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MALLETS, BALLS AND HOOPS

Croquet comes to
Beachmere Bay

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The Brookhaven will
have you basking in
Hamptons bliss



Croquet comes to the Bay

Croquet is a sport steeped in history and a popular pastime for residents of the Hamptons, which is why it's also the perfect addition to Palm Lake Resort's Beachmere location.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands caretaker Jenni Martin says work started on construction of two resort croquet courts late last year and continues now. The courts will be available to residents of both Beachmere Sands and Beachmere Bay resorts.

"We're really excited," Jenni says. "Our communities are all about activities and it's something we have been wanting to do for a while, after numerous requests from residents."

In true Palm Lake Resort fashion, the twin courts will be built to the highest possible quality.

"The area has been leveled and grass seeding has taken place. There will be two full-size championship croquet courts with real grass, built to an exacting professional standard and ready for play ASAP," Jenni says.

Creature comforts haven't been overlooked either. There

are plans for outdoor spectator seating, a covered area and barbecue facilities.

"The Palm Lake Resort tradition of long afternoon get-togethers with some friendly rivalry and a cold drink or two will continue with a whole new opportunity for fun."

The croquet courts will add to the growing list of amazing facilities. With an undercover championship bowling green, tennis courts, workshop and four-hole golf already at the resort, plus indoor and outdoor pools, spa and sauna, bowling alley, luxury cinema and a proposed new golf course coming soon, there will never be a shortage of things to do here. And with the recent \$3 million extensions to the lavish Sands Country Club, Beachmere really is proving the place to be.

"Our resort's ethos is 'Time for you', and with all these facilities, our residents can almost lose themselves here," Jenni says.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands resident Paul Lupi is a croquet enthusiast. His partner Chris has been playing the sport for 40 years. Paul says there's quite the contingent of croquet players already living at the resort. He says handy residents have already taken it upon themselves to make croquet mallets, hoops and equipment trolleys in anticipation of the courts' completion.

"There is definitely a fair amount of interest in the game here," he says. "Many of our croquet-playing residents are full-time members at the Bribie Island club. We are looking forward to playing on the courts two or three days per week as well as host local competition matches between the two Beachmere resorts and even the Bribie club, once the courts are ready."

According to Wikipedia, the oldest document to bear the word "croquet" with a description of the modern game is the set of rules registered by Isaac Spratt in November 1856 in London. In 1868, the first All England Croquet Club was formed at Wimbledon, London. A much-publicised challenge match between the Westhampton Mallet Club on Long Island and London's Hurlingham Club in 1960 is credited with sparking the resurgence of the sport of croquet in America. Today, as many as 10,000 men and women play this elegant and exacting sport on more than 600 greens in the US and Canada alone.

Progress report

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay's construction team is currently working on Stage 1 of this exciting new resort development. There are 51 homes in total in Stage 1, offering 10 different Hamptons-style architectural designs. As this newsletter goes to print, there are eight homes at lockup stage, seven at plastering stage and a further seven slabs down. Things are definitely moving quickly! Looking ahead to February and March, the team is on track to hand over Villas 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to the very eager Sales Team.

As far as facilities go, the Clubhouse is under construction with most of the slab down and frame underway. A nine-hole golf course is currently under review/design which will be a welcome addition for active residents.

Overall, the weather has been extremely warm and humid allowing for great progress on this site.



