

The Reef

Mar/April 2019

The great outdoors

We love al fresco entertaining in autumn and our homes are totally geared for it!

Preparing your home for sale

All the tips from our Palm Lake Resort sales experts

...and loads more!

What's happening in our area, meet your neighbours, and more inspiration inside!



Welcome

Hello all, and welcome to Bargara in beautiful autumn! It's been a busy couple of months here at the Palm Lake Resort Bargara Sales Centre, with lots of settlements taking place. As well as all the new residents we've greeted lately, we have also welcomed new staff including Katy and our new sales manager, Dot Booth.

Dot started in administration with Palm Lake Resort, moved into a role as a sales consultant and has now taken on the title of Sales Manager. She lives within the resort so has authentic firsthand experience of the lifestyle on offer here. Dot is known for her positive outlook and her can-do attitude. She's also the perpetual volunteer – she's treasurer for local sporting clubs and is also on the Residents' Committee. Dot is from a large family and has two adult independent children (and she says she's still waiting for her grandies! #hint). We welcome Dot into the role and wish her the best. To learn more about Katy, flip to Page 11 of this newsletter.

Thinking about joining our lucky new homeowners here at Bargara? Our Sales Team looks forward to seeing you on your next visit. Freecall us on 1800 501 119 to make an appointment.

Until next time, stay well and safe.

The Sales Team
Palm Lake Resort Bargara

What's on around Bargara

March 10: Join Bundaberg Rotaract in raising money for Seven Women and local community groups while enjoying the new Marvel movie, Captain Marvel. Set in the 1990s, this is an all-new adventure from a previously unseen period in the history of the Marvel Cinematic Universe that follows the journey of Carol Danvers as she becomes one of the universe's most powerful heroes. The event is on at Reading Cinemas Bundaberg, 2.30-6.30pm. \$20 ticket price includes movie admission, one entry in the lucky door raffle and complimentary nibbles in the private event room.

April 12: Do you dream of reliving the good old days? Were you a fan of The Bee Gees, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, The Everly Brothers and The Hollies? Well don't miss The Robertson Brothers Variety Show at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre, 177 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Show starts at 8pm. Phone 4130 4100 for tickets.

April 13: After sold-out shows across the world, The Killer Queen Experience is coming to Bundaberg for one night only. Get ready to re-live the memories and experience the greatest hits of the world's most loved and iconic rock band in an all-live concert that has been described as "like stepping back in time". This show is on at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre, 177 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Show starts at 8pm. Phone 4130 4100 for tickets.

Sept 10-12: Make a note in your diary for the next inter-resort bowls competition to be played at Kingaroy Bowls Club. Details to come, closer to the event date.

MARCH / APRIL

What's happening

You are invited to go green with us!

MARCH 14, 9.30AM-1.30PM

Put on your best green getup, practice your Irish accent (and your worst Irish jokes) and get ready to play. It's St Patrick's Day at Palm Lake Resort Bargara and time to celebrate all things Irish. Test your luck with trivia and games. Let us treat you to complimentary barista-made coffee, a light lunch and delicious refreshments. Plus take a tour of our gorgeous display homes. Ah, to be sure!

Limited numbers. RSVP on freecall 1800 501 119 or email salesbargara@palllake.com.au



Stay a night – for free!

Many of our Palm Lake Resort Bargara enquiries come from people in distant locations right around Australia. If you are coming to visit us from out of town, freecall the Sales Centre on 1800 501 119 to arrange a resort tour and a complimentary night's accommodation on us. This offer is subject to availability and conditions apply, but there's never been a better excuse to indulge in a stopover to properly inspect our world-class facilities and welcoming homes. And you'll find Bargara itself an unexpected treasure.

Congrats bowlers!

Check out the winning mixed team from our recent Palm Lake Resort American Stableford lawn bowls event. We had more than 140 players participating but it was Brenda and Larry Lipscombe, pictured right, who were named Mixed Winners.



Staying connected

Here are some of the regular activities we offer here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara:

- Yoga
- Tai chi
- Zumba/Light & Easy
- Line dancing
- Bridge, Rummikub, 500
- Mah-jong
- Bingo
- Knit and Knatter
- Craft
- Pottery
- Art group
- Scrapbooking
- Walking group
- Golf simulator
- Tennis
- Table tennis
- Golf
- Mixed lawn bowls
- Ladies-only lawn bowls
- Aqua aerobics
- Darts
- Billiards/Pool

Contact us

If you have any questions about Palm Lake Resort Bargara, if you are interested in touring our inspired display homes and world-class facilities, or if you would like to come along to one of our special events, simply contact us!

