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BALLINA

BLISS.



SERENITY FOUND

All the retirement inspiration you'll need is here in our display homes

WEIGHTY DONATION

Charity-minded Palm Lake Resort community supports life-saving service

SAVE THE DATE

Make a note of our upcoming events



WELCOME

We are well and truly in the swing of things for 2018 and what an exciting few months we have had! Palm Lake Resort Ballina is proud to have hosted successful events such as the High Tea by The High Sea and the Westpac Emergency Helicopter Fundraiser in conjunction with resident Colin Findlay who showcased his amazing collection of weights and scales from around the world (see Page 10). We are excited to sponsor the upcoming Relay for Life on May 5 as well as hold an information session on May 15, displaying all that living in our designer lifestyle community at Ballina has to offer.

Construction of our latest stage release is progressing smoothly with final slabs expected to be poured on schedule. There are limited homes still available with savvy retirees snapping up the last of these rare opportunities! Our three beautiful brand new display homes - Serenity (featured on Pages 4-5), Harmony and Paradise designs - are open for viewing seven days a week. These homes showcase Palm Lake Resort's modern designs and offer a variety of luxury inclusions allowing for a first-class retirement or sea change.

Thank you to our wonderful residents for your ongoing support and referrals. We are proud to be able to introduce new people to our fantastic resort community.

Jen Nichols
Regional sales manager

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"Walking through those doors changed my life for the better. The facilities are outstanding and there are so many wonderful activities to choose from. I have never been happier, particularly because of my wonderful neighbours who have become great friends. If you are without a partner and considering living here, do not hesitate. I have already experienced unbelievable care in many ways of everyday life. It doesn't get much better than this!"
– *Maureen Wilson*

WE'VE GOT \$5000 WAITING FOR YOU!

We've got an exceptional promotion on at the moment featuring ready-built homes – these villas are brand new, complete and ready for your new resort lifestyle. Our range of stunning ready-built homes feature open-plan living with luxury fittings and finishes, stone benchtops, Smeg appliances and much more. If you purchase a ready-built home before May 31, 2018, upon settlement you will receive a free \$5000 gift card from Coles Myer to get you resort ready. You'll have to act fast though, as we only have a handful of ready-built homes available here at Palm Lake Resort Ballina.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING.

SAVE THE DATES!

PALM LAKE RESORT INFORMATION SESSION

- **Tuesday, May 15, 10am-3pm**
- Speak with our friendly local sales experts.
- Tour our display homes and award-winning facilities.

PALM LAKE RESORT MORNING TEA

- **Thursday, June 28, 10am-3pm**
- Resort tours, display home tours.
- Enjoy a delicious morning tea while experiencing first hand the community lifestyle on offer here.

Keep your eye on our website and your email inbox for details of these upcoming events.



WHAT'S ON

Alstonville Rotary Antiques and Collectables Fair: May 19, 9am-4.30pm, 42-46 Commercial Road, Ballina. Search through jewellery, books, toys, furniture, collectables and vintage items from all over the world, brought to you by nearly 40 reputable New South Wales and interstate dealers.

Love Lennox Festival: June 2. An annual event where our community comes together to celebrate everything there is to love about living in Lennox Head! Enjoy food stalls and sample plates from local businesses, surf board swap meets, dog parade and a skate competition.

Ballina Food & Wine Festival Gala Dinner: June 29, 7-9pm, Ballina RSL Club. Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner, designed and prepared by Ballina RSL Executive Chef Blake Seymour, using the finest of our region's local produce.

Ballina Food & Wine Festival: July 1, 11am-5pm, Ballina Jockey Club. The ninth annual festival of its kind, hosted by the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond.

FREE MOVIE AFTERNOONS - YOU'RE INVITED!

- **Tuesday, May 22 & Tuesday, June 19, 2pm**
- Come and enjoy the ambience of our award-winning Country Club while you take in a new-release movie and some popcorn with us. *All the Money in the World* will screen in May and *The Greatest Showman* will screen in June. RSVP is essential and can be made via email on salesballina@palllake.com.au or by phone on 1800 335 666.

QUESTION TIME

1. What do you call it when 60 or so residents gather in the Ballina Oasis clubhouse at the same time? Is it:

- a) Coincidence;
- b) A political coup;
- c) An unruly mob;
- d) A fun night playing Trivia?

2. What was the occasion for the Trivia night?

3. Which team were the winners and gridders on the night?

4. Which team came last?

5. How much money was made on the night? Was it:

- a) \$100;
- b) \$200;
- c) \$300;
- d) \$400?

6. Who were the organisers of the Trivia night?

Answers: Question 1: D. Question 2: To support the Cancer Foundation Relay for Life Fund. Question 3: The Winners & Gridders. Question 4: Who cares! Question 5: \$400! Question 6: Doug Stinson and his Relay For Life team.