Welcome

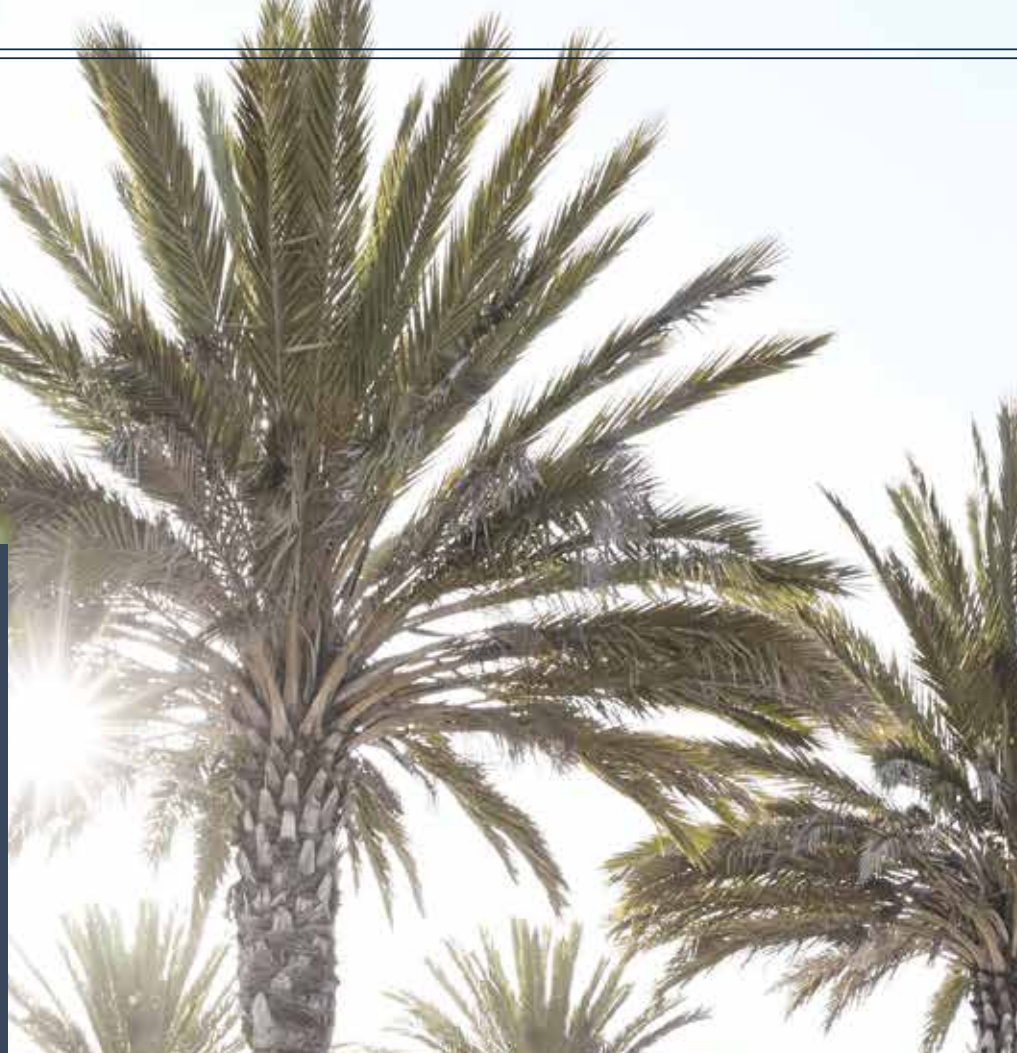
Welcome to 2018! We hope your festive season was spent indulging on the good things in life with family and friends.

Beachmere Bay has really come along in the past few months. Construction has started on Stage 1 with our very first homes due to be complete by the end of February. So strong has been the response to this opening stage that we are completely sold out! Stage 2 has recently been released.

Our Sales Office is also eagerly anticipating the unveiling of our new display home in March. A Greenvale design, this beauty will no doubt show off the opulent Hamptons styling and inclusions that our resort is becoming famous for. Our gorgeous Country Club is also underway and is due to open late this year. We're sure it'll be even more breath-taking in real life as it is on the plans.

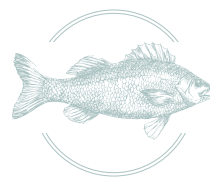
We have many functions planned for this year so keep your ear out for details and dates. There is always something to look forward to here!

