

SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

October 22, 2019



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ALARM IS ACTIVATED?

Security monitoring is outsourced to Securitas Monitoring Service (previously known as StaySafe Security). Legal requirements make this the most cost effective solution for an estate with almost 3000 homes. Note: Security monitoring has been outsourced since its inception in the late 90's.

If an alarm or smoke alarm goes off and is then cancelled, within a 'short' period of time, with an approved pin or fob, it will be noted by Securitas but no call to the residence is made and no Resort Services Officer (RSO) will be sent to the house.

If an alarm/smoke alarm goes off and is not cancelled, Securitas will contact the residents and their emergency contacts as per the Home Security Authority Form (HSA) as well as send an RSO to the house.

Please note: Residents can only be contacted if we have up to date contact details. We get these when you provide an HSA form to Security. However, an RSO will of course still be sent to the house.

It is also important to let us know whenever there is a change to your or any of your emergency contacts' details. If you are not sure if we have your correct details, or you want to make some changes, simply fill out an HSA https://www.sanctuarylakesresort.com.au/images/forms/Security_Form_Aug19c.pdf and return it to the Security Hut or email to security@sanctuarylakes.com.au.

Another thing to remember, if your alarm has not been commissioned, or is currently not monitored (because no landline is connected to your alarm panel, or you have switched to NBN and not installed a Permaconn Unit), your alarm might still go off, **but the Control Room will not get notified**, you will not be contacted and no RSO will be sent to your house. Naturally the same applies if your Alarm has been deactivated/powered down.

If you would like your alarm to be checked, please contact SLR Security on 9394 9471 to arrange for an RSO to visit the house and assist you further.

If your alarm needs to be commissioned, or you would like to install a Permaconn unit to make your alarm system compatible with NBN, please fill out this [form](#) and return it to the Security Hut.



SLRS AND SLGC HEAD OF AGREEMENT

A Heads of Agreement (HoA) was set-up to investigate opportunities for SLRS and SLGC to work together during prospective Clubhouse and Rec Centre redevelopment projects, to preserve and improve both the current amenities and services offered to Sanctuary Lakes Resort Residents and Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club members. This agreement was covered in the newsletter 4 December 2018 found here:

https://www.sanctuarylakesresort.com.au/images/newsletter/4_December_2018_Newsletter.pdf

On the 1st of October, SLGC requested a final decision on a proposed Rec Centre lease from the Directors of SLRS. SLRS shared this proposal with the Authorised Representatives of your OC on the 10th of October and it was unanimously rejected in its current form.

We therefore advise all lot owners that the Heads of Agreement was terminated on Friday the 11th of October 2019 by mutual consent of all parties.



MAINTENANCE COMPOUND

We remind residents that 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 any of the resort maintenance staff you must arrange an appointment through the office, please forward email requests to ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au.

Note: Green Waste drop off Saturday mornings are exempt.



IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN

The copper telecommunications network will be switching off in June 2020. This will cause many existing Telstra/Optus phone lines to cease operation.

This means any home which has not had its alarm panel upgraded with an NBN compatible (PermaConn) communicator will NO LONGER report to the Monitoring Station, which includes smoke alarm monitoring.

Did you know if you have already connected to NBN and not installed your PermaConn alarm communicator it may not be reporting correctly – in most cases not reporting at all.

For more information please check out the Security page on our website, or call 9394 9472 to speak with our security team.

RESORT NEWS



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE BIRDLIFE

As many of you are aware a few months back there were a few fishing hook injuries to some of our resident swans. We contacted Melbourne Zoo to see if they had any suggestions on how to educate fishermen to avoid injuries in the future.

The Zoo has suggested that the best defence is to ask locals to stop feeding the birds. We know we know, what else is more fun than taking children out to feed the bird life around the lake?

However its putting the swans in danger.

The swans over the years have become increasingly aware that when humans are around there is free food. They have become extremely habituated and now think that anything that enters the water is meant for them, including fishing bait and hooks!

The less we feed them the less likely they are to associate fishing line casts to be food for them.

