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It's not good, but it's not bad

This photo was taken at Franklin Island on December 6th. It is unsightly but that is probably the worst thing we can say about it.



Council has had it tested with the following result; "It was sampled and shown to be an Algae mat, possible caused by the nutrients in the flood waters. The matter was discussed with the Health Department and they advised that they were not concerned as it posed no issues to human health. However, we were strongly advised not to treat the algae for fear that it will cause extremely unpleasant odours when it dies."



David is just about ready for Jan 27th

David Barlow is determined to make sure the snags at this year's community sausage sizzle are cooked to perfection. The venue remains as John Crompton Reserve on Tabernacle Rd, but we have changed the timing from the busy pre-Christmas period to the quieter **January 27th**. The show will start at **5.00pm** and is FREE to all ELRGI members. Non-members will be welcome but will be asked for a gold

coin donation. [Put the date on the fridge and join us for a great time.](#)



**Christmas
Newsletter
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Encounter Lakes Residents Group

Join us for a great Lake Christmas



Santa will be back on the Lake on Christmas morning with his Elf and the Christmas Fairy ready to bring good cheer to all our neighbors and friends.

If you get your presents and a roll of tinsel to Fiona and Bill Harvey at 26 Lakeside Circuit between now and Christmas, Santa will very happily deliver them to children at jetties and beaches. It might pay to give Fiona a call on 8552 4041 before you go round with presents.

[Don't be shy if you live "off-lake". Meet Santa at one of our beaches. We will get to Bartel Bvd beach round 10.00 / 10.30 for Franklin Islanders.](#)

Do you have friends coming down for the holidays?



be a mate; tell them the rules and and keep them safe from un-necessary fines

This graphic is a repeat of one used in October but given the problems we are having with seagulls; and the new Council by-laws and fines from Jan 1st, it is worth repeating.



Message From The President

Yes! Christmas is upon us once again and it is with the enthusiasm and joy that this special time of the year creates that I welcome you to this "Christmas Newsletter". You will find it full of current matters of interest including the arrangements for "Father Christmas on The Lake" and a reminder of the annual ELRGI Community Sausage Sizzle.

Since the October Newsletter when we covered the flood ("Of Biblical Proportions" was a term used by some), it is pleasing to see the improved state of the lake and that the clarity of the water has returned just in time for the warmer (using that term lightly) weather.

The CVH have progressed ongoing water testing, the results of which, *are showing the quality is good!* So good in fact that a substantial bed of mussels was found residing in the intake pipe during the annual swim through and the CVH are arranging removal by diving contractors. It is also supporting the continuing cruising of our resident Gummy Shark (Nicknamed: Houdini, because every time someone attempts to locate it, it goes missing!!)

The AGM held on the 16th November saw two new members nominate for the Committee, Mary Jarvis and Jack Bramley, both from Lakeside Circuit and we are very pleased to have them join us and look after the interests of that sector of the estate." Unfortunately, one of our longest serving and most active Committee members, Denis Almond has retired after a term of some 11 years of service to this Community. I know that I speak for all of us in thanking Denis for his truly wonderful contribution. Barry Pearce who joined us last year from Franklin Island has had to resign due to commitments he has with the yachting community and we thank him for his term with us!

Wilf Emmett has stepped down as Secretary and Public Officer, but will remain on Committee to continue supporting us with his expertise and experience with water quality management issues.

The Committee, wishes you a safe and happy Christmas wherever you may be and trusts that Christmas leaves you with the gift of contentment from knowing that you have engendered Love, Peace and Joy with the families, the friends and the neighbours with whom you have shared this wonderful time!

Tony Aldridge

Not much doubt about the shark in the lake!



This photo was taken from a jetty in Ketch Place in late September.

It was a time when the water was far from clear and this shark, which is at least 1.5 metres long was swimming slowly on the surface for close to two days. It was seen from Ketch Place, Clipper Court

and Matthew Flinders Drive.

This photo was sent off to Ralph Foster, Collection Manager Ichthyology at the South Australian Museum. His response was "[From your photo I'm reasonably sure it is a gummy shark](#)" It doesn't seem we have anything to worry about, but Council continues to search for our shark

Let's have a brighter Christmas



Now we are into December it's lovely to see the Lake area come alive with Christmas lights. Some people spend a lot of time decorating their properties and this contributes to increasing the joy of the festive season for neighbours and visitors alike.

It's nice to see that more people in our community are putting up a string of lights or have a Christmas tree in the window. Every additional light makes the season and the place we live just that bit more special.



Thanks for your contribution Denis

Denis Almond, with his 11 years as a member of the Encounter Lakes residents Group committee has contributed to our community for almost as long as he has been in Victor Harbor.

Denis retired from the position of minute secretary but over the years he has been a member of the ELRGI committee has been a strong contributor to every activity we have undertaken.

Residents of Matthew Flinders will continue to be well represented at committee level with Heather Wehr at one end of the street and Sandra Lee at the other.