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Ballina Bliss



Our residents step in line

Find out what happened when our residents got together on the dancefloor

Trivial pursuits

Recently, our residents were put to the test with a trivia night - in costumes, of course

Over the back fence

Keep up to date with all the good things your fellow Palm Lake Resort family is up to



Welcome.



How the year is flying by! It's hard to believe that we're already more than halfway through. Personally, I am really looking forward to spring - I am not a lover of the cold weather, which is why I moved from Bowral in the Southern Highlands to the warmer weather of Ballina. Compared to Bowral, the winters here are moderate!

On the sales front, things are going very well in our resort. We have had lots of interest, and have welcomed some lovely new residents in recent weeks.

Quite often a casual enquiry leads to a sale, which is encouraging - it's not hard to win over buyers with our amazing facilities and welcoming community!

I am also finding the 'Refer A Friend' initiative is encouraging friends to buy in at the resort, and is a nice reward for the referer. The concept is simple: Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase an established Palm Lake Resort Ballina home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the office.

Finally, a friendly reminder: if you feel you have a story that would make for an interesting read in this newsletter, the Ballina Bliss, we'd love to hear from you! Please either email me or come to the Sales Office and it could be published in the next newsletter.

Until next time,

Julie D'Arpino
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News in brief.

Four-legged friends

Palm Lake Resort understands how important pets can be in people's lives and we actively market our resorts as pet friendly. However, for the benefit and comfort of all homeowners, certain rules concerning pet ownership are in place. Initially, all pets in the resort need to be registered with the Resort Office. Your site agreement contains all the finer details in relation to this requirement and no reasonable requests have been denied.



Get social

Are you on social media? We are, too! You can find Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and also Instagram. Make sure you like and follow our social media profiles to see even more news from right across our dozens and dozens of locations, across the east coast of Australia.

Facebook: @palllakeresort
Instagram: @pallm.lake.resort

We want to hear from you!

Whether it's photos from a recent event or a new activity you'd like to announce, this newsletter is the place to share the latest and greatest resort happenings. Ask your caretaker about deadlines for upcoming editions and how to submit content.

Don't forget to check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community grounds is 10km/h. It is not hard to keep your foot off the accelerator so please keep an eye on your speedo as it is very easy for someone to have a mishap. Please slow down - and make sure to remind your visitors and/or invited tradespeople to do the same.

It's Your Time

With winter's arrival so too comes a new edition of *Your Time* magazine. Among the features, we take a look at those Palm Lake Resorts under construction, including Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, Paynesville and Forster Lakes. We also celebrate our Master Builders Association award recipients including our latest resort recipient: Yamba Cove. It's brand new Vantage Country Club and a display home were both named best in the competition. You can also explore the magazine's regular Lifestyle section where we look at all the ways "You're never too old to..."

Find a copy online by visiting palllakeresort.com.au



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Elvis, alive and well at our resort!

OUR HOMEOWNERS' TALENTS WERE ON FULL DISPLAY AT A RECENT GET-TOGETHER. WHO KNEW WE HAD SO MANY LINE DANCERS IN OUR MIDST?

Thursday July 10 saw 15 line dancers turn out for an Elvis workshop, put together by Terrie Oberg. They rocked and rolled, wiggled and giggled, and everything else you can think of when dancing to an Elvis song.

It was such a great turnout, and much fun was had by all. After the dancing, participants followed it up with a fabulous morning tea. These gals sure know how to have fun!

If you feel you would like to be a part of this fun crowd, come along on Monday 10.30am or Wednesday 10.30am and see what it's all about. You could then graduate to Terrie's Thursday class at 9.30am. We even accept 'two-left-footers'. It's not about the dance skills - more so about having a laugh and making new friends. Nothing serious!



A groovy gathering!

NOTHING BRINGS OUR RESORT TOGETHER LIKE SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION - ESPECIALLY WHEN COSTUMES ARE INVOLVED!

Our Palm Lake Resort Ballina Social Committee recently hosted the second Trivia Night of 2025, on June 23. Word spread quickly through the commune and many enthusiastic hippie teams turned up to play.

The night's presenters, Sunbeam (Marg Bailey) and Moonflower (Sharyn Hogben), did a great job, even if they did seem a little vague at times. Blaming their vagueness on Etienne's cooking? We think not!

Janet Campbell, Jan Roberts and Pat Paynter ensured the scoreboard was error-free. No one dared to protest, as they would have been tasked with organizing our next Trivia Night in October.

It was reported that a questionable substance, and some straws, were spotted on one of the tables, but we were assured it was only sherbert - though samples have been taken for those concerned!

Team Haight-Ashbury were the winners on the night with Carol Evans, David Evans, Henri Rennie, Meredith Yardley, Elaine Swain and Pauline Suffolk putting their intelligence to the test. Well done!



Resort manager's report.

Ballina shines on continuously.

We have been enjoying some pre-spring weather of late, which has provided our grounds team with the opportunity to revamp every home's front garden, and fertilise, mulch and trim all the hedges. This is in addition to the parks and community spaces being refreshed and our main entrance replanted, to bring in a new look to the resort's facade.

