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## Water Test Results for July 2025

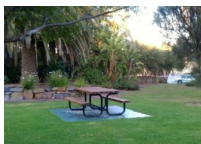
### Enterococci (cfu/100ml) by TEST LOCATION

cfu is Colony Forming Unit—a measure of contamination

17	<u>EC 7 John Crompton Beach</u>
8	<u>EC 1 Bill WJ White Reserve, Matthew Flinders</u>
5	<u>EC 5 Lakeside Beach</u>
3	<u>EC 3 Nicolas Baudin Beach</u>
2	<u>EC 6 Allenby Parsons Reserve, Matthew Flinders</u>
5	<u>EC 2 Boulevard Beach</u>
3	<u>FL 1 Franklin Island Beach</u>
2	<u>FL 2 End of Central Drive</u>
0	<u>EC 4 Bartel/Ketch Beach</u>



Levels such as these are typical for the winter months when the lakes have reduced use and heavy rain reduces contamination levels.



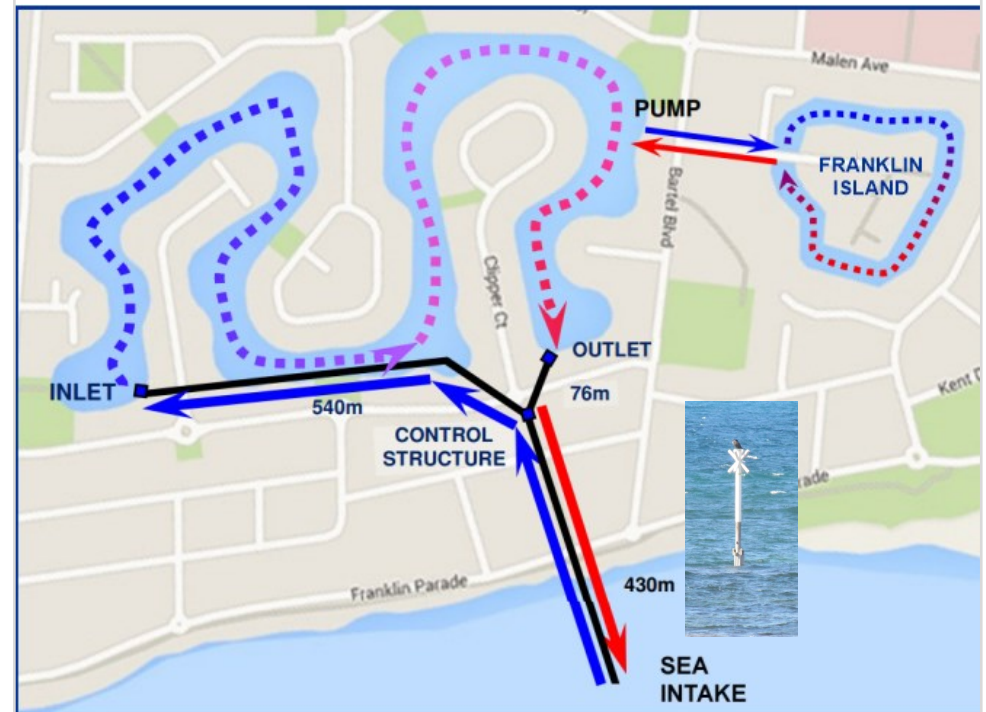
**The Gardening Group** - Spring is the time of the year when the gardeners come out of winter hibernation to tackle the lush growth of new season. If you would like to join them call Jack Bramley on 0418 857 373

## ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS GROUP INC



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October 2025

## It's Time for the Lakes' Spring Clean



Weather permitting, Adelaide Commercial Divers will be spending three to four days inspecting the 76 metre outlet pipe from the end of Clipper Court to Joy Beer Reserve. The project will also include cleaning



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AGM at Christian Gospel Centre, 7:30pm Friday November 21st



## Message From The President

With football finally over, it signals the start of spring activities. The appearance of buds on plants, bushes and trees, brings out the gardeners and green thumbs amongst us, to ensure our lakes are in pristine condition for summer.

It is pleasing to see that with a new positive alliance with the Council, that the quality of water test of both Lakes is pristine, with regular pumping taking place to Franklin Lake. This should mean safe swimming and kayaking for the coming season.

I was given the pleasure of being invited to dot the 'eye' on one of Victor Dragons boats to herald the start of the racing year. (Our local member, David Basham, had the honour of "dotting" the second boat.) This ceremony awakens the dragons from their sleep and prepares them for the coming season. The group are a very enthusiastic bunch who are a major asset to our Lakes.

To me it was another sign that warmer weather is around the corner.

Having travelled extensively around Australia by motor home, I still believe our lakes are the place to be when the sun comes out. Whether it be on a lounge on your own deck around the lake or enjoying a towel on one of our beautiful lake beaches, there can be nothing better.

I try to walk most days on a circuit around the lakes and beach front and it always a pleasure to say "good day" to fellow walkers, and reflect that it is a joy to how lucky we are to live in an environment where a simple greeting or smile makes you glad to be alive.

With the new drains in place along Bartel Boulevard last and surrounding streets, the Council have now turned their attention to replacing the brick paving along Bartel Boulevard from Bay Road to Ketch Place with Concrete footpaths.

Recent rains have given us a wonderful start to the rest of the year, with warm days bringing out the best nature has on offer, so enjoy our lakes and say "good day" to your neighbors and friends, as you remind them how good it is to live on the lakes of Victor Harbor.

We still have many subs outstanding. Feel free to pay using EPTPOS using the instructions at <https://elrgi.org.au/contact/subs/> and make sure you include your name and abbreviated address.