Brittany Baldwin
Regional Sales Manager



Green thumbs up

Palm Lake Resort is looking even greener with thanks to the generosity of Moreton Bay Regional Council. Council offered free trees for every resort home owner and we were lucky to obtain more than 360 for our resort. These green beauties have been planted at the entrance to The Sands Clubhouse and throughout other common areas. Pictured below, Cr Peter Flannery (Division 2) stopped by to meet Brittany (left) from our Sales Office and caretaker Jenni (right) and check out progress on Beachmere Bay while he was here.



Stay connected

Here are some of the regular on-site activities we offer here at Beachmere:

- Yoga and tai chi
- Aqua aerobics
- Strength and balance classes
- Bingo
- Zumba
- Lawn and indoor bowls
- Men's golf tee-off, ladies' golf
- Women's and mixed tennis
- Quilting
- Lace making
- Paper tole (Cards)
- Craft group
- Choir
- Mah jong, Scrabble, Canasta
- Social Club
- Workshop

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What's happening



Books aplenty

There's nothing like the all-consuming relaxation you feel when you have a good book in your hands (with maybe also a warm and revitalising cuppa alongside you). While Palm Lake Resort offers a brilliant on-site library of fiction, non-fiction, light reading and other tomes (pictured left), Moreton Bay Regional Council also provides a handy mobile library service that brings the books to you. On Fridays in 2018, the mobile library will be at Clayton Park, Cnr Main St & Biggs Ave, from 9am-4pm. For more, visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries

Expos bring the resort to you

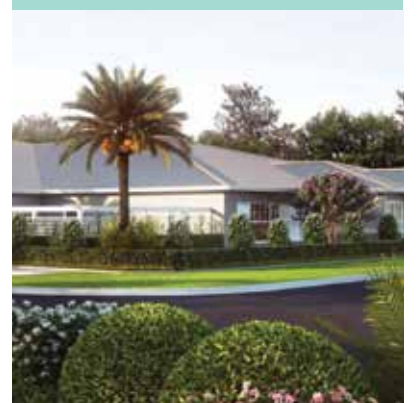
Come and meet the Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay sales experts at these upcoming expos:

Brisbane Retirement Village Expo

February 25-26
10am to 3pm, daily
Broncos Leagues Club,
98 Fulcher Rd, Red Hill.
Admission is free.

Sunshine Coast Retirement Village Expo

March 11-12
10am to 3pm, daily
Maroochy RSL Club,
Memorial Avenue,
Maroochydore.
Admission is free.



Holiday at home



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Beachmere Bay
is the result of 40 years of
knowledge and experience in
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Palm Lake Resort.

All 10 of our beautiful new home designs capture the essence of Hamptons island style but none more so than our Brookhaven. Clean lines combined with simplicity and comfort are infused with seaside charm. Think dreamy, soft textures and open tranquil spaces artfully blended with outdoor living areas to make the most of the gorgeous coastal climate, with luxury fittings and finishes adding a sophisticated, polished touch to all homes.



Around the grounds



Cruise with us

Our deposit holders' cruise was a merry adventure on the high (Bribie Island) seas.

