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The Beach Boys—October 2014

In late winter we inspected all Lake beaches as the basis for developing a strategy for this year's re-sanding project. The beaches are generally in good condition, with the exception of the one behind the Nicolas Baudin Drive, Islander Drive corner. The problem is



weeds and the cause was the beach being re-sanded without prior weeding. Remedial action will be part of this season's sanding project.

Water quality remains good at all testing points. There are however three areas of concern for the Beach Boys.

Firstly: Situations where people using John Crompton Reserve drive their vehicle onto the lawned area in the park. This is a safety issue with

young children using the playground, and shows a clear lack of respect for a valued facility.

Secondly: People who let dogs run loose and swim at the Tabernacle public beach, despite clear signage at entry points

Thirdly: Visitors who dig for cockles on the Tabernacle beach ignoring clear signs prohibiting the practice.

The Beach Boys would welcome the Council examining its by-laws to see whether it is possible to prosecute people who have little respect for our community and lifestyle.

Peter Harris
CO-ORDINATOR



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This Year You Get to Choose The Guest Speaker at our AGM

This year's AGM will be held at Carrickalinga House at 7-30pm on Friday November 14th. Carrickalinga House, at 17 Torrens Rd is opposite Target in one direction and the old Police Station in the other. There is plenty of parking available behind the centre.

Our aim this year was to have our Mayor as Guest Speaker, not realising there was an election between the time of our decision and the AGM.



HEATHER WEHR Our Keynote Speaker

Heather is President of Victor Dragons and the person we see at the back of the dragon boat as it meanders round the lake.



Heather is going to tell us about the sport and why her team of happy paddlers Love their dragon boating.

The three candidates for Mayor of the City of Victor Harbor are Mary-Lou Corcoran, Michael Smoker and our current Mayor, Graham Philp.

We have spoken with all of the candidates and each has agreed to speak at the AGM if elected; so your vote will determine who is guest speaker at the Encounter Lakes AGM.



AGM—7-30PM Friday Nov14th
CHRISTMAS PARTY—5.00PM Friday Dec 12th
SANTA BOAT—Presents to Fiona Harvey, between December 18th and 24th Phone 8552 4041



Message From The President

Since being elected President in May, it has been a privilege to be working with a committee dedicated to managing the community interests of the Encounter Lakes Residents Group and championing issues raised by community members.

The challenge for our community is in preserving and building upon the wonderful quality of life we have invested in at Encounter Lakes.

The Encounter Lakes Management Plan sets the benchmarks for our prestigious residential estate and the committee enjoys a constructive and supportive relationship with the City of Victor Harbor in fulfilling the plan's objectives.

However, your Committee wants to build on that foundation plan, determining what we as residents need to achieve to ensure our community continues to improve in providing a safe and sustainable environment, which enhances the quality of life we have come to enjoy.

We can only do that through the active participation of our members, by accessing your views and your suggestions. Attendance at the AGM is a great way to contribute to that process and being a member of the Committee is the best way to help steer the course for our future, so join us!

The past year has seen continuation of positive developments in our area with the provision by Council of a toilet block and shower at John Crompton Reserve to complement the children's playground and picnic facilities provided previously. In concert with the Gardening Group, the Council has undertaken reserve improvements with replanting and mulching of a number of locations.

Christmas beckons and we will again see Father Christmas on the lake thanks to Bill and Fiona Harvey, and their Christmas crew. We hope more residents embrace the Christmas spirit by illuminating their home gardens. It has become a special experience to tour Encounter Lakes in the evening and enjoy the lights.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the ELRGI committee, the Gardening group and Beach Boys for their wonderful efforts in 2014. They are members of our community who help us in "Living The Dream!"

Tony Adldidge



Due to Council work pressures there has been little headway on the jetty licensing issue. Jetty licensing will be a priority task later this year and we will report progress in the April 2015 newsletter.



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Did this blow-up lounge blow away from your lake-front property during the September gales?

It's safe and sound and if you would like it back, please call 8552 6223.



Like to be an Active Member of the Lakes Community?

If you look at the addresses of the Committee of Encounter Lakes Residents Group on p8, you will see that we are short on representation from a number of streets.

There is nobody from Lakeside Drv, Bartel Bvd, Tabernacle Rd, Windjammer Ct, Cutter Ct, Ainslie Roberts Drv or Encounter Tce; and we have only one representative for Nicolas Baudin.

Being an ELRGI committee member is not onerous as we typically meet only four times a year. With its close working relationship with the Council, ELRGI has very real credibility on issues likely to impact residents in the Encounter Lakes area.

No particular experience is necessary and we would be pleased to hear from old and new residents interested in ensuring the Lakes area remains a very special place to live. Please contact the President, Secretary or Treasurer if you are willing to become involved.

