

SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

March 12, 2019



EASTER EVENT 2019

We are proud to announce that the annual Easter Family Day event for Sanctuary Lakes residents will be returning Saturday 13th April, from 10am - 1pm.

There will be lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy; including Easter egg hunts, jumping castles, animal farm, and a soft play area for under 6's.

We will also have arts and craft, a balloon artist and face painting!

Sanctuary Lakes CWA will be returning with their amazing pancakes, and the Point Cook Lions club will be supplying the delicious egg and bacon rolls. Supplementing the food will be a coffee van and fairy floss, yum!

Note, this is a free event for Sanctuary Lakes residents only.

We expect it to be a lovely morning and we hope to see you all there.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



IMPORTANT NOTICES - NBN READY ALARM INSTALLATIONS

We are receiving reports of the NBN connection malfunctioning the dialler in the Alarm Panel. This results in a significant cost being incurred by the resident due to excessive phone calls.

Please contact SLR Security BEFORE connecting NBN for the installation of a PermaConn Unit (see [website](#) for details), or ensure your alarm panel is ISOLATED from the NBN connection to protect your alarm. Please note due to high demand there is currently a 3 week lead time on installation of PM24 alarms and a 6 week lead time on installation of PM45 alarms.



GOLF COURSE - PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Golf Course is private property.

However, by agreement with the Club residents are able to walk on the course strictly between the hours of 7pm – 7am.

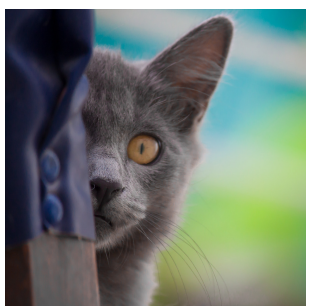
Please ensure all members of your home are aware of this agreement.



THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT

Thank you to all the residents that have sent in their feedback, idea suggestions for the newsletter, and followed us on our social media channels. We very much appreciate the support.

As always, if you have any content ideas that you'd like to see, please forward through to communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au



WANDERING CATS

Did you know that Wyndham City has a cat curfew? The curfew requires cats to be confined to their owner's premises between 10pm and 6am. Cats that are roaming the streets during the day (non-curfew hours) can still be trapped if a resident objects to the cat being on their property.



GREEN WASTE REMOVAL OPTIONS

If you are unable to make it down to the maintenance shed on a Saturday morning there are other options for green waste removal.

If you book green waste collection with Wyndham City they will pick up bundled tree branches and prunings, as well as grass clippings, vines, rose cuttings, yuccas, weeds and leaves. You can also order a green waste bin from Wyndham City which is collected fortnightly, Wyndham accepts the disposal of fruit and vegetable scraps into this bin to help reduce waste in your garbage bin.



SLRS AND SLC PLANNING COMMITTEE

In our December 4th Newsletter we announced Sanctuary Lakes Resort Services (SLRS) had signed a Heads of Agreement with Sanctuary Lakes Club (SLC) to investigate future opportunities to work together that preserve and improve both the current amenities and services offered to all residents.

After further discussions SLRS and SLC have appointed two independent property consultants to look at a possible joint development between SLRS and SLC with the aim of providing residents expanded recreation services while protecting current assets. The independent consultants will provide independent non-binding advice and expertise so that we can maximize any potential opportunity for residents.

SLRS have put a list of requirements to the property consultants. These requirements were as a result of the resident's recreation survey completed by residents late last year. Some of the requirements include two pools (a lap pool and a smaller multi-use pool), more gym space and additional group fitness rooms.

We are expecting an update for the Board of Directors in the first week of April at which point, we will communicate with residents to get their feedback.

LAKE MAINTENANCE

Further to our newsletter announcement last fortnight about fencing and the lake frontage exclusion zone, below is more information about the lake and how fencing and permanent structures can prevent us from clearing the lake efficiently.

Why is the 3 Metre Clearance Zone Important?

Did you know that all lake front properties have a 3m clearance zone? Any fencing or permanent structures in this area prevents the lake maintenance team from navigating close to the property and the crew are unable to service the area. As the truxor and barge move along the shallows next to the lake wall, the barge sometimes is required to dock at the rear of properties for the truxor to unload. If there is a fence or permanent structures in this clearance zone, or there is fencing over hanging the lake wall this makes it difficult for the barge to moor and increases the travel time for the truxor to dump onto the barge. Further to the points above, most properties that back on to the lake have easements that are held in favour of City West Water and Melbourne Water.



