

APRIL - MAY 2025



The Point



Green thumbs up for indoor plants

Bring the outdoors in with easy-care indoor plants for every different room

So much to catch up on

From fashion parades to karaoke nights, we've been having a lot of fun recently...

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

Another two months have flown by, and while the year feels like it's racing ahead, we're certainly enjoying the shift to cooler weather. Autumn is a beautiful time here at the resort, with sunny days, crisp mornings and plenty of reasons to come together and enjoy our wonderful community.

Wayne and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy time over the next few weeks. Whether you spent Easter with family, friends or relaxing right here at home, we hope it was a joyful time filled with everything you love most.

Looking ahead to May, the fire brigade will be visiting for their annual smoke alarm battery check. We're just waiting on confirmation of the date, but a sign-on form will be placed in the Grand Hall soon. If you'd like to participate, please bring your own battery - the Duracell 9V is the recommended option.

This edition of The Point includes a wrap-up of some of the fantastic events we've enjoyed recently. From the monthly dinner dances - including March's lively St Patrick's Day celebration - to the fashion parade and 'Sip and Shop' afternoon, and the instantly-beloved karaoke night, it's clear that good times and great company are never far away here.

Thanks to everyone who joins in, helps out, or simply shows up with a smile - it's the spirit of this resort that makes it such a special place to call home.

If you would like to contribute something to the next edition of The Point, please email it to us here in the office.

Until next month, take care,

Wayne and Di
Palm Lake Resort Banora Point Caretakers



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News in brief.

Good Samaritans

A big thank you to Arthur Smith and Robbie McCallum for collecting bottles and cans from the resort and using the cash to buy things for resort. They have just bought and donated a defibrillator for the clubhouse, which can be found on the outside wall, up from the ramp.

Homeowners Committee

We have a new committee for 2025-2026.

President
Sandra Horne (Home 106)

Treasurer
Anita Hatton (Home 62)

Secretary
Lesley Bullus (Home 120)

Committee Members: Michael Fiddy (Home 109); Ray Graham (Home 153)

We would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing committee members for all their hard work during the year.

Fortnightly coffee club

The Fortnightly Coffee Club continues to attract a following. It's an opportunity to catch up with new or old friends for a chat and a coffee, for just \$1. Held in the Grand Hall, the dates for your diary are:

- April 9 and 23
- May 7 and 21
- June 4 and 18

Please note: the Coffee Club meets every second Wednesday at 10.30am.



Green waste collection

Make a note in your diary for the next few green waste collections (and remember to put your green waste out the night before these dates as Wayne makes his collection in the early hours of the morning):

- April 14 and 18
- May 12 and 26

Important phone numbers

Caretakers Wayne & Dianne: 5523 1188

Ambulance, Police, Fire: 000

Tweed Heads Police Station: 5506 9499

John Flynn Hospital: 5598 9000

Tweed Valley Hospital: 07 6677 2000

Electrician (Matt): 5590 5857 or 0409 396 396

Electrician (Richard): 0410 827 040

Plumber (Ryan): 0418 919 050

Border Locksmith: 5536 1611

Tweed Council: 02 6670 2400

TV/Antennas (Rob): 0419 796 649

Palm Lake Resort hair salon (Chontel): 5523 3090

Pest Control (Glenn): 0412 497 281

Super Clinic Doctors: 5589 7555

Pathology: 5524 8403

Chemsave Super Clinic: 5523 1266 (free Webster packaging and delivery)

Weekly Activities

MONDAY

11am Gentle exercise, in the Grand Hall

TUESDAY

9am Lawn bowls
TBC Dinner Dance (fourth Tuesday of each month)

WEDNESDAY

10am Table tennis, in the Clubhouse
2pm Craft group meets in the Clubhouse (second and fourth Wednesdays of the month)

THURSDAY

9.30am Folk dancing, in the Grand Hall
10am Line dancing
2pm Bingo, in the Grand Hall

FRIDAY

10am Table tennis, in the Clubhouse
2pm Lawn bowls

SATURDAY

9.30am Yoga, in the Grand Hall

SUNDAY

2pm Croquet, at the front of the resort



Pet owners

A friendly reminder to please ensure your pet is always on a leash and under your control when out of the house. Droppings must be picked up and disposed of and are not permitted in or close to the communal facilities (all buildings, pools, etc.). Please ensure your pet does not interfere with the peace, comfort or privacy of other homeowners. For more, please refer to the Residential Park Rules (July, 2017).