Dean Bendall

THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED



## Look out for Fish Poachers

This man is off the planet, but there are several local canoes equipped with fish finders, lights and other equipment which make them more likely to catch lake fish.

If you see anybody catching fish in either lake and keeping them you should contact Council.

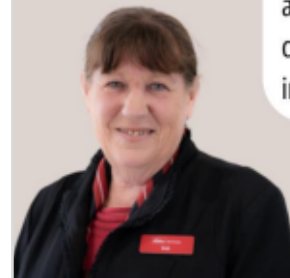
Please call 8551 0500. This number connects to general services, including their emergency service after hours, and Council aims to respond to urgent situations.



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## It's Rip Rap Inspection Time

Sounds like something we would have danced to many years ago, but it is as mundane as inspecting the rock revetment for weeds.

The inspection, by boat, is normally planned for October so it may happen before you get

your newsletter.

We get asked for the dates when Council is expected to re-launch the boat to spray the weeds. This is a difficult question as spraying is only done in windless days for obvious reasons. Wind in 2024 put spraying plans back by several months.

Waterfront residents should not venture onto the "rip rap" to poison or pull weeds as the unstable surface is dangerous and can result in serious injuries

As an aside, you might be interested in why the rock revetment is known as "rip rap". The term is nautical from the 1600's and relates to stones used to build foundations for under-water structures.

## A little more Storm-Water for our Lakes

Those of you who drive down Bartel Boulevard may have noticed that work is proceeding at a pace to construct the 24 houses being built on the land formerly owned by the Salvation Army.



Building houses on previously vacant land can increase stormwater runoff by several hundred percent, due to the replacement of pervious ground with impervious surfaces like roofs, roads and footpaths.

This increased runoff not only overwhelms drainage systems but also carries pollutants into waterways, degrading water quality and harming aquatic ecosystems.

With about 650 houses in the lakes sub-divisions the increase in storm water flows into both lakes will only be 4%; not enough to concern us.



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cleaning the grilles on the sea end of the inlet pipe. We all know about the rate of growth of algae, oysters and mussels on rocks and jetty piles over time. The same situation applies to the pipe-work from the lake to the ocean.

You may notice the boat in **PIC 1** moored at the marker off Franklin Parade where the inlet/outlet pipe terminates. Each year divers inspect all pipes at both the lake and sea ends.

It will be interesting to see the level of build-up of oysters, mussels and sand in the ocean intake pipe following the thorough clean last year and Council increasing the water volume used during each subsequent flush.

As part of the inspection the diver swims into each end of the pipes to assess condition and chip out oyster and mussel growth.

**PIC 2** shows the stainless steel outlet grille gate. The growth is mainly soft algae and after 12 months growth will cover 20% of the grille.

**PIC 3** shows the grille after cleaning and the comment was made that all grilles are in excellent condition. Slow growing algae is normally left in place as this impedes the growth of more vigorous varieties.

**PIC 4** shows seagrass growth at the end of the inlet pipe. Seagrass is healthy as it holds sand in place and prevents the sand building up.





## AGM November 21st 7:30pm

The ELRGI AGM will be held at the Christian Gospel Centre from 7:30pm followed by supper at 9:00pm giving you a chance to meet a group that enjoys living around the Encounter Lakes as much as you do.

We are grateful to our Mayor, Moira Jenkins for agreeing to be our guest speaker and we are sure she will bring us up to date on Council's plans to continue developing the City of Victor Harbor

We have asked Moira if she might address several issues that have generated interest amongst residents. These are Council's future flood mitigation plans for Encounter Lakes and any thoughts Council might have to force lakefront residents to repair or remove unsound jetties.

If you live on either lake these issues should be of vital interest.

## Do Your Bit to Keep our Lakes Healthy

It's great to be a keen gardener but keep in mind that almost all of the stormwater run-off from the more than 600 houses in our sub-division will end up in one of the lakes.

This can include poison, fertiliser and grass cuttings from properties fronting the lakes, over the road or one street back. Be careful when using a leaf blower, poisoning weeds or washing paving as these jobs produce waste that can pollute the lakes.

If you are in an area with large street trees call the Council on 8551 1501 if you see a need for trash racks to be emptied. The last problem area is dog droppings. If it's your dog, pick it up. If it's somebody else's, remind them of where the fouling will end up and the damage it can do.



## Beware!

We all tend to think that Victor is a relatively crime free city and most of the time this is true. We have heard there was a recent break-in to a house in Strathmore Court that resulted in significant damage.

It might be worth reviewing your curr-

ent level of security to ensure you are minimizing the level of risk you face from potential burglars.

SAPOL has an excellent checklist at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/neighbourhood-watch/home/news/secure-your-home>

A few hours reviewing your security might save you thousands of dollars

## Like to be an Active Member of the Lakes Community?



If you look at the addresses of the commit-

tee of the Encounter Lakes Residents Group on page 8, you will see that we are short on representation from a number of streets.

There is nobody from Lakeside Drive, Bartel Boulevard, Ainslie Roberts Drive or Encounter Terrace; and we have only one representative for each of Nicolas Baudin and Matthew Flinders Drives.

Being an ELRGI committee member is not onerous as we typically meet only four times a year. A result of its close working relationship with Council, ELRGI has very real credibility on issues likely to impact residents in the Encounter Lakes area.

No particular experience is necessary and we would be pleased to hear from old and new residents interested in ensuring the Lakes area remains a very special place to live.

Please contact the President, Secretary or Treasurer if you are willing to become involved. It is also important that you attend the ELRGI AGM on November 21st to be nominated for the ELRGI committee.