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Some people have all the fun

You may have seen a group of divers braving the chilly lake and undertaking the underwater surveying of the lake pipes and infrastructure during June.

They were Nigel, Jock and Marcus from Lawrie Commercial Diving, the marine consultants engaged by Council each year to provide an assessment of the state of the underwater environment both the lake and the off-shore sea water intake system in ensuring Encounter Lakes water quality is kept to standard.

The divers examine the gate mechanism located on Nicolas Baudin Drive, swim the interior of the pipes from the sea water intake and between the gate mechanism and the lake entry and exit openings. No job for the faint hearted or claustrophobes we would suggest.



John Crompton boat ramp finished



Council completed construction of a new boat ramp at John Crompton Reserve in September, which will improve access to the lake for various water craft including the boat conveying Father Christmas, the Victor Dragon's dragon boat and council vessels used for lake maintenance.

It is not a public ramp and Council will strictly manage its use. Victor Dragon's members will be very much "enlightened" by the new ramp which will mean they will be less engaged in lifting their dragon boat into the water, and have more energy to stroke oars in their endeavor to better their Bronze medal achieved in races at West Lakes earlier this year.

The Victor Dragons are looking to increase their membership and have plans for a second Dragon Boat, so if you are interested, please contact Marion Bennett on 8552 9392.

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AGM November 18th, 2.30pm—Gospel Centre



Our other speaker, pictured on the right is Steve Bateman, Manager Health & Regulatory Services with the City of Victor Harbor.

Steve will be talking on waste management in a changing environment and will be open to questions ranging from rubbish bins to water quality in the two lakes.

It is often difficult to persuade speakers who don't live in the local area to make themselves available in the evenings so the decision was taken to move the timing of the AGM to a Wednesday afternoon. Member reaction thus far has been positive.

We have two interesting and topical speakers scheduled for the AGM.

Chris Gregory, on the left, is Community Affairs Manager with NBN Co, and will provide us with a detailed insight into the history, capability and progress with the NBN installation.

The NBN is transitioning Australia to a digital future and is the most complex and most expensive communications project in Australia's history.

Members can look forward to an entertaining and interesting afternoon with our guest speakers.

We have invited Franklin Island residents to join us at the AGM as part of the business to be addressed are the changes required to the ELRGI constitution for this group to be included as part of our membership base. Both areas are united under a single Council Management Plan.

Please try to attend the AGM, enjoy the speakers, participate in the business and meet Lake people from both sides of Bartel Boulevard. It is also worth staying for afternoon tea, and chat afterwards.



AGM—2-30PM Christian Gospel Centre, George Main Rd, Wednesday Nov18th

CHRISTMAS PARTY—5.00PM Friday Dec 4th at John Crompton Reserve

SANTA BOAT—Presents to Fiona Harvey, between December 18th and 24th Phone 8552 4041



Message From The President

This Newsletter heralds Spring after what was a rather cold and wet winter during which time your Committee has been actively involved with the Council on a number of issues including the Permits for Jetties/Pontoons for lake residents.

We presented submissions and assisted with residents' enquiries during the Public Consultation with Council on introduction of the Permits and since, in advising residents on the completion of the documentation.

We have also been engaged with Council on amendments to the Encounter Lakes Management Plan to facilitate inclusion of Franklin Island under the plan along with other developments involving Encounter Lakes.

The Council has now assumed custody and care for the Franklin Island Estate expanding Encounter Lakes into a much broader community. Your Committee is now in the process of paving the way for membership of the ELRGI by Franklin Island residents through amendments to the Constitution, which we will be formally writing to you about shortly.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of the parks and reserves for off-lake residents in benefiting from the lakes environment and in particular, activities such as "Father Christmas On The Lake" on Christmas Day and the annual "Encounter Lakes Christmas Party". We want to be able to do more to enhance the lifestyle for our members and you may have ideas you might like to share in that regard. Let us know by communicating those ideas to us via the contact details at the back of this Newsletter.

Our process of community engagement has brought to focus some concerning issues with vandalism, trespassing and similar errant behavior associated with the residences near the reserves and parks. Whilst we do not have a formal "Neighbourhood Watch" program, we would consider it a fundamental of supporting our community for all of us to actively keep lookout for both our neighbors and community property by reporting acts of vandalism, trespass of residences and similar unlawful behavior to the local police. We are sure you agree with this sentiment and will support this community imperative.

