



# SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

July 30, 2019



## VICTORIA POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE

On July 1, 2019 Victoria Police officially launched a new 24 hour police assistance phone line and online reporting service for the community to connect with about non-urgent crimes and events.

All Victorians are encouraged to contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or visit the Victoria Police Online Reporting service to report non-urgent crimes and events.

The Police Assistance Line and Online Reporting service will take reports or give advice at any time on non-urgent crimes and events anywhere in the state, including;

- Property damage
- Lost or located property
- Theft
- Neighbourhood disputes of a non-urgent nature
- Noise complaints
- Absence from residence registrations
- Party Safe registrations
- Other general non-urgent police enquiries



The Online Reporting service is available through the Victoria Police website. The Police Assistance Line calls are taken by civilian staff at a contact centre in Ballarat, under the supervision of police officers.

Further information about the Police Assistance Line (131 444) and online reporting is available online at <http://bit.ly/PoliceAssistanceLine>

As always SLR Security are onsite 24/7 and always available to assist residents when in need so don't forget to add their phone number into your contacts (9394 9477).

If you see any illegal behaviour and you feel the police should be in attendance residents are to call police and request attendance immediately. SLR Security will attend and assist in any way they can.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN

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. Last fortnight there was a house fire that we were not made aware of due to this very issue.

In addition to this there is a chance that the NBN (if not isolated from the alarm panel itself) can cause the alarm to short circuit resulting in an additional cost to the owner – repair costs can be up to \$1,000.

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>



## FEE NOTICE REMINDER

Reminder: Fee Notices have been issued to all lot owners and are due Thursday 1st of August.

If you already have a direct debit set up it will automatically begin in August and run through to May. If you wish to cancel your current direct debit please email [accounts@sanctuarylakes.com.au](mailto:accounts@sanctuarylakes.com.au)

All new direct debit forms must be returned to our office by Friday 2nd August.

## AIRBNB

We understand that some residents are uneasy at the thought of having a short stay rental property near their home. Unfortunately, under the Owners Corporation Act we are unable to ban short stay rentals in Sanctuary Lakes.

It is in fact legal in Victoria for owners to lease their property to long term or short term AIRBNB type tenants. Of course SLRS would much rather Sanctuary Lakes have no short stay rentals, however, the law is not in our favour and we have absolutely no power to change this.

If in the future you have a house party near you that seems to be out of control please contact Victoria Police immediately on 000 and then SLR Security – 9394 9477.







## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

It's AGM time again, please review the below timetable to confirm when your specific owners corporation AGM is scheduled. If you are unsure what OC your property falls under please check your notice of AGM or have a look on the map on our website: <https://www.sanctuarylakesresort.com.au/index.php/living-at-slr/map>