In addition to this, a lot of the time the swans are being fed the wrong types of food which results in health problems not only for the swan but for their cygnets too.

Please help us keep our birdlife safe, and stop feeding the swans.

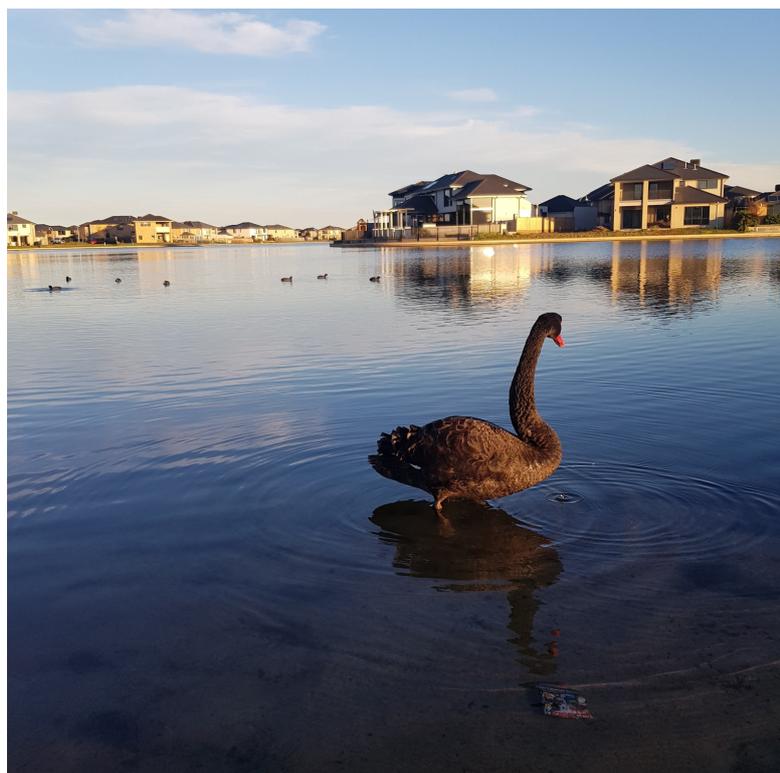
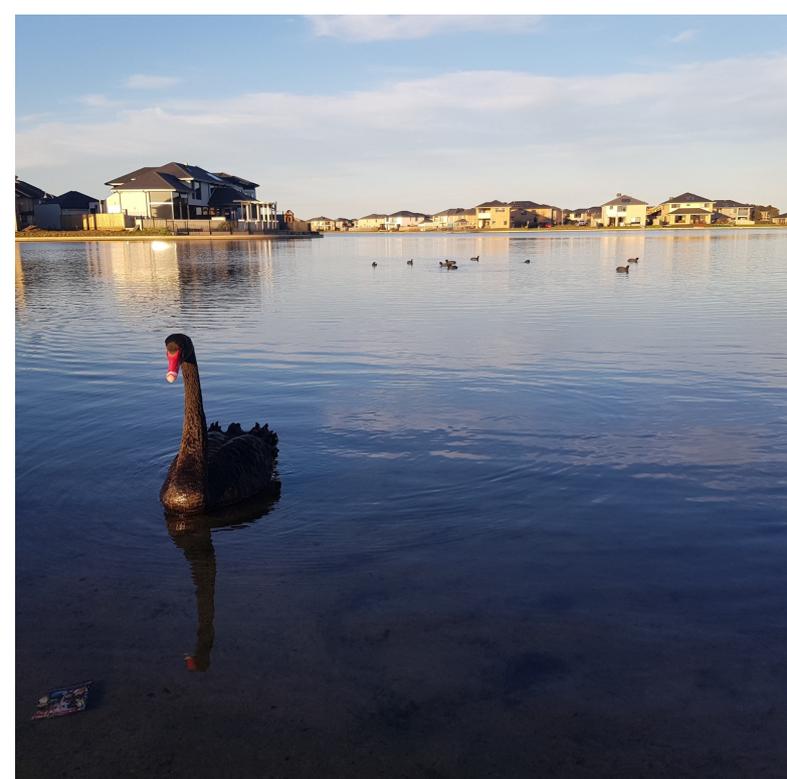


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SPRINGTIME WEEDS

Plants (including weeds) need water, light, warmth and soil or compost to grow.

