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Ballina Bliss



Meet your new neighbour

Our resort has welcomed some new faces recently – meet one of them, inside...

Take a trip back in time

The cooler months are the perfect time to explore Australia's best historic towns

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to move here? Refer them for a cash reward



Welcome.

We have been blessed with lovely warm autumn weather so far, and hopefully it will continue. It is a beautiful time of year – the colours on the trees are turning golden, and it's pleasant to be out and about and enjoying the temperate conditions.

We have welcomed a few more new residents to the resort recently – some local, and one from interstate, which goes to show how popular our resort is. Word of our beautiful, well appointed resort clearly spreads far and wide, which is indicative of how special this community is. With so many activities to enjoy and great friendships to be made, it's an easy decision for anyone contemplating moving to the resort.

Sales are moving well and enquiries are regular, so if you are thinking of relocating closer to family or just feel like a move, you'll be in good company! Please contact me to give an appraisal of your lovely home.

Our 'Refer a Friend' offer is a great incentive to encourage your friends to make the move and enjoy all what is on offer. See the opposite page for more details.

Finally, a reminder to please contact the Sales Office if you have an interesting story you would like published in the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time,

Julie D'Arpino
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News briefs.

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.



Meet the maintenance men

There are so many people that make our resort the incredible community that it is – here, we give a special mention to two of them. Brothers Kent and Stuart are two members of our maintenance team, whose hard work and diligence keep our resort running smoothly (and looking beautiful!). You'll often see them around the resort, putting in a hard day's work – but always with big smiles on their faces. Thanks for everything you do!

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.



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: @pallmlakeresort
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Refer your friends!

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home and enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you, right? 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.



Our resident book club meets



A competitive game of Canasta



We love our aqua aerobics sessions!



Around the grounds.

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING FUN HAPPENING AROUND OUR RESORT – JUST TAKE A LOOK AT OUR JAM-PACKED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LIST (ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!).

From cards and canasta to aqua aerobics, our resort is home to many thriving sports and social groups. On any given day, you can find homeowners catching up for book club, rehearsing for upcoming band gigs and doing beautiful crafts. On this page, enjoy a snippet of resort life!



The Tonics during band practice.



Our Scrabble experts in action



The ladies of our quilting group

Meet your neighbour.

ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OUR NEWEST HOMEOWNER, MARILYN CHRISTIE, WHO HAS TAKEN UP OCCUPANCY IN 225 POINSETTIA STREET.

Marilyn joins us from beautiful McLaren Vale in South Australia, a well known wine region (and as you'd predict, Marilyn likes a glass of wine!). Before moving to the Northern Rivers, Marilyn had spent her life in South Australia, raising three beautiful daughters alongside her husband Bruce.

After Bruce retired from his mechanical business – which he ran for 30 years – the couple spent 10 wonderful years on a 40-foot yacht (sailing the ocean blue. Together they visited the coastal gems of Queensland, including the Whitsundays and Lizard Island – Bruce as the skipper, and Marilyn as the galley hand.

Together they encountered many challenging seas, manoeuvring around reefs and navigating their way around prawn trailers, even at night. Eventually, they decided to leave the sailing world behind. They sold their yacht surprisingly quickly, and embarked on their next, more relaxing chapter: cruising their way around Europe (letting someone else drive the boat!).

When Bruce passed away a year ago, Marilyn decided to move closer to her daughters in the Northern Rivers. She had loved living at McLaren Vale but, after much collaboration between her and her family, she decided the move to Palm Lake Resort Ballina made a lot of sense.

Marilyn lives an active, involved lifestyle, so when she saw how many activities were on offer at the resort – and the friendly community she would be moving into – it sealed the deal.

Since joining us, Marilyn has attended a couple of Tai chi classes, enjoyed a Monday evening meal and joined Happy Hour on Friday. She is really enjoying the friendly neighbourhood and is keen to try more activities as she settles into the resort.