Freecall: 1800 501 119

Email: salesbargara@palllake.com.au

Find us at:

39 Wearing Road, Bargara QLD

Visit: palllakeresort.com.au

COMFORT PLUS

Downlights and outdoor ceiling fan, as standard.

Al fresco in autumn

Starry skies and balmy nights. It's autumn and it's a wonderful time of the year to be soaking up the benefits of al fresco living before winter. Palm Lake Resort homes offer great outdoor living. Here's why...

THE 'GREAT' OUTDOORS

Mother Nature provides her own relaxed ambience. Al fresco dining and entertaining is casual and cool and, generally, entertaining outdoors is more festive than in!

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the term "al fresco" comes from the Italian and loosely means "in the cool air".

GREEN DREAM

Fully landscaped front, side and rear gardens with Colorbond fencing and side gate (where applicable).

THE OUTDOOR ROOM

Palm Lake Resort Bargara homes offer an inviting outdoor covered living area, as a seamless extension of the open-plan internal living space.

Pictured, one of our Palm Lake Resort Bargara display homes. Inclusions vary. Contact the Sales Centre for more information.

First in, best dressed

For three-and-a-half years, Colin and Byrel Job weren't sure whether their house would ever be part a community. Little did they know, they were actually going to be among the first residents in an amazing new community that was about to grow right around them.

Twelve years can make a big difference – just ask Colin and Byrel Job. The couple first moved onto the land that is now Palm Lake Resort Bargara back in 2006 - a good three years before the bowling greens, swimming pools and beautiful homes that are now quintessentially Palm Lake Resort were anywhere to be seen. The couple had bought into a soon-to-be-developed estate, ready to settle into a life spent socialising with their neighbours, taking up new hobbies and enjoying the retirement they had worked so hard to get to. But for the first few years, there were no hobby groups to join. There were barely any neighbours to greet with a friendly 'hello' in the morning – just Robyn and David Fletcher, who had moved in a week earlier than Byrel and Colin.

"We were feeling a little bit despondent about our decision to move," says Colin. "We had heard a rumour that the property was being sold, and when we found out who had purchased it, we were excited."

One fateful day in 2009, Colin says he saw some men walking down their street. When Byrel asked them what they were doing, they said they were Walter and Scott Elliott - Palm Lake Group father-and-son founder and director and the new owners of the then-unfinished development that Colin and Byrel had already called 'home' for more than three years.

"Things really started to take shape after that – there was a lot more heart going into the resort," says Colin. "The first two stages were completed in just a few years and our old, poorly maintained bowling green was replaced with a lovely new one, as well as a clubhouse and a pool."



Top, Byrel Job. Above, the very early days of Palm Lake Resort Bargara.

These days, Byrel and Colin are throwing themselves into the retirement they'd always planned for. Colin plays lawn bowls three mornings a week with his men's group, and Byrel loves her Tuesday morning pottery group (and heads into nearby Bundaberg for another community pottery group, too).

Together, Colin and Byrel love hanging out around the resort – watching the Palm Lake Singers, catching a movie and going to the Tuesday night dinners that are held for all of the residents.

"We're in a community now," says Colin. "It's just easy living."

And as for socialising with their neighbours, Colin says he and Byrel have a close-knit group of friends with whom they enjoy having afternoon drinks and dinner parties. But if there's one thing that hasn't changed, it's the fact that Robyn and David Fletcher are still close by. And between the four of them, they know better than anyone just how far Palm Lake Resort Bargara has really come.

Australia Day antics

AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE

Oi, Oi, Oi! It was a stellar day of Aussie-as adventure here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara on Australia Day. Aussie flags were everywhere to be seen and the delicious smell of barbecue wafted around the resort grounds all day.



Preparing your home for sale

Selling your house can be an emotional and exhausting process. Ensure you've done everything you can to make your home saleable with these handy tips from our Palm Lake Resort real estate experts.