THIS IS YOUR TIME.

WE CAREFULLY CRAFT PALM LAKE RESORTS TO CREATE COMMUNITY HAVENS WHERE YOU CAN LIVE LIFE AT YOUR OWN PACE. RELAX AND CAPTURE THOSE PRECIOUS MOMENTS IN ONE OF THESE SEATING BEAUTIES.



Fenton & Fenton
Markey armchair, \$1600,
fentonandfenton.com.au



Purple Jungle
Morrison armchair, \$739
purplejungle.com.au



Zanui luxe
armchair, \$809
zanui.com.au



Fenton & Fenton
Lobby armchair, \$850
fentonandfenton.com.au



Take a 3D walk through our Serenity home at www.over55palmlake.com.au/homes/serenity

FIND YOUR SERENITY.

Serenity (noun): the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled: an oasis of serenity amidst the bustling city.

There's nothing that describes the lifestyle on offer within the walls of this popular Palm Lake Resort Ballina home more than the definition of its name: 'Serenity'. Check out the key features listed right and, to experience the serenity yourself, make sure you visit our inspirational display home.



KEY FEATURES

- Architecturally designed homes with designer façades
- CSR Hebel construction with fully insulated roof
- Termite resistant structural timber
- Ducted air conditioning
- Luxury, high quality tile and carpet flooring selections
- Energy efficient downlights throughout
- Floor-to-ceiling tiled bathrooms
- Quality window furnishings throughout
- Tiled outdoor covered living area with downlights and ceiling fan
- Keyed locks to all opening windows and sliding doors
- Emergency response buttons
- Colorbond fencing and side gate
- Fully landscaped front, side and rear gardens
- Solar power panels

SERENITY DESIGN
207.5 M2 / 22.33 SQUARES

BEDS	BATHS	LIVING	OUTDOOR LIVING	GARAGE	STUDY
2	2	1		2	

HIT THE ROAD RIGHT.

RV, CARAVAN, CAMPERVAN, MOTORHOME... WHETHER YOU'RE AN RV ROOKIE OR A CARAVAN CONNOISSEUR LOOKING TO INVEST IN A 'CUBBY HOUSE ON WHEELS', HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THESE POINTS?

Choosing an RV to suit your needs can be an overwhelming task. Aside from your home and car, it can be one of the biggest purchases you'll make. With so many different products available in Australia, how do you know whether you're making the right choice? Truth be told, there are usually a number of styles of RV that will match any physical and budgetary requirements. Here are some questions buyers should ask themselves during the buying process...

Have you set a budget?

Setting a budget is the first and most critical point to consider to help determine the range available to you. For example, will you purchase your RV brand new or pre-loved?

What's your vehicle towing capacity?

Every make and model of vehicle is given a tow rating by its manufacturer. The ratings are known as 'towing capacity' and 'ball weight' or 'downball load capacity', and it's essential that you understand this before choosing a caravan. Some people prefer to select their caravan before purchasing their tow vehicle, to ensure that their vehicle will be suitable.

What's your towing ability?

When buying a caravan, another thing to consider is how confident you are in towing, reversing and parking that van? You may need to opt for a smaller caravan initially or enrol in a towing safety course to build up your skills.

Where will you store your RV?

Storage is an important consideration when choosing your RV. Consider where your RV will be kept during downtime and assess conditions like weather, security and space – this will also determine the maximum size that

your RV can be. Palm Lake Resort Ballina offers caravan storage upon application. We are also excitedly looking forward to the unveiling of our dedicated caravan/RV wash bay closer to Christmas this year.

Will you stick to the bitumen or travel off the beaten track?

This will determine whether you should consider an on-road or off-road model. Certain models are ideally suited to highway travel and the odd dirt road, as long as it's free of corrugations. On the other hand, RVs offering a stronger chassis, upgraded suspension, additional ground clearance and off-road wheels and tyres are suitable for beaches, dirt roads and more remote locations.

Where will you be setting up camp?

If you plan to stay mainly in caravan parks with amenities and power, you may choose an RV without ensuite facilities or solar/battery equipment. If you plan to stay in free camps or campgrounds without facilities, you should consider an RV with an ensuite offering a shower and toilet, solar panel and battery (to power lights, pumps and appliances) and larger water storage capacity (preferably two or more water tanks). A grey water tank is also recommended, but not essential. It is also worth noting that most of these options can be added to a variety of different RV types, so consider this when making your final decision. The type of holiday and duration of your adventures will also help to determine what products will be most suitable. You should consider this as part of your purchasing process as it's important to purchase an RV that will meet your minimum holiday travel requirements.



