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The Beach Boys

Winter is here and the condition of beaches has deteriorated with failure to remove new or dead weed growth before the sand upgrade. Council is aware that, an early weed spray may be needed, weather permitting. We will continue to clean trash racks and monitor, algae, wild life and weed growth.



I would like to thank all Beach Boys for their contribution and commend Gary Kortman for his contribution prior to retirement. We also continue to appreciate Council support.

Peter Harris
CO-ORDINATOR

Encounter Lakes Gardening Group

We work closely with Council Open Space Group Leader Andrew Comas who lets us know which areas need attention. Contractors cut the grass and we prune, trim, weed and mulch the gardens to let people admire the plants and enjoy the open space.



Our group has a number of new members and numbers 14, which is great given some shrubs are 30 years old and need severe pruning. New members however are always welcome.

Ken Buckley
CO-ORDINATOR

If you can spare 17 hours a year and enjoy the outdoors, perhaps the Gardening Group is for you?

Call Ken Buckley on 8552 8151

Live on a beach and interested in keeping it pristine? Be a Beach Boy.

Call Peter Harris on 8552 8713



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NEWSLETTER
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Gary Kortman Retires as ELRGI President

Gary Kortman, our President for the past five years announced his retirement at the April meeting. After a health scare several years ago Gary has been keen to lighten his workload and have more time for family and leisure activities.

The committee respected Gary's decision and was grateful for the very real contribution he had made to the Lake's community and our group during the term of his presidency.

These sentiments are shared by those at the Victor Harbor Council who have worked closely with Gary on a wide range of issues.

We wish Gary well and trust that he and Joan continue to enjoy their cruises, travel to visit family and appreciate his continuing role with the Beach Boys.



Dates To Pencil In



ELRGI AGM: Nov 14th
XMAS PARTY: Dec 12th

DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Like To Know Where You Stand?

Encounter Lakes is probably one of the few suburbs in this State that has its own, dedicated Management Plan.

The plan was developed by the Council, but at all stages there was close consultation with the Residents' Group.

The end result is a document that reflects the needs and views of the Council and residents; and provides a blueprint for the future.

It's worth knowing where you stand, so get a copy at:

<http://www.victor.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=620>





Message From The President

Since being elected to the position of President after Gary's retirement life has been a whirl. My wife and I left for an overseas holiday two days after the last committee meeting so these thoughts have been put together quickly.

The great thing about our Lake's Committee is the range of skills available within the group and the real willingness to work for our local community and make the Lakes an even better place to live.

During his term as President Gary built a strong team and presided over a number of complex issues involving the Council. To his credit, every issue was amicably resolved and the valuable relationship with Council strengthened. As your new President I am very grateful for the strength of the organisation built by Gary Kortman and wish him well with his quieter life.

Tony Aldridge

PRESIDENT



Seen The New Lake's Dragon?

You may have noticed the yellow boat with it's colourful crew hard at work coming to grips with the

