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Christmas on the Lakes



Go to a park or, if you can, paddle round either Lake at night time to see the spectacle our residents create when they combine a balmy evening, lots of lights and calm water reflecting shimmering images of our unique Xmas.

Visited the ELRGI website lately?



Our website is www.elrgi.org.au and is worth a periodic visit. You can see your committee members, newsletters since 2012, our constitution, lots of photos, how to pay subs online, new resident info, how to avoid scams and the Management Plan agreed with Council & more



Let's Get Ready for a Merry Christmas



A little bit of history for our 2020 front page with a photo of Santa on the Lake back in 1997.

Nostalgia is probably appropriate as Bill Harvey is now in his 21st year of bringing joy to young and old who live on the Lake or flock to one of the public beaches to be part of this unique Christmas event.

It is an event that gives the Santa Team on the boat Team just as much joy as those on shore, with the chance to dress up in suits that reflect joy and happiness.

In recent years Santa has distributed more than 100 presents each Christmas morning so we are all thankful that Bill Harvey has outgrown paddleboats and uses his much larger half cab. Even with that boat, it is necessary to go back to the dock and re-load three or four times.

You don't have to live on the Lake to have Santa deliver you and yours a present as we make stops at the John Crompton Beach and opposite the Boulevard Café for off-lake residents and Franklin Islanders.

Name and bag your presents, include any specific instructions, **include some tinsel to decorate the boat** and deliver all of this to Fiona Harvey at 26 Lakeside Circuit, between December 17th and 24th



SANTA BOAT—Presents to Fiona Harvey, between December 17th and 24th Phone 8552 4041
SAUSAGE SIZZLE—5.00PM Friday Feb 5th



Message From The President

As we enter the final phase of a year like no other that we have travelled in our lifetimes, it is very pleasing to know that certain special joyful traditions that we have come to look forward to are continuing! YES! "Santa on the Lake" will be taking place on Christmas Day and details on what to do if you would like to

have presents delivered on the day are set out on page 1.

The Victor Dragons will be providing Carols on the Lake at dusk on Sunday December 20th at 7:30pm and we hope everyone can get to a lake park or their jetty to enjoy and applaud another unique Lake event. There will be a contingent of paddlers joining the dragon boat so we will have lots of happy people launching Christmas on the Lake.

The ELRGI committee would like to thank the lakefront and surrounding off-lake residents for their wonderful Christmas light displays. A walk through this community in the evening is literally an illuminating experience that will put you right into the glow of Christmas.

Our AGM on November 27th was very well attended, particularly given the circumstances of COVID preventing the inclusion of guest speakers and supper. With around 50 residents in attendance, the meeting offered a great opportunity for member communication and we thank all who attended for the spirited discussion on a range of matters.

We were very pleased to welcome Rosemary Hibberd from Lakeside Circuit and Jo Carnegie from Nicolas Baudin Drive in joining the Committee and we know that they will be excellent representatives for those primary membership areas

The AGM canvassed a number of issues including the subscription fee for 2021, which will remain at \$5.00.

On behalf of the ELRGI Committee please take care and have a safe, healthy and happy Christmas. This year we can truly be thankful that we dwell where we do, that we still have the opportunity to share and embrace family, friends and neighbours! Look after those near you who may be in need support if you are able.

May the coming new year be all that you wish it should be, where we see the world recover from a terrible affliction and regain the modicum of normality in our lives that we treasure!

Tony Aldridge
PRESIDENT



Outlet Pipe Update

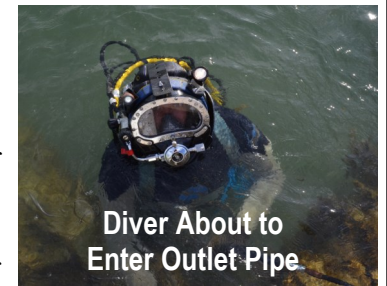
The project to clear the lake outlet pipe under Nicolas Baudin Drv is scheduled to start in February 2021 using a team of three divers, an electrician, a jetvac machine operator and several truck drivers.

The first task will be to cap both ends of the outlet pipe and pump the water it contains into the lake. This will result in Nicolas Baudin Drv being closed for a few days as a hose will need to be laid from Joy Beer Park over to the lake.

The mussels will be removed by divers in the pipe using a jetvac machine which is an oversize water blaster. The mussels will be trucked away and dumped. They will possibly be sold to a garden supplies firm at some later date.

The project will take 5-7 days and result in machinery noise, trucks coming and going and a constant whirring sound from the pump.

Council will provide notice of the road closure and residents of streets off Nicolas Baudin Drv will need to use Encounter Tce for access during this time. The project result will be a huge increase in lake water flows.



Diver About to Enter Outlet Pipe

WHAT IF THIS HAPPENED TO YOUR GRANDCHILD?

An elderly woman was left covered in blood after a terrifying seagull attack



The pensioner was enjoying a stroll in the sun when a large gull swooped her and repeatedly pecked her head and face, continuing to attack even after passers-by intervened to scare it off.

Please Don't Feed Seagulls

Harbourview Tce



Work is progressing on the last stage of Franklin Island.

The drains are complete along with water and electricity services. Currently the focus is on the footpath and guttering.

We were told that the road will be finished by Christmas, so the end of dust and machinery noise is not far away.