During spring they get the conditions they need to begin to grow. The showery weather gives them the water they need.

The longer days mean they have more daylight and warmth from the sun which raises the temperature of both air and soil.

We have noticed a spike in weeds around the Resort and as a result we have dedicated more resources to the removal and control of weeds.



PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG

It's been brought to our attention that some dog owners are failing to pick up their dog's droppings when walking around the Resort, or that they are leaving used bags of droppings next to footpaths, in tree rings or throwing them in the lake!

All animal waste should be properly disposed of, at the home of the pet owner or within specified dog litter bins.

In addition to being messy and smelly, dog droppings can contain bacteria that is harmful to children, adults with compromised immune systems, and waterways (such as our lake).

Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog.

For more information on this topic please visit: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs/legal-requirements-for-dog-owners/dog-poo>



NATURE'S RUBIK



SAUNDERS CASE MOTH OR LARGE BAGWORM



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by Tom Parkinson

I initially saw this strange creature in the early days of summer when I first arrived at Sanctuary Lakes a decade ago. At first appearance it appeared to be a discarded shelter or sack, a strange long thin build of silk, leaves and small twigs. I marked where it was hanging above the footpath so I could return, for a closer inspection. An hour later I returned to my garden and it had disappeared. My first reaction was the wind had blown it, but then to my astonishment a metre away the sack cocoon was moving. A worm like caterpillar was clawing its way along the footpath attached or pulling its sack shelter. But the true surprise is that you would never suspect that this tattered twigggy casing contained a large, brightly coloured, living larva.

The caterpillar is indeed large, around ten centimetres long, a shiny black with orange stripes and a matching, rounded nub of a head. Its underbelly was covered in a series of sharp, opposing nails that dragged itself and the sack across the path and grass. I expected it would sense my presence and move quickly away. But instead, as if perceiving some appreciative audience, it swivelled its orange head around and sized me up with its eyeless face.



The Cocoon

With a little research I found that this cocoon sack building exhibitionist, was in fact the Saunders Case Moth (*Metura elongatus*) the largest member of the 350 plus Australian Psychidae or Bagworm families. Saunders Case Moths are common in Melbourne and in particular along Port Phillip's western coastal areas. Since that first encounter I have regularly seen Bagworm Sacks in Sanctuary Lakes gardens and around the fringes of the golf course. Some hanging off trees, or on foot paths and yet others brilliantly camouflaged as dying leaves or lying beneath bushes, amongst the fallen leaves.

Besides its natural camouflage, the strong woven silk cocoon's sacks are a fortress that can defy the bills and beaks of most insectivorous birds and seldom can a bird gain a tasty morsel by battering and hammering the tough malleable cocoon sack.



**Saunders Case Moth Caterpillar (*Metura Elongatus*)
dragging its Cocoon**

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The Case Moth caterpillar builds its cocoon sack from the head end. So, as it grows bigger, it has to attach more, and larger twigs. These cases are very strong. The twigs themselves are incorporated into the silk by the caterpillar cutting a slit on the inside, temporarily attaching a twig to the outside beforehand. Then they go inside and pull the twig into position from the inside, then sealing the slit again. The process of cutting the slit alone can take an hour. Once the initial cocoon is built, the construction is far from over. As they pupate head down, case moth's will continue adding to their cocoons: cutting each stick and attaching it with homespun silken yarn. If threatened, they simply seal the entrance and wait until the threat passes before cutting their way out of the sealed entrance. The caterpillar will live in this sheltered sack case for up to two years.



