

## ENCOUNTER LAKES RESIDENTS GROUP Inc EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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It includes past newsletters to 2013!**

### Water Test Results for March 2026

Enterococci(cfu/100ml) by TEST LOCATION

13/2/26 Retested 19/2/26

110	EC7	John Crompton Beach
690	38	EC1 Bill WJ White Reserve Matthew Flinders
8	EC5	Lakeside Beach
81	EC3	Nicolas Baudin Beach
260	EC6	Allenby Parsons Reserve Matthew Flinders
6	EC2	Boulevard Beach
6	FL1	Franklin Island Beach
11	FL2	End of Central Drive
16	EC4	Bartel/Ketch Beach

cfu is Colony Forming Units: a measure of contamination  
Readings under 1000 cfu/100ml is considered safe for water sports



## A SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Sadly our beloved Treasurer, Trevor Morgan passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026, after Heart problems over Christmas time.

Trevor took on so many other roles as well, from Membership numbers, Council Liaison, delivery of Newsletters, as well as Public Officer, and running the Annual General meetings. He also wrote the newsletter and edited the Website. He truly was our Jack of all trades. His loss to our ELRGI



Replacement of Trevor has meant splitting his role into numerous other components. We are still looking for a volunteers to oversee the ELRGI website and to take on the role of Public Officer. Also an Auditor. If either of these is something you would like to get involved with, please contact Dean Bendall. (contact details on the back of this newsletter.)

We would also like someone from Matthew Flinders Drive to join the committee and to help distribute the newsletter quarterly.

What can we say, except he will be missed greatly as we on the Committee flounder around trying to pick up the pieces!

*The Encounter Lakes Residents Group exists to maintain a liason between residents and the Victor Harbor Council and to ensure that we maintain this exceptional environment and community we get to enjoy every day.*

*Representatives meet with council to discuss anything lake related. Our lakes are tested regularly for water quality and these results are recorded in this newsletter.*

*This newsletter is produced and distributed 3 or 4 times each year. Residents are encouraged to contribute to this newsletter. Please contact Hailey Hay if you have anything you would like to contribute.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Distributing the last brief Newsletter, gave me the opportunity to walk the streets surrounding the Lakes which gave me a great feeling of enjoyment of living in this wonderful environment. The majority of property owners around the Lakes keep them in pristine condition, which is very heartening. It is just as important that your Committee ensures the Victor Harbor Council keeps to their part of the Lakes Agreement, whereby they care for the local parks, gardens and beaches, and particularly the water quality that being their responsibility.

I am also pleased to report that we now have a Committee of 16. A very healthy number indeed. Hence, I acknowledge our newest members: Des McCullough – Secretary, Hailey Hay – Newsletter, Peter Taylor – Water Quality, and Sue Morisset – Data Control. They have joined the Committee together with long term member, Karen Schiller stepping up to take on the important role of Treasurer. The various roles are now spread between the Committee which is a huge plus as we look towards the future of our Residents Group.

The recent Sausage Sizzle was a great success, considering we had to change the date, and we were unable to remind you a few days prior as usual. The weather was excellent, although turned a little chilly later in the afternoon. We appreciate all those that came and enjoyed the social occasion. Now that we are gradually moving forward after losing both our Treasurer, Trevor Morgan, and Secretary, Sandy Lee, the plan is to return the date of the Sausage Sizzle to February as always.

It is a very exciting time ahead for all Lake dwellers and I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

Cheers  
Dean Bendall

**Local resident keeping her garden in pristine condition, and well watered.**



### IS YOUR YEARLY \$5 SUBSCRIPTION DUE?

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## John Crompton Reserve

John Crompton was a past Mayor of Victor Harbor, for approximately ten years from 1992. He was also a recipient of The Order Of Australia in 2005, for services to local government and community.

This reserve is one of only three with beached access to the lakes. It is serviced by public toilets and a freshwater outdoor shower and includes a children's playground. Visitors to the reserve are reminded via clear signage that dogs are prohibited from the beach and the playground area, but allowed on the grassed area only if leashed.



Have you noticed this stunning tree in John Crompton Reserve?



## Residents' Gardening Group



Want to get involved in our community but hate sitting through meetings? Consider joining the gardening group.

This group is managed by our Vice President, Jack Bramley who leads a group of 10 passionate and sociable residents.

They meet every second Thursday of each month at a different reserve around the lakes, from 8.30am until 10am. And then they enjoy a well earned coffee break at the Boulevard Cafe. Jack coordinates their efforts with the Victor Harbor council, who twice a year provide a thank you afternoon tea for all council volunteers.

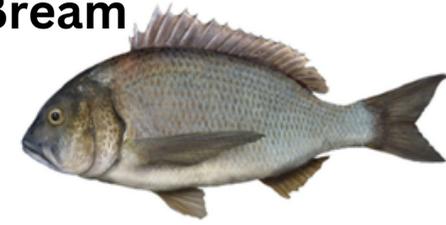
If you'd like to join this group of happy gardeners, please contact Jack (details on the back page)

A large pile of cuttings and clippings ready for collection after a recent gardening session.

The group supplements work done by council contractors, often clearing the lakeside rock walls and resident boundaries.



## Fishing for Bream



Encounter Lakes is a man-made, artificial lake system containing saltwater, an ideal home to the black bream. The lakes are a popular, accessible spot for anglers targeting bream using lures or bait. Children in particular enjoy the sport of catch and release fishing on our lakes.

All fish caught in the lakes must be released.

Bream are easily seen from jetties and banks, especially in cooler months.

### Key Techniques for Safe Removal of hooks:

- The Rotate-and-Push Method (Mouth Hooks): Grip the bend of the hook with pliers, push it in slightly to dislodge the barb, and rotate it back out the way it entered.
- Through the Gill Method (Deep Hooks): If the hook is in the throat, gently insert long-nose pliers through the gill opening from underneath, grab the hook, turn it, and slide it back out through the gills.
- Cutting the Line: If the hook is deeply swallowed in the gut and cannot be reached, cut the fishing line as short as possible rather than pulling, allowing the hook to rust out without causing fatal damage.
- Handling the Fish: Hold the fish firmly, but gently, with wet hands or a damp cloth to protect its slime coat. Use your pinky finger to hold down the sharp dorsal spines.
- Use Proper Tools: Use long-nose pliers, forceps, or specialized disgorge tools to reach hooks.

### Minimizing Harm:

- Crimp the Barbs: Use pliers to flatten the barb on the hook before fishing for easier, damage-free removal.
- Use Circle Hooks: These hooks are designed to hook in the corner of the mouth 90% of the time, rather than in the gut.
- Keep it Wet: Attempt to keep the bream in the water while removing the hook to minimize stress.



**Please remember not to feed the seagulls. While they're a much loved part of our beautiful environment, they can become a real nuisance when they're hanging around en masse waiting for their next handout.**



Our annual sausage sizzle is always a great time to catch up with neighbours, old and new and to meet your ELRGi committee members.

This year it took place on John Crompton Reserve on Friday March 13. Next year we plan to return this much loved annual event to February. Keep reading your newsletters for updates.



**Do you live on Matthew Flinders Drive? We'd love your help to deliver newsletters 3-4 times a year. It's not an arduous task and provides a great opportunity to chat to neighbours in your immediate area.**