Most importantly, Marilyn's family members are very happy knowing Marilyn is close by for regular visits, so she can enjoy the company of her grandchildren.



Weekly activities.

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
- 1.30pm Cinema
- 2pm Mixed lawn bowls

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 BYO 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





Bright, Victoria

Travel through time.

AUSTRALIA'S BUSTLING COASTAL CAPITALS TEND TO GET ALL THE SPOTLIGHT, BUT THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID FOR PLACES WHERE THINGS MOVE A LITTLE SLOWER. IF YOU'RE PLANNING YOUR NEXT ROAD TRIP, WHY NOT STEP BACK IN TIME WITH A VISIT TO ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BEST HISTORIC TOWNS?

What makes a town historic? Not just any old place (literally) can make the cut. The best historic towns combine both age and atmosphere. We're talking towns, not cities – generally under 15,000 people – where heritage buildings aren't just dotted around, but define the heart of town. Think preserved streetscapes, pubs that have been pouring since the 1800s, and post offices, courthouses and churches from the earliest days of settlement. Here are some of Australia's best...

Charleville, Queensland

If you're looking for classic outback charm – wide streets, federation-era buildings and a strong railway history – look no further than Charleville. Explore its rich heritage at the historic railway station or the remnants of the top secret WWII base (operated by the US Air Force), stargaze at the Cosmos Centre, and extend your stay at one of the historic Hotel Corones or classic Warrego Motel.

Charters Towers, Queensland

Walking down the main streets of Charters Towers, it's easy to believe it was once one of Australia's richest gold rush towns. From the grand Stock Exchange Arcade (Charters Towers is home to one of the world's first regional stock exchanges) and towering bank buildings to the old-school pubs with their classic verandah dining, Charters Towers may be just 90 minutes from Townsville – but it feels like a step back in time.

Braidwood, New South Wales

Many towns have a heritage-listed building or two, but few are heritage-listed in their entirety – that's what makes Braidwood so special. Established in the mid-1800s, Braidwood has become a popular tourist destination – not only for its rich history, but its slightly bohemian feel, too. Browse the bakeries and boutiques, hunt for antiques, and soak up the charm of small-town life (and all just one hour from Canberra).

Morpeth, New South Wales

Established in the early 1800s, this historic river port has been beautifully preserved over time – even despite its decline with the arrival of the railway in the late 19th century. Now, a stroll through Morpeth isn't complete without a visit to the old wharf precinct, a peak inside its sandstone buildings or a stop at the Historic Arnott Bakehouse.

Berrima, New South Wales

Boasting one of New South Wales' most intact colonial streetscapes, and Australia's oldest continually licensed pub (the Surveyor General Inn, established in 1834), Berrima is a must-visit if you're exploring the picturesque Southern Highlands. Visit the historic courthouse and Berrima Gaol, shop for antiques and artisan goods, and find out why Berrima has been frozen in time since the late 1800s.

Beechworth, Victoria

What sets a gold rush town apart from the rest? Some Ned Kelly lore, that's what. Beechworth was the site of Ned Kelly's 1880 trial, meaning a visit to its historic courthouse and 30-plus National Trust-listed buildings is a must-do when you're in town. Find out why they say that Beechworth's paths were paved with gold, then explore its darker history with a ghost tour you won't soon forget.

Port Fairy, Victoria

It doesn't get much more charming than Port Fairy, Victoria's heritage fishing village. Beginning as a whaling station in the 1830s, and becoming one of the country's busiest ports two decades later, Port Fairy has retained more than 50 National Trust-classified buildings. Walk the wharf, admiring its whitewashed cottages, and take in the sea air at a waterside pub. The perfect end to a Great Ocean Road adventure.

Bright, Victoria

Once a thriving gold rush town, nowadays, Bright shines for a different reason – the vivid autumn leaves that line its quaint streets. Close to Mount Hotham, it's the perfect place to go if you're looking for an alpine escape – especially one that includes cosy cafes, a strong brewery scene and rewarding rail trails.

