

SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

April 9, 2019



DOGS OFF LEADS

Walking your dog is meant to be a nice casual and calming experience, however sometimes things can go wrong that are out of our hands. Sadly, one of our residents recently experienced this.

Here in Wyndham we have leash laws that require all dogs to be on lead in public places unless in a designated off-lead area of which there are none in Sanctuary Lakes.

What do you do when you are enjoying your on lead walk with your pooch and an off-lead dog runs towards you? Many people are unsure what to do in these situations and sometimes our actions can make it worse. Here are some tips on how to deal with this situation.

Why put a lead on your dog?

As we mentioned, it is the law!

Even if you have the friendliest dog in the world, not everyone does. A friendly dog running at a nervous or fearful dog will cause long-term side effects for the unsuspecting dog. Wyndham council can fine owners for walking their dogs off-lead with an on the spot \$242 infringement notice. This is the same amount for people whose dog/s have escaped from their home. If you are aware of regular dog owners that disregard the rules, or if you ask a local dog owner to leash their dog and they do not, we encourage you to report to council.

Please remember that laws are in place for a reason, so everyone can enjoy walking their dogs in a calm and safe environment without risk of being approached by unknown unleashed dogs. Please be courteous to your fellow pet owners.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

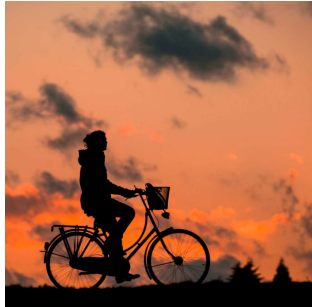


EASTER FAMILY DAY

The annual Easter Family Day Event will be held on Saturday, 13th April from 10am - 1pm.

Come along for Easter Egg Hunts, jumping castle fun, an animal farm, arts and craft, coffee's for Mum and Dad, and lots, lots more.

This event is a Sanctuary Lakes Resident Event only.



BIKE SAFETY

We have recently been informed of a bike vs pedestrian accident on a footpath within the resort. We would like to use this opportunity to ask you to discuss bike safety with your children. Remind them to slow down when passing pedestrians and ask them to use their bell to warn people they are approaching. Additionally, please always ask your children to wear bike helmets.



POWER & CITY WEST WATER OUTAGES

If you experience a power outage we suggest you visit the Powercor website to check for estimated restoration times.

For any water or sewer emergencies please contact City West Water directly on 132 642.



CRIME STATISTICS

We have recently had some queries about Crime Statistics within Sanctuary Lakes. This information is available on our website. If you'd like to view please see below link:

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN

We are continuing to receive reports of the NBN connection malfunctioning the circuit boards in old Alarm Panels. This results in a significant cost being incurred by the resident, in some cases up to \$1,000.

Please contact SLR Security BEFORE connecting NBN for the installation of a PermaConn Unit (See Website) or ensure your Alarm Panel is ISOLATED from the NBN connection prior to installation and protect your Alarm.



DOGS OFF LEADS

So what should you do if an off-lead dog runs towards you?

When enjoying an on-lead walk with your pooch and an off-lead dog runs towards you it can be hard to know what to do in these situations - sometimes our actions can make it worse. Here are some tips on how to deal with this situation.

Don't be shy! Yell out to the owners of the unleashed dog, ask them to put their dog back on their lead immediately. You will often be greeted with the owner saying, "It's ok, he is friendly."

This does not give the owner the right to let their dog 'do what they want' when out in public spaces. Even the most social of dogs can be caught off guard at another pooch running towards them.



Carry a distraction.

There is no sure fire way to stop a dog running at you but carrying high value treats could help. Not only will they help your dog focus on you, but often throwing a handful of treats in the face of an approaching dog can stop them in their tracks, so they can then find the treats on the ground. This should give you enough time to walk away with your dog calmly.

Carry a water bottle (the squirty kind). Not only can you stay hydrated, but the use of squirting water in the face of an approaching dog can also startle them enough to stop. It catches them by surprise and may buy time enough time for the owner to leash their dog and you to walk away with yours.