Our active bird life watchers here have been busy gathering, with their long lens cameras at the ready. In addition to our usual array of native birds, we have also had a Bower bird nesting - it's been a joy to watch it gathering little treats and pebbles from resident gardens, making a colourful nest. There has been many a large group of bird watching residents, all gathering at a safe distance to witness the spectacle of these amazing creatures.

The resort dining room has been abuzz of late, with numerous celebration dinners happening as well as some active trivia and bingo nights. And who could forget the resident band performances? All of this is in addition to the already busy weekly breakfasts, lunches and dinners that are available to our residents and their guests. It seems like retirement life is actually a full-time job - there is so much socialising to be done, and so many good times to be had.

We look forward to the spring months, when we will reap the benefit of all the staff's hard work preparing the resort to blossom. It will surely look great.

Stay well, live life to the fullest!

Until next time,

Rick Stewart
Resort Manager

Weekly activities list.

MONDAY

7.30am Tennis
9am Art class, Tai chi, Brunch
10.30am Line dancing (general)
2pm Scrabble
3pm Aqua aerobics
5.30pm PLR dinner
7pm Old style dancing (first and third Monday)

TUESDAY

9am Craft and quilting, Brunch
2.30pm Canasta (five players)

WEDNESDAY

7.30am Tennis
9am Bus to shops, Painting Pals, Brunch
10.30am Line dancing
12pm Lunch
2pm Mixed lawn bowls
7pm Cinema

THURSDAY

9am Men's lawn bowls, Line dancing (intermediate), Jonola Canasta
1pm Ladies' lawn bowls
3pm Singing and fun
7pm Sing-along

FRIDAY

8.30am Aqua aerobics
9.30am Aqua aerobics, Gentle exercise
10am Community morning tea
1pm Cards
5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY

7.30am Tennis
9am Tai chi
1.30pm Mah-jong, Canasta
7pm Cinema

SUNDAY

2pm Mixed lawn bowls

ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING
NEW?



Homes for sale.

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Home 119 - \$1,190,000



Beds

2

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

1

Alfresco

1

Garage

2

Great position.

This well-maintained, low-maintenance home is perfectly positioned on a desirable corner block right next to the Country Club – offering privacy and convenience. Surrounded by neat hedging, the easy-care garden creates a peaceful outdoor setting without the upkeep. A screened al fresco area allows for year-round entertaining or quiet relaxation, while a handy garden shed adds extra practicality. Inside, the home is light-filled and welcoming, with a functional layout that flows easily between spaces. Whether you're looking to downsize or simply enjoy more with less effort, this home offers comfort, ease and a great location.

A \$250
CASH BONUS
FOR YOU

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Home 1 - \$950,000



Beds

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Bath

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Study

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Living

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Alfresco

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Garage

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Spacious outdoor entertaining

This home offers generous outdoor entertaining, with a beautifully paved area and pergola seamlessly connected to a screened alfresco space - all just off the living room.

This well-designed two-bedroom home boasts ceiling fans in most rooms, a modern kitchen with quality appliances and open-plan living and dining areas. A separate laundry is conveniently located at the rear of the home.

Contact us today to arrange your private inspection. Viewings by appointment only.

Home 131 - \$1,150,000



Beds

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Bath

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Study

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Living

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Alfresco

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Garage

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Comfortable living.

This well-maintained home offers a comfortable and inviting living environment, complete with a low-maintenance garden and lawn that's the ideal size for a pet to run around and enjoy the outdoors. The modern kitchen is equipped with high-quality Smeg appliances and features a stylish stone benchtop, providing a functional and elegant space for everyday cooking. The lounge room overlooks the garden, offering a lovely outlook that brings in natural light and a sense of tranquillity.

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Home 66 - \$880,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Alfresco
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Garage
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UNDER
OFFER



Homely feel.

This charming two-bedroom home with a study offers inviting cottage appeal and serene natural views. An enclosed alfresco area at the rear looks out onto peaceful trees and a nearby waterway, while the front patio overlooks a manicured garden bordered by a privacy hedge. Inside, the home is carpeted throughout, with a tiled main bathroom and ensuite for added convenience. The spacious lounge and dining area is filled with natural light, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The kitchen, located nearby, enjoys its own garden outlook—perfect for those who love to cook with a view.

Home 163 - \$1,200,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Alfresco
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Garage
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Comfortable living.

Thoughtfully positioned tinted windows and shutters enhance privacy and comfort throughout. Outside, the established garden features a timed irrigation system and a raised veggie patch — perfect for green thumbs. A handy shed provides extra storage for garden tools, while the screened alfresco area is ideal for year-round outdoor enjoyment. Inside, the home is fully tiled with plush carpets in the bedrooms, offering both style and practicality. The northeast-facing orientation fills the spacious open-plan living and dining areas with natural light, flowing seamlessly into a well-appointed kitchen complete with premium Smeg appliances.

Home 190 - \$1,390,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Living
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Alfresco
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Garage
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Perfect entertainer.

