

SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

February 26, 2019



ILLEGAL FISHING IN SANCTUARY LAKES

Thank you to SLR Security for their assistance to Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), and to the caller who called VFA on Sunday the 10th of February. As a result of the call and SLR Security's watchful eye, Fisheries Officers removed two illegal nets from our Lake and seized several others from a Point Cook residence.

The first net allegedly contained more than 1,000 juvenile bream. Officers managed to release hundreds of live bream from the net, however nearly 890 were already dead. The second net contained no fish.

A man and woman will be charged with using and possessing commercial fishing equipment, taking undersized fish and taking more than the catch limit. The pair face fines of over \$16,000 and up to 6 months imprisonment.

People over the age of 18 and under the age of 70 require a fishing licence to fish in the lake at Sanctuary Lakes.

For inland waters such as Sanctuary Lakes, fishermen are permitted 2 lines per person, with 2 hooks per line.

If you see or suspect illegal fishing activity, call 13FISH (13 34 74), anytime. You can remain anonymous, make the call and make the difference.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



IMPORTANT NOTICE - 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), and ensure your Alarm Panel is ISOLATED from the NBN connection and 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.



EASTER EVENT - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL (10AM - 1PM)

Save the date!

The annual Easter Event will be held on Saturday, 13th April from 10am - 1pm. Come along for Easter Egg Hunts, jumping castle fun, animal farm, arts and craft, coffee's for Mum and Dad, and lots, lots more. This event is a Sanctuary Lakes Resident Event only.



LAKE FRONTAGE EXCLUSION ZONE

Did you know that all lake front properties have a 3m clearance zone? Any fencing or permanent structures in this area prevents the lake team from navigating too close to your property and they are unable to remove the lake grass properly. Keep a look out in our next newsletter as we will have a more informative article on this subject.



PARKING IN PARKING BAYS

We are receiving some resident complaints about cars being parked on grassed areas, front lawns and nature strips, and not in parking bays.

Please be mindful of your neighbours and park all vehicles wholly within your driveway, or in an allocated parking bay. Thank you for your understanding.



MAINTENANCE COMPOUND - STAFF ONLY

Please note, due to occupational health and safety reasons the Resort Maintenance compound is off-limits to all residents.

Under no circumstances are residents to enter the compound. If you wish to speak to Greg Fryer or Mark Brown please arrange an appointment through the office, please forward email requests to ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au Green Waste drop off Saturday Morning's are exempt.



CURTAIN AND BLIND CORD SAFETY

Are your curtains and blinds safe?

Looped curtain and blind cords pose a significant strangulation hazard for children as they can place the loop over their head and/or get tangled in the loose cords.

The mandatory standard for blinds, curtains and window fittings (in place from 30th December 2010) requires all new window furnishings to come with warning labels and to be installed with tensioning devices. However, as this standard is not retrospective, curtains and blinds that were installed prior to 2010 still need to be made safe.

Depending on the types of curtains/blinds that you have in your home, there are various kits and devices that can help you to make them safe. These can be purchased from your local hardware store or curtain and blind retailer. Consumer Affairs Victoria have free curtain and blind cord kits that are suitable for roller blinds with looped cords and wooden window frames. The safety kit contains a device that tensions looped cords to a window frame so they are no longer loose, reducing the likelihood of strangulation.

For more information on the free safety kits or to order one for your home, please visit:

<https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/products-and-services/product-safety/curtain-and-blind-cord-safety>

Safety tips:

Check all the rooms in your house for any blinds or curtains with long cords that are either loose or looped. This includes any cords that are within children's reach at floor level or near furniture they can climb on.

Secure any loose or looped cords with cleats or tension devices – these can be purchased from your local curtain and blind retailer or hardware store.

Do not put furniture such as cots, beds, highchairs, playpens, couches, chairs, tables or bookshelves near a window where children can reach the blind or curtain cord.

When installing new blinds and curtains, make sure you or the installer secures any loose or looped cords immediately.





BARKING DOGS

Barking is one of the ways dogs communicate. It can mean anything from playfulness to danger, and as you can imagine, excessive barking can be very annoying for neighbours. Excessive barking can be the result of boredom, loneliness or a lack of training.

Residents have the right to enjoy peace and quiet in their neighbourhood without animals causing a nuisance. Animal owners have a responsibility to ensure that their animals do not cause a nuisance.

If you have a problem with your neighbours dog barking excessively, you should consider approaching the neighbour amicably to advise them that the dog is causing a nuisance as this usually resolves the issue directly. This is because the owner of the dog may not be aware their animal is causing a nuisance, especially if the dog is barking when they are out. Resolving the issue with your neighbour will avoid the need to become involved in any legal processes which can be time consuming and damage your relationship with your neighbour.

If the dog owner is unapproachable or you are not comfortable approaching them, try placing the 'barking dog letter' (available from Wyndham City <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2017-08/3878%20Barking%20dogs%20Booklet.pdf>) into their letterbox. If your neighbour takes no action or does not agree that a problem exists, contact Wyndham City.

To lodge a complaint you must first complete a dog barking diary, available from Wyndham City. Please be aware that Council will not get involved in neighbourhood disputes.

In the dog barking diary you need to show that you have spoken with your neighbour and have tried to resolve the problem with them. As well have attempted to resolve the issue through an independent party like the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria

If you have a barking dog there are a number of ways to help reduce your dogs excessive barking, some of the ways to do this are:

1. provide your dog with space to move freely in an enclosed backyard;
2. ensure your dog has shelter from wind, rain and sunshine;
3. exercise your dog regularly;
4. look at ways to help fill your dog's day (e.g. buy a large bone, invest in several toys, bury dog biscuits randomly in your garden);
5. feed your dog sufficiently;
6. provide clean, fresh water daily;
7. undertake sufficient training;
8. provide your dog with regular attention so that it does not get lonely.