Finally, in the interests of making the Annual General Meeting more accessible, we will be holding the meeting on Wednesday, the 18th of November 2015 in the afternoon, rather than at night. The meeting will be held at the Christian Gospel Centre, George Main Rd (between Council and the High School) commencing at 2:30pm and we will be arranging for an afternoon tea at the conclusion of proceedings to encourage community networking.

We hope you will join us!

Tony Aldridge

PRESIDENT



The November triathlon will include an "Adults Mini-Triathlon" for the less sporty members of the community, that is a 50m wade or swim, 2km bike ride and a 400m run. See Triathlon website for details.....



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Don't forget, it's an afternoon meeting at the Christian Gospel Centre with two interesting guest speakers. See front page....



A sight few have seen

It's handy to have a camera in the car when driving round the Lakes area. This photo was taken during routine maintenance on the control valves for the Lakes water management system in Joy Beer Park at the beach end of Clipper Court.

The four grey machines on the top of the facility are electric motors that drive threaded screw shafts attached to gate valves. You can see one of the valves in the right hand chamber. When the motor turns the shaft one way the gate rises and the lake is open to the sea. If it turns in the reverse direction the gate valve is closed.

The inlet to the lake is the lower chamber on the left and connects by pipeline to the lake at the Nicolas Baudin end of Islander Drive. The top chamber is the outlet which connects to the lake behind Ketch Place at the end of Clipper Court.. The water supply for Franklin Island is pumped from the main lake but more on this later.

Beach Boys—October 2015



In late September lake beaches were inspected with Mike Ross from Council and we expect the beach maintenance program for 2015/16 to be released shortly. Maintenance activity is likely to include weed spraying and a 100 tonne sand replacement program for the Islander Drive beach.

Signs on beaches prohibiting cockling, and dogs swimming in the lake seem to be working but are considered to be less visible than they need to be. Residents need to keep in mind that no health safety testing has been done on lake fish and as such, they probably should not be eaten. With summer coming on it's again worth asking you: **Please do NOT to feed seagulls.**

Peter Harris
CO-ORDINATOR



Volunteer Gardening Group

It's Spring, and wonderful things are happening in our parks around the lake.

Plants are awash with new shoots and leaves are lush on shrubs that have been dormant over winter.

In recent times our 19 strong volunteer group has pruned, weeded and mulched the following parks; Alf Siegert in Lakeside, Herb E Welsh in Islander, Eric Ashby in Matthew Flinders, Brian Spilsbury

and Joy Beer/Coote in Nicolas Baudin, and the Boulevard Café car-park gardens.

The Gardening Group is comfortable with 19 volunteers, but if you feel you might have a few spare hours and would like to help, please [call Ken on 8552 8151](tel:85528151).

Ken Buckley
CO-ORDINATOR



Permits for Jetties & Pontoons

The introduction of the private pontoon/structure permit system by the Council has been a difficult journey for many lakefront residents and it would have been preferred that the need for the permits had been addressed in the regulations pertaining to the lakes estates when originally developed.

Council has ratified the permit introduction and your Committee has done all that it could to engage the CVH during the process in seeking to minimise the impact on residents.

The Council permit scheme for jetties and pontoons has been introduced and we know that many residents have progressed the documentation to obtain their permits.

There are however some positives related to the fact we now have a legal permit for our jetties and pontoons.

1. We now have a right to exclusive occupancy of our jetty or pontoon. This gives us the right to ask Police (not Council) to remove people trying to invade privacy through the use of our jetty. Council does not have the legal right to enforce this situation, but Police do.
2. Purchasers of lakefront properties will, in future, be able to deduct the value of jetties or pontoons from the purchase price of a property before paying stamp duty. ELRGI put a proposition to the State Stamp Duties Office and received the following response: **“The jetty would be considered as a fixture, however as there is no transfer of the jetty licence then there is no duty liability on this”** The ELRGI Treasurer is happy to provide you with a copy of the email from the Stamp Duties Office, on request.

This decision will be promulgated to estate agents in the area but it may be an issue you need to keep in mind in the event of selling. In balance, the permit decision has given lakefront residents some power in respect of who may and may not use jetties, and has provided future residents with some benefit in respect of stamp duty.