So, you've decided it's time to pack up and move out of the house you're in – maybe it's too big, too high-maintenance, or maybe it just doesn't feel like home now that your children have flown the nest? Maybe it's time to 'right-size' into a community lifestyle resort filled with likeminded neighbours and an impressive assortment of world-class facilities and social opportunity? We just might know the address for you!

Many of our Palm Lake Resort sales team members have spent a vast majority of their careers in property management and real estate, matching impressive homes with equally amazing home owners. Palm Lake Resort Bargara's newest Sales Manager, Dot Booth, comes to the Palm Lake Group with 20+ years of property management experience including a stint in high-rise apartment management.

"First impressions count and presentation is especially important," Dot says. "Set the standard from the start. Ensure the front of your property, including pavements, the garage door and front door area, are clean and clear of any hazards because first impressions really do last. Also, deal with any minor maintenance - it's important for buyers to know they are purchasing a home that has been well cared for."

Inside the home, Dot says the first step is to declutter and de-personalise – a rental storage unit may be your best friend here. Not only will decluttering give you a clear space to work with,



but it will also be a big help when it comes time to pack up your things and move out. De-personalising helps a potential buyer see themselves living in your home, and they won't be able to do that if every wall and surface is covered with photos of your family and personal knick-knacks you've collected over the years.

Try to keep the furniture and décor understated for the same reason – you might love your bright floral armchair, but a potential buyer might not be able to look past it long enough to envision themselves living in your home. The more space you can create – without the house looking empty – the better, so clear the bookshelves and keep the benchtops bare. Clean out those wardrobes, too. Buyers will certainly look through them, to consider how much storage space your abode offers.

"Give your home a good spring clean," Dot says. "Hire a cleaning company for a few hours that can help you out; it will be worth the investment. Ensure the kitchen and bathrooms in particular are immaculate and make sure that outdoor areas are manicured and maintained."

Dot's other tips for preparing your home for sale

- Consider painting bright feature walls in more neutral colours to appeal to a larger range of buyers.
- Make sure all lights are turned on and even consider upgrading a few lightbulbs to really brighten your space.
- Fresh flowers on the table, candles or air fresheners all help you immediately get into a buyer's good books.
- Have your furry friend minded for the duration of the inspection and tidy up after them to ensure the yards are clear.
- Leave buyers alone with the agent during inspections. This will put them at ease. They won't feel like they are imposing.

Keen for green, to be sure

St Patrick's Day definitely has us seeing green – but did you know that green can also be one of the most versatile decorator colours?

Green lands right in the middle of the visible spectrum and, as such, is a balancing and harmonious colour. According to colour experts Dulux (paint suppliers for the Palm Lake Group), greens can create a peaceful, relaxed setting and can feel either warm or cool depending on the undertones. A softer shade of green can add a calming feeling in larger open spaces, working particularly well with natural light. These green tones create a fresh ambience in your home. Deep green tones can make a dramatic statement in any bedroom, evoking memories of forest canopies and driving through deep green fields. Citrus-inspired greens are refreshing and effervescent and create a sense of energy and fun. What green are you?



Schots Home Emporium large enamel pendant light, \$199 www.schots.com.au



Fenton & Fenton 'Woodrow' marble side table, \$420, www.fentonandfenton.com.au



Karibou Art Co. framed print, \$160 www.karibouartco.com.au



Above, GlobeWest velvet three-seater sofa, \$4840 www.globewest.com.au

Left, Outdoor Interiors Australia cushions, various sizes and prices, www.outdoorinteriors.com.au
Above, Beacon Lighting table lamp, \$229 www.beaconlighting.com.au