### **Saturday, 10 August 2019**

PS401008Y OC1 (St Andrews Precinct) **10:00 AM**

PS404770W OC1 (St Andrews Precinct) **10:00 AM**

PS404770W OC2 (St Andrews Precinct) **10:00 AM**

PS649412G OC1 (Stage 89) **10:00AM**

PS437326G OC1 (The Ridge Precinct) **11:30 AM**

PS508305W OC1 (Riverwalk Estate) **11:30 AM**

PS431536C OC1 (Centre Stage Estate) **11:30 AM**

PS501104V OC1 (Central Park Estate) **1:15 PM**

PS508291F OC1 (Central Park Estate) **1:15 PM**

PS506337T OC1 (Central Park Estate) **1:15 PM**

PS412931D OC1 (Heron Island) **3:00 PM**

PS416998W OC1 (Lakeview) **3:00 PM**

PS423642Y OC1 and OC2 (Pelican Island) **3:00 PM**

### **Monday, 12 August 2019**

PS403708H OC2 (Castaway) **6:00 PM**

PS403708H OC1 (Sandpiper Island) **7:00 PM**

PS403708H OC3 (Beachcomber) **8:30 PM**

### **Tuesday, 13 August 2019**

PS511700W OC1 (Super OC) **6:30 PM**

PS511700W OC2 (Kingfisher Island) **8:00 PM**

### **Wednesday, 14 August 2019**

PS502244X OC1 (Central Park) **6:00 PM**

PS417943T OC1 (Pinnacle Estate) **7:00 PM**

PS417943T OC2 (Pinnacle Estate) **7:00 PM**

PS430410G OC1 (Gleneagles Estate) **8:00 PM**

PS430410G OC2 (Gleneagles Estate) **8:00 PM**



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS CONTINUED

### **Thursday, 15 August 2019**

PS511700W OC3 (Shearwater Island) **6:00 PM**

PS511700W OC6 (Sanctuary Island) **7:00 PM**

PS511700W OC4 (Regatta Beach East) **8:00 PM**

PS511700W OC5 (Regatta Beach West) **8:00 PM**

### **Saturday, 17 August 2019**

PS645328R OC1 (Lakeside Central) **10:00 AM**

PS511024M OC1 (South Shore Gardens) **11:15 AM**

PS417942V OC1 (Grand Canal Estate) **12:15 PM**

PS417942V OC2 (Grand Canal Estate) **12:15 PM**

PS417931B OC1 (Grand Canal Estate) **12:15 PM**

### **Monday, 19 August 2019**

PS511693Q OC1 (Signature Estate) **7:00 PM**

PS401006D OC1 and OC2 (St Andrews Estate) **8:30PM**

### **Wednesday, 21 August 2019**

PS528573G OC1 (Eagle Court) **6:00 PM**

PS506874Q OC1 (Sandlewood Apartments) **7:00 PM**

PS433003E OC1 (Swingers Green Estate) **8:00 PM**

### **Thursday, 22 August 2019**

PS520557X OC1 (Jardin Estate) **6:30 PM**

PS401009W OC1 and OC2 (Medallion Estate) **8:00 PM**

We encourage all lot owners to come along, meet your neighbours and perhaps even join your committee. We hope to see you there.

Photo: Marc Seow





# NATURE'S RUBIK



## LAKE UPDATE



NATURE'S  
RUBIK

by Tom Parkinson

The past few months has seen enormous activity on the lake, from sizeable flocks of Pelicans, gatherings of fifty or more Swans on the Boulevard's beaches, large numbers of all four species of Cormorant and Ibis, Egrets, Spoonbills, Ducks, Coots, Moorhens. And under the water beside the large shoals of Bream and Hardy Heads, Mullet numbers have hugely expanded and amazingly Puffer Fish have been reported. So, it was with more than a little curiosity, I boarded the Truxor for my biennial trip around our iconic lake with my guide Assistant Manager of the Lake and Irrigation, Anthony Withington.

As we set off from the Northern Boulevard Pier, we started to view our recent neighbours, the 30 plus flock of Pelicans, that appear, for the moment, to have made Sanctuary Lakes home.

The Australian Pelican may feed alone, but they seem to enjoy feeding as a cooperative group, working together, driving the prey into a concentrated mass by using their bills and beating their wings. Surrounding them in ever decreasing circles, and herding them into shallow waters.



**Australian Pelican (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*)**

Pelicans plunge their bills into the water, using their pouches as nets. Once something is caught, a pelican draws its pouch to its breast. This empties the water and allows the bird to manoeuvre the prey into a swallowing position.

Anthony tells me that the Pelicans are attracted to our neighbourhood by the large amounts of shrimps, juvenile eels and small crabs that live in the Sanctuary Lake seagrass and algae.

As you watch the Pelican's bills gobbling their fresh sea food marinara, remember the Australian Pelican has been recorded as having the longest bill of any living bird in the world. That's one for the trivia notebook.



**Yellow-eye Mullet (*Aldrichetta forsteri*)**

Quite suddenly just ten metres from the Pelican circle a yellowy olive 20cm fish jumps out of the water. Anthony tells me it is one of the Lakes latest additions, the fast-growing Yellow-eye Mullet population.