NATURE'S RUBIK

THE RAIN MOTH

BY TOM PARKINSON

NATURE

One of the problems writing about Nature is that its timetable and that of the mere human Newsletter seems never to be synchronised. Last year a remarkable incident occurred, but it happened four weeks before my next article and therefore the main protagonist would have slipped away from Sanctuary Lakes, thereby cheating the readers of seeing it at that time. The protagonist was the Rain Moth, with a wing span of 16cm and a body length of 12cm, similar size in flight, to a sparrow. Besides its size, it easily distinguished by fawn coloured wings with two bright silver flash markings across each forewing. The Rain Moth is not only one of Australia's largest Moths, but also has one of the strangest life cycles.



Last year's incident happened on the way to the recreation centre for my early morning swim. Rain was just clearing and the sun hadn't risen. The only light came out from the rec club's big windows. Suddenly, resembling small bats or birds, four or five moths attracted by the rec club's bright lights flew directly into them and hit the glass, falling unconscious to the floor. Examining them I realised I was meeting for the first time, a new Sanctuary Lakes neighbour, the extraordinary Rain Moth.

The Rain Moth's name stems from the fact that adult moths often emerge after rain, during the autumn months of March and April. They are also known under other common names, Fishermen who use the caterpillar for bait nickname them 'bardee' or 'bardi' grub. The Aboriginal name is 'Waikerie' and one that reflects its short and final life cycle is the Swift Moth. Astonishingly the Rain Moths will only live for one day. For 24 hours their sole role in life is to mate and, if female, to then lay eggs. The moths cannot feed or drink because they don't have the appropriate mouth parts to do so.

The female Rain Moth has the highest recorded egg laying capacity among non-social insects. One female was reported to lay 29,100 eggs, and when dissected 15,000 fully developed eggs were found in her ovaries. That means she had the potential to lay over 44,000 eggs. A female Rain Moth lays her eggs singly while flying, 'bombing' them in the general direction of the roots of gum trees allowing the rain to wash the eggs into crevices in the ground, along with dormant seeds that will germinate, so that when the eggs hatch the young caterpillar larvae can easily find fresh soft roots on which to feed.

The more eggs she lays during her short life the more chance there is that some hatching larvae will survive to find food and start a new generation.

Larvae are large grubs that can live in the ground for many years, feeding on gum tree roots, particularly the Acacias and Red Gums. The newly hatched grubs will burrow further into the ground where they continue feeding on tree roots. As they grow larger, the burrow in which they live will also become progressively larger, up to several centimetres in diameter. Other creatures, such as Trap-door and Wolf Spiders also make similarly sized holes, but Bardi Grub holes can be distinguished from these as they are lined with a substance somewhat resembling felt. After several years the caterpillar will pupate under the ground in their tunnels and the mobile pupae wriggle towards the surface waiting for rain.

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After the adult Moth's emergence, their pupal cases are left protruding from the ground, sometimes mistaken by some people for cicada skins. Evidence of their recent emergence from the ground is given away by the presence of these discarded skins at the entrance to their now empty holes after rain.

'Rain moth' is a great name for this moth because the adults only emerge from their pupal tunnels in early autumn after heavy rain or when rain is imminent. The moths are easy to find as they are attracted to our man-made lights at night. There are often one or two individuals who 'jump the gun' and when Farmers in particular see these early moths they know that rain is on the way.

The Rain Moths are a vital part of our local web of life, where for every creature there is another creature which will try to eat it. Rain Moth larvae are reasonably safe in their underground tunnels but emerging moths are vulnerable to attack. Their main enemies are all flying creatures of the night, insectivorous Bats, Tawny Frogmouths and particularly in Sanctuary Lakes, Owls. Aborigines also enjoyed a cook up of Rain Moths. They claimed they tasted like a very nourishing mix of butter and sawdust.

March and April is the time to view the Sanctuary Lake's Rain Moth. Since I met my Rain Moth last April, I have discussed it with other Sanctuary Lakes 'twitchers' who have also seen them around our neighbourhood and always after rain and if it's dark, close to bright lights. If you have the fortune to see them, you will be surprised by the fluttering flight and amazed by their size.



Rain Moth *Trictena atripalpis*



The Rain Moth Caterpillar: The Bardi Grub



Discarded empty Rain Moth's pupae shell

WHAT'S ON

Around Sanctuary Lakes



Hand Weeding

To catch up on the weed removal around the estate, we have employed Mambourin's hand weeding team for an additional day a week, for the next few weeks. You may have noticed them on Sanctuary Lakes North Boulevard yesterday and they will be working in South Shore Gardens tomorrow.

Tree Stump Removal

This week we'll have a contractor in removing tree stumps from around the estate. If works are happening in front of your property or nearby please take care when walking or driving by.

Signature Estate

This week our horticulture team will be removing the dead wood from the Signature Estate hedge.

Rose Planting

We are currently in filling the rose garden beds on the corner of Sunflower Walk and Sanctuary Lakes East Boulevard.



New 'No Fishing' Signs

New 'No boating and fishing' signs have been erected along the canal, if you notice people fishing in this area please call SLR Security on 9394 9471.

Rec Club

Next week new mirrors are being installed in the Rec Club, one will replace a broken mirror and additional mirrors which will complement the new configuration in the gym area.



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