

# SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

September 22, 2020



## AGM QUERIES AND FOLLOW UP

As many of you will be aware we have been conducting the AGM's over the past few weeks. We have noted a range of similar questions during the meetings around fees and services. Here are answers for these questions to help others who may be wondering the same thing.

What does the SLRS Fee cover?

Sanctuary Lakes Resort Services (SLRS) primary role is to deliver our key objective, Presentation, Security, Recreation Services and Value for money.

Some of these are easy to see such as resort maintenance attending to the presentation of the lake (Lake Maintenance team), parks, landscapes and street trees (Estate Maintenance team) and Security (Security team, patrols and home alarm response). While the many parks, gardens and street trees in Sanctuary Lakes are the property of Wyndham City Council (WCC), they are maintained and presented by the SLRS Resort Maintenance staff to the high standard requested by all residents.

SLRS provides a very high level of presentation of the lake, boulevards, parks and gardens which include:

- Recreation ready lake that provides a perfect home for wildlife and;
- Stately, large architectural deciduous trees with hardy flowering bushes in beds underneath;
- Boulevard, reserves and median strips that are maintained regularly;
- Recycled water irrigation to maintain a healthy appearance all year round.







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Security is provided for Sanctuary Lakes residents all day, every day of the year through:

- Mobile road patrols;
- Residential back-to-base alarm system monitoring;
- Monitoring by a specialist electronic monitoring system.

Also included is the use of the private Sanctuary Lakes Recreation Club, Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts all year round.



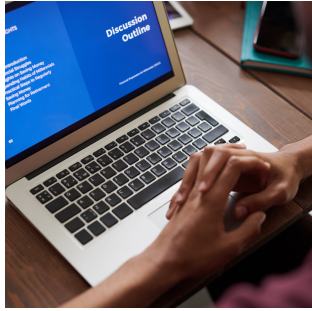
As per our article last week all the above services contribute to an average of \$80,000 premium on homes in Sanctuary Lakes compared to the wider Point Cook area.

The fees charged ensure that the above services can be provided to all Sanctuary Lakes Residents and ensure the exclusiveness to the Resort.

If your AGM is yet to be held, we strongly suggest that you come along to the meeting, we'd love to see you there!

If you are unable to attend, you should consider returning a proxy form to ensure your vote is counted. If you have any queries regarding your AGM or anything else about Sanctuary Lakes please feel free to give us a call or send an email.





## AGM MEETINGS FOR 2020 HAVE COMMENCED

It's that time of year again!

Annual General Meetings have commenced, if you have not yet received your Notice of Meeting and Agenda it won't be far away.

This year due to Covid-19 restrictions we have been forced to try a new meeting style and hold the meetings via Zoom. The registration link is noted on the Notice of Meeting, to register for the meeting please click the link – if you received your correspondence via mail and would like us to email you the link please send us an email to [ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au](mailto:ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au). Given the meetings are being held via Zoom we hope a lot more of you are able to attend this year.

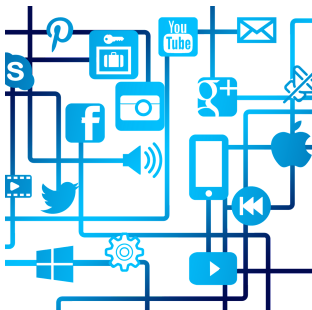


## BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

When you own a dog it is your responsibility to clean up after it.

Dog owners should ensure they always carry a bag suitable for the collection of their dogs droppings, alternatively there are also free doggy bags in a number of locations around Sanctuary Lakes. Please only take one or two bags as required.

Reminder, please also keep your four-legged friend on a leash, there are no off lead areas within Sanctuary Lakes.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN - 4 WEEKS 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. Due to COVID-19 the new disconnection date of the copper network is October 23rd 2020.





## RECREATIONAL GOLF COURSE USE BY RESIDENTS

The Golf Club have generously allowed residents to access the course for exercise whilst the course is closed to play. It is important that residents are respectful of the Golf Course as a visitor on the course. Please bear in mind:

- Bicycles are not permitted on the course. The narrow tyres can damage the surfaces and compact the soil;
- Do not go onto the greens or in the sand bunkers. They damage extremely easily and are difficult to repair;
- Keep dogs on leash and pick up after them;
- Do not litter. Take your rubbish with you and do not use course bins.

The Club will be patrolling the course regularly. If you are asked to leave the course by a SLGC representative, you must do so.

Parents, please ensure that your children are aware of these rules.

The Club has advised that if they see abuse of the course, they may choose to close the course to public recreational access.





