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Encounter Lakes Volunteer Gardening Group



Since March the gardening group has worked on John Compton Reserve Eric Ashby Reserve and Bill White Reserve also Brian Spilsbury Reserve and Central Drive.

We have had a good turnout of Volunteers, and my thanks go to them for their work.

We now have a new manager Open Space and Environment, Mark Short, who will be overseeing our reserves and parks.

Jack Bramley

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The Drainage Project at Gibson & Bartel



REPLACING PIPEWORK IN KETCH PLACE

The corner of Bartel Bvd and Gibson Ave has had a flooding problem for many years due to the fact that the corner had no kerbs or culverts to drain storm water into the sea.

Since late March, Council has used contractors to lay new, larger diameter pipework from the flood area and Nicolas Baudin into Encounter Lakes. To assist this process a number of new culverts have been installed to ensure that there is adequate drainage to move storm water into the Lake's pipework system.

The project has not been without its problems as the water table is only about 2.4 metres below the road surface. The blue truck in the photo is required to pump the ground water out of the contractor's excavation continually, to let them work on replacing the original pipework with pipes of a much greater capacity.

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Message From The President

With seasonal rains finally arriving, it is a welcome sight to see our lake's lawns coming back to life along with the dust being washed off trees and bushes, giving the environment a fresh start for winter. Of course this also means, paths and

roadways need more regular sweeping, to remove falling bark, branches and leaves, so we need the CVH's street sweeper to pay more regular visits.

The sweeper was recently repaired so hopefully you will see it in a street near you, soon. I am pleased to report that our executive committee has finally had its first meeting with CVH staff since the start of my presidency, and although a long time coming, it was very productive.

We will have to wait and see if items discussed and agreed on are followed through, but with new managers now employed, I feel very positive that we will see improvements in the management of both lakes, by the CVH.

Work on the storm water drainage along Bartel Boulevard is slowly coming to an end and I am sure for those residents who have been affected by the road restrictions it won't come quick enough. Hopefully this work will mitigate a lot of the excess water problems and reduce the amount of mud and leaves that has been making its way into the lakes in the past. A major win for all lakeside dwellers.

It was also pleasing to see a large pump-truck has been in action at the Franklin Island bridge removing the large mounds of mussel shells that had built up around the entrances to the pipe network that pumps water between the lakes. It is important that these pipes are kept clear, to ensure there is no impediment to the replenishment of Franklin Island lakes' water.

We live in a wonderful environment and it is important we stay on top of keeping it that way.

The good news about the winter is that we will be half way through it by the time you receive this newsletter and that we are enjoying useful rains after the extended dry spell during Autumn..

So stay warm this winter but enjoy a refreshing walk around our magnificent lakes on calm days when the sun is shining.

Dean Bendall

The most important thing is to enjoy your life—to be happy—it's all that matters.

Just When we Thought it was Finished



THE PROBLEM SEWER IN KETCH PLACE

Ketch Place has been dug up since early April to lay flood mitigation pipework to prevent flooding at the corner of Bartel Bvd and Gibson Ave. Excess water will be piped into the Lake through culverts in Ketch Place and Nicolas Baudin.

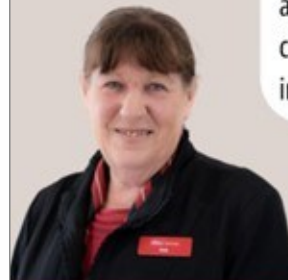
When excavating for the new stormwater pipe the contractors noticed that there was a problem with the level of the sewer pipe that would prevent the stormwater pipe being laid where marked on the plans.

As a consequence several 1.3 metre pipes weren't installed in Ketch and SAWater has been brought in to change the level of the sewer pipe. This mini project will involve one sewer in Ketch and two in Nicolas Baudin.

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This image was taken from Bartel Bvd, looking down Gibson Ave after there had been heavy overnight rains.

It shows quite clearly that the flood mitigation project has been successful and we can expect that the “duck pond” name for this corner will soon vanish into local history.

Pipes for the project are mainly 1.3mtr in diameter which we thought was huge. The explanation is that Councils in SA use large diameter storm-water pipes primarily to manage increased runoff from urban development and prevent localised flooding. The pipes help convey large volumes of stormwater to designated discharge points like lakes or the sea and provide emergency water storage.

Another technique used in the project is the use of Water Sensitive Bio-Retention techniques along Bartel Bvd. Between the corner of Gibson to the start of the Salvation Army a trench has been dug, filled with rubble and connected to the Gibson gutter. Excessive storm water will be diverted to a “rain garden” to be stored temporarily or soak away rather than flood the road or properties.



NEW DRAINSON BARTEL/GIBSON CORNER



THE FIRST STAGE OF THE RAIN GARDEN



HARBOUR VIEW TERRACE

Parking Dilemma

The street is Harbour View Tce and the white line down the centre means you are not permitted to park within 3 metres of this line. The result is that parking is prohibited on Harbour View.

We have taken this issue to CVH and asked that they find a solution for residents.

Will we Get an Algal Bloom in the Lakes?



A toxic algae bloom has been evident along the Fleurieu coast since March this year with beachgoers experiencing respiratory problems and dead marine life on beaches.

