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## The Gardening Group

The Gardening Group's most recent project has been in Horrie E Mayfield Reserve in Cutter Circuit.

In March we spent time weeding, pruning where appropriate, mulching trees and removing dead vegetation in this park.

Although we have a team of 20 we can always use more helpers. If you can spare an hour a month please give me a call on 8552 8151 or email me from our website.



*Ken Buckley*

GARDENING CO-ORDINATOR

We often see young children in canoes without a life jacket, so make no apologies about continuing to remind you of these commonsense issues



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ELRGI

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## ELRGI website now LIVE

The management Committee decided before Christmas that it was time to ELRGI to move into the 21st century and start using the facilities available from having our own website.

We had firm views on what we needed and these included, a site that was visually attractive, simple to navigate, provided relevant information and required a minimum of ongoing maintenance.

We did a first draft using graphics software and let all management committee members have the chance to suggest ways the site might be improved.

Bit by bit, as work proceeded, text

and graphics for each page was circulated for comment, correction and improvement.

This approach worked and the site gradually reached the stage where it was ready to be handed to a web developer for programming.

The ELRGI site went live on schedule and was also within budget.

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This graphic is our site's home page. The site tells the reader about ELRGI, has photos and contact details for committee members, as well as a large photo gallery.

There is a special page for new members, downloadable newsletters from 2012 to **CONTINUED PAGE 3**

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## Message From The President

This first Newsletter for 2017 heralds a shift in ELRGI towards a higher community profile that comes from an internet presence. On page one you can see that, our website is “live” and will be our portal for members and anybody who wants to know about us, what we do and the wonderful lifestyle we all share.

On behalf of the management committee and ELRGI members, I congratulate Trevor Morgan for his excellent work in establishing the site. [Make sure you take time to have a look!](#)

If you attended the ELRGI Community Event – Sausage Sizzle on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, you were one of a record 130 or more people who enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at John Crompton Jnr Reserve. The Committee put a lot of effort into staging the event and I thank them for their support. You can see some “happy snaps” in the “Gallery” of the new website and on the opposite page of this newsletter.

Our first Committee meeting in 2017 saw changes in office bearer positions. Wilf Emmet retired as Secretary and Public Officer after serving over 5 years and we thank Wilf for his contribution and look forward to his continuing efforts with the Committee. Wilf’s specialised knowledge of water testing technology is invaluable in helping us work with Council to manage and understand water quality.

Sandy Lee was elected Secretary and Phil Cochrane Public Officer, whilst Trevor Morgan and I were returned as Treasurer and President. It was very pleasing to have new members, Mary Jarvis and Jack Bramley join the ELRGI team.

It has been unfortunate to hear of vandalism and bad behavior issues being faced by of our Franklin Island members and it seems the holiday season results in an increase in this type of behavior. Where problems of this nature are observed, we strongly advise residents to report the incidents to the police and not confront the perpetrators.

We have approached the local police to try to improve response times to these issues as we all deserve the support to enjoy peaceful and happy lives in the special place we have chosen to call home.

*Tony Aldridge*

**PRESIDENT**



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## Council shows a real Christmas spirit

A licence to launch the Santa boat used to cost \$30 on Christmas Day. We had a short discussion with Mayor, Graham Philp and he agreed that ELRGI could launch on Christmas Day, free of charge, for the foreseeable future. Our residents appreciate this gesture of support on a day of joy and special significance.

## Where we need bubbles there are none



This is the aerator located behind Ketch Place that increases the oxygen content of the water in it's vicinity. Prior to the aerator there was a stagnant area of water in one corner of the beach behind Bartel Boulevard and Ketch Place.

In February, this year the aerator was low in the water and no longer working. The cause was found to be more than 100kgm of mussels growing on the unit. These were cleaned away and after normal maintenance the aerator was re-installed behind Ketch Place; but there were still problems.

Global Water, who maintain the unit have been asked to find a solution, but at time of writing we could not get a definite time for completion of this task.

## Late January date for sausage sizzle really worked



January 27th was one of those perfect days, 28C with little wind and lots of warm sunshine.

It's difficult to count a group of people moving round a picnic area but we know at least 130 members took advantage of the balmy evening and had a great time.

For the first time we used

South Coast Vets BBQ trailer and were able to keep up with demand for snags better than previous years. There were plenty of sausages for everybody, but at the end of the day there were none left over.