Hahndorf, South Australia

Unique Hahndorf was established in the 1830s by German Lutherans, making it Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Nestled near the Adelaide Hills wine region, its famous for its 19th century Prussian architecture and delicious German fare, meaning Aussies don't need to travel to Hanover to indulge in authentic schnitzel or pretzels.

Richmond, Tasmania

Tasmania is rich in history, but the fittingly-named Richmond is one of its most famous villages – for good reason. Dating back to the 1820s, when it began as a convict-era garrison town (military outpost), Richmond's streetscape hasn't changed all that much since then. Pay a visit to Australia's oldest stone bridge, one of the country's oldest gaols, and the many cosy tearooms and shops in the town's centre.

York, Western Australia

Western Australia's oldest inland town – with one of the state's best heritage main streets – York was a key stop en route to the 1890s goldfields boom. Set in the beautiful Avon Valley, about an hour and a half from Perth, it provides the perfect day trip destination: country pubs, wildflowers, and heritage stays if you can't bear to leave just yet.

New Norcia, Western Australia

Founded in 1847 by Spanish Benedictine monks, New Norcia is Australia's only monastic town. It was first developed as a mission, but has bloomed into a religious and cultural centre in the decades since. Quiet, contemplative and honestly surreal, its distinct European architecture and classic outback setting make it well worth the two-hour drive from Perth.



Richmond, Tasmania



Charters Towers, Queensland



Morpeth, New South Wales



York, Western Australia

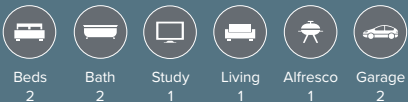


Hahndorf, South Australia

Homes for sale.

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Home 103 - \$1,195,000

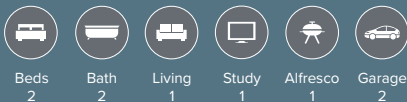


Style and serenity.

A custom-built study with integrated shelving and peaceful garden views sets this two-bedroom home apart. Light-filled interiors create a warm, inviting atmosphere, while timber vinyl flooring flows through the main living areas and plush carpet adds comfort to both bedrooms. The modern kitchen is well equipped with contemporary appliances, ready for everyday living. Surrounded by a mature, landscaped garden, the home offers privacy and charm in equal measure. A short stroll to the clubhouse puts leisure and community right at your doorstep.



Home 311 - \$995,000



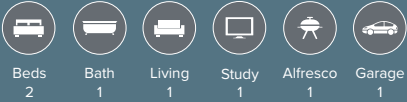
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A true haven.

Bathed in natural light with soaring vaulted ceilings, this welcoming home creates a bright and airy atmosphere throughout. A spacious study overlooks the garden, offering a peaceful space to work or unwind. Positioned as the first home past the boundary gates, it enjoys a sense of privacy while remaining just a short walk from the clubhouse, undercover bowls facilities, and work shed. With only five other homes nearby, the setting is intimate and community-focused. The easy-care garden and minimal outdoor area are perfect for low-maintenance living. Don't miss your chance to view this charming home.



Home 38 - \$975,000



UNDER
OFFER

Light and bright.

This welcoming home invites you into an open-plan lounge and dining area, filled with natural light and enjoying garden views from all aspects of the living space. The modern kitchen is well equipped with contemporary appliances, while tiled flooring flows through the main areas of the home, complemented by lush carpeted bedrooms.

A dedicated study sits conveniently close to the living area and also overlooks the garden, offering a pleasant and practical workspace. Outside, the tidy and well-maintained garden provides a low-maintenance setting, enhancing the home's light, airy feel.



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 12,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS.

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WE WON'T SOON
FORGET!



Truganina bowls us over!

Our **Palm Lake Resort Trugagina** bowlers delivered an outstanding performance during the most recent pennant season, achieving not one but two premierships wins, along with two runner-up finishes. Well done to everyone involved – a great team effort!



