

# SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

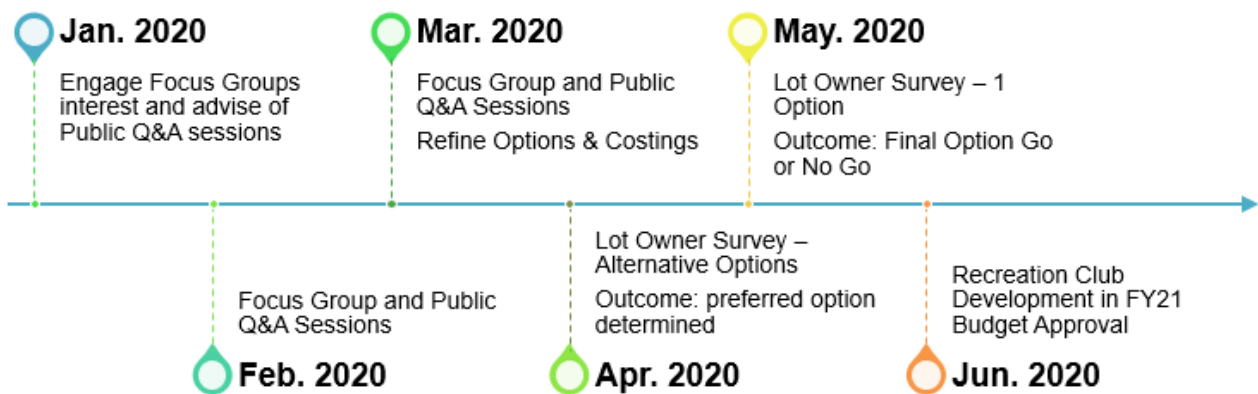
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## PROSPECTIVE RECREATION CLUB DEVELOPMENT – REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN A FOCUS GROUP

As per our timeline for the Next Steps of the Prospective Recreation Club Development (see Figure 1), we will commence taking interest from **lot owners** who wish to participate in a Focus Group.

**Figure 1 - 2020 Timeline of the Prospective Recreation Club Development**



Three focus groups will be created to gather opinions about the new alternative options developed. These participants will assist to get different ideas and perspectives on the final alternative options. Having three different groups will ensure a good mix of perspectives and ideas. The ideal group size of each focus group will be 8-12 people.

Focus group participants will be expected to attend a 2-hour session where they will be asked specific questions in an interactive setting and will be encouraged to discuss thoughts freely with other participants. The questions will be based on the objectives of the Project. The open and free discussions should generate ideas and will provide a wealth of information for SLRS to consider and implement as part of the Alternative Options stage of the Project. This will result in Options and Costings being refined where required as per the timeline above (see Figure 1), ahead of the first lot owner survey being released in April 2020.



## PROSPECTIVE RECREATION CLUB FOCUCS GROUP CONTINUED

### How to Register your Interest:

If you are a **lot owner** within Sanctuary Lakes Resort and would like to participate in a Focus Group, please email your interest to: [communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au](mailto:communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au)

In your email, please ensure you include the following information:

- Full name
- Lot Number or Address
- Mobile number
- Preferred Focus Group option (i.e. 1, 2 or 3) – as per the below list of session dates

### Focus Group Session Dates:

1. 10am – 12pm **Saturday 29th February 2020**
2. 6pm – 8pm **Tuesday 3rd March 2020**
3. 6pm – 8pm **Wednesday 11th March 2020**

Please note, Focus Group places are restricted to one participant per lot.

Whilst the closing date and time to register your interest is by 5pm Friday 14th February 2020, SLRS recommend you register your interest as soon as possible, as allocation to sessions dates will be based on a 'first in – first served' basis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN - 5 MONTHS TO GO

Have you upgraded to NBN yet? If so, you should have upgraded your alarm system too. Old alarm communication systems are NOT compatible with NBN and in most cases will stop reporting back to security which includes smoke alarm monitoring.

If you would like to upgrade your alarm system, or to find out more information please visit our website:

<https://www.sanctuarylakesresort.com.au/index.php/resortfacilitie/security>



### BLUE TONGUE LIZARDS

We have been receiving reports that there are a number of blue tongue lizards appearing around peoples homes. Please note these lizards are harmless and are likely to only hiss and retreat if approached. As we have had little rain of late leaving a shallow water dish in your yard will help these little guys get through the dry period a little easier.





## MANAGING OUR WASTE - BY PAUL VON HARDER

There is no doubt that plastic in its many forms is a wonderful material. It is cheap, tough, lightweight, durable and immensely convenient. But as we are increasingly being made aware, it can be problematical after its initial use.

Plastic takes many years to decompose, adds massively to our waste volume and does enormous damage to the natural environment especially when it enters waterways and eventually the oceans. Plastic is eaten by marine animals and by being indigestible eventually kills them. It also entraps many, again causing death.



