

# **URGENT LAKE UPDATE**

We have just received the water quality results for the last round of sampling which was completed on Wednesday 9th of December.

Algal results of the lake from Wednesday indicate that the algal species Anabaenopsis sp., has reached Major Alert levels at some sites and Minor Alert levels at others, as such we are treating the bloom as a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB).

The independent water testers will send the bloom notification to Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), you will note warning signs around the HAB areas today.

Currently we are sampling fortnightly for algae which is the routine for summer, however, for the duration of the bloom the testing will be increased to weekly so we can receive faster updates on the bloom progression.

The relatively high recent rainfalls and increased storm water runoff from the canal and The Address Estate contributing to the low lake salinity are probably contributing factors.

High winds and a bit more rain could physically disrupt the bloom. As Anabaenopsis algal are more buoyant than others (courtesy of little gas bubbles inside the cell), they tend to float near the surface in calm weather and outcompete the other algae for sunlight. Windy weather and rain can stir up the water and let the other algae compete better against the bloom cells.

Please note the following water activity updates for Minor and Major Alert levels.



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**Minor Alert algal blooms: Head of the Lake and Second Island of the Sand Piper Island Precinct.** As the lake is not used for primary contact recreation (i.e. swimming), in the event of a minor bloom alert HAB no additional management is required, other than the mandatory bloom notification to DELWP.

During minor blooms it is recommended that people wash their hands after contact with the lake water in order to avoid possible skin irritation.

#### Major Alert algal blooms: Heron Island and Kingfisher/Peninsular Areas.

Major Alert blooms are either associated with:

- 1. The presence of toxic species algae at which there is a possibility of adverse health effects from ingestion of algal toxins, or
- 2. The presence of non-toxic species of algae at cell densities high enough to potentially cause allergic reactions such as respiratory or skin irritations.

In the event of a major bloom alert for algae, other than the mandatory bloom notification to DELWP, the additional management required is as follows:

- Wash hands and other parts of the body that have come in direct contact with the affected water to avoid possible skin irritations;
- Wash and dry clothing and equipment with clean water after any contact with algal blooms and scum;
- Avoid direct contact with the affected water, such as areas with visible scums or the water shows a strong greenish discolouration.

Some other points to note are:

- Algal blooms tend to be localised within a waterbody, and only occur for a limited time, the same observation also applies to toxic species of dinoflagellates;
- Any fish caught in the waterbody at that time should have gills and guts removed before cooking and eating;
- Pet owners should prevent pets from drinking, or swimming in, contaminated water;
- If you experience any health effects, whatever the nature of your exposure, seek medical advice promptly and inform our office.

If you have any queries at all regarding this matter please feel free to contact our office.

We will continue to keep residents updated as additional information comes to hand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS





### SLARC CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The Sanctuary Lakes Architectural Review Committee (SLARC) will be closed from 21/12/2020 until 08/01/2021.

Submissions for the last SLARC meeting must be received no later than 5pm on 18/12/2020. Submissions received after this date will be assessed after we return.



### IS YOUR GYM CARD ACTIVE?

If you have an expired gym card, or if you have lost or misplaced your card, it is recommended you attend to it this week.

To renew any expired cards please forward your renewed and signed lease agreement to our office to have the card reactivated.

Note: Our office will be closed from 12pm on Wednesday 23rd of December and will re-open on Monday 4th of January. If you do not have an active card Rec Club access will not be permitted.

We thank you for your understanding.



### GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL CLOSED BOXING DAY 2020

We would like to advise all residents that the Green Waste disposal will be closed on Boxing Day Saturday 26th of December 2020.

Green Waste disposal will re-open on Saturday 2nd of January 2021.

A reminder that the Green Waste disposal service is available to Sanctuary Lakes residents only.

Residents are required to produce proof of residence (such as rates notice or drivers license) that confirms property address is within Sanctuary Lakes Resort.

Please note if you are not able to produce proof of residence upon arrival, you will not be able to enter the Maintenance Compound. Residents may dispose of their green waste at the Maintenance Compound on Saturdays between 8am - 12noon only.



#### HOME SECURITY SAFETY

The holiday season should be a time to relax and celebrate with family and friends. However, it is still important to be proactive about keeping your home and community safe, especially if you're going away.

Below are some tips on how to help keep your home secure while you're away on holidays.

#### Keep Up Appearances

- If possible, consider a house-sitter to look after your home while you're away;
- Put a stop on your mail or ensure it is collected regularly and not left overflowing in your letterbox;
- Cancel any newspaper subscriptions uncollected newspapers can tell burglars you're not at home;
- Arrange for a neighbour to take your bins out and in;
- Ask a neighbour to occasionally park their car in your driveway;
- Arrange for a neighbour or friend to maintain your garden and mow your lawn;
- Set up a timer for a lamp or lights to come on at night;
- Be careful when posting holiday plans on social media don't advertise that your home is vacant.

#### Lock Up and Improve Security

- Install locks on all doors and windows;
- Install and activate an alarm system. If you need help with your alarm please contact SLR Security on 9394 9477;
- Don't forget to fill in and return a Holiday Notification form to SLR Security, the forms can be found on our website: https://www.sanctuarylakesresort.com.au/images/forms/Holiday\_Notification\_Nov18.pdf
- Lock away tools and other items which could be used in a burglary.

For additional home security tips you can also visit the Victoria Police website.





#### FISHING IN SANCTUARY LAKES

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been receiving multiple enquiries regarding the rules around people fishing in Sanctuary Lakes, in particular off the bridges within the Resort.

Fishing is unfortunately outside of the jurisdiction of SLRS and there isn't anything in the Owners Corporation Act that would enable us to take action against people fishing, nor can we install no fishing signage on Wyndham City Council (WCC) property.