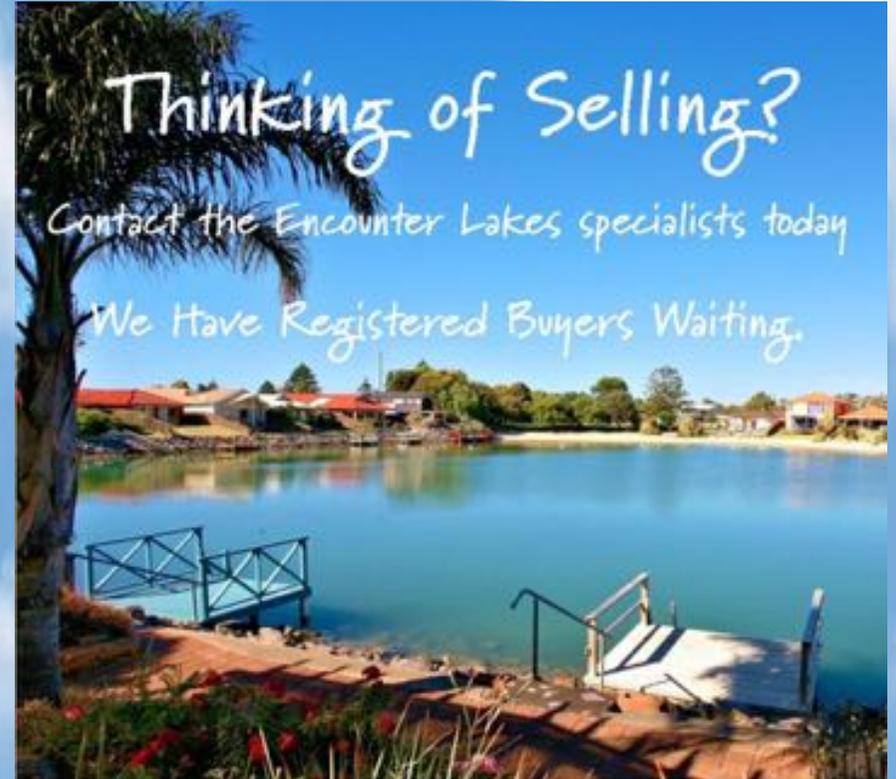
art of dragon boating on the lake.

Heather Wehr, at the helm, is the leader of the latest sport to enjoy the calm waters of our lake. The sport itself is not new as dragon boats are one of a family of traditional paddled long boats found throughout Asia, Africa, and the Pacific islands.

They were traditionally made from teak in the Pearl River Delta region of China's southern Guangdong Province.

Dragon boats are the basis of a team paddling sport which has its roots in an ancient folk ritual of contending villagers, which has been held for over 2000 years throughout southern China.

In modern times dragon boat racing emerged as an international sport, beginning in Hong Kong in 1976. The crew of a standard dragon boat is



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Singing Santa Was a First For The Lakes

The Lakes Santa last year was **JJ Geelan**, star of Annie Get Your Gun.

Santa was assisted by chorister elf, **Graeme Cowan** and the attractive fairy, **Bill Harvey**, at the helm.

Residents were entertained by this group breaking into song as they did their rounds on Christmas morning. Between them they handed out 50 presents, 250 bags of sweets and 120 golf balls.

As we have said many times before, Christmas morning on the Lake is a very special time and most of the credit for this is due to the untiring efforts of the Harvey family.

Details for Christmas 2014 will be included in our next newsletter.



Think Before You Eat

The lake abounds with mussels, oysters and other, smaller crustaceans.

These have never been tested to ensure they are safe for human consumption, so it's probably better to leave them where they are.

Some of our beaches are well stocked with cockles and there is no problem if you occasionally take a few for fish bait. We have heard reports of people from beyond the Lakes area descending on beaches for a day's cockling.

This should be discouraged as intensive digging brings the smelly black sand to the surface, spoiling what would otherwise be a pleasant beach.

Bearings On Gate Valves

These are the gate valves in Nicolas Baudin that control the flow of sea water into and out of our lake system. It seems there is wear on the bearings of the gate valves indicating that replacement might be necessary in the foreseeable future. We will let you know more in later newsletters.



Do Your Bit To Help The Lake



It's great to be a keen gardener but keep in mind that almost all of the stormwater run-off from the 550 houses in the Encounter Lakes sub-division will end up in the lake.

This can include poison, fertiliser and grass cuttings from properties fronting the lake, over the road, or one street back.

If you are in an area with large street trees **call the Council** if there is a need for the street to be swept or trash racks emptied.

The last problem area is dog droppings. If it's your dog, pick it up. If it's somebody else, remind them of where the fouling will end up and the damage it can do.

CALL THE COUNCIL FOR THE STREET SWEEPER OR TRASH RACK MAINTENANCE ON 8551 0500

It's Nice To Be Able To Get Excited Over a Footpath

The photo is of the new footpath on the South side of Tabernacle Road.

