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Encounter Lakes Volunteer Gardening Group



We have recently farewelled Bob Martin, one of our longest serving members of the Gardening Group. Bob had been a member for nine years and having recently turned 91 considered it was time for him to move into retirement.

We thank Bob for his contribution and companionship during this time, and he will be remembered as a good friend.

The Group helps to keep the parks in a respectable condition, and could do with a few more helpers.

The work is mainly pruning and general tidying for 1.5 hours, one day per month, 8:30am till 10:00 on the second Thursday of the month.

It's not hard work, you meet some nice people and help to keep our parks as beautiful as they have always been.

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL JACK BRAMLEY ON 0418 857 373

ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS GROUP INC



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Some Feel Good News for the Front Page



Harbourview Drive members, Dan and Courtney, have had an association with the lakes since the 1990's as Courtney's parents live on Clipper Court.

While visiting the parents, they came across a row boat on a Clipper Court driveway with a **"FREE/GIVEAWAY"** sign on it. They chatted to the owner who could no longer use it as her husband

had passed away but wanted to see it be used before it rotted away.

"OARSUM" became Dan's project where he fixed the rot, and sanded and painted the boat. The aim was to make sure it was ready for its maiden voyage before his parent's visited from New Zealand.

The name is yet to be repainted and some more colour is needed on the hull. It is such a unique little boat and they feel lucky to have found it by chance.

Dan and Courtney are hoping the original owner will see the photos of their row boat's new life.

A Nice Lake's Story





Message From The President

Summer has come and gone and as we now head towards the cooler months, we have to ensure Council continues to keep our lakes in pristine condition. As I emphasised in my address at this year's Sausage Sizzle, your Committee's focus must be working

with Council Staff. This should assure the best outcome for all Residents who are lucky enough to enjoy living around the Lakes.

We need the Council to ensure that all the storm water run-off from all the new Development taking place is definitely not fed into our Lakes.

I was concerned that our Mayor in her response to my Sausage Sizzle welcome speech, was to acknowledge that yes, our rates are high, but as a growing Council area, that the Council needs this money to provide infrastructure towards new planned developments! My belief is firstly our Rates should be allocated towards our "Lakes" area to maintain water quality and keep our roads, roadside verges and footpaths, (provide new footpaths in some areas!), and general environment in pristine order.

Unfortunately, yet again, our first February Council Meeting was cancelled by Council due to lack of staff problems and availability. Going forward, we can only constantly try and persist to arrange that those meetings and regular interaction is kept.

It is important that we hear from you.... our members, as to what is important to you, so that on your behalf, we can speak with one voice to the Council and keep them providing the services we expect.

You will be pleased to know that subs remain at \$5 per household for the 2025 year. By controlling essential expenses and eliminating others we have managed to hold subs at this level since 2010 and continue funding Santa on the Lake (including Franklin Island from a paddle boat) and the annual Sausage Sizzle.

We have no intention of increasing the level of Subs in the foreseeable future but would like some help from members by increasing the number of Subs paid through direct credit to our bank account. You will find a detailed description of how to do this on our website and some further assistance on page 5 of this newsletter.

If you joined us for the Sausage Sizzle I hope you enjoyed a pleasant time with your friends and neighbors as we certainly enjoyed hosting the event

Dean Bendall

To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone

-ed, at least three business days' notice is required. As a service with a clearly defined area of operation SCOTS is not able to provide regular ongoing transport for education or employment purposes.

The service operates Monday - Friday. Public holidays are excluded, however essential appointments may be considered and all services are subject to volunteer and vehicle availability.

Low cost fees apply for all services. Costs are based on your location and eligibility. A carer or travel companion can travel free if you feel you need support during the trip.

Clients who require multiple trips within any given month may be eligible for a reduced fee. **Please contact the friendly SCOTS office at 8551 0760 if you would like to discuss issues or need further information.**

LinkSA operates bus networks, dial-a-rides, and private bus charters.

From Victor Harbor their network includes the dial-a-ride community service within the Victor Harbor area and a number of scheduled services to Goolwa, Cape Jervis, Seaford, Marion or Adelaide.

For details of these services call LinkSA Goolwa on **8555 2500** or see <https://www.linksa.com.au/bus-routes/>

Thinking it may be time to make a move?
Call Nadine or Paul to arrange your complimentary appraisal today!



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Getting Around if you Can't Drive Yourself



The Southern Communities Transport Scheme (SCOTS) is a Community passenger network operated by the City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council that provides door-to-door pre-booked transport, both locally and to the Adelaide area.

Transport can be for medical appointments, social activities/groups, shopping or visiting family and friends. Their accredited volunteer drivers and commercial operators can transport people of all ages in accredited vehicles which are comfortable and air-conditioned. A wheelchair accessible vehicle is also available.