But there is light at the end of the tunnel, increasingly industry is using waste plastic to produce new products and whilst that re-use industry is in its infancy, it is growing and in time will massively reduce the once only use of plastic.

I'm not a scientist, but I do listen to what Science tell us about the problems of waste. I also serve on Wyndham City Councils committee concerned with our local tip and all things to do with Councils waste management operations. My time on the committee has given me a close insight into the complex issue of waste management and the many ways Council is addressing it. Currently Wyndham City Council is investigating methods of waste separation and waste to energy possibilities.

The ideal is to create a 'circular economy' where plastic is recycled into new product, used and recycled back into another new product. In other words, ensuring that plastic is not a single use material. Creating a circular economy is the future and Australia is moving in that direction.

Glass ground in to a consistency of sand is now being used as a road base and pelletised plastic can be mixed into bitumen for road surfacing, these are just two ways that landfill is being reduced.

The first step in the circular economy process is sorting and separation of plastics into its various forms. This separation can start at household level, something some European countries are very good at.





Contamination is another thing to be avoided, a Wyndham City Council 1,200 bin survey revealed that many recycling bins are 'contaminated' by soiled nappies, unrinsed food containers, clothing, timber and more. The key reason China and other Asian counties stopped taking Australian recyclables was because of the high level of contamination, requiring extensive (and expensive) sorting and separation.

Light plastic (scrunchables) is the worst offender in regard to the natural environment, it is easily win-blown and is probably the biggest contaminant of not only our local waterways but Port Phillip also. Woolworths and Coles supermarkets have RedCycle bins located at the front of each store, these bins accept light plastic, which includes singlet shopping bags, chip and lolly bags, cling wrap and so on.

Each of us can make a difference, by:

- Ensuring that anything we put into the blue lid wheelie bin is not contaminated with food residue. Jam and peanut butter jars, for example, are easily rinsed clean, even finding dishwasher space to wash then makes a difference.
- Not enclosing recyclables in bin liners or plastic bags. Anything in the blue lid recycling bin enclosed plastic bags, ends up in landfill. As an example, whenever my wife puts out our recyclables in a bin liner, I slash open the bin liner to release the recyclables, then place the bin liner into our scrunchables bin.
- Items not to be put in the blue lid recycling bin are:
  - Clothing or cloth material
  - Batteries or electronic items
  - Food residue contaminated bottles/jars
  - Soiled nappies (yes, they do get deposited into recycling bins)
  - Timber and building rubble
  - Garden waste
  - Food waste
  - Light plastic (scrunchables)



The separation of light plastic and depositing it in the RedCycle bins at Woolies and Coles supermarkets is probably the most important individual action any of us can make toward responsible waste management.

**Paul von Harder**

**Stage 3 (Sandpiper Island) Legal Rep & Chairman**

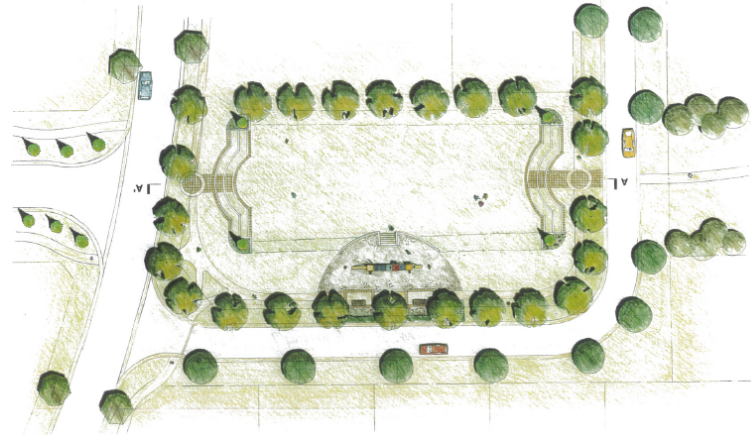


## UPDATE OF THE LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

As mentioned at the July 2019 Town Hall, one of the Sanctuary Lakes Resort (SLR) Master Plan inclusions was the update of the current and original SLR Landscape Master Plan (LMP).

The LMP was created over 20 years ago, ahead of the resort development being underway.

Whilst it was a long-term, comprehensive strategy for designing the multi-staged landscape development, it did not consider all 44 stages that exist within the resort today!



It detailed the landscape design approach to the various open spaces, streetscapes and water bodies throughout the development. The theme set for the development was that of a 'resort' style, with a focus on local character rather than imported and inappropriate tropical character. The idea was that residents would feel they were on holiday every day.