# NATURE'S RUBIK



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by Tom Parkinson

## THE EUCALYPTS



When you take your exercise in Sanctuary Lakes, you'd be hard pressed to wander for more than 2 minutes without seeing a tree from the Eucalypt family. In fact, you'd be hard pressed to walk for more than 2 minutes without spotting a Eucalypt tree throughout Victoria.

The diverse Eucalypt tree family dominates our landscape. From the bush to our backyards, paddocks, parks, roadways and pavements. Commonly called gum trees, Eucalypts are the icons of Australian flora.

Recently discovered fossils indicate that the Eucalypts have their evolutionary roots in Gondwana, when Australia was still connected to Antarctica, some 150 million plus years ago. As Australia drifted north Eucalypts adapted to drier climates, weathered soils and a fire-prone landscapes. The remarkable ability to quickly re-sprout from dormant buds located under the bark following damage from drought or fire, is a feature that has helped them to survive and dominate the harsher environments that evolved with Australia's changing climate over the last 30 million years or so.

Today, botanists have identified around 900 species of Eucalypts and have divided them into three different groups:

**Eucalyptus:** The most dominant in Sanctuary Lakes and makes up nine of our species;

**Corymbia:** The Bloodwood eucalypts. Sanctuary Lakes has four species thriving here;

**Angophora:** The Eucalypt tree that dominates Sanctuary Lakes North and Southern Boulevard. Previously our Angophora trees were discussed in Nature's Rubik: The Boulevards, click [here](#) to check it out.



**Parle Baron's dramatic Sanctuary Lakes sunrise silhouetting Iron Bark Gums**



**Smooth Bark**



**Rough Bark**



**String Bark**



**Iron Bark**

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One of the simplest means of recognising species and the most distinctive features of Eucalypts, is their bark.

Some trees have smooth bark — as the tree grows it sheds old layers from its trunk or branches. The new bark underneath is often brightly coloured that fades over time.

Other trees are completely covered in rough bark. The old layer of bark stays attached to the tree and forms a thick protective layer against fire. Rough barks can be a bit trickier to identify because the texture can take different forms.

If the bark has long stringy bark, it might be a stringybark or if it has tough, blackened furrowed bark it might be an ironbark, and if it has really short fibres it might be a box or a peppermint.



Eucalypts are evergreens. The leaves are thick, leathery and do not easily wilt. This enables them to survive hot and dry conditions. A eucalypt's leaves are packed with oil glands that produce their distinctive scent. These compounds help protect the tree from attack by pests. Eucalyptus oil is readily distilled from the leaves and can be used for cleaning as an antiseptic, for deodorising, and in very small quantities in food supplements, especially cough drops. It's insect-repellent properties are used in mosquito-repellents.

The most readily recognisable characteristics of Eucalypt species are the distinctive flowers and fruit ("gumnuts"). Flowers have numerous fluffy stamens which may be white, cream, yellow, pink, or red; in bud, the stamens are enclosed in a cap. Thus, flowers have no petals, but instead decorate themselves with their many showy stamens. As the stamens expand, they will split away from the gumnut base. The gumnuts are roughly cone-shaped and when matured will open to release the seeds.



Besides the Boulevard's Angophora, Sanctuary Lakes has fourteen other species of Eucalypts maturing in streets and parks.

Eucalyptus sideroxylon or Red Iron Bark, which lines the streets of Heron Way and the Coastal Promenade is one of the most easily recognisable thanks to its distinctive trunk. It has a very dark brown to black coloured bark which is deeply furrowed and does not shed. The dark fissured bark persists to the branches. Its wood is extremely dense and gets its common name Iron Bark because of its high density and like iron, it cannot float in water. The leaves are a bluish grey colour on both sides and aneolate to falcate in shape. When the sun is shining on the leaves the contrast between the dark bark trunk and branches against the bluish leaves is quite stunning. To continue reading this article please click [here](#).



# WHAT'S ON

Around Sanctuary Lakes



## Street Tree Pruning

Our Resort Maintenance team recently pruned some street trees in Outrigger Court that were overhanging the footpath.

Here are some pics of the team in action.



## High Pressure Washing

High pressure washing of the path that leads from Regatta Beach along the rear of the homes on East Boulevard is almost complete.

Here are some progress pics.



The team will continue to work their way along the path as resources and time permit.

## New Garden Bed Edging

The walkway reserve off East Boulevard has recently had new garden bed edging installed and plants planted.



## Sea Grass

Over the past fortnight 44.78 tonnes of sea grass was taken to the tip for recycling.

The sea grass is dropped in a special area at the tip which is allocated to Veolia. It is then transported to their recycling plant at Bulla for processing.

