

On 27 Feb 2018, at 9:06 pm, Gavin Hill <ghill@northcliffesurfclub.com.au> wrote:

I am writing in regards to the decision by the council to not maintain the quality of Lake Hugh Muntz to a swimming venue level.

As a coach at BMD Northcliffe surf club we have used the lake for the past 15 years on a regular basis. In the past few weeks we would have liked the opportunity to have it as a back up venue with the beaches being closed. This situation leaves many surf clubs in the local area with nowhere to train properly and keep fit. I am aware of 8 local surf clubs that use Lake Hugh Muntz. It is/was 1 of 2 local lakes that was a safe swimming venue.

As a local resident I have seen numerous ways in which the council has dropped the ball in regards to the water quality. The streets with drains that feed the lake were fitted with leaf filters which was great. I notice now over the past 3 years that these drains are covered with leaf litter. Prior to this the street sweepers would be down the street before a big rain to clear this potential leaf litter.

When council park lawns surrounding the lake are cut is it possible to have a catcher as a lot of this grass ends up in the lake?

Would dumping sand (a natural filter) around the surrounds of a few of the parks help the water quality ? This used to happen!

Could a quarterly clean of the lake be added to the council plan? This used to happen!

Over the last 3-4 years I have noticed that the fish, turtle, eel numbers have dwindled.

It would be a tragedy to lose the lake as a swimming venue and possibly to a point of non use entirely

Gavin Hill
BMD Northcliffe Coach
for past 14 years

Sent from my iPhone