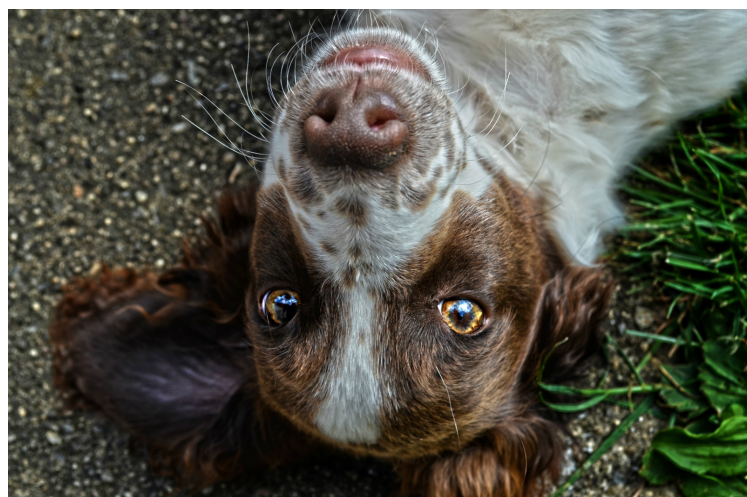
What happens if it all goes bad?

Do you break up the fight? Breaking up a dog fight is ALWAYS risky, however in the heat of the moment all we care about is our dog's safety.

The best way to break up a fight is to grab the back legs of each dogs and raise them off the ground (like a wheelbarrow) and walk backwards. If you are the only person present, do this to the dog that is leading the attack, eventually the other dog will try and get away.

We hope you find these tips helpful.

Remember walking your dog should be an enjoyable stress free activity. Please be a responsible dog owner and ensure your dog is always kept on a leash whilst in Sanctuary Lakes, additionally as a pet owner it is your responsibility to ensure that your pets are secured in your yard and not able to escape.





GRAFFITI AND TAGGING

Graffiti around the resort is usually removed by our resort maintenance team within 24 hours of the offending. However, sometimes when the tagging happens over the weekend and it takes us a little longer to get around to removing it - something magical happens! The people from the Point Cook Action Group get to work removing the graffiti!

The Point Cook Action Group are a team of people that do a lot for our local area. We'd like to thank them for the help with the graffiti removal around the resort and for all the work they do in our area. If you'd like to find out more about this group please check out their Facebook Page - 'Point Cook Action Group'.



SWIMMING POOL & SPA SAFETY BARRIER - NEW LAWS

Swimming pool and spa owners have a legal obligation to ensure that they maintain the effective operation of swimming pool and spa safety barriers. Gates and doors must remain closed except when entering the pool or spa.

The Victorian government recently passed new legislation to make the registration of swimming pools and spas mandatory. As well as introduce a new compliance inspection regime to improve swimming pool and spa safety. This will come into effect on 1 December 2019.

At the moment Victorian's can add their pool and spa to a voluntary swimming pool register, this register can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website:

<https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools>.

Also found on their website are self-assessment checklists to help swimming pool and spa owners check the safety of their barriers before the new laws come into effect.

Remember, children should be actively supervised in and around swimming pools and spas at all times.

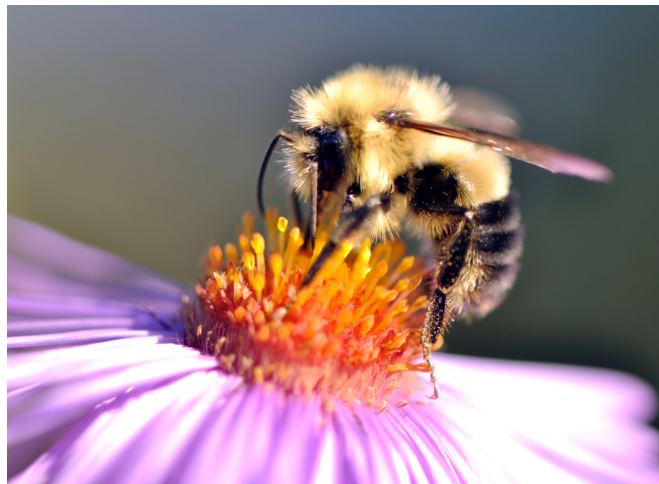




HOW TO ATTRACT BEES & BUTTERFLIES

As pollinators, bees, butterflies and insects play an essential role in our gardens. They transfer pollen from one flower to another, fertilising plants so they start forming fruits and seeds. 70 of the top 100 most popular food crops are pollinated by bees, and they pollinate 80 per cent of all flowering plants on earth!

So, what can you do at home to help encourage these important pollinators to frequent your garden?



Flowers for bees and butterflies

Flowers in your garden will attract bees to your garden and provide them with the pollen and nectar they need to survive. Flowers such as Calendula, Cornflower, Poppy, Nemophila, Marigold, Lavender and Alyssum should see your garden become a hive of activity. Native bees, many of which are stingless, prefer native flowers and herbs such as Sage, Rosemary, Basil, Thyme and Mint.