Around the grounds...

CATCH UP ON ALL THE FUN WE'VE BEEN HAVING AT PALM LAKE RESORT BANORA POINT, RIGHT HERE...

We danced the night away...

Both February and March dinner dances proved popular, despite the somewhat hot, humid conditions. Our February theme was 'Cool Summer', a fitting way to farewell the warmer months.

Then, in March, we celebrated St Patrick's Day in all things green. It was great to see so many of our residents embracing the theme, with a sea of green outfits on show during dinner. The menu was on theme, too, with delicious Guinness Pie and Irish Cream Cheesecake.

Stay tuned for the next dinner dance on April 29.



Joining the chorus

Our first Karaoke night for 2025 was held on March 1, with over 50 enthusiastic attendees (not all of them offering to sing solo though!). A great night was had by all, with lots of laughter and combined voices joining in the sing-along.

These nights will be held on the first Saturday of each month (except for May), and we know will become a favourite on our social calendar. Our thanks to Vidal for providing all the equipment, programme and song lists.



Fine fashions on show

There was great attendance on April 2 when we enjoyed a 'sip and shop' fashion parade. U & I Fashions gave us the opportunity to browse many racks of beautiful clothes, and then shop following the parade - which was presented so well by our five resident models. Thanks to the organisers, and to U & I Fashions for a truly fabulous day.



THE COLOUR
GREEN PROMOTES
CALM, BALANCE,
RELAXATION,
RENEWAL

Green thumbs up.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE IN YOUR HOME YOU PLACE THEM, POTTED PLANTS ADD A SPECIAL SOMETHING TO ANY AND EVERY INTERIOR. THEY INJECT LITERAL LIFE INTO INANIMATE SPACES AND BEYOND THAT, THEY BENEFIT HOMES – AND THE HUMANS THAT INHABIT THEM – BY FILTERING AIR AND ABSORBING AIRBORNE TOXINS.

The biggest problem homeowners have with incorporating potted plants into their interior scheme is keeping them alive. Yes, unfortunately, many of us either set and forget our plants or at the other end of the scale, we shower them with too much love (read: water) and the end result is the same. Having said that, the biggest mistake homeowners make around indoor plants is in the very first step: Choosing the wrong plant for the space. You simply can't enter a nursery, fall in love with any lush pot of greenery and expect it to live anywhere in your home. Just like humans, plants can be fussy when it comes to their living arrangements. To help get you off on the right foot with adding plants to your home interior, follow these guidelines and suggestions to find a plant for some of the most obvious places...

In the kitchen

A lovely little potted plant on a bright kitchen windowsill or a bright benchtop, can do wonders for the heart of your home. Try these options that are cute in size but add mighty impact:

- **Geranium:** Compact. Flowers beautifully in full sun.
- **African Violet:** Prefers bright light but not extreme heat, making it great for sunny but cooler windowsills.
- **Kalanchoe:** A flowering succulent that enjoys direct sun.
- **Echeveria:** A beautiful rosette-shaped succulent that does well in sunny spots. Enmasse, these guys add even more

impact. For example, put four different Echeveria in four individual but matching/coordinating pots and group them together on a bright bench.

- **Basil:** Grows well in a sunny spot with regular watering.
- **Thyme:** A hardy herb that loves warmth and sunlight.

In the bathroom

Bathrooms are typically high humidity, low light spaces with temperature fluctuations, so the best plants for these conditions are ones that thrive in moisture-rich environments.