John Crompton Toilet Makes a Good Park Even Better

This facility is one that has been worth waiting for. The new toilet at John Crompton Reserve is a great facility for playground visitors and the public generally. It's also looks good & works well.



CHRISTMAS MORNING IS A SPECIAL TIME ON THE LAKE

Like a Present from Santa?

We are fortunate in celebrating Christmas in a way available to few other suburbs. Our Santa comes by boat with an Elf and a boat driving fairy.

Santa will deliver your presents to people with jetties and those who can get to any of the Lake beaches.

Presents should be left with Bill and Fiona Harvey at 26 Lakeside Drive, with clear delivery instructions, between December 18th and 24th, preferably before Christmas Eve. You can contact Fiona on 8552 4041.

Please be part of this special day.

Free Xmas Sausage Sizzle



This year's Lakes Christmas get-together will be different from previous years. Rather than you having to supply your own nibbles, the ELRGI committee will provide a free sausage sizzle.

The venue this year is the John Crompton Reserve at the corner of Nicolas Baudin Drive and Tabernacle Road. This venue has toilet facilities and more than adequate parking facilities. Even though it's December we still get cool weather in a majority of years. We will provide shelter at John Crompton using several small marquees provided by the Council.

Details are: VENUE—John Crompton Reserve ; DATE—Friday December 12th; TIME—5.00 onwards; BRING—just your drinks and friends. We are hoping for a great night.



It's Rip Rap Inspection Time

Sounds like something we would have danced to many years ago, but today it is as mundane as inspecting the rock revetment for weed infestation. The inspection, by boat, is planned for early October so may be over when you get your newsletter.

The Council has changed strategy this year and will poison any weed growth during the inspection process. This is a change welcomed by anybody who has ever climbed down the rip rap to spray weeds.

As an aside, you might be interested in why it's called "rip rap". The term is nautical from the 1600's and means "stretch of rippling water" caused by underwater formations.

It's Better to Grumble Than Take a Tumble



The photo to the right is a Bartel Bvd paver that has been lifted by tree roots. If you should

see a lifting paver or some other hazard with the potential to injure one of our neighbors, please go to the Council Chambers and report it. The Council is aware that the cost of repair is far less than a compensation claim and welcomes your help. Council will let you know the outcome.

The Parks Around Encounter Lakes - Part 1

We are very fortunate in Encounter Lakes in having 13 parks within the bounds of our suburb. The theme in our centrefold in recent issues has been an attempt to provide an insight into some areas of the development of our unique suburban area. In this, and the next issue, we will look at our parks and explore the background of the people behind the names.

Whilst the parks are largely maintained by the Council, the role played by Ken Buckley (pictured to the right) and his band of volunteers cannot be overlooked. This group works closely with the Council to ensure parks are kept in first class condition.

Nobody is paid, but Ken and his group of volunteers take great pride in ensuring our parks are kept in great condition and are places we can all enjoy.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to be part of the Gardening Group, please give Ken a call on 8552 8151.

You will enjoy the company of people who enjoy Encounter Lakes as much as you do and have pride in our garden suburb. Now, let's have a look at each of the parks on the western side of the Encounter Lakes sub-division.



Above – CM Thorpe Reserve on Bartel Boulevard. This is one of the three major reserves on the lake and a great place to meet up with Santa on December 25th. **CM Thorpe was Mayor of Victor Harbor in 1980.**

Below - This is the Allenby Parsons Reserve in Matthew Flinders Drive, just before the Lakeside Drive roundabout.

Allenby Parsons was Mayor of Victor Harbor from 1981 to 1984.



Above – Eric Ashby Reserve on Matthew Flinders Drive, adjacent to the Lakeside roundabout is one of our smaller reserves.

Eric Ashby was Mayor of Victor Harbor from 1984 to 1987.



Above – The Horrie E Mayfield Reserve is the centerpiece of the Cutter Circuit area. **Horrie Mayfield was the last Chairman of the District Council of Encounter Bay from 1972 to 1975. He was first elected to Council in 1946.**

Below - Alf Siekert Reserve In Lakeside Circuit is another of the smaller reserves that is not widely known, except to Lakeside residents. **Alf Siekert Was Chairman of the Encounter Bay Council 1952 to 1959.**



Below - The Bill WJ White Reserve is on Matthew Flinders Drive, just opposite the top end of Cutter Circuit. **Bill White was Chairman of the District Council of Encounter Bay from 1959 to 1975.**



Well, this concludes the first installment of our trip around the numerous parks and gardens that we are able to enjoy very close to where we live. There are six parks on the western side of the Lakes sub-division described on these pages; and seven on the Eastern side.

So far, it would seem that the naming convention is confined to former Mayors or Councilors, but this won't be the case when next April, we get to the other side of the lake. **We all owe the Council and Ken Buckley and his gardeners a vote of thanks for our well maintained parks.**