Provide a safe haven

Protect your bees from predators and encourage them to stay in your garden by providing them with a haven they can call home. Bees like to nestle into small gaps and be protected from the rain. Bee houses have become increasingly popular as they offer a range of little hidey holes for bees to seek shelter in. Butterflies don't like wind, so houses that shelter from the wind will see butterflies hang around your garden too.

Bee and butterfly houses like the ones shown below can be found at Bunnings and garden centres.



Keep them hydrated

Just like any living organism, insects need water, so supplying an insect-friendly water source in your garden will help keep them hydrated during the long hot Aussie summer. Leave a shallow dish of water with sticks or pebbles so the bees can land safely and drink. Be sure to keep this stocked with fresh water and in the same place so the honey bees will know you're a reliable hydration station.

COOKING CORNER



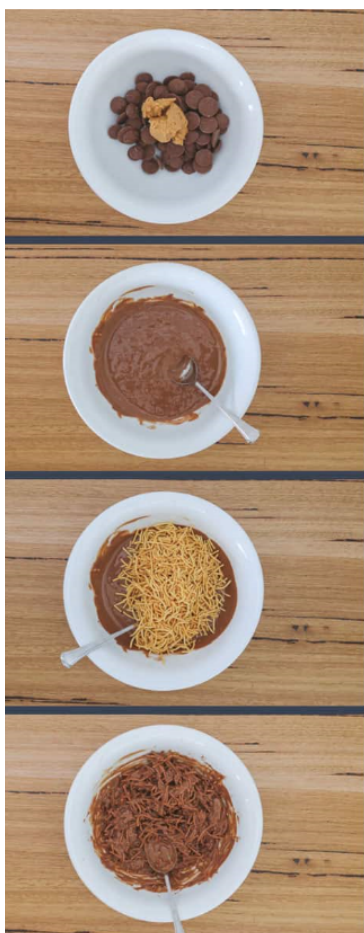
CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS



If you're looking for a delicious Easter treat, these chocolate Easter birds nests might be what you're looking for. 15 minute prep time, 4 ingredients, yum to eat and fun to make. Little helpers will love helping make these too.

Ingredients:

- 225 g milk chocolate
- 2 tbs (40g) peanut butter
- 100 g Changs fried noodles
- 125 g mini Easter eggs



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Instructions:

1. Place the chocolate and peanut butter into a microwave safe bowl.
2. Melt on 50% power for 2-3 minutes (stirring every 30 seconds) or until just melted.
3. Stir through the fried noodles.
4. Place spoonful's of the mixture onto a baking paper lined tray and arrange into birds nest shapes (with a little hole in the middle).
5. Place into the fridge for 30 minutes or until set.
6. Add mini Easter eggs to decorate and serve.
7. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week.

We found this great recipe on the Bake Play Smile website for more delicious recipes feel free to check out the link below:

<https://bakeplaysmile.com/recipes/sweet/chocolate-sweet/>

WHAT'S ON

Around Sanctuary Lakes



Hand Weeding

This week our hand weeding team are working across three areas, The Ridge Precinct, Gleneagles, and Riverwalk Estates.

The Mambourin hand weeding team will be in on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, continuing to work their way around the Boulevard.



Tube Stock Planting & Tree Planting

We have recently received tube stock plants and we will be infilling garden beds around the estate this week.

Our horticulture team is continuing to plant street trees around the resort.



T-Bar Cutting

This week our lake crew will be t-bar cutting along the lake wall of Kingfisher Island and Shearwater Island. This will help with the current build up of grass, and will help cut grass to flow into the catchment areas rather than build up against the wall.



Sea Water Pumping

During the month of March we pumped 162.9 mega litres of sea water from the tidal storage pond into the lake, to put that in perspective this is the equivalent of filling 65 Olympic sized swimming pools.



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2019 Easter Family Day

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL
BREEZEWATER RESERVE
10AM - 1PM



Sammy Swan

Sammy Swan has been on quite the adventure, so far he's been to Sydney, Tasmania, and Romania! He has a busy Easter period and will be heading off to New Zealand, and then Queensland. If you have a trip planned we'd love for you to take our pal, it'd be great to see how many places we can get Sammy to. If you'd like to book him please email

communications@sanctuarylakes.com.au to check his availability.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

APRIL	WED 3	THURS 4	FRI 5	9:00AM - 2:00PM 6-14 YEARS OLD 16 CHILDREN MAX
APRIL	WED 10	THURS 11	FRI 12	

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