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Monthly Newsletter from Council

Go to www.victor.sa.gov.au/viewpointeditions and you will be able to access the current and past monthly Council newsletters.

If you want to know what is happening in our community these newsletters are a good and interesting read.



We have a problem. 100 members have paid their 2024 subs using EFTPOS, but there are a few where we have no address for them. The group is:

Samantha Booley
Brenton Byers
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Frances Christie
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If you are on this list please email your address to trevormorgan1@aapt.net.au

ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS GROUP INC



Newsletter
October 2024

Like an Informal Chat with our Mayor?



The Encounter Lakes Residents Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday November 29th at the Christian Gospel Centre, George Main Road. Start time is 7:30pm.

We are very pleased to tell you that our guest speaker will be Victor Harbor Mayor, Moira Jenkins. Moira has been serving our local community as a Council member since 2014 and as Mayor since 2018.

Moira has been our guest speaker twice in recent years and always provides a refreshing and informative briefing on issues that are relevant to and of interest to Encounter Lakes residents.

We try to provide an interesting and informative AGM and appreciate our Mayor giving her time to answering questions on matters that are important to our membership.

Show your support for ELRGI by adding the AGM to your diary today.



AGM at 7:30pm Friday November 29th, at Christian Gospel Centre
 Santa on the Lake, Christmas morning, 8:30am to 12:00 Mid-day
 Sausage Sizzle 5:00pm, Friday February 7th, John Crompton Reserve

YOU CAN PAY YOUR 2025 SUBS AT THE SIZZLE



Message From The President

The turnover of new residents is still happening and so, with the weather getting better we can get out and about to meet and welcome our new neighbors.

Those of you who know me well, know I'm big on community and that means getting to know your neighbours.

The benefits are numerous – socialising, asking for a hand, offering a hand and keeping an eye on our neighborhood.

As was reported in the Fleurieu Sun I have been outspoken about the issue of differential rates for Holiday rentals. It seems like they are multiplying and can be detrimental to the community. Although I feel we should share our beautiful lakes it should be done with respect to the permanent residents.

Spring is well underway and I'm sure we're all looking forward to a nice warm summer. The parks and reserves are looking lovely thanks to the local volunteers of the Lakes Gardening Group and Victor Harbor Council.

The gardening group has done work on the Franklin Island Reserves and John Simmons Reserve. A big thanks to our group and remember if you want to join us, we convene on the second Thursday of each month for about an hour and then there's coffee at the Boulevard Café.

If you want to join us, call or text me with your email address and you'll be informed of the next gardening location.

The lakes are a great place to dangle a line into the water and let the world pass by. We have many birds around both lakes that we also need to keep safe.

Don't leave lines unattended or set them overnight and nets should never be used. Recently the Dragon Boat crew dragged a net from the lake that could have killed a number of fish. We have also had instances where birds have died as the result of becoming tangled in fishing lines.

We all appreciate that our lakes are a great facility and one that must be treated with respect.

Jack Bramley

PRESIDENT

ENCOUNTER LAKES & FRANKLIN ISLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATED—See www.elrgi.org.au



Help Available for New Residents

There is a wide range of assistance available through Council for people relocating to Victor Harbor.

As a new resident to the City of Victor Harbor, you have joined South Australia's premier coastal city and the largest population centre on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Council is happy to welcome new residents and pleased to fill you in on community services available today and what lies ahead for our City.

You will find the Council website at <https://www.victor.sa.gov.au/your-council/about/profile/New-Residents> to be a valuable source of information and Council also offers a printed welcome kit that is available from the Council office on Bay Road.

A few of the services currently available through Council are:

The Outreach Parenting Support Program can assist with behaviour management strategies for children and provides case management for parents either in the home, Council offices or a community setting.

Fleurieu Food Map is your guide to finding food assistance.

The Nunga Youth Space is a place for young Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, to play games, eat snacks and take part in cultural activities.

Kerbside Rubbish Collection is on a fortnightly schedule for all rubbish types. Collection schedule can be searched on the Council website.

The Community Shopping Bus is a scheduled bus run for eligible clients. It provides a door to-door service from Goolwa, Middleton or Hindmarsh Island to Victor Central Shopping Centre, and return.

Travel assistance to Medical Services is available for local appointments and those in Adelaide through the Medi Ride facility.

There is a charge for the Community shopping bus and Medi Ride and users must be registered with My AGED Care to qualify

If you are seeking further information on Community Services available through Council please visit the Council offices to collect a Welcome Kit or give them a call on 8551 0500.

If you have moved to Encounter Lakes or Franklin Island, the Residents Group offers a Welcome Document that tells you about the development and our great way of life. It can be downloaded at www.elrgi.org.au

This Might Look like a Problem, but it Isn't



CENTRAL DRIVE OUTLET
GRILLE AND MUSSELL SHELLS

Sorry about taking up so much space with this image but it's difficult to interpret it if the size was any less. This is a photo of the grille over the outlet pipe from the Franklin Lake and was taken from the Central Drive bridge.

