

SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

May 19, 2020



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASING

While many things in the world are still upside down, many things at Sanctuary Lakes are still the same, and with restrictions easing many more things are returning to normal (well a new normal).

Due to the nature of our services we are still able to operate 'mostly' unaffected by COVID-19 restrictions, and with the easing of the restrictions a few more services have come back online. At the moment the only service unavailable to residents is access to the Recreation Club.

As of Wednesday last week the tennis courts are open from 6am - 10pm, and green waste drop off recommenced last Saturday.

Below is a current status of services:

- ✓ Resort Maintenance
- ✓ Lake Maintenance
- ✓ Irrigation Maintenance
- ✓ Green Waste Drop Off
- ✓ Security Patrols
- ✓ Alarm Call Outs
- ✓ New PermaConn Installations
- ✓ Urgent Alarm / Smoke Alarm Faults
- ✓ Gated Community Management
- ☒ Access To Recreation Club
- ✓ Tennis Courts
- ✓ Online Personal Training
- ✓ 30 minute YouTube Home Workouts
- ✓ Online Web portal – Workouts
- ✓ Free Outdoor Bootcamp Sessions
- ✓ Administration Services
- ✓ ARC Applications
- ✓ Compliance Inspections

Even though our office is closed we are still here to help you. Please continue to call us on 9394 9400 option 1 and leave a message, or email ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au - we will get back to you. All Owners Corporation Management and Administration services are still available.



ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

If you would prefer to receive all Owners Corporation documentation electronically, please send an email through to ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au and we will update your correspondence delivery method.

Please also don't forget to update us if your mailing address, phone number or email address has recently changed.

Please forward any changes through to ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au



LAKE FRONT 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. We have a more informative article on this subject on the next page.



THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT

Thank you to all the residents that have sent in their feedback, ideas and 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 us.



IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN - 6 WEEKS TO GO

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.

If you would like to upgrade your alarm system, or to find out more information please visit our website.



LAKE MAINTENANCE

Further to our announcement about fencing and the lake frontage exclusion zone, below is a little more information about the lake and how fencing and permanent structures can prevent us from cleaning 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. Additionally, due to OH&S reasons, our Resort Maintenance team will not come within 3 metres of an obstruction whilst conducting maintenance on the lake, which may affect their ability to tend to the edge of properties. 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.

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.



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OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TREES



This Autumn has seen Sanctuary Lake's Resort Maintenance Manager Greg Fryer with an Arborist in tow, busily calculating a census on the numbers and species of trees growing on the Resort. Greg is still finalising the details but the gross figures are truly astonishing. There are over 4,000 trees within the 44 stages. A further 3,000 along the Boulevards, Entrances and Parks. And at a minimum, at least one tree in every resident's garden. With 3,000 homes, that's a further 3,000 trees. A truly conservative estimate gives us a remarkable 10,000 plus trees growing within our Estate. That's one tree for every resident!



The most common and widely seen are the various species of Eucalyptus that meander through the Boulevards and Parks. The Entrance's River Red Gums and the Simon Populares that dominate the Boulevard's medium strip. The Pepper Trees by the Grand Canal. The Manchurian Pears in the Golf and Rec Club Car Park. The Spotted Gums, the White Cedars and of course the numerous species of Olives, all giving the Resort its distinctively natural appearance.

There are many other species of trees around the Estate that deserve a closer look. Some are a little less common, others still to reach maturity, but all are equally prominent within Sanctuary Lakes Resort. First up the Chinese Elm which can be seen around the Estate but are most predominant (over a dozen trees) on a small patch of land between the Northern Boulevard Roundabout and the entrance to Eagle View.

Considered to be the most splendid of all the world's elms, the Chinese Elm or Lacebark Elm is a native of eastern Asia. Now is the perfect time to view them as the leaves are glowing in their autumnal yellow. With luck some of the small and often inconspicuous white flowers, that are produced in late summer, may still be visible. The trees can grow to 18 metres tall and a very wide 17 metres. The trunk has a handsome, flaking bark of mottled greys with tans and reds, giving rise to its other common name, the Lacebark Elm.

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The Chinese Elm *Ulmus parvifolia*

The Chinese Elm was

introduced into Victoria by 1857. It has been proven to be a very hardy tree, highly resistant to the Dutch Elm Disease and is commonly used in street and park landscaping.

