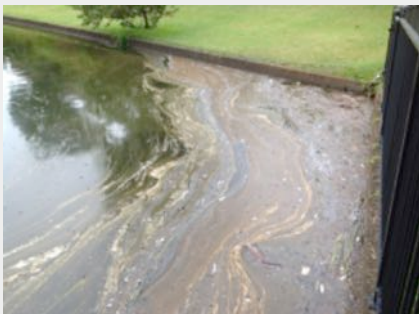


# LAKE HUGH MUNTZ NEWSLETTER

## Orange Sediment



Areas of the lake are still being affected by sludge that is gathering on the east sides of both lakes in the morning. While this has been observed in the past, swimmers have raised the issue recently.



The Care Group have asked council to look into the feasibility of removal. In the meantime, Council highlights the importance of not swimming in water that looks discoloured or murky.

Healthy Waterways offers advice to swimmers such as not swimming for at least three days in lakes after heavy rain events. If you have open cuts or infection, avoid contact with waterway until after they heal: [www.healthywaterways.org](http://www.healthywaterways.org)



## LAKE SPRING CLEAN!!!!

**Next Sunday - October 18 at 900 am!**

Every year an amazing amount of rubbish is removed from the lake highlighting the need to do a little spring clean on a regular basis. In recent years, the community have removed several bags and bins of organic waste and household rubbish from the lake.

This annual event is planned for October when the water level is generally low and the weather fine. It is also good timing with many users enjoying the lake for swimming.

A **free sausage sizzle** has been planned for **all** residents, not just participants in the cleaning. This is a great way to meet your neighbours and get to know people in the area.



*Clean-up 900am. Free Sausage Sizzle around 1200pm*

Location: Morialta Park (off Wild Duck Drive) Meet at the spot marked with the X on the arial photo at top. See website for full details.

**IT'S SPRING TIME!  
Go easy on fertiliser!**

Fertiliser adds directly to the problems in the lake. Residents are encouraged to try some of these best-practice ideas:

**WHICH TYPE IS BEST?**

- Liquid is worst – high leaching.
- Slow-release chemical is better.
- Organic is best - naturally slow release.

**APPLICATION TIPS**

- Never apply when heavy rain expected.
- Never over-apply.

It is much better to apply small amounts more often than to apply large amounts infrequently. Plants have a better chance of taking up fertiliser in smaller regular quantities to avoid leaching into the waterways.

**Recent Real Estate Sales in the Area**

Mermaid Waters properties are heating up. Realestate.com do not allow reproduction of their data. However, prices in the last year are encouraging and so is sales volume. Check out: <https://www.realestate.com.au/n/ighbourhoods> and note publicly available results on the lake:

- Long Island Court \$850,000
- Wild Duck Drive \$1,175,000
- Peninsula Court \$700,000
- Deloraine Court \$1,025,000
- Peninsula Court \$1,126,000

*How much will properties around Lake Hugh Muntz be worth if Lake water quality continues its downward trend??*

**Trees removed for root intrusion**

Many residents have expressed concern about recent removal of fig trees from the lake foreshore north of Bel Air and Morialta parks and Barrier Reef Drive. These trees have offered shade and amenity to the parks.



However, Division 10 Councillor Paul Taylor has advised that removal of several trees was required due to ongoing issues with tree root intrusion. The fig roots have caused damage to building slabs and pool shells and the extensive root networks may be a risk to other infrastructure.



The scale of the works was modest, but contractors initially left branches in water and the foreshore as well as considerable soil exposure and stumps. These matters have since been resolved. Stumps were scheduled to be ground and the foreshore area grass repaired with new turf to avoid soil run-off into the lake.