The Resident's Group had been concerned for some years that young mothers from Encounter Waters and the lakes area were wheeling pushers down Tabernacle Rd at a time when traffic was on the increase. The Council was sympathetic to our concerns but there is always a need to prioritise projects and wait till the necessary funding has been secured.

We are very happy to see this strip of bitumen in place to make the future safer for our younger residents.



THE NEW LAKES DRAGON? Continued typically 22, comprising 20 paddlers in pairs facing toward the bow of the boat, a drummer or caller at the bow facing toward the paddlers, and a sweep (a steerer) standing at the rear of the boat. The Victor dragon is typical with a crew of 22.

Boats vary in length and the crew size will change accordingly, from small dragon boats with 10 paddlers up to the traditional boats which have upwards of 50 paddlers, plus drummer and sweep. Heather's crew is serious about being part of an international sport, but also enjoy the chance to get a new perspective on our very special suburb.



Licence System For Private Structures On The Lake

There has been considerable interest around the lake on the details and implications of the proposed licensing system for the jetties many of us enjoy.

The Council is still developing details of the scheme likely to be introduced, but in the interim we thought it might be beneficial to identify some of the issues being considered.

The Encounter Lakes Management Plan makes provision for private structures on the lake adjacent to residential properties. These structures include things like steps into the lake, handrails, landings, jetties and pontoons.

It is important to note that some private structures also require development consent under the Development Act, and it's probably a good idea to seek advice from Council prior to construction or alterations.

The Encounter Lakes Management Plan also sets out guidelines for a licence system for these private structures as they are located on public land (the lake). Over the last year, Council has been working on the framework for this system to ensure the best outcomes for all parties.

What are the benefits of the licence system?

To Council – The licence system will ensure that structure/s can legally exist on the council reserve and that the land owner of the adjoining property is responsible for any liability and maintenance of the structure.

To Residents –The licensing system provides residents with reassurance by authorising tenure of the space that the structure occupies. It eliminates the risk of the structure being removed by the public land owner (Council) during the term of the licence (providing licence conditions are met).

How will the licence system work and when will it be introduced?

The aim of the licence system is to ensure the structures are maintained at all times in a safe, functional and aesthetically appropriate condition, and in accordance with Building Code standards and Council's requirements.

LICENCE SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE STRUCTURES ON THE LAKE continued

The framework of the licence system is still being finalised. It is expected a draft licence framework will be endorsed by Council for public consultation purposes in the 2014-15 financial year. Before a final system is adopted, members of the community will have the opportunity to provide their comments and feedback on the proposed system through an extensive public consultation process.

As this project progresses Council will provide updates through the Encounter Lakes Residents Group and our monthly e-newsletter Victor Viewpoint.

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Some People Like the Sound of a Waterfall; Some Don't

This photo was taken from Clipper Court looking toward the Bartel Boulevard, Ketch Place corner.

The centrepiece is an aerator that sounds a bit like Niagara Falls, as it provides oxygen rich water to the bay behind Ketch Place. Before the aerator,

the water flow through the lake system tended to bypass this bay; and without normal tidal movement, the corner in front of the canoes became a semi stagnant area of water.

The aerator has improved water quality in the area and there is no longer a water quality problem in the corner of the beach. Local residents either love the sound of cascading water or wish that another area of the lake had a greater need for the aerator.



Changes To The Management Plan

There are several changes you should be aware of
Appendix 5: Proposed Jetty Licences
Appendix 11: Lake Closure On Bad Water Quality

It's uncertain whether Jetty Licences will change Appendicies 5 or 6 or add attachments to these sections when policy has been formulated, issues considered by residents, and approved by Council. Time will tell.

Appendix 11 is a new section included in March 2014 and takes the form of an Administrative Procedure to deal with contingencies of an unforeseen nature. The extended lake closure in 2013 when pollutant levels exceeded acceptable limits prompted this extension to the Management Plan. Whilst none of us want to see the lake closed it is gratifying there is a documented procedure in place, should it prove necessary