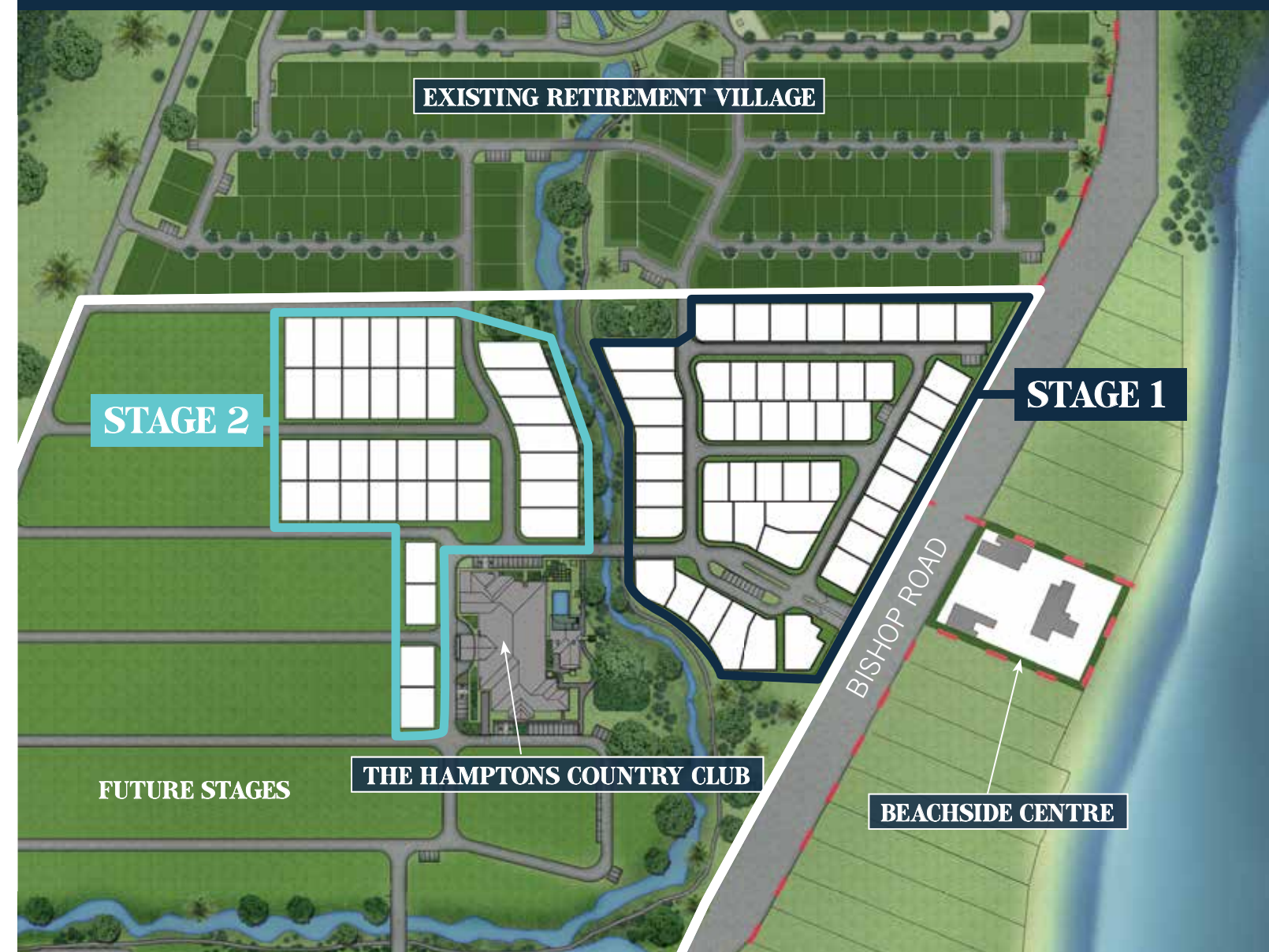


Bubbles and song

A delectable banquet of opera, champagne and gourmet treats had these visitors well and truly in the swing of life here at Beachmere Bay.



Stage 2, now released



Your dream home awaits

Inspired by the stylish Hamptons and designed for casual, classic living with coastal edge, Palm Lake Resort's new lifestyle community, Beachmere Bay, is a breath of fresh air. Ten beautiful new home designs set the mood for refined yet relaxed living, with that timeless Hamptons style. A new world class country club will be at the centrepiece of the community where social spaces are full of laughter and homes are havens in which to retreat. Beachmere Bay is a community where you can keep mind, body and spirit healthy and at one. Stage 2 has just been released. Is your dream home here?



Roaring good time

“There was music from my neighbour’s house through the summer nights. Men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars...” Here’s how to style a soiree to make Gatsby proud...