RESORT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Wow - Another busy few months at Palm Lake Resort Ballina have passed us by, for both the residents and staff. There has been a lot of rubber burnt with trips to the Bison farm, to the art gallery in Murwillumbah, numerous shopping trips, overnight golf tournaments and town visits. The Social Committee members are very happy to help organise a trip and our volunteer drivers do a great job, getting everyone to wherever they need to go.

As this newsletter goes to the press, we will enjoy our resident Art Expo with works from our talented residents featuring in an art show over three days. There are some fantastic pieces entered already, to be showcased in our Oasis Country Club. Stay tuned to our next newsletter when we'll bring you photos from the event.

We have also had our fair share of wet weather here of late, which has kept the mowers going and our grounds team busy, making our resort gardens look great. We now also have a pet exercise area, fully fenced of course, so that residents' pets can have a good run, off the lead, and give their owners a well-deserved rest while they run around.

The next stage of the resort is nearing completion with some fantastic homes about to be released. We will be welcoming a new group of residents to our community soon, so keep your eyes peeled for your new neighbours and make sure you welcome them warmly!

Rick Stewart
Resort manager



HASSLE-FREE HORTICULTURE.

PALM LAKE RESORT HOMES OFFER LOW-MAINTENANCE YARDS WHICH MEANS THERE'S MORE TIME TO FOCUS YOUR ENERGY ON CULTIVATING YOUR INDOOR PLANT DISPLAY. SUCCULENTS HAVE SENT THE DÉCOR WORLD INTO A SPIN IN RECENT YEARS AND THEIR LOW-MAINTENANCE CARE REGIME MEANS THEY'RE POPULAR FOR MORE THAN JUST THEIR LOOKS.

Whether you've got them grouped in small pots or large specimens dominate the corner of your living space, cacti and succulents bring a certain something to the atmosphere of a room.

Paired best with more natural textures like wicker, wood, leather or marble, these plants always add interest to a room or any simple vignette. But the real reason people opt for a cactus or succulent is because they are so easy to maintain or, rather, how hard they are to kill!

Native to the arid, dry landscape of the American desert, cacti in particular require far less water than your standard house plant. Because there is no one type of cacti, the amount of water and sun they require varies. However, a good rule of thumb is to water them when the soil has dried out and to keep them in an environment that is most similar to their natural environment – somewhere hot and sunny.

The same general rules also apply to succulents which, fun fact, is an umbrella term that can also include cacti. Most popular succulents, like mother-in-law's tongue and snake plants, can tolerate moderate light and low humidity, and won't shrivel up and die if they are neglected for a week or two like other house plants.

Thanks to their origins in the tough conditions of the desert, cacti and succulents have developed the ability to store water for long periods of time – meaning more green living spaces and less plant funerals for you!

GREEN THEME.

BOTANICAL PRINTS ARE ON-TREND IN INTERIOR DESIGN RIGHT NOW. BRING A LITTLE BIT OF NATURE INSIDE WITH LEAF PRINTS, NATURAL FIBRES AND POPS OF GLORIOUS GREEN.

Right: Wall prints are an easy and inexpensive way to bring the outdoors in.



Above and right: Choose a few statement cushions or an ottoman for on-trend botanical interest.



AROUND THE GROUNDS.



HIGH TEA/SEA

Right: Guests were treated to a 'High Tea by the High Sea' event last month with more than 80 people enjoying a complimentary tasting platter and high tea sweets while listening to the smooth tunes of the Dan Clarke Band. The roving entertainment and complimentary coffee was also very popular on the day.



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Left and below: More than 100 special guests were treated to champagne, an exquisite afternoon tea and lolly buffet while listening to a world-class opera performance recently. It was a delightful afternoon of sights and sounds.





WEIGHTY DONATION.

FOR MANY PALM LAKE RESORT RESIDENTS, THEIR GARAGE IS USED TO STORE A CAR, MAYBE THE WEEKEND ‘TOYS’ AND MAINLY JUST EXCESS STUFF THAT DOESN’T FIT INSIDE THE FAMILY HOME. THE FINDLAYS’ GARAGE AT PALM LAKE RESORT BALLINA, HOWEVER, IS A TREASURE TROVE...

Most avid collectors will tell you that they don’t actually set out to start a collection – they simply gather things that are meaningful to them. One becomes two, two becomes three and as Palm Lake Resort Ballina resident Margaret Findlay will tell you, “a collection of three begins an obsession!”.

Margaret and her husband Colin are passionate collectors. When they moved into our Ballina resort some 16 months ago from Casino, Colin spied an alternative use for their villa’s spacious garage, with its clean epoxy-coated floor and storage options galore. Their garage is home to his collection of antique weights and scales. Among the impressive collection consisting of more than 800 pieces, Colin has big brass bell weights that are some 200 years old, brass letter scales from the 1890s and other early 20th Century postal and parcel scales.