Beyond the grille there is a pile of mussel shells that some residents have complained shouldn't be there. They are, in fact a very positive sign that backflushing the outlet pipe is working successfully.

The backflush has successfully dislodged mussels from the pipe and provided visual evidence of this success in close proximity to the outlet pipe. The presence of shells at this point is a cheap and effective indication that flushing continues to be successful.



ALGAE THAT PRESENTS AS SCUM

Seen the Brown Scum?

This is what is seen in isolated areas of both lakes from time to time. It is called surf scum and can easily be mistaken for pollution, but it isn't. It is a collection of millions of microscopic algae (bloom) and is a natural phenomenon. The algae are always in the water but only come to the surface in windy weather.

Water Test Results for July 25th 2024

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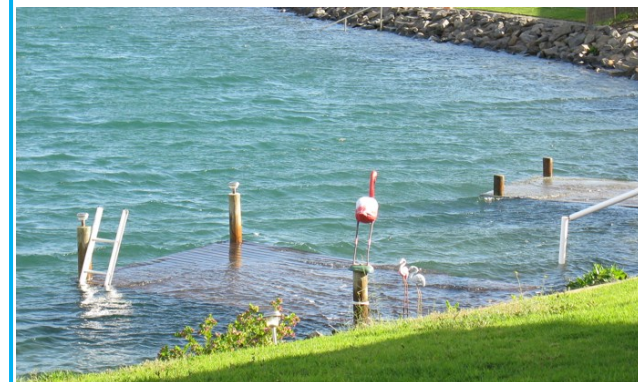
cfu is Colony Forming Unit—a measure of contamination

130	EC 7	John Crompton Beach	
13	EC 1	Bill WJ White Reserve, Matthew Flinders	
15	EC 5	Lakeside Beach	
64	EC 3	Nicolas Baudin Beach	
18	EC 6	Allenby Parsons Reserve, Matthew Flinders	
11	EC 2	Boulevard Beach	
36	FL 1	Franklin Island Beach	< 1,000 is considered
32	FL 2	End of Central Drive	safe for water sports
90	EC 4	Bartel/Ketch Beach	



These results reflect the fact that the inflow of stormwater typically reduces CFU levels. There are no issues of concern in these levels.

Does Your Jetty Submerge after a Storm?



We often receive complaints from lakefront members that the water level has risen to the point where their jetty is under water.

The usual question put to us is “**why doesn't Council open the lake gates and let the water out?**”

Sadly, the solution isn't this simple as heavy rains typically fall in late winter or spring when tide levels at Encounter Bay are at their highest for the year

Lowering the main lake is only possible when lake level is higher than the sea as gravity is the force that determines the direction of water flow. At the end of August, when this photo was taken, the sea level was higher than the lake and if the lake gates were opened, the lake level would rise, not fall.

ELRGI records show that jetties in the main lake are under water for a few days most years in spring. Fortunately the problem is minimal for Franklin Island as that lake drains far less storm water and is able to pump excess water into the main lake.

Seen the Street Gardens on Franklin Island?

It's great to take a walk around Franklin Island to admire the street gardens lovingly tended by residents in every street.

The initiative was started by Dene Choat who decided to beautify a strip of land opposite his home in Strathmore Terrace. If you have time, have a look at the write-up we gave Dene in our March 2020 newsletter.

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CENTRAL DRIVE



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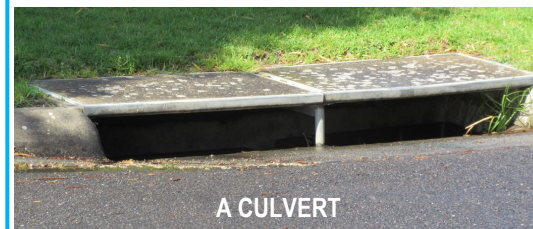
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Franklin Island residents now have a suburb that glows with bees, colour, birds and insects.

Street gardens create joy, build community and create the opportunity to get outside and talk to people walking past.

Council publishes **A Greening Guide for your Nature Strip** if you would like to learn more about creating Street Gardens.

Minimising Pollutants Entering the Lakes



A CULVERT

This is a culvert that is found in many places around both lakes and used to transfer local storm water from the gutters to the lakes.

Inside each culvert there is a

trash rack which is a perforated plastic basket used to prevent leaves, weeds and other pollutants passing through to the lake.

Fundamental to this process is the need to empty the trash racks on a regular but flexible cycle. Particular attention is required after heavier rain



A TRASH RACK

than usual.

After representations from ELRGi, Council instructed developers to use a straw bale barrier during construction to minimise run off of muddy surface water and sediment entering the lake water system.

Council has indicated it is



STRAW BALES ON HARBOR VIEW TCE

prepared to continue with this directive for future developments on the Franklin Island. We commend Council for this action and remind residents that Council action is likely on valid concerns if they are reported.

A Problem that Detracts from our Suburb



The original street signs in Encounter Lakes were built in 1988. Some of the render is fretting and needs attention. The signs are part of our image, and ELRGi intends raising this issue with Council at our next meeting.