What is an easement? An easement is a section of land registered on your property title which gives another party the right to use the land for a specific purpose, even though they are not the land owner. It is for these reasons we ask that residents do not erect fencing or permanent structures within the 3m clearance zone.



LAKE MAINTENANCE

Why Are There Algal Blooms After Cleaning?

Why does the lake look dirty after the vessels have just been? There are multiple reasons this occurs. After harvesting an area it is not unusual for algal blooms to come to the surface as the blooms have been disturbed when the maintenance vessels have travelled over the area. Whilst the maintenance vessels collect most of the sea grass and algal blooms that are floating, there will always be a small amount of both that cannot be collected. Once the sea grass and algal blooms have been collected any lighter material, including algal blooms will float to the surface causing the area that has just been cleaned to look as if it was not harvested.



There are also multiple 'low flow' areas around the lake, which include bridge abutments. There is often not enough water movement to move the sea grass and algal blooms on. Finally, we also rely on Mother Nature, rain, to help clear the lake of blooms. If there has not been a significant rainfall event to flush the lake, algal blooms are more prevalent.

What Is That Smell?

From time to time there can be an odour in the air around the southern part of Sanctuary Lakes. This smell comes from the wetlands behind Sanctuary Lakes South Boulevard. This area is owned by AVEO, (the developer of the Saltwater Coast estate). The odour is most noticeable during the warmer months, especially when we've experienced multiple hot days in a row. This is due to the wetlands drying out, lack of water flow in this area and the water becoming stagnant. As the water recedes in this area, it exposes large areas of mud. Combined with rotting vegetation, all three combine to produce a foul odour. Sanctuary Lakes does not own this land and are therefore not responsible for the maintenance of this reserve. However, in January we managed to speak with Colin Greaves from AVEO and discussed the matter of the odour with him. He advised he will speak with the relevant people and see what steps can be taken in an effort to ease the smell. We are hopeful with some cooler days forecast and some rain on its way, the smell will dissipate in the next few weeks.





KEEP YOUR DRIVEWAY SAFE

The Facts:

- Most driveway run overs occur in the driveway of the child's own home, or in a friend or relative's driveway. The driver is usually a parent, relative or family friend.
- In 85% of cases, the driver does not know that a child is close to the vehicle; they think they are being looked after elsewhere.
- Incidents usually involve children under the age of 5, most often, children around 2 years of age.
- All cars have a blind spot – some up to more than 15 metres- which can make it difficult to see a child.
- Any vehicle can be involved in a driveway runover; the most common are 4WDs, utes, trucks and vans.
- Most driveway run overs occur in the morning (between 8am-10am) and late afternoon (between 4pm and 6pm).

Driveway run overs of children are becoming increasingly common. These incidents have a devastating effect on families, particularly when the driver is a family member or friend.

Children are unpredictable. They are naturally inquisitive, as well as being surprisingly quick and mobile. Their small size, together with the large blind spots behind most cars, means that children standing or stepping behind the vehicle often cannot be seen from the driver's seat.

Even if the vehicle is fitted with parking sensors or a reversing camera, children may not be noticed until it is too late to stop. Often, a young child follows an adult outside to say goodbye or to see what they are doing, then moves behind the vehicle and isn't seen until it is too late.

Please review the below safety tips to help keep your driveway safe.

SUPERVISE:

1. Never leave young children alone to play, especially near parked or moving vehicles.
2. If there is only one adult at home and there is a need to move the vehicle, even for a small distance, ensure young children are placed securely in the vehicle while the vehicle is being moved.
3. Any children not in the vehicle should be kept well away and actively supervised by an adult who is holding their hands, to ensure a clear passage for the vehicle to move.

SEPARATE

1. Treat the driveway like a road. Do not let children use the driveway as a play area.
2. Separate children's playspaces from garages and driveways. Some design features that can prevent children accessing the driveway include fitting high handles to garage doors, fences separating the house and garden from the driveway, and self closing doors and gates.

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1. All vehicles have blind spots. Reversing sensors and cameras can assist with reducing blind spots, however, even when these are used, it may still be difficult to notice a small child until it is too late. It is important not to become complacent when these devices are used. There is no adequate replacement for the active supervision of children by an adult.
2. Drivers should get into the habit of walking around their vehicle before getting into it when leaving an area where a young child is present.