Trauma teddies go overseas.

Ladies from the **Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay** knitting and craft group have been producing these adorable 'trauma teddies' for the local Urangan Branch of the QCWA. The best part? The teddies have been sent to Indonesia, so that they can be distributed among flood-affected children.

Le dîner en blanc.

Over a year ago, the **Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes** community was deeply moved by the story of a young boy's brave battle with brain cancer – especially since the young boy's grandparents call the resort home. Immediately, one question was on everyone's lips: 'Le Dîner en Blanc' (a "White Dinner"). The global phenomenon began in Paris in 1988, but has since spread across 85 cities – and now, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

The 'White Dinner Working Group' spent months planning how to bring their vision to life, holding top-secret meetings to plan every last detail, right down to the elaborate white tablescapes. Without those dedicated volunteers crafting floral arrangements, managing entertainment and handling set up and pack down, the night couldn't have taken place – nor been so successful.

When the night of the dinner finally arrived, it was more than just a visual spectacle – it was a show of community. Homeowners came together, forging new friendships and strengthening existing ones, and all for an excellent cause.

The night was an overwhelming success, and now a new question is being asked: "When is the next one?".

We look forward to seeing this become a much-anticipated tradition, not just to come together as a resort, but to support the grandchildren and families within our special community.



Living the high life.

Our homeowners love living in luxury – and having a laugh! At **Palm Lake Resort Carindale**, a newly-created lounge area has quickly been dubbed 'The Qantas Lounge', and homeowners love using it for downtime, church group and coffee catch-ups. One talented homeowner has even created a wooden sign! Meanwhile, at **Palm Lake Resort Yamba**, homeowners have established an exclusive 'corporate box' (dubbed Bay 13, just like at the Melbourne Cricket Ground), and it's the perfect place to watch pickleball games on the new court.



Cooking for a cause.

Our **Palm Lake Resort Bargara** homeowners regularly join forces with the QCWA Bundaberg Branch members to cook for those in need – and have a lot of fun in the process! Recently, on one day alone, the group cooked enough lasagne and cottage pie to serve 174 people. Thanks for caring for your community, one meal at a time!

Friendly rivalry.

There's nothing quite like a bit of friendly competition to bring Palm Lake Resort communities together – and four of our locations have been doing just that!

Palm Lake Resorts Beachmere Sands and **Beachmere Bay** went head-to-head in their bi-annual intervillage lawn bowls competition on March 29. Despite a windy lead-up, the day delivered fine conditions and plenty of entertaining play. Beachmere Bay took home the win, but both teams could put aside their rivalry to celebrate together over burgers and a cold beer in The Sands clubhouse. Rumour has it The Sands are already sharpening up for the next round – watch this space!

Meanwhile, **Palm Lake Resorts Tea Gardens** and **Forster Lakes** teed off in their annual golf challenge. The tournament is played across four games using the Stableford scoring system – and this was the first. Forster Lakes claimed the day's honours, with a combined score of 230 points to Tea Gardens' 218. Jo Nolan of Forster Lakes was the standout individual performer with an impressive 41 points. The next round is set for Hawks Nest Golf Club on July 20.



We love our staff!

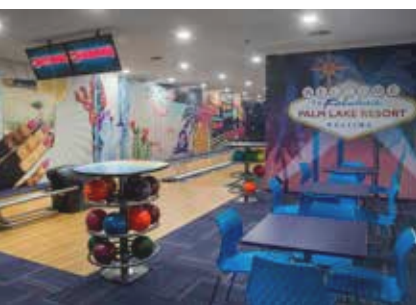
The **Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba** Social Committee put on a morning tea on behalf of all the homeowners to show their appreciation for their staff – much to everyone's delight! Homeowner Leanne Day put together a wonderful slideshow of images of the resort, and performed some songs to compliment them.

What's 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? We'd love to include it in the next editions of our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**



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