Another 30 members may have joined us but for the fact it was school holidays and a long weekend. So in 2018 we are looking at a date early in February. Thanks everybody for making this event such a success.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that new, enforceable by-laws would apply from January 1st. 2017. Council is replacing and increasing signage on all beaches to ensure people using them can be in no doubt about the behaviour expected of them.

**TAKE  
NOTICE  
AND  
READ  
THE SIGNS**

## Beach Boys confirm our beaches are in good shape



It's great to finally be able to concentrate on the range of activities faced by the Secretary of the Beach Boys.

The Beach Boys worked with Council in December 2016 to assess the state of beaches at both Franklin Island and Encounter Lakes and sand replenishment was carried out where necessary. Some new, minor rock

walls were also completed on the Islander Drive beach to control sand movements caused by wind erosion.

At the end of March, a follow-up inspection was carried out and all beaches were in good condition. The only problem continues to be the aerator adjacent to the Ketch Place beach. Repairs are under way and the unit is expected back in service by the end of May.

The next review is scheduled for early June and will be concentrated on the control of weed growth. If, over winter you feel you might like to join the Beach Boys, please give me a call on 0412 412 227 or send an email to [beaches@elrgi.org.au](mailto:beaches@elrgi.org.au)

*Trevor Rose*

**SECRETARY**

## Thanks again Ashley

Each Christmas ELRGI buys more than 20kgm of sweets that we package up, and throw to children at lake properties and on the public beaches.

For as long as we can remember, Ashley at Yilki Store has bought the sweets when on special and



sold them to us at his cost price. In itself, this is a small gesture, but it is one that is much appreciated by your committee and deserves to get the publicity that Ashley would not expect. Ashley helps us make a lot of kids round the lake even happier on Christmas morning

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the latest issue; the ELRGI Constitution and the Encounter Lakes Management Plan. Enquiry boxes let users contact key the committee, Garden group and the Beach Boys. **GO ONLINE AND CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF**

## Lake Jetties & Structures



The majority of the jetties and pontoons maintained on residents' lake-fronts are kept in good condition and comply with the City of Victor Harbor Structure Permits, however, some are in need of improvement.

Council has previously removed non-permit structures from the main lake

and ELRGI will be meeting with them in the near future to discuss their review of present structures. In recent times it has been difficult to find contractors who are skilled in jetty construction and/or repairs.

However, we have been provided with details by a member who has recently used and recommends Goolwa Jetty Builders. If you need to replace or repair your jetty, keep this information handy:

**GOOLWA JETTY BUILDERS 85550934 or Mobile 0417 836 592**

## Replacement of gate valves in water control system



The left photo shows the gate valve mechanism in Joy Beer park that controls water flows between the ocean and the main lake. The right hand photo is the view inside the valve chamber with one of the control valves sitting against the far wall.

Each of the four valves is a simple plate that is lifted on a worm drive to allow water to flow in or out of the lake. The problem is that the valve mechanism is more than 30 years old and expensive to maintain.

O'Donnell Griffin has been awarded a contract to replace each of the four valves in this chamber with a new, state of the art rack and pinion mechanism. The project is expected to be complete by the end of May.

We will upload details of the new valve mechanism to our web gallery.

## Anyone for a bubble bath?



This shot was taken from behind Bartel Boulevard, where water from Franklin Island is returned to the main lake.

For those who might not be aware, all water for Franklin Island is pumped from the main lake; and over time

returned before being discharged into the ocean.

Since late in 2016 the lake, between Ketch Place and the Boulevard Cafe, has been wearing a wide slick of foam. Council has told us that there are problems with the valves controlling water flow from Franklin Island causing air to be ingested, mixed with the water and surging from the outlet pipe, as foam.

Water testing in recent months has not revealed any abnormalities so there are no health issues associated with the problem.

In other parts of the world people spend good money to swim in waters from natural spas, so perhaps we are missing an opportunity.

## What are your views on a pontoon?

The suggestion has been made that ELRGI investigate the provision of a public pontoon in the lake near the Beach at the C.M. Thorpe Reserve.

The pontoon would be a public amenity with the advantage it may stop the public seeking access to residents' jetties.

The proposal will need to look at how the pontoon might be funded and Council will need to have the concept reviewed by their risk insurers and consider the maintenance implications. Alexandrina Council approved a pontoon at Horseshoe Bay and may be able to give us some advice.

We would like your views on this proposal through [www.elrgi.org.au](http://www.elrgi.org.au)