“On a trip to the Orkney Islands more than 20 years ago, I wanted a souvenir and so I brought back some scales,” Colin recalls. “I polished them and hung them on the kitchen wall. That was the beginning of my collection.”

In an ironic family history twist, it was Colin’s great great grandfather who was to be hanged in 1827 but pardoned and sent to Australia instead. His crime was “burglariously breaking and entering” a dwelling and “feloniously stealing two pair of scales...and other articles”. Colin’s was definitely a collection that was written in his gene code!

Margaret, too, has been bitten by the collecting bug. She has an impressive collection of some 120-130 xylonite items (xylonite being a plastic, used to imitate tortoiseshell and ivory), including mainly dressing table pieces but also pocket knives, vases, boxes and even napkin rings.

The pair put their collections to good use recently. With many Palm Lake Resort neighbours “curious” about what they spied through the Findlays’ open garage door, Margaret and Colin held an open day in April. A gold coin entry fee was charged and other donations accepted for the local Lismore Westpac Rescue Helicopter service. With more than 70 fascinated and generous residents through the (garage) door on the day, the Findlays collected around \$1000 for charity! Margaret commended the “wonderful” community she and Colin now call ‘family’.

“It is wonderful here – moving to Palm Lake Resort is the best thing we’ve ever done,” Margaret says. “It takes the cake.”

With operational bases in Newcastle, Tamworth and Lismore, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter services more than 1.5 million people from the Hawkesbury River in the south, north to Tweed Heads, west beyond the Great Dividing Range and east beyond the coastline. Collectively, the service performs about 1500 life-saving missions each year and the Findlays’ donation will help keep the important local service in the air.

COMMUNITY CULTURE.

The newly inducted Residents’ Committee has been working extremely hard over the last couple of months on a number of outstanding matters with our Resort Manager plus the roll out of Incorporation and the Constitution (a set of rules designed to allow residents of the resort to live harmoniously in a pleasant environment). The Constitution has been circulated to all residents for comment and after a number of comments were received, changes have been made to the way Incorporation is to be addressed and to the Constitution. I would like to thank the Constitution Sub Committee and the residents who made the time to send in comments for both Incorporation and the Constitution to be voted on.

It is amazing what our residents get up to. Our very own Jennie Duffield has had the honour of officiating in the athletes arena at the recent Commonwealth Games plus with the Games being held so close to Ballina, a number of our residents had the opportunity to see our elite sport stars compete against the best in the Commonwealth. It has also been great to see our residents fundraising for the Cancer Council by participating in a number of events at the resort such as Shave for a Cure, a Bowls Day and a Trivia Night to name a few. The Lifepak Defibrillators have been installed in the Gym, Bowls Club and Workshop and I would personally like to thank both the Bar and Social Committees for raising the funds to purchase the units as one day they could save a life. Bus trips are also still proving popular with our residents exploring the magnificent Northern Rivers region.

Steve Horne

Residents’ Committee chairman

EASY PEASY LEMON CURD

Suitable to use to fill tartlet cases or on crackers – the choice is yours!

Ingredients

75g butter
¾ cup (165g) caster sugar
1 egg (whipped)
¼ cup (60ml) lemon juice
3 tsp lemon rind
1 tsp cornflour dissolved in 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Method

Place all the ingredients into a small saucepan over a medium to low heat. Cook stirring constantly for approximately 5 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens slightly. Pour into preformed tart cases and allow to set in the fridge.

Recipe courtesy of Palm Lake Resort Ballina chef Julie Gilmore



FREE INFORMATION SESSION.

TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2018 | 10AM - 3PM

You’re invited to our Palm Lake Resort Ballina information session. Join us for an in-depth look at everything you need to know about living in our Ballina designer lifestyle community. It’s the perfect opportunity to have any queries or questions answered over a delicious complimentary lunch and enjoy a tour of our beautiful new display homes.

10.00am: Display Home Viewings **1.00pm:** Afternoon Information Session
11.00am: Morning Information Session **2.00pm:** Display Home Viewings
12.00pm: Lunch

Limited numbers. RSVP by Tuesday 8th May to salesballina@palllake.com.au or freecall 1800 335 666

Coming from out of town?

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It's time for you.

Our 25 resort locations across Australia are driven by a philosophy of inspired luxury surrounded by world class facilities and home design.

Proudly Australian and family owned for over 40 years, we continually challenge ourselves everyday to deliver a better product. Taking the time to understand how people want to live today has resulted in innovative and revolutionary resorts for a new generation of discerning residents.



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