

Patterson Lakes – Quiet Lakes

Managing Water Quality

Water Quality Management Plan 2011

Stage 4 - Installation of Fyke Nets in Lake Illawong

As part of the Quiet Lakes Water Quality Management Plan, Melbourne Water will be installing Fyke nets in Lake Illawong during the week commencing 21 November 2011.

Fyke nets are used to control carp populations that affect the quality of water in the lakes by preying on native fish and stirring up sediment.

Fyke nets are a series of net barrels with open wings at the entrance to direct carp into the barrels. Once carp have swum into the barrel, they can't swim back out. The nets are checked daily to remove the trapped carp and to safely release any other species back into the lake. The nets are unable to be checked over the weekends so the entrance of the net will be lifted out of the water on a Friday afternoon to ensure fish cannot enter the net during this time.



A portion of the Fyke net will be visible above the water, but the majority of the net will be under the water.

The Fyke nets will be trialled in Lake Illawong over the next week.

It is not expected that this activity will have an impact on your usage of the beaches.

To help the Fyke nets do their job, please:

- Do not tie boats or water craft to the Fyke nets
- Do not remove the stakes or touch the nets
- Contact Melbourne Water if you see someone tampering with the nets or if there are any other issues. We are available 24 hours a day on **9316 2800**

More information on the Fyke nets or the Water Quality Management Plan:

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