There are a reasonable number of Norfolk Pines scattered around the Estate, but the most successful planting is at Regatta Beach. As the name implies the tree is endemic to Norfolk Island, a small island in the Pacific Ocean between New Zealand and New Caledonia. Other names are the Triangle Tree, the Living Christmas Tree and the Polynesian Pine, although it is not a true pine. The distinctive appearance of this tree, with its widely spaced branches and symmetrical, triangular outline, has made it a popular cultivated species, either as a single tree or in avenues. When the tree reaches maturity, the shape may become a little less symmetrical.

The first European to sight the Norfolk Pine was Captain Cook on his second voyage to the Pacific. Cook's diaries noted the presence of large forests of tall, straight trees that appeared to be suitable for use as masts and yards for sailing ships. Sadly, it was found that Norfolk Pines were not resilient enough for those uses.

The Norfolk Pine is a slow growing tree, it can reach a height of 50–65 m. It retains its straight vertical trunks and symmetrical branches, even in the face of our strong seaward winds that often, contort other tall species. The Pines at Regatta are growing at a healthy pace and will in future years become a strong defining, symbolic characteristic of the Beach.



Norfolk Island Pine
Araucaria heterophylla

On almost the opposite side of the Estate in South Shore Gardens and Middle Park are two very interesting and relatively recent tree plantings. Crepe Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) and Green Vase (*Zelkova serrata*) which are also, in their own way, becoming a defining characteristic of their area.

The Crepe Myrtles is an often multi-stemmed, deciduous tree with a wide spreading, flat top, which can grow to 5-8 metres in height. A cultivar from out of the Lythraceae family and a species which is a native of the Indian Subcontinent, hence the name Indica. As a species it offers brilliant differing colours through the spring, summer and autumn seasons. Our South Shore Crepe Myrtles are presently displaying their splendid yellow to orange autumn foliage. It will re-leaf in early spring.

To continue reading this article please click [here](#).



Crepe Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica*



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.

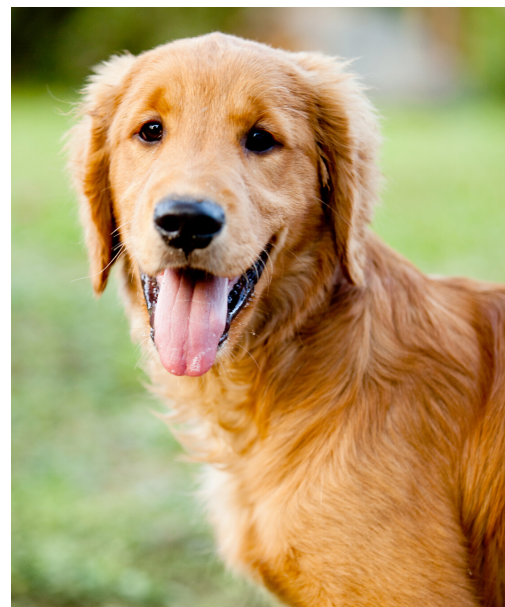
If the dog owner is unapproachable or you are not comfortable approaching them, try placing the 'barking dog letter' (available from Wyndham City - to view click [here](#)). into their letterbox. If your neighbour takes no action or does not agree that a problem exists, contact Wyndham City.

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.





Sea Grass

April was a busy month for the lake maintenance crew.

They harvested and disposed of 80.92 tonnes of seagrass for recycling at the Wyndham City Council tip.

This is the third highest recorded amount over the 10 years that we have been collecting disposal figures. The highest amount of sea grass harvested was in 2016 when 91.44 tonnes of sea grass was taken from the lake.

The 10 year average is 42.86 tonnes for the month of April.



Free Outdoor Bootcamp Sessions

Given we are now allowed to congregate in groups of 10 people outdoors, we will now be running Outdoor Bootcamp Sessions for Sanctuary Lakes residents.

There will be two sessions run per day every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8am and 4pm. First session commenced yesterday Monday 18 May.

The sessions will be run at Sanctuary Lakes Tennis Courts.

As per government advice, each session will be made up of a maximum of 10 participants plus 1 instructor.

All activities will be carried out with social distancing measures in place.

Bookings are essential so to book your spot please contact Hadi at hadi.kerbaj@chm.com.au by 5pm the day before, please ensure you send through the first 4 digits of your Sanctuary Lakes Resort Card.

Please note these sessions are only available to Sanctuary Lakes residents, 16 years and over.

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FREE OUTDOOR GROUP TRAINING **BOOT CAMP**

DETAILS

Location
Tennis courts

Days and times
Every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday
at 8am and 4pm

Maximum 10
members per class



Email hadi.kerbaj@chm.com.au
by 5pm the day before book your spot


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