Today, the Sanctuary Lakes Resort Services (SLRS) Resort Presentation Team (RPT) continue to reference the LMP for maintenance, lake and irrigation requirements, as it is found to be a useful guide for decisions. However, as the resort is now fully developed, the plan is too rigid, provides limited flexibility and doesn't consider changes that have occurred over the last 2 decades. Not to mention the LMP doesn't provide modern, environmentally friendly and sustainable landscape design given we are now in 2020!

It is our objective that an updated and improved LMP will:

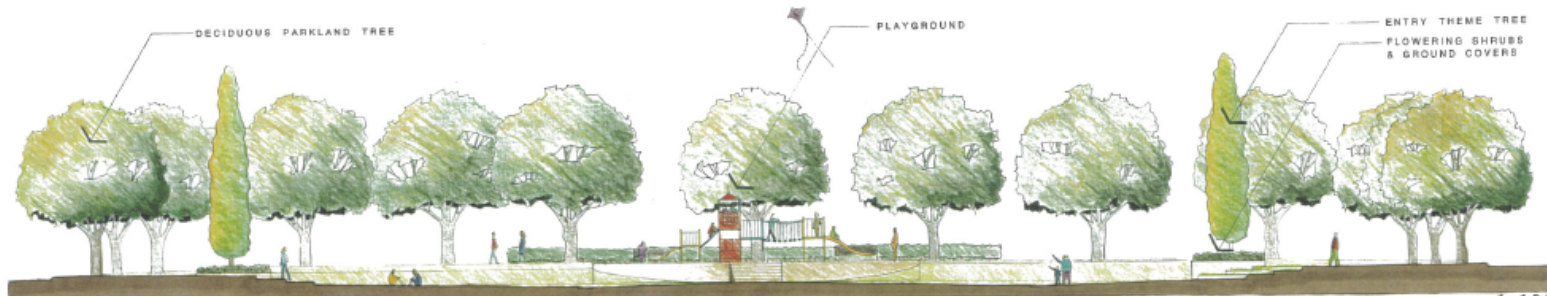
- Establish a guiding working document, which is flexible and easily referenced by the RPT for decision making; providing new confidence in the plan;
- Suggest new and exciting landscape design elements throughout the resort, which are modern and eco-friendly, yet still within the initial 'resort' theme;
  - Which will deliver visible design improvements for residents across the resort over the next 5 years
- Exposure to new and improved plant material that is sustainable;
- Include a low maintenance landscape, which is adaptable for future growth; and
  - Providing operational efficiencies
- Maintaining the quality of the trees, gardens, parks and lakes whilst preserving the green open spaces.

Please Note: Private Common Property landscape design (including entrances) are excluded from this Project, as they each have their own Maintenance Plans.

# RESORT NEWS



## UPDATE OF THE LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN



The Sanctuary Lakes Resort Services LMP Project Working Committee kicked off in September 2019.

In the last 3 months... the Working Committee have been:

1. Developing the key Project objectives, needs, expectations and scope of works.
2. Meeting with various Landscape Architects and Wyndham City Council.
3. Developing a 'Request for Proposal' document, which will be released to 5 shortlisted Landscape Architects on Wednesday 15th January 2020, with their proposals due to be submitted by Monday 17th February 2020.

In the next 3 months... to select a preferred Landscape Architect to work with the LMP Project Working Committee to 'refresh' our LMP, SLRS will:

4. Release the RFP to the 5 shortlisted Landscape Architects.
5. Evaluate all responses received after the 4-week period as per the set evaluation criteria.
6. Aim to select the preferred Landscape Architect to work with by April 2020.

Our final updated and completed LMP is scheduled to be developed by 30th September 2020.

For all enquiries relating to the Landscape Master Plan project, please email us at [communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au](mailto:communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au).



# WHAT'S ON

Around Sanctuary Lakes



## Boulevard Tree Removal

The Resort Maintenance team have begun removing some poor performing trees from the boulevard.

The following items are taken into consideration when a tree is assessed;

- The distortion of leaves, stems and branches;
- The health, vigour and potential to fulfil the desired role in the street landscape;
- Branch structure, canopy balance and the trees stability;
- The form of the tree, ensuring shape and growth habit match predicted patterns; and
- Safety concerns such as a potentially hazardous branch structure or root structure leading to tree instability.

Depending on the tree size, a stump will be left behind to later be removed by our contractor. The stump removal will occur in the coming weeks.

All trees removed will be replaced with a new sapling.

## Irrigation Vandalism

Unfortunately we must report that last week 16 rotor sprays were deliberately damaged on Sanctuary Lakes South Blvd. All 16 rotors required replacement at a cost of \$90 per rotor, a total of \$1,440 to repair the irrigation system.

## Rose Garden Bed Removed

Last Thursday you may have noticed we have begun digging out the garden beds at the front of the Security Hut on the Boulevard. The reason being they are very dangerous for the Staff when being weeded. We will be returning them to turf moving forward.



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