

DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026



The Point



Plan a trip using animal instincts

Capitalise on our country's incredible array of fauna when planning your next adventure

Keep your eyes on the skies

How many of these nine elusive and iconic Australian birds have you seen?

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

As the year draws to a close, we'd like to take a moment to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year. It's been a big year across the resort, and we've appreciated your patience, your kindness and the community spirit that makes Palm Lake Resort Banora Point such a wonderful place to live.

We'll be taking some time off over the Christmas break, finishing on December 23 and returning to work on January 2. Although we'll be officially on leave, we'll still be around the resort and available by phone should anything urgent arise. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

A gentle reminder about road safety: some residents have been observed not using the main roundabout correctly. Please ensure you travel around the roundabout rather than performing a U-turn at the 10kmph sign — it's unsafe and puts both drivers and pedestrians at risk. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe.

We also extend a warm welcome to the new homeowners who joined us in December: Yvonne (Home 63) and Barry & Linda (Home 17). We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy everything our wonderful community has to offer.

Until next year, take care and enjoy the festive season.

Wayne and Di
Palm Lake Resort Banora Point Caretakers



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News in brief.

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):

- December 8 and 22
- January 6 and 20

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 (first Wednesday of the month)

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

FRIDAY
10am Table tennis, in the Clubhouse
3pm Lawn bowls

SATURDAY
9.30am Yoga, in the Grand Hall

Go slow

Sometimes when we are in a hurry, we forget the limits and our speed creeps up but, for the safety of all including our wildlife, please stick to the 10km/h speed limit. Also, to those owners of bikes, buggies and motorised scooters, you also need to respect the road rules whilst moving around our resort grounds.

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:

- December 3 and 17
- January 14 and 28

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

Stay up to date

To keep up to date with the many social activities that are happening at Palm Lake Resort Banora Point, make sure you check the whiteboards in the letterbox area.



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.

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.) or on residents' front grass areas. 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).



From the Homeowners Committee.

The Committee held a meeting with Laurence Nathan from Palm Lake Head Office on November 20, and discussed a range of matters relating to our resort.

New fans have now been installed in the Grand Hall, with more to follow. Ceiling lights in the Hall will also be improved for better lighting. The post and blind at the barbecue area are scheduled to be fixed.

New posts and a new shade will also be installed in the pool area. The pool water is tested every two days.

Painting of roofs — including the gazebo and clubhouse — is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

Additional 10kmph speeding signs will be installed around the resort.

The bus is currently undergoing major repairs. There is no confirmed date for its return. Please remember: under resort rules, the bus will not run unless there are three or more passengers.

Concerns have been raised about the bowling green gutters, which are currently too deep, and spikes still protruding. The paling fence along the Bowling Green is also starting to deteriorate. Head Office will look at replacing it with Colorbond.

Our Committee would like to thank all other committees and volunteers for their efforts throughout 2025. Your contribution has made life here so much better.

We wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a wonderful year ahead.

Sandra Horne
Chairperson

The Committee for 2025/2026: Sandra Horne (Chairperson), Anita Hatton (Home 62), Lesley Bulluss (Home 120), Michael Fiddy (Home 109), Ray Graham (Home 153).

From the Bowls Club.

It was great to see all rinks in use on November 25. Congratulations to everyone who came to play. Due to the heat, we played only 10 ends, which was appreciated by all.

Our Christmas break-up for the 50 Cent Club will be held at the Coolangatta/Tweed Golf Club on Wednesday December 4 for all bowlers and their partners. Please arrive by 11.30am. The sign-up sheet is now on the bowls noticeboard.

The final bowls days for 2025 will be Tuesday December 16 and Friday December 19, with play resuming in the new year on Tuesday January 6.

The Bowls Committee extends warm wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and a safe, healthy festive season. May 2026 bring good bowling and continued support for our bowls days.

Cheers and great bowling,

Glenda Ballard, Secretary

From the Bingo group.

This year has welcomed both new bingo players and new callers. A big thank you to Linda and Val, who have taken on the job of calling out the winning numbers each week.

We will wrap up for Christmas on Thursday December 4 and return on Thursday February 5, 2026 with a new Jackpot event. Come along and check it out — everyone is welcome. We start at 2pm sharp, and bingo tickets are \$6 each, including afternoon tea.

As the saying goes, time really does fly when you're having fun. Christmas is just around the corner, and many of us are now planning for the season — whether it's a quiet break or time spent with family and friends.

Whatever your plans may be, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year.



Social Committee news.

Karaoke in November was a little less attended than usual — the stormy weather probably had a bearing on the numbers. However, it was still a lovely night, with a variety of songs and crooners loosening their tonsils. It is always a happy crowd who enjoy getting out, having a couple of bevies and some nibbles, and mixing with a cheerful group of friends.