- **Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum):** Handles low light and high humidity, plus it purifies the air.
- **ZZ Plant (Zamioculcas zamiifolia):** Extremely hardy, tolerates low light and moisture.
- **Cast Iron Plant (Aspidistra elatior):** Almost indestructible and thrives in low light.
- **Boston Fern (Nephrolepis exaltata):** Loves humidity but needs regular watering. The good thing here is that you're probably more likely to remember to water your boston fern given it's a room where water is easily accessible.
- **Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum spp.):** Thrives in high humidity, though it needs consistent moisture. Again, a great location to remember to water your fern.
- **Bird's Nest Fern (Asplenium nidus):** Tolerates low light and loves moisture.

In the living area

These spaces call for larger plants that make more of a statement. Living spaces can be bright, or offer lower/ indirect light, depending on the orientation of your home and the available windows so you'll want something that can handle filtered light while also able to grow to a good indoor size.

- **Fiddle Leaf Fig (Ficus lyrata):** A popular indoor tree with large, glossy leaves. Prefers bright, indirect light and occasional watering.
- **Rubber Plant (Ficus elastica):** Low maintenance with dark green or variegated leaves; thrives in bright, indirect light.
- **Bird of Paradise (Strelitzia reginae or Strelitzia nicolai):** Large tropical plant with broad leaves. Loves bright spaces but not direct sun.
- **Kentia Palm (Howea forsteriana):** A graceful, slow-growing palm that adapts well to indoor conditions.
- **Parlor Palm (Chamaedorea elegans):** Classic indoor palm with a soft, tropical look; thrives in bright, indirect light.
- **Dragon Tree (Dracaena marginata):** Tall and slim with striking foliage, easy to care for, great for indoor air quality.
- **Umbrella Tree (Schefflera actinophylla):** Lush and bushy with an elegant shape, perfect for bright rooms.

From the ceiling

Hanging pots can provide unexpected drama in the right interior spaces. They can fill a space well and bring height to that space. Low-maintenance, lush indoor hanging plants are quite inexpensive and many require minimal care, including:

- **Heartleaf Philodendron (Philodendron hederaceum):** A fast-growing, trailing plant that thrives in indirect light and only needs occasional watering.
- **Spider Plant (Chlorophytum comosum):** Hardy and adaptable, this strappy-leaved specimen gets better and better as it matures as it produces baby 'spiderettes' that drape beautifully down from the pot.
- **Devil's Ivy (Epipremnum aureum):** One of the easiest plants to grow. It tolerates low light, occasional neglect and still looks full and lush. If you like this one, you'll also love the striking green and yellow variegated leaves of **Philodendron Brasil** and the bright lime-green version called **Neon Pothos** and finally, **Marble Queen Pothos** for its variegated white/green marbled leaves.
- **Silver Satin Pothos (Scindapsus pictus):** Another close relative of Devil's Ivy with velvety, silvery-speckled leaves.

...and a few other hot tips

- If you want to make a statement in your living space but your preferred indoor plant is smaller and doesn't have a tall, upright shape, simply choose a tall statement pot that lifts your plant off the ground.
- If the spot you want to fill is simply too dark for any plant to thrive, a vase filled with greenery is a great substitute. Monstera (Monstera deliciosa) offers iconic split leaves that last weeks in water. Lucky Bamboo (Dracaena sanderiana) thrives in water, adding height and structure to a vase. Eucalyptus branches are another great option.
- It's always a good idea to have a few indoor plants on an indoors/outdoors rotation so they are always getting a period of time outside to recharge and revitalise. They'll also love a little incidental nitrate-filled rainwater while they're outside having a holiday.

Green helpers.

IS YOUR GREEN THUMB NOT AS BRIGHT GREEN AS YOU'D LIKE? CHECK OUT THESE GREEN ASSISTANTS THAT WILL HELP MAKE BEING A PLANT MUM OR DAD EASY!

The Plant Society Design Handbook by Jason Chongue, \$45, from Murdoch Books

Love plants? Appreciate design? Want to combine the best of the two in your home? The Plant Society Design Handbook brings together essential know-how for incorporating the ethereal magic of plants into your living spaces, where a striking arrangement of succulents is just as important as an investment lounge or a standout piece of art.