This immaculate, modern home design features a high raked ceiling, a spacious open-plan layout, and ample natural light, all of which give this home an incredible sense of scale. Enjoy a low maintenance garden with alfresco outdoor living along with spacious open-plan living, dining and kitchen with breakfast bar seating and SMEG appliances — ideal for entertaining. The home has been incredibly well maintained and features a stunning bathroom with a full-wall shower, double basins, and face-level mirror storage. This is a rare opportunity to secure an in-demand home design in our resort.

Home 62 - \$990,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Living
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Alfresco
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Garage
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Peaceful, luxurious.

Surrounded by a beautifully landscaped garden featuring vine-covered arches, mature ferns, and established shrubs, this home offers a serene outlook onto tall, bird-attracting trees. Step outside to a fully enclosed alfresco area, perfect for unwinding or entertaining, set behind a sleek white metal slat screen for added privacy and style. The low-maintenance artificial lawn ensures minimal upkeep, while a convenient outdoor shed offers storage for all your gardening tools. Offering outstanding value in a sought-after setting, this property is sure to capture the attention of savvy buyers.

Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

Cheers to the success of caffeinated charity event

There's one charitable fundraising event that seems to pique the interest of our Palm Lake Resort homeowners more than others, and that's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This annual fundraiser is hosted by the Cancer Council to help support people affected by cancer. Held each May, the event invites individuals, workplaces, schools and communities (like ours) across the country to come together over a cuppa and a bite to eat while raising vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding world-class research, running life-saving prevention programs and offering essential support for Australians impacted by cancer. One in two Aussies will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, making the Cancer Council's work more important than ever.

Pictured right, from top down, our Carindale Caretaker, Wayne raised \$200 by 'raffling' his beard! Yamba resort hosted a vibrant Madhatters' Tea Party with some great costumes. Waterford's event saw a fashion parade combined with a lovely spread of delicious goodies. And down at Willow Lodge, The Lodge Country Club hosted a great event with many donated prizes raffled to add to the final tally. Here's a little snapshot of some of the results of Palm Lake Resort fundraisers across our group, totalling more than \$47,000 so far!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Bargara: \$4215
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Eagleby: \$5000
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250 (an incredible result for an event organised by homeowner, Lyn Wootten!)
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265



Caloundra: \$8K for The Salvos

Following two outstanding fundraisers in recent months, Caloundra Cay homeowners have seemingly, and resoundingly, adopted The Salvation Army as their charity of choice. Their most recent event, tagged the 'Give Back Dinner', raised \$8050 for the Salvos, with the funds to stay on the Sunshine Coast in support of a project named 'Family Pathways'. This epic result followed the donation of 81 Christmas hampers by Caloundra Cay residents back in December, which were distributed to needy Sunshine Coast families. Chief organiser of the Give Back Dinner, homeowner Bernie, described the event as "an outstanding success". "We had 63 attendees, and our goal was to raise \$5000," he said. "The end result was \$8050, an amount which was far beyond our expectations. And while the fundraiser, as such, was a huge success, the night of entertainment was also incredible."



THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS

We heart resort helpers

Palm Lake Resort Ballina recently celebrated three remarkable people whose dedication and community spirit have changed this resort for the better. Beryl Boness, Stan Peck and Keith Johnson have each contributed more than 10 years of volunteer service, as part of the resort's beloved Cinema Group. Beryl and Stan were among the founding members of the group, which has spread the joy of the silver screen through its regular 'Movie Wednesdays' and 'Saturday Night at the Movies' events. Their vision and commitment helped shape a much-loved tradition at the resort. Beyond their cinematic contributions, all three have supported fellow community members in creating and sustaining a variety of other special interest groups. Their efforts have helped create connection, creativity and countless memorable evenings for all who call this resort home. The resort wouldn't be the same without you three!

Carindale marks 25 years

Palm Lake Resort Carindale is hosting a lovely celebration in July - the 25th anniversary of its ownership under the Palm Lake Resort banner. Many nostalgic photos have been dug up out of the archives for the planned event, by a very engaged group of homeowner history buffs. Among them are the two photos pictured right featuring a young Palm Lake Group MD Scott Elliott from the early 2000s! We wish the homeowners and resort management team the best for a lovely event.



Yamba homeowner quilter named best in show

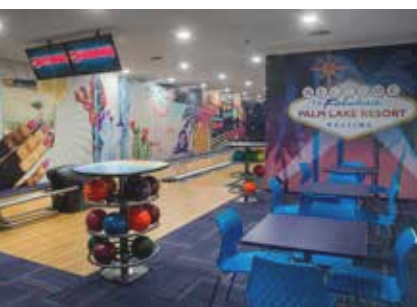
The recent Maclean Show saw the crowning of our very own Palm Lake Resort Yamba homeowner, Wendy Flitcroft, as Champion Overall. It's a prestigious title for Wendy who received the commendation based on her creative handicraft. Wendy's work is known for its intricacy and striking detail. Congratulations Wendy. Given the high number of creative crafters and fellow artisans across our Palm Lake Resort network, we are all very proud of you!

Tell us what's happening over your back fence

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the whole Palm Lake Resort group? Are you and/or your neighbours doing something special that you're proud of - and you know we'd be proud of too? We'd love to hear from you and include your story in these pages in the next editions of all our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**



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