

## SANCTUARY LAKES CLUB

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### Programs currently participating in

The development is located on the former site of the Cheetham Salt Works where a large scale industrial production of salt supplied Melbourne and Victoria for nearly 100 years. This facility was closed in the late 1980s by the Cheetham Company leaving the site significantly altered from its natural state and making redevelopment options limited. As a result, the development of Sanctuary Lakes had to address a number of environmental and engineering challenges.

The Water Management regimes of the salt works caused them to become an important habitat for a wide variety of birds, including rare migratory birds. As part of the development agreement for Sanctuary Lakes Resort, 405ha of wetlands was gifted to the State Government as a nature sanctuary called Cheetham Wetlands which is managed by Parks Victoria. This has ensured its long term protection.

### Strategies Implemented

- Over half a million shrubs and trees planted to revegetate the entire project
- The rehabilitation of the site has seen a return of 154 different types of bird species
- The remaining 410ha is being developed as an integrated community resort including an 18 hole Greg Norman designed championship golf course, a residential area and walking and cycling tracks.

### Accolades Received

#### *Environmental Excellence Awards*

In 2003 Sanctuary Lakes was awarded the Urban Development Institute of Australia Award for Environmental Excellence in recognition of outstanding regeneration of flora and fauna and the ongoing environmental and water conservation practices.

Sanctuary Lakes Resort is continuously focussed on the encouragement of birdlife and other wildlife through the creation of special wetlands, parks and plantings.

In 2004 Sanctuary Lakes Resort was also awarded the HIA Green Smart award in recognition for environmental achievements in building and construction focusing on sustainable outcomes.

### Projects to be Completed

Full commissioning of recycled water to occur through City West to service the golf course and estate from early 2011.