If you have a jetty and are selling your property you need to have clear conditions in your sale agreement that the buyer is to establish a jetty/pontoon permit in their own name, prior to settlement.

Jetty owners now need to keep their structures maintained and compliant as Council will be undertaking regular surveys.



Keeping up with technology

As a Committee, we take pride in keeping our members informed of issues, information and social matters we think are of interest through regular Newsletters, special advices and “face to face” discussions when collecting subs. With postage costs escalating and members being away home, we need to use technology to maintain links.

We would like to email newsletters to those we currently mail to and provide an EFTPOS facility for the payment of paying subs. More on these issues in the future.



The Christmas Page



More than one hundred ELRGI members gathered at John Crompton Reserve last December on what had to be one of the most perfect nights, all year.

The evening was warm and balmy, the snags were cooked perfectly and more importantly there was plenty of food.

We are hoping to be able to repeat the success we enjoyed last year, but will provide mar-quees just in case it's too much to ask for perfect weather two years running.

Members are cordially invited to the 2015 Christmas party. Arrangements are much the same as last year where you bring your chairs, tables drinks and glasses; and we provide sausages cooked to perfection by our presidential chef; bread, sauce and onions.

Please get your pen and write the details on your calendar, now.

ELRGI Christmas Party, Friday December 4th, John Crompton Reserve, 5-pm

Santa will be back on the lake Christmas morning

Christmas morning is a great time on the lake with Santa, his elf and cruising round the lake with Bill Harvey who looks surprisingly like a fairy. Bill and wife Fiona provide the boat, decorate it and organise the collection and distribution of presents.

There are 250 lolly packs on board that are thrown to kids as we make our way round the lake. There are even a few golf balls for dads.

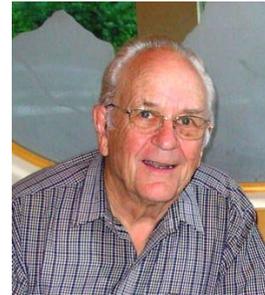


If you don't live on the lake, Santa will happily deliver presents to kids at public beaches and parks where it is safe to dock.. When you drop your presents to Fiona we would ask that you please include a roll of tinsel to help with decorating the boat.

Council has waived the permit cost for this and future years. A nice Christmas gesture.

Presents to Fiona Harvey at 26 Lakeside between December 18th and 24th. Phone 8552 4041

Sometimes you get it wrong



In the last newsletter we erroneously attributed the naming of Coote Reserve in Encounter Tce to Samuel Coote, a long serving Council employee based on the practice of Council naming the majority of parks after people who have served the Council and community. We are pleased to put the record straight thanks to Pam Coote, who told us that the park is named after her late husband, Glen Coote who lived next door and spent many hours turning a plot of waste land into the park we enjoy today. The park is a fitting memorial

to Glen (pictured here) and Pam's community spirit.

Does your street need one of these

None of us likes speedsters who noisily zoom up and down our streets making them unsafe.

The suggestion has been made to nominate Encounter Lakes as a 40km/h speed restricted estate like the McCracken Estate. This proposal will be discussed at the November AGM when we will be seeking members' views on this suggestion.



If members support the proposal, we will apply through the Council and, ultimately the State Government for approval. Council has made equipment available in the past to monitor and record vehicle speeds on some streets already, but has no jurisdiction in setting speed limits.

We recognise that simply reducing the limit may not influence idiots who can't remember the current 50kmh limit and are unlikely comply with a 40kmh limit. Perhaps the presence of the signs might change the behaviour of some!

Please attend the AGM and be part of the discussions.

Are you able to help?



There are currently 281 families in the Encounter Lakes area who are members of ELRGI.

This number indicates that almost 60% of people in the Encounter Lakes Sub-division support being part of the local community.

The committee currently has a problem in that there are streets where we have members but nobody on the committee who actually lives in that street. These include Nicolas Baudin, Encounter Terrace, Lakeside Circuit, Cutter Circuit, Windjammer Court, Ainslie Roberts Drive, Tabernacle Road and Bartel Boulevard.

If you feel you would like to be part of the ELRGI committee please nominate at the AGM or simply call one of the current committee members.

ELRGI is not an onerous committee as we typically meet only five times a year but it is one that has an important role in ensuring the unique standards we enjoy in this very special sub-division are maintained, or improved.