Yellow-eyes are a reasonably fast growing, short-lived fish, reaching sexual maturity after only three to four years with an average life span of seven. Can grow up to 80cm, but most are around half that size. They enjoy living in salt water lakes, feeding off the algae and fish detritus. They normally spawn during early autumn out in the open sea.



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At Easter this year, schools of hundreds of Yellow-eyes were seen swarming around the weir and southern jetty trying to get out to sea. Most turned back into the lake and judging by the increase in population have possibly, started spawning here.

Also, Anthony told me about another fishy arrival that he had recently seen around the Lake's seagrasses adjacent to Island 33, and that was pairs of local Port Phillip Bay's Puffer Fish, the Smooth Toadfish.

Smooth Toadfish adults grow to 16 cm long with distinctive leopard-like dark markings on their dorsal side with a rounded front that tapers to a narrow tail at the back. Unlike most Puffer Fish, it does not have prominent spines on its body, but like other Puffer Fish, it can inflate itself with water or air. It forages for its preferred foods—molluscs and crustaceans—in the sand and mud of the bottom sediment. But BEWARE, the Smooth Toadfish like all Puffer Fish is highly poisonous. An unwanted catch by anglers is extremely dangerous even to touch and eating it, can result in death.



Smooth Toad Fish (*Tetractenos glaber*)

As we moved between the Islands, discussion between Anthony and I turned to the health of the Lake. From the bow of the Truxor we could see physically the huge number of activities the Lake's Birds and Fishes were enjoying. In its own way it told us more about the good health of the lake than any report card can possibly describe. The fifty plus Swans, the hundreds of Coots and Ducks all living off the Lakes bountiful seagrasses and vegetation together with the fish, shrimp, crabs, worm and eel eaters such as the Pelicans, the hundred of Cormorants, Egrets, and Spoonbill all now living healthily off the lake.

The huge flocks of Cormorants are remarkable. All four species, the Great, the Pied, the Small and the Darter seem to have taken up residence in the neighbourhood.

My favourite Cormorant, the Darter or Snake Neck, are already starting to nest in the River Red Gums by the lake. Last spring, I observed a pair of Darters unceremoniously, evicting Ravens out of a lakeside Gum tree to build their own nests.

There is something about old Snake Neck that reminds me of Mediterranean fisherfolk. They both go out at dawn and get their fishing done, then head to shore, the fishermen to gossip, mend their nets, and bask in the sun. Likewise Snake Necks alight to a branch above the lake, turn to the bright morning sun, hang their wings out to dry and contemplate the world.



Darter or Snake Necked Cormorant *Anhinga novaehollandiae*

To continue reading this article please click [here](#) to head on over to our website.



# WHAT'S ON

Around Sanctuary Lakes



## Reed Cutting Medallion Estate

Over the past month the Resort Maintenance team have been working to cut and remove the reeds from the stream around the Medallion Estate, below are some photos of the progress works down stream.



Below are some photos of the progress works up stream.



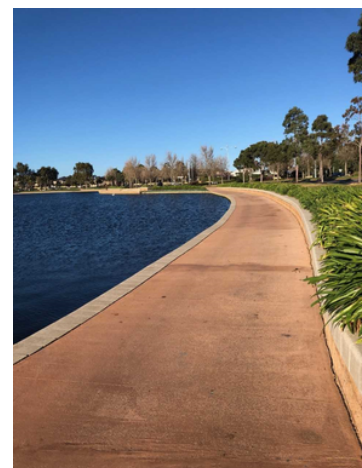
## Garden Bed Landscaping

The westringia plant seen in the below photo on North Shore Drive will be removed, and replaced with toppings. The dietes in front of the masonry wall will remain.



## High Pressure Washing Walkway At Head Of The Lake

We have almost finished high pressure washing the walkway along the head of the lake.





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**Meeting  
On  
Tonight**



**COMMUNITY  
TOWN HALL MEETING  
TUESDAY 30TH JULY - 7PM  
LOCATION: GOLF CLUB**