Schots Home Emporium 'Sari' dining chair, \$269 www.schots.com.au



Grande RV

197.00m² | 21.20 squares | \$509,000

BEDS 2 	BATHS 2 	LIVING 1
OUTDOOR LIVING 	BATHS 2 	ACTIVITY

Bedrooms

Master Bedroom	3900 x 3500
Bed 2	3200 x 2900

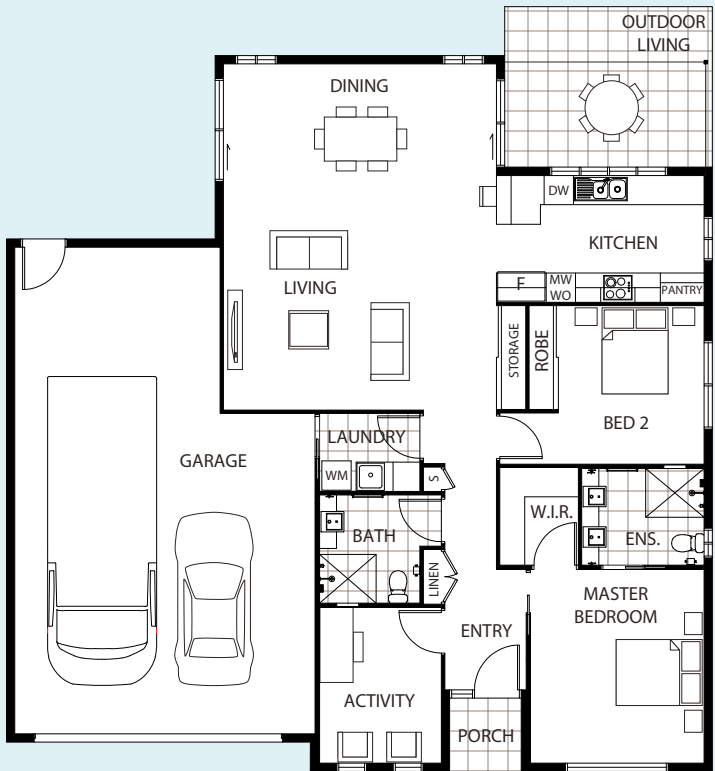
Living Areas

Activity	3100 x 2500
Living	3500 x 5600
Dining	3500 x 5600
Outdoor Living	3200 x 4200
Garage	9900 x 6100

Total Areas

Living Area	125.98 m ²
Garage	54.82 m ²
Outdoor Living	14.00 m ²
Porch	2.20 m ²

Total	197.00 m ² 21.20 squares
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Around the grounds

News from around the Palm Lake Resort grounds, here at beautiful Bargara!



Meet the team: Katy Walk

What makes Bargara your favorite Palm Lake Resort Location?

The atmosphere at Bargara has a relaxed lifestyle, beautiful beaches and a friendly neighbourhood.

What are your favorite local cafes/restaurants? The Journey Café serves great coffee and The Windmill is a fantastic place for breakfast.

What is the best thing about your job? The best thing about my job is all the people I get to meet and I get to work with some amazing staff members that have been very welcoming.

What are your hobbies/interests? For down time, I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening and going to the beach.

Favorite Sunday night meal? I find it hard to pick a favorite. I love all types of food!

What is something you experienced for the first time in the Bargara area? Watching baby turtles hatching and make their way down the sand into the ocean at Mon Repos.

Where would you want your next holiday? On a cruise, to see the Islands.

Best advice you ever heard?

Take things one step at a time and everything else will fall into place.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: As this newsletter goes to print, we have the very last 15 homes under construction. Yes, home construction at Palm Lake Resort Bargara will be fully completed by April. The team is, however, currently planning a new barbecue area for residents' use, which will be situated in Stage 8.

Caretakers' report

Welcome to the New Year, everyone! It is lovely to see so many of you using the wonderful facilities and clubs we have here. It's also lovely to see the three pools being utilised - it's the only way to keep cool in this heat!

We are now coming near to the end of construction and I'm sure we all look forward to settling into our completed environment and getting to know all the new residents who have arrived over the last few months, including:

Michael & Joy Bishop (Villa 378)
Michael & Bernadette Gibbs (Villa 320)

Howard & Shirley Sparke (Villa 377)
George & Sharon Sossi (Villa 309)
Stan & Margaret Distant (Villa 326)
Willem & Gloria Muller (Villa 339)
John & Jan Kluck (Villa 335)
Jan & John Schneider (Villa 315)
Rob & Carol Bowie (Villa 327)

May your troubles be less, and your blessing be more. And nothing but happiness, come through your door. We look forward to a year of fun, relaxation and friendships!

John & Christine
Caretakers, Palm Lake Resort Bargara



Live a world class country club lifestyle

At Palm Lake Resort, we bring you the best in designer living.

Each resort boasts a luxurious world class country club with gold standard features including a ten pin bowling alley, movie theatre, championship undercover bowls green, indoor and outdoor pools, exclusive Milon gym, sauna, spa and more. Plus enhance your lifestyle further with \$30,000* of luxury inclusions as standard with all new homes.

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