer Park in Nicolas Baudin Drive. The valves that control the flow of water into and out of the lake are located in these parks. **Named after Samuel Coote, a long serving employee of the Victor Harbor Council.**

It has been an interesting exercise to discover the history behind some of the names we see every day.

There would be very few suburbs the size of Encounter Lakes with as many parks as we enjoy. No wonder it's such a great place to live.