



SANCTUARY LAKES RESORT NEWS

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SLRS SERVICES AND STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS

In light of the Government's recent announcement, Stage 4 restrictions from 11:59PM on Wednesday, 5th August 2020. We want to assure you that your health and wellbeing as well as our staff's is our top priority.

As such, the Recreation Centre including the tennis courts will be closed until further notice.

All Resort Maintenance services will continue to operate within the Resort (with some amended work practices). Please note that Green Waste Disposal is still not available at the Maintenance Shed.

SLR Security staff will continue to work onsite 24/7 however non-essential alarm technician services will again be suspended.

Administration staff will continue to work remotely. Emailing ocmanager@sanctuarylakes.com.au is the best and most efficient way to reach us during this time, alternatively please phone 9394 9400 option 1. The reply phone call will be via a blocked caller ID number so please ensure you answer the call.

Finally, Sanctuary Lakes Cards and Gate Access Remotes will not be available to purchase until Stage 4 restrictions ease.

As this matter continues to unfold we will keep you updated via our Newsletter and Social Media platforms.

Stay safe everyone.



TOWN HALL MEETING

If you were unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting the recording is now available on our YouTube Channel, you can find it [here](#).

To view the questions we received prior to the meeting and on the night please head to our website, they can be found on the What's Happening Page.



SWOOPING MAGPIES

Magpie season is fast approaching, and Wyndham City Council encourages residents to be aware of swooping areas (where the birds nest).

If you are swooped you can report it to the Victorian Government's Department of Land, Water and Planning at <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>, or add it to the Magpie Alert map at <https://www.magpiealert.com/>



SLR SECURITY AND FACE MASKS

As per the recent government directive, we would like to advise residents that all SLR Security staff will now be wearing a face mask whilst on duty.

In addition to our staff wearing a face mask, we are also requesting that should a security officer need to enter your home, that you also wear a face mask. This is for the health and safety of all residents and our staff.

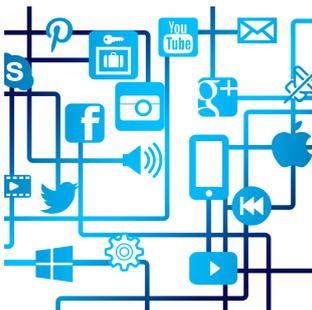
Please note our security officers will decline from entering your property unless each adult inside your home is wearing a face mask.

And please remember it is now mandatory to wear a face covering whenever you leave your home.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - NBN - 11 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. Due to COVID-19 the new disconnection date of the copper network is October 23rd 2020.





A MESSAGE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This week we'd like to remind residents of the importance of locking their cars and closing their garage doors once they arrive home.

The team from the local Neighbourhood Watch have put together a message with regards to theft from vehicles, if you'd like more information about the local Point Cook Branch more information can be found here on their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/nhwpointcookcentral/>



What Thieves Look For In Cars

Most thieves are opportunistic. They will see something in a car and if the car is unlocked or there is no one around – in other words the risk of being caught is low - they will seize the chance to take whatever they can in the hope they can get something worthwhile.

Cars can be broken into for as little as a few dollars in loose change. If an offender puts a good few hours into a few dollars here and there, it can really add up.

In the meantime, you have to fix a broken window, or feel like your personal space/belonging has been invaded.

Taking steps to secure your car before leaving it outside at home (which is where most car crime occurs) or parked while out can significantly reduce your chance of having your belongings stolen.

Loose change in the console

Having money visible from outside your car can also make other items in your car vulnerable to theft if a thief breaks in.





Valuables on the backseat

Before you leave your car, make sure anything valuable is hidden from view or put in the boot of your car – the less thieves can see, the less there is to steal. Making sure handbags, gym bags and electronics are out of sight can help reduce the chance of your car being broken into.

Having large blankets, jackets or towels draped on your car seats can also create an illusion that there is something valuable to be stolen from your car.

Use the boot – make sure that nothing can be seen if someone is peering into your car.

Mounted GPS Units

Having a visible GPS unit in your car may tempt a potential thief to break into your car. Even an empty GPS mounting device or suction marks on the windscreen can be enough to show a thief that there is something valuable in your car.

It's important to hide your GPS from view, as well as any accompanied attachments while your car is unattended.

License Plates

Number plates are the most 'popular' item stolen from cars. The rate of number plate theft remains high in Victoria. Not only is number plate theft a hassle for the person whose plates are stolen, stolen number plates are often used to commit further crime.

A simple way of stopping the theft of number plates is to fix one-way, anti-theft screws to your number plates. These screws are easy for you to put on but are hard for thieves to take off, making it harder for thieves to steal.

When it comes to your car – and your home – don't tempt the opportunistic thief, make the reward look small, and the risk high.

For more helpful crime prevention and safety tips head over to the Neighbourhood Watch website: <https://nhw.com.au/>



Neighbourhood Watch
Let's watch out for each other



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.

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 \$248 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.

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.



DOGS OFF LEADS

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.

Please also remember that when you own a dog it is your responsibility to clean up after it. Dog owners should ensure they always carry a bag suitable for the collection of their dogs droppings, alternatively there are also free doggy bags in several locations around Sanctuary Lakes. Please only take one or two bags as required.

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

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.





FRUIT TREE PRUNING

Whilst the days are short and the weather cold, the winter months are busy months in the garden. Here are just a couple of jobs that need to be done.

Fruit Tree Pruning

Once the fruit trees have lost all of their leaves it's time to prune deciduous fruit trees. There are some fundamental pruning practices that should be followed. These are Prune to create an open-centred vase shaped tree, remove all dead or diseased wood and always use sharp secateurs.

Be aware on what years wood the fruit tree fruits:

Apple trees:

- i. Require two species for pollination.
- ii. Bears fruit on spurs or two year old laterals.

Apricots:

- i. Self-pollinating.
- ii. Bears fruit on last year's wood and spurs.

Cherries:

- i. Require two species for pollination.
- ii. Bear fruit on spurs growing on two year old wood or older.

Figs:

- i. Self-pollinating.
- ii. Bears fruit on current seasons growth.

Peaches and Nectarines:

- i. Require two species for pollination.
- ii. Bears fruit on laterals produced the previous summer.

Pears:

- i. Both self-pollinating and cross pollinating.
- ii. Bears fruit on spurs or two year old laterals.

Plums:

- i. Require two species for pollination.
- ii. European plums bear on two year old laterals and Japanese plums on one year laterals.



Remove and dispose of all material removed from the fruit trees. Do not mulch any branches that have been removed.



Adventure Playground Works

Our Resort Maintenance team have begun renovating the tuscan pebble area in the park in the Riverwalk area.

The following works have been completed so far:

- The timber edging between the grass and Tuscan toppings has been replaced;
- The grass side of the new timber edging has been backfilled with soil;
- The mulch rings from around the base of the trees have been removed.

Works still to be done include:

- New Tuscan toppings to be spread;
- Grass seed to be sown on bare turf areas.

Vegetation Removal

We are beginning to remove vegetation around the Resort that was growing along side the footpaths.

The first part of this project was completed last week with the Dietes that were along the Entry of Sanctuary Lakes being removed.

Sea Grass

Over the past week 18.07 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.