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AVIATION ROAD - LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

The level crossing construction crew spent January and February pouring concrete to form the piers that will support the road bridge, and continued relocating underground services. In March, the T-beams will be placed onto the bridge structure, to support and form the top of the bridge.

As works progress, there will be some times when buses will replace trains on sections of the Werribee and Williamstown lines. For timetable information and to plan your journey, please visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

Traffic Disruptions:

To ensure road users can move safely through the area, and for the safety of workers there will be some off-peak lane closures and 40km/h speed limits around the work site throughout the project. Please allow for increased travel time as these works progress. Major road closures are listed below:

- * **Maier Road** will be closed overnight from 9pm to 5am on Friday 29 March and Saturday 30 March.
- * **Aviation Road** will be closed overnight at the roundabout for up to one hour between midnight and 5am on Tuesday 12 March and Wednesday 13 March.
- * **Maier Road** traffic will be restricted to one lane until mid March. The road will remain open in both directions with traffic staff on hand to manage traffic flow.

For your safety please take care when driving through the construction zone and obey any signage and directions from staff.

What's Coming Up:

- * Buses will replace trains on sections of the Werribee and Williamstown lines from 8:30pm on Tuesday, 12th March to the last service on Thursday, 14th March.
- * Buses will also replace trains on some nights and weekends in March.
- * Excavation and rock breaking during the day.
- * Relocating utilities including electricity, telecommunications and water.
- * Resurfacing closed car spaces at Aircraft Station in preparation for the car park to fully reopen in mid March.
- * Construction the temporary Maier Road.
- * Building walls that will form the sides of the ramps for the bridge.
- * T-beams being craned into position.





Olive Pickling and Marinating Master Class.

One of the most successful non-native tree planting in Sanctuary Lakes is that most ancient of trees, the Olive (*Olea europaea*). The Olive tree is native to the Mediterranean region and Western Asia. Olives have been a part of the human diet for thousands of years, long before the supermarket and a dry martini were invented. Olives are fantastically diverse and versatile food. Whether ground into spreads and tapenades, tossed into salads, simmered in stews and sauces, plopped into martinis, or eaten straight out of hand. Their sweet, sour, salty, bitter and pungent flavours are an essential item for every Sanctuary Lake's home.

Trivia note: there are no green olive trees! The colour of an olive is an indication of its ripeness. Green olives ripen and become black olives. In general, the darker the olive, the riper it is when plucked from the tree.

Green olives are usually picked in late March and April. Black(er) olives are picked at the end of April and May, sometimes as late as July. The olive is technically a "drupe," a fruit with a single large stone inside. Olives are full of the compound oleuropein, which gives them an intense bitterness. To get rid of the harsh taste it is necessary for us to ferment the Olive by curing and pickling.

At midday on Sunday April 7th on the Southern Boulevard Beach long-time residents Tom Parkinson and Rob Merola will be hosting an olive curing, pickling and marinating master class. Residents are invited to come along for a mix of social fun, BBQ and olive curing, marinating and tasting. What will you need? Please bring along a chair or picnic rug, something to throw on the barbie (or a picnic), as well as a pen and notepad for all the tips and tricks.

If you have your own olives (raw, brined or marinated) please bring them along to the event and share your secrets with the group. We promise a great afternoon. See you there!



Sea Grass Stats

In January, the lake crew removed 66,040kg of seagrass from the lake, and 91,190kgs February. That's a whopping total of 157,180kg of seagrass which took 77 truck trips to drop off at the tip!



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What's All the Buzz About Bees

On Saturday 16th March, from 10:00am - 12:00pm Wyndham City will be hosting a free class about keeping bees. The class will be held at Shoestring Garden - Eco Living Centre 28 Ridge Drive, Wyndham Vale.

The session will cover:

- * Bee keeping vs Bee Having
- * Understanding the bee season over a year
- * The various major items that make up a bee hive
- * Establishing a hive & get it to thrive
- * What else you can get from a hive, not just honey
- * Bee behaviour & characteristics
- * The major tasks in hive management
- * The basic equipment a beekeeper needs
 - * Legal requirements & feral swarms
- * Approx investment & further resources
- * Native bees and other pollinators
- * What bees need from us to stay healthy

To book your place please visit the Wyndham website: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/whats-all-buzz-about-bees>

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