In addition to this, the bridges and bridge abutments around the Resort are WCC property and fishing is permitted by WCC therefore SLR Security have no authority to move people on from the bridges.

Fishing is however not permitted from private property (other than by the owner of the land). Should you see people fishing from private property, we ask that you please contact SLR Security on 9394 9477 and they will ask the fishermen to leave. Should fishermen choose not to move on from private property Security will contact police as they are trespassing.

People fishing at Sanctuary Lakes have a responsibility to ensure they follow all road rules and parking regulations. Should you see fishermen parking in an unsafe manner, we suggest you contact WCC to report the parking breaches.

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.

Inspectors from the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) visit Sanctuary Lakes on a regular basis. 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.

In addition to the above if you see any lines that have been left unattended please contact SLR Security on 9394 9477 and they will remove it.

For further information regarding fishing rules and regulations, please visit the VFA website at https://vfa.vic.gov.au/.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



#### WATER SAFETY TIPS

Being around water is part of everyday Australian life, whether it be at the beach, backyard pools and spas, rivers and creeks, public swimming pools or dams on farms.

However, did you know that drowning is one of the major causes of unintentional death for Australian Children?

According to Kidsafe Victoria, 18 Australian children aged 0-4 years drowned in 2017/18. The majority of these incidents occurred in backyard swimming pools.

Young children are especially at risk — they can drown in less than 2 inches (6 centimeters) of water. That means drowning can happen where you'd least expect it — the sink, fountains, buckets, inflatable pools, or small bodies of standing water around your home, such as ditches filled with rainwater.

Always watch children closely when they're in or near any water, for toddlers, this means being within arms reach so that you are able to help them stay safe. Kidsafe recommends that parents and carers take the following precautions to reduce the risk of child drowning.

#### Supervise

- Never take your eyes off children around water. Active Supervision involves parents and carers keeping an eye on children at all times. Do not expect older children to look after their younger siblings. Children have short attention spans and can be easily distracted;
- Remain within arms reach at all times. This will ensure that you can get to the child in time if something does go wrong;
- Take children with you if you leave the pool area, even if for just a minute.

#### Restrict access

- Restrict children's access to water through the use of safety barriers such as pool fencing;
- Remove hazards such as pot plants and chairs well away from pool fences to avoid children climbing on to them and over the fence;
- Do not prop any doors or gates open that allow children access to the pool area;
- Create a safe play area for children away from bodies of water such as pools.

#### Knowledge

- Enrol in a resuscitation course and update skills annually so you are able to respond in case of an emergency;
- Resuscitation posters are a good reminder to keep around pools and spas.

If you would like some more information and tips on keeping children safe around water, there is a lot of material on the Kidsafe Victoria website https://www.kidsafevic.com.au/water-safety/pool-fence-safety/. They also have helpful fact sheets that are available to download.



#### SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

It is important that we know how to look after our gardens so that they survive the warmer weather. Below are our summer gardening tips for your lawn, plants and vegetables.

#### Turf:

- Do not mow cool season grasses too closely as they are easily killed;
- As a rule of thumb, only remove one third of the grass sward at any one time;
- Fertilise all turf areas with a turf fertiliser.

#### **Flowering Plants:**

- Keep an eye out for Aphids, Scale, Mealy Bugs and Caterpillars on young plant growth;
- · Spray roses for black spot and/or powdery mildew;
- Remove all dead and spent flowers from winter flower bulbs, but do not remove the foliage. The bulbs foliage will take in nutrients for next years flowers. Fertilise bulbs with a bulb fertiliser;
- Snails will be on the move. To control snails either use a snail bait trap or commercial snail and slug pellets. Pellets are toxic to both dogs and cats, so be careful;
- Gently remove all spent flower heads from plants such as Camellias.

#### Vegetables:

- It is a good idea to only plant one or two seedlings each month;
- This will have the effect of staggering the crop, thus ensuring that you have vegetables for a longer period of time;
- It also helps to ensure that you don't have an oversupply of the vegetable.





# Christmas Trading Hours

## **SLRS** Office

Wednesday 23 Dec - 9am-12pm Thursday 24 Dec - Closed Christmas Day - Closed Monday 28 Dec - Closed Tuesday 29 Dec - Closed Wednesday 30 Dec - Closed Thursday 31 Dec - Closed New Years Day - Closed Monday 4 Jan - Normal business hours

### **Resort Maintenance**

Thursday 24 Dec - Reduced staff Christmas Day - Closed Boxing Day - Closed Monday 28 Dec - Reduced staff Tuesday 29 Dec - Reduced staff Wednesday 30 Dec - Reduced staff Thursday 31 Dec - Reduced staff New Years Day - Closed Monday 4 Jan - Normal business hours

## **SLR Security**

Thursday 24 Dec - Business as usual Christmas Day - Business as usual Boxing Day - Business as usual Sunday 27 Dec - Business as usual Monday 28 Dec - Business as usual Tuesday 29 Dec - Business as usual Wednesday 30 Dec - Business as usual Thursday 31 Dec - Business as usual New Years Day - Business as usual Saturday 2 Jan - Business as usual Sunday 3 Jan - Business as usual Monday 4 Jan - Business as usual

## **Rec Club**

Thursday 24 Dec - 6am-1pm Christmas Day - Closed Boxing Day - Closed Sunday 27 Dec - 8am-6pm Monday 28 Dec - 8am-6pm Tuesday 29 Dec - 8am-6pm Wednesday 30 Dec - 8am-6pm Thursday 31 Dec - 8am-1pm New Years Day - Closed Saturday 2 Jan - 8am-6pm Sunday 3 Jan - 8am-6pm