Delicate and delicious hors d'oeuvres should form the basis of your catering plan. Just don't forget the champagne or the cocktails - a mint julep is the perfect fit.

Take your fashion cues from the polished and iconic 1920s. Bow ties are a must for the men and so too are hats and elegant headbands for the women.

Adventure abounds

When asked on the spot, Liz Fiorini admits she can't say how many countries she and husband Chris have travelled to. It's somewhere around 29 – but don't hold her to it! One thing is for sure – their Palm Lake Resort home allows them the freedom to chase their travel dreams.

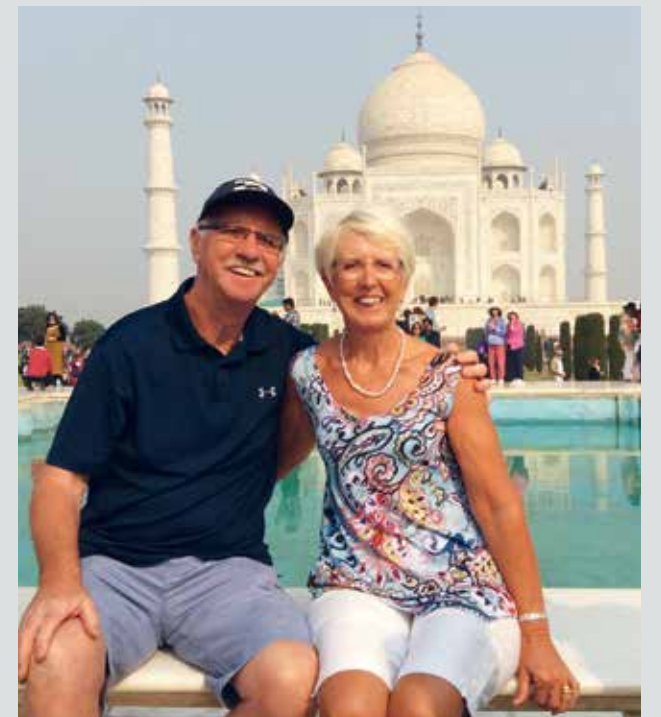
It all started with a trip to Spain in 1972. Chris and Liz Fiorini (*pictured right*), then 26 and 24 respectively, bundled up their two toddler children and boarded their first ever flights. They had worked hard to save up for the trip, and it was also the first time travelling abroad for both of them. Little did they know, Spain would be the first of many more adventures to come. Chris met Liz at a dance in Manchester, in their native England, when Liz was 16. Three years later, the pair were happily married. Having a young family meant that their dreams of travelling the world were somewhat put on hold – there were more pressing things to worry about, like the business they were building from the ground up. While Liz admits that it didn't feel like they were making any sacrifices at the time, the couple's world has completely opened up since retiring and moving to Australia some 17 years ago.

“We didn't really think about it while we were working, but as we've got older we've found that we really like travelling and now have the time to do it,” Liz says. “Now, we always try to go somewhere new with every trip, and we don't like to do tours very often because we'd prefer to explore ourselves.”

This attitude has led to passports filled with different-coloured stamps, from China to America to India, which they recently returned from. The duo had been to the major cities like Mumbai in previous years, but returned in 2017 to do the ‘Golden Triangle’ of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra.

“It's been so much easier to just take off overseas since moving to Palm Lake Resort. We can just lock the door to our villa and go without having to worry about organising for the kids to come up and check on the house,” Liz says. “It's the best part of being retired.”

So why, out of all 29(ish) countries the duo has travelled to, did



they decide to settle down in Beachmere Bay?

“It's the lifestyle,” Liz says. “It's quiet, close to the beach and there's not a lot of traffic, because Beachmere is kind of a loop – you don't have to pass through it to get anywhere. We definitely couldn't live anywhere else.”

And as for Chris and Liz's top travel tip? Well, the seasoned adventurers suggest, “you have to keep an open mind when you travel, because it's the little things and the everyday encounters that make your experience that much better”.



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