Male Saunders Case Moth

At the end of the two years, if it's possible to imagine, is where things get much weirder in the Saunders Case Moth's family life cycle. The fully-grown larvae of both sexes pupate head-downwards within the cocoon. If the caterpillar is male it will morph into something that resembles a fuzzy pipe cleaner which has sprouted wings and as such, will cut his way out of the cocoon sack to search for a female. Males are about 2.5– 3.0 cm long with a wingspan of about 4–5 cm.

The wings are brown with contrasting pale veins; the head and front of the thorax are covered with bright orange scales and the abdomen is dark brown banded with orange. The male has no method of feeding therefore his search for a female must be quick and passionate if it is to be successful.

Adult females develop a white and brown head, are wingless and have very tiny reduced legs and antennae. They remain within the cocoon case. Mating takes place through the hole in the 'tail end' of the female's case. This presents some difficulties because the female is inverted with her abdomen furthest from the opening. The male is able to mate with the female using his elongate telescoping abdomen: hence the species name, 'elongata'. The female lays thousands of eggs within the case. Once laid and as is common in the invertebrate world, she dies almost immediately within the cocoon sack. Meanwhile the eggs hatch into tiny caterpillars and feed off the remains of the cocoon. Those that survive, grow, move off and re-start the Saunders Case Moth's life cycle, building their own sack cocoons. But who transmits the knowledge that allows these juvenile caterpillars to build such intricate cocoon shelters, both parents are dead by the time they are hatchlings?

Just another one of nature's wonderful mysteries.



Sea Grass

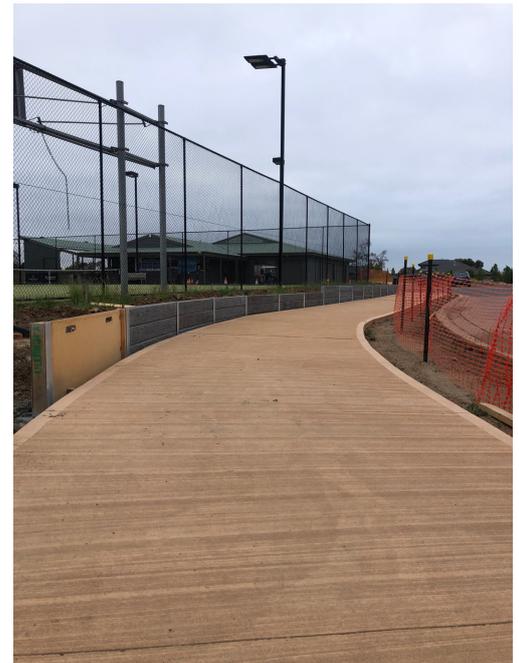
Over the past fortnight 18.34 tonnes of sea grass was taken to the tip for recycling.

The sea grass is dropped in a special area at the tip which is allocated to Veolia. It is then transported to their recycling plant at Bulla for processing.

Tennis Court

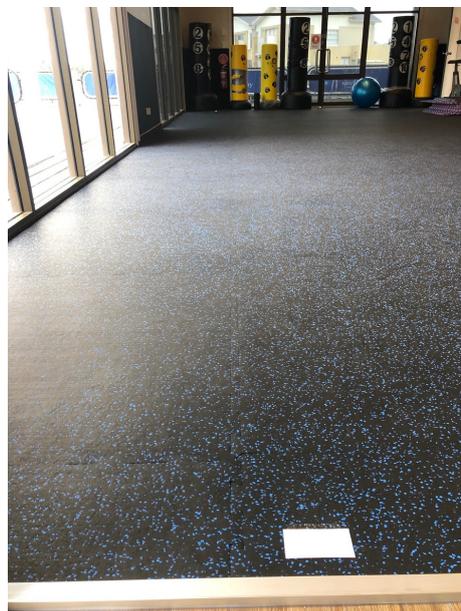
Garden Beds

The tennis court garden beds are coming along, the sleepers are being installed at the moment.



Barge Hydraulic Reservoir Tank

Last week we had an issue with the hydraulic reservoir tank on the Barge. While we arranged replacement tanks the barge was off the water for 48 hours.



New Flooring Installed in the Community Room

New rubber mat flooring has been installed in the community room at the Rec Club.

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