You are eligible for SCOTS assistance if:

- you have been accepted for registration with MyAgedCare.
- you are unable to drive yourself, do not have family or friends that can assist, do not have access to public transport or are temporarily transport disadvantaged for other reasons.
- you live in the City of Victor Harbor or Alexandrina Council areas. Passengers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

This service also includes assistance to carry shopping to your door. Clients are required to pay a fee towards the cost of the trip which ranges from \$5 to \$50 depending on location and eligibility.

Another SCOTS option is **a Medi-Ride facility** for residents who need to go to medical appointment anywhere between Victor Harbor and Adelaide. Medi-Ride can provide a two way trip for outpatient appointments or a one way trip for inpatient admissions and discharges.

Bookings are essential for all services. You will be advised of the applicable fee at the time of booking. To ensure that transport can be provided

The Drum is Back & Residents Love it



A number of people have commented to us that it's a real improvement to have the drum back on the Dragon Boat.

It's great to be able to hear the boat coming in time to be outside and exchange a friendly wave. Without the drum many of us missed the spectacle of the Dragon Boat on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening and some Fridays during daylight saving..

The drummer works with the paddlers to keep the rhythm and timing, and change pace as required throughout the race.

The drummer also helps communication by relaying the commands of the steerer.

Be Aware of European Wasps

The European Wasp looks like a bee but breeds prolifically and can be a life threatening danger if you leave food or drink outside during summer and autumn.



They can crawl into drink cans and deliver a fatal sting if swallowed. If you see wasps try to find the nest and pass the location on to Council or a pest exterminator. **Don't try to destroy the nest yourself.**

Water Test Results for January 16th 2025

Enterocci (cfu/100ml) by TEST LOCATION

cfu is Colony Forming Unit—a measure of contamination

7	EC 7 John Crompton Beach
7	EC 1 Bill WJ White Reserve, Matthew Flinders
18	EC 5 Lakeside Beach
11	EC 3 Nicolas Baudin Beach
19	EC 6 Allenby Parsons Reserve, Matthew Flinders
25	EC 2 Boulevard Beach
27	FL 1 Franklin Island Beach
10	FL 2 End of Central Drive
1	EC 4 Bartel/Ketch Beach

< 1,000 is considered safe for water sports



It's unusual for readings to be this low in the middle of a long, hot summer. There are no issues of concern in these readings.

The Difficulty of Sanding Some Beaches



COUNCIL TRUCK DELIVERING SAND

had already been sold and houses constructed. This created a problem when the Ketch Place beach needed additional sand. The solution in millenium years was to crane a barge into the lake and deliver the sand and a bulldozer by water.

This was an expensive option so it



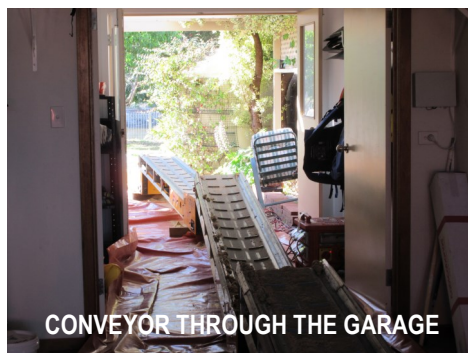
CONVEYOR CONTINUES TO BEACH

edge of the beach. From there, the digger spreads the sand to areas of the beach where the sand level has diminished.

Use of the property to re-sand this beach is now the subject of a formal agreement between Council and the resident and is one that permits the task to be completed safely in a single day.

In the earliest days of Encounter Lakes no thought was given to the need to periodically replenish the sand on lake beaches.

The problem was solved when planning newer parts of the development by creating easements on a block that faced the beach. Sadly this was too late for the beach behind Ketch Place where the blocks



CONVEYOR THROUGH THE GARAGE

was decided to approach the only Ketch resident with a rear access roller door for approval to drive a piece of machinery onto the beach.

Council also installed a temporary conveyor belt from the driveway, and through the garage to the



DIGGER SPREADING SAND ON BEACH



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.

Uploads are now available for each month up to February 2025 so a quick look from time to time will bring you up to date with Council activities and new initiatives.

These newsletters are well written and make an interesting read.

Our Sausage Sizzle for 2025



After washouts in 2013 and 2014 we were more than a little concerned on the day of the Sizzle this year with the weather changing a number of times from pouring rain to blue skies and sunshine.

Fortunately the weather improved after we set up and the evening was chilly but otherwise it was a good night for enjoying time with friends.

Attendance was about 100, just under half the numbers we normally expect. This was not unexpected as many couples had been out to lunch for Valentine's Day and others had probably decided by lunch

time that the weather was going to be unpleasant.

We appreciate our Mayor, Moira Jenkins joining us and explaining what is happening in Victor. Moira has always been a great support to ELRGI.

We would also like to thank Leon from the South Coast Vets for his help with the BBQ trailer every year.



Subs for 2025

The President mentioned that subs will remain at the \$5 per household for the 2025

year and we would ask you to pay them to our bank account using the EFTPOS procedure on our website. **We need you to include your abbreviated address (from www.elrgi.org.au) and your name, on the payment.** We will still door-knock members unable to use EFTPOS.