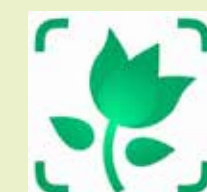
Plant Society founder Jason Chongue offers a comprehensive guide to 80+ of his go-to plants, the conditions they thrive in and how to nurture them for a long life. He reveals the secrets to successful garden layouts, sharing design-led templates that are adaptable to different spaces, and explains how to navigate plant grouping and placement, as well as style fundamentals including colour, texture, shape and scale.

With these foundations, you can explore a vast array of garden design projects – from verdant plant shelves to bold balcony arrangements to fuss-free front yards. Jason's easy-to-follow garden blueprints take a design-first approach, focusing on how plants relate to the surrounding architecture, materials and environment. Whatever the scale of your living spaces and ambition, Jason brings the rewards of a personal plant stylist into your home.

Apps for smartphones



Planta: Individual care schedule and reminders for your plants, recommendations, step by step guides, identification, light meter and more. Keep your plants alive with Planta! Visit getplanta.com



PictureThis - Plant Identifier: This app identifies millions of plants with over 98 per cent accuracy, making plant care simple and accessible. It also offers a plant disease diagnosis tool, identifies toxic plants for pets and kids, and has a great water tracker and reminder function. For iPhone and iPad in the App Store.



Homes for sale.

Home 41 - \$557,000


Beds
2


Bath
1


Living
1


Garage
1

SOLD



Freshly painted.

This lovely home features brand-new floor coverings, creating a modern and welcoming feel. The remodelled kitchen boasts stylish finishes and quality appliances, offering both functionality and elegance - perfect for everyday cooking or entertaining guests. Flooded with natural light, the spacious living areas provide a warm and inviting atmosphere, ideal for relaxing or socialising. A dedicated study adds versatility, whether you need a home office, reading nook, or creative space. Situated in a sought-after location within the resort, this home offers a peaceful setting with easy access to exclusive amenities.



Cash
buyers
await.

Listings wanted

Word has spread about our secure resort grounds, low-maintenance/ high-quality homes, world-class facilities, myriad weekly activities and welcoming coastal community - so much so, we have a number of buyers looking to purchase at Palm Lake Resort Banora Point.

If you're a homeowner here and your situation has changed, call our Sales Team for a free market appraisal. We have qualified buyers waiting to hear about any new homes as they hit the market. To find out more, FREECALL 1800 641 665 or stop by the Sales and Information Centre between 9am-11am, Monday to Friday for residents and 11am-3.30pm for sales.

Commission-free transition

Did you know that if you are a resident of any Palm Lake Resort and relocate to a new home in a different Palm Lake Resort location, you won't pay any agent's commission on the sale of your original Palm Lake Resort home?



Marketing and advertising services include:

- Professional photography of your home
- Listing on realestate.com.au
- Listing on Palm Lake Resort website
- Presented in our sales newsletter
- Printed professional flyers included in our information packs
- Homes for sale emailed to potential buyers on our database

ONLY
\$550

Want to book a private tour and find out more about our resort? FREECALL 1800 641 665 or email banora@palllake.com.au or visit us online at palllakeresort.com.au

Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 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 PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL OUR PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY ARE OUR SUPERPOWER!

Palm Lake Care needs you.

As you know, the Palm Lake Group portfolio includes more than two dozen over-50s resort communities as well as seven aged caring communities across Queensland's south-east corner.

While our Palm Lake Care teams provide highly reputable 24-7 nursing support and engaging Lifestyle programs, they are currently on the hunt for community volunteers. In each community, these volunteers can choose to spend one-on-one time with the residents or support our teams in running group activities and excursions etc.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay's Robyn Crosbie says she loves nothing more than volunteering her time at Palm Lake Care Beachmere's aged caring community which is conveniently across the road from her resort.

"I've been volunteering there every week for the past six years, helping the Lifestyle Team facilitate their activities program," she smiles.