Tides and adverse weather conditions have caused the bloom to be swept into the lower Coorong where eradication will be difficult. The bloom is unsightly and its impact if it gets into the human food chain

has not been investigated. The EPA said “It is believed the event could be due to a microalgal bloom that has been driven by hot temperatures and still water and the earlier marine heatwave. Temperatures were 2.5C warmer than usual, with little wind and small swell contributing to conditions,”

The bloom is *Karenia mikimotoi*, a type of phytoplankton, which floats in the water. It's classified as a phytoplankton because it floats and like plants, uses photosynthesis for its main food production. During blooms, the algae is visible as discolored water or foam on the surface.

Many residents have asked us whether there is a possibility the bloom might find its way into the Lake's system. Given it floats and the Lakes draw their water from 2 metres below the sea surface, the chances of it being drawn into our lakes is minimal. Let's hope it stays that way.

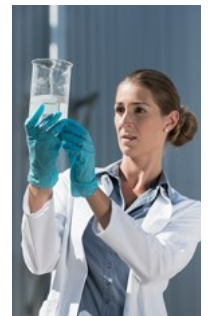
Water Test Results for April 2025

Enterocci (cfu/100ml) by TEST LOCATION

cfu is Colony Forming Unit—a measure of contamination

25	EC 7 John Crompton Beach
26	EC 1 Bill WJ White Reserve, Matthew Flinders
12	EC 5 Lakeside Beach
5	EC 3 Nicolas Baudin Beach
3	EC 6 Allenby Parsons Reserve, Matthew Flinders
7	EC 2 Boulevard Beach
15	FL 1 Franklin Island Beach
0	FL 2 End of Central Drive
68	EC 4 Bartel/Ketch Beach

< 1,000 is considered
safe for water sports



These are very acceptable readings for the Autumn period. The zero reading for the end of Central Drive is quite remarkable.

Know the Rules & Save Fines

You may not be aware that South Australia's Harbours & Navigation Regulations now require that Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's), better known as life jackets, be worn at all times when using canoes and paddle boats on the Encounter Lakes waterway.

Our lake is classified as an inland waterway and to be within the law you must wear any of the Types 1 to 3 PFD'S pictured here.

A Life Jacket (Category 1) is clearly visible and keeps your head above water if you happen to be unconscious.

Buoyancy Vests (Category 2) provide visibility and flotation, but will not keep the head above water.

Sports Jackets (Category 3) are simply Buoyancy Vests making a fashion statement, and come in a range of colours and styles.

If you are on the water at night there is also a requirement that you carry a water-proof torch that floats.

This information is provided as we are aware that Inspectors are warning paddlers of a **\$220 fine** for non compliance

You should google [Marine Safety SA](#) to download the free Boating Safety booklet to make sure you are legal.

Marine Safety Officers in S.A. are responsible for ensuring boating safety on the water.

They conduct vessel safety checks, provide advice, and enforce regulations. They can be contacted via phone (1300 183 046) or email dit.marinesafety@sa.gov.au

Several other rules that have the potential to save you money:

- * Power boats of any form are not permitted on either Lake
- * Dogs must be held on leash in Parks and at beaches. They cannot swim at any of the lake beaches but you can swim your dog, off leash, at Encounter Bay sea beaches before 10:00am and after 8:00pm during daylight saving and at any time during winter months.
- * Fishing in the Lakes is strictly "Catch and Release"



Do You Have a Jetty Licence?

If you have a Jetty Licence it will come up for renewal every five years.



As part of the renewal process Council will want to ensure that your jetty is included on your Home Insurance policy for Public Liability cover.

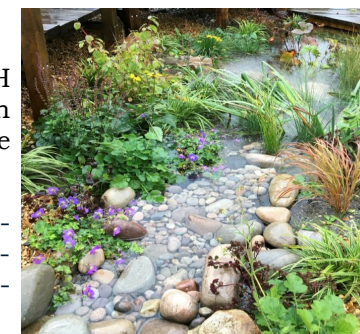
With policy revisions, take-overs and mergers in the Insurance industry there is no guarantee that your jetty that was covered five years ago is still included in your current policy.

It's worth checking with your insurer to be certain that you will not have any problems at licence renewal time.

This is a Rain Garden

You may have noticed on page 6 that CVH has started the initial work to create a "Rain Garden" beside Bartel Bvd as part of the Gibson Ave Flood Mitigation project.

Rain gardens are shallow depressions, typically planted with native vegetation, designed to capture and filter stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces like roofs and



driveways. They act as a natural filtration system, improving water quality by removing pollutants before they reach storm drains and waterways.

Rain gardens also help reduce localised flooding and recharge groundwater supplies.

A rain garden has two other purposes. Firstly it beautifies the area where it was created and secondly it provides a water storage area in the event of periodic floods.

When we were discussing the scope of the Flood Mitigation project with Council for this newsletter they suggested that Encounter Lakes residents might have some interest in defining the features that could be included in the Bartel Bvd rain garden. If you are interested in contributing to this project **PLEASE CALL JACK BRAMLEY ON 0418 857 373**