

Patterson Lakes- Quiet Lakes

Community Bulletin

September 2011

Additional beach debris collection (3 month trial)

As you know, Melbourne Water works closely with PLAC (Patterson Lakes Advisory Committee) who make recommendations to us on behalf of the Patterson Lakes residents and ratepayers.

At the August meeting of PLAC Melbourne Water received a recommendation that an additional beach debris collection be considered, using surplus funding from improved efficiencies in beach maintenance. Presently, the maintenance team rake and grade the beach areas and collect any accumulated debris commencing the first working Monday of each month (weather dependant).

Melbourne Water has acted on PLAC's recommendation and will commence a three month trial of a mid-month debris collection beginning 19 September. This will help assist with water quality and improve the overall ambience of the Quiet Lakes.

We are asking residents to rake any debris from the **beach only** and place in a neat pile for collection. Please note this additional service does not include beach raking by Melbourne Water.

Mid-month beach debris collection dates:

- 19 September
- 17 October
- 21 November

Please note: Household green waste from residents' properties is not to be placed onto the beach and will **NOT be collected by Melbourne Water**. Doing so may be detrimental to the success of the trial and may lead to subsequent retraction of the additional collection service.

Quiet Lakes Water Quality Management Plan 2011

We would like to remind all residents we provide regular updates on the overall Water Quality Management Plan 2011 on our Patterson Lakes webpage - www.melbournewater.com.au/pattersonlakes

We also invite you to join our community information email list to receive regular updates.



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Carp removal update – August, 2011

Seine Netting in Lakes Illawong and Legana

Seine netting of Lakes Illawong and Legana took place on 15 and 16 August. A seine net is a long net that has weights along the bottom edge and floats attached along the top edge. The net is then dragged through the water by hand to capture fish like carp.

The netting began in Lake Illawong, but vegetation in the lakes restricted the use of the net. As a result, efforts were concentrated in each of the five bays in Lake Legana.

In total, 33 carp were removed from the lake. The number is exceptional given the seine netting was completed previously only 13 months prior.

This brings up the total carp catch to 1,919 since Melbourne Water regular seine netting program began in 2000. Melbourne Water is investigating other techniques of carp removal to assist control of the carp numbers during times when seine netting is ineffective, including electro fishing and Fyke netting.

Fyke netting trial in Lake Carramar

Four Fyke nets were installed in Lake Carramar on 14 July as part of the Quiet Lakes Water Quality Management Plan. Fyke nets are long, Y-shaped nets that are used to trap carp that are often responsible for affecting water quality.

The Fyke nets were in place for three weeks. During this time there were no carp caught by the nets. This could be due to the weather conditions, or inactivity of the carp around the lake.

As we were unable to seine net Lake Illawong, Fyke nets will now be trialled there in the coming months.

For more information on Quiet Lakes Water Quality Management Plan or the maintenance in Patterson Lakes:

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