For example, you can find Robyn going on bus trips with the residents - taking them out to lunch and on scenic drives, sometimes also to church.

"Volunteering is not for everyone but I love it. My Dad was in aged care for seven years so I'm very used to the setting," Robyn explains. "I love a chat and find it very easy to talk to the residents. I love listening to their stories and they love listening to mine."

If you're based nearby one of our seven Palm Lake Care communities and would like to assist as a volunteer, we encourage you to make an inquiry. Simply visit www.palmlakecare.com.au and you'll find all the contact details you'll need there.



100
YEARS
YOUNG!

Lucky Phil.

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby homeowner Phil McDonald has just celebrated his 100th birthday! The Eagleby community knows Phil as an avid (lead) bowler. He's a favourite teammate among the skips, always close to the jack. Even if his bowl lands just a few feet out, he curses himself, though most of us would be thrilled to bowl as well as he does! His dedication to the game has undoubtedly kept him active and young at heart. At this rate, we wouldn't be surprised if he's still bowling at 110! Congrats to Phil, from all across the Palm Lake Group!

D-Bay delight.

It's been a record-breaking year for the charitable bunch at Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay. In 2024, they recycled a record 39,141 containers and donated more than \$3900 to Farm Angels (Farm Angels provides support to rural communities in time of flood, fire, drought and plagues). They also collected and donated items for hampers for the needy over the festive season, supporting organisations such as Community Care Network and The Lighthouse. Go team!



Homeowner golfers unite on the green.

GOLF IS DEFINITELY ONE WAY THAT OUR HOMEOWNERS BOND ACROSS RESORT ADDRESSES - AND THE MOST RECENT PALM LAKE INTER-RESORT GOLF CLASSIC IS PROOF OF THIS.

For the third successive year, Caloundra Cay golfers won the Palm Lake Resort Cup, but this time it was by the skinniest of margins. The winning resort team score was 60.32 (Caloundra Cay) over Pelican Waters (60.857) and Beachmere Bay (61.0). Golfers from Palm Lake Resorts at Pelican Waters, Toowoomba, Cooroy-Noosa, Beachmere Sands, Beachmere Bay, Hervey Bay and Caloundra Cay took part in the annual event, teaming up at the superb Pelican Waters Golf Course which is owned and operated by the Palm Lake Group.

And despite an absolute drenching in the days leading up to the event – which had been abandoned five days earlier – the course was presented in unbelievably good condition for the 31 teams and 120 individuals representing Palm Lake Resort homeowners.

Competing in a four-person Ambrose, the Beachmere Bay team of Graeme Clark, Michael Gregory, Stephen Walton and Ronald Rosenberger won the day, returning a nett score of 58.625. The Pelican Waters group of Steve Whitehead, Brendan Francome, Glenn Stamp and Ronald Wilkins (59) finished second, and Caloundra Cay's Ian Chew, Heather Busch, Trish McConnell and Terry Jones (59.625) came in third. But it was the overall scoring of the nine Caloundra Cay teams that resulted in the win, and the trophy returning to its 'home' at Hemingways Country Club.

– By TONY DURKIN

Our congrats to Greg.

Palm Lake Group was pleased to hear that Australian sporting identity Greg Norman was handpicked by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to join the board organising the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games. Greg Norman Golf Course Design was the team behind the original Pelican Waters Golf Course layout and they also helped our local team reconfigure the course to make way for Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters. Greg is a supporter of the Palm Lake Group and we couldn't think of anyone more perfectly suited to this Olympic role. We send our congratulations to Greg and look forward to hosting him at Pelican Waters for a round, when he's in town.



Bravo Barnacles!

Palm Lake Resort Bargara's "Palm Lake Singers" is a choir formed by the resort's homeowners. This choir's male members have formed an additional separate choir group called "The Barnacles". Pictured above, the group stopped by Palm Lake Care Bargara recently and made a huge impression on the very grateful audience. We love seeing our homeowners involved in inter-resort events but it's just as great to see our resort homeowners and aged care communities coming together for mutual benefit. Bravo Barnacles!

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

Making memories.



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