How about the dress-up participants at the Halloween night and Dinner Dance? There was a great mixture of witches, skeletons, monsters, zombies and pumpkin eaters, as well as a convict. The hall was particularly well decorated with ghosts, pumpkins and other interesting knick-knacks. The spaghetti bolognese was scrumptious, the garlic bread added a special touch, and the eyeballs were blindingly funny.

The special Melbourne Cup luncheon was a fantastic morning and afternoon. Lunch, catered by Craig, was excellent — plenty of chicken, ham and salads on the plate. Some guests even needed a take-home pack.

The first activity to get underway was the Guessing Game introduced by John. It turned out to be a bottle of wine called 'Pig Something'. Fittingly, the prize was a bottle of pig-branded wine. Special prizes were awarded to the best-dressed lady, Lesley, and best-dressed gentleman, Peter. Well done to you both — though I must say, there were plenty of well-dressed outfits on show!

After lunch came the long-awaited Palm Lakes Trophy. The race was vigorously contested over three heats. The final had the crowd on their feet, and was expertly ridden and won by Charlie Brown. The cup was presented by last year's winner.

The paper-rolling race was another highlight, where contestants rolled up a line of newspapers with their feet. The winner was Doug. Congratulations to you!

The last event was a new horse race introduced by John Haskew, which again had three heats and a final. Once more, the winner of the final was Charlie Brown.

The floral decorations must also be mentioned — they certainly gave the hall a true race-day atmosphere.

Merry Christmas,

David M.



Key dates, for your calendar

KARAOKE
Saturday December 6 from 5pm to 7pm. BYO drinks & nibbles.

COFFEE & CHAT
Wednesday December 3 and 17, from 10am in the Grand Hall. No charge for the remainder of 2025.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
Tuesday December 9 — please be seated by 5.30pm for a 6pm start. The theme is Christmas. Cost is \$15 for all residents, \$25 for visitors. Entertainment by Alice Anderson.

NEW YEARS EVE BBQ
Wednesday December 31, from 5pm. BYO everything — eats, drinks and laughter.

NOTE: There will be no Dinner Dance in January.

SOCIAL GROUP AGM
Monday January 19. Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join us.

Season's greetings!

FROM THE CRAFT GROUP...
Thank you to all the crafty people who have joined in on our craft days this year. It is great to see what our people can do. We will have a break now until our first craft day in 2026, which will be on Wednesday February 4.

FROM PALM LAKES HAIR & BEAUTY...
Hi all, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year filled with love and

laughter. Your continued support means the world to me and my little business. Over the past 18 months I have had the privilege to meet many of you and hear the wonderful stories of your family and friends. As a thank you for welcoming me into this lovely community, I would like to offer you a complimentary moisture infused treatment, done in salon at your next appointment. Please note: We will be closed from December 24 to January 6. Merry Christmas to you all, and much love!

Animal instincts.

PERHAPS MORE THAN OUR BEACHES, OUR SLANG WORDS OR OUR ACCENT, HERE IN AUSTRALIA, WE'RE BEST KNOWN FOR OUR ANIMALS. BUT THERE'S MORE TO OUR FAUNA THAN JUST KANGAROOS AND KOALAS. WE KNOW PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS LOVE TO TRAVEL, SO GO WILD WITH THESE AUSSIE ANIMAL ENCOUNTER IDEAS.

Quokkas of Rottnest Island

Unofficially dubbed the 'world's most photogenic animal', the quokka is the small macropod with a big Instagram presence (there are 380,000 posts under the '#quokka' hashtag and counting!). A vulnerable species, they can only be found in a small area of southwestern Australia – most notably, Rottnest Island. This small island off Perth annually draws over 750,000 visitors, all vying for the ultimate souvenir: a quokka selfie.

Whale sharks of Ningaloo Reef

Is it a whale, is it a shark? Technically, it's a fish – the largest living fish species, to be precise. Though whale sharks can be found in other corners of the world, like the Philippines, Galapagos and even Mexico, Western Australia's Ningaloo Reef boasts the highest rate of whale shark numbers and the best accessibility, meaning it's the best place to find these gentle giants close to home.

Crocodiles of Kakadu

Did you know that the Northern Territory is home to the world's largest wild crocodile population? Experts estimate there are around 100,000, which means there are plenty of places to spot them in the wild – Kakadu National Park included. For a heart-racing, blood-pumping croc spotting experience, look no further than a crocodile cruise on the Adelaide River. The cooler months of June, July and August are the best time to see them, when they make their way to the shore to bask in the sun. Our tip: Scared of encountering these prehistoric beasts in the wild? A trip to Australia Zoo's Crocoseum is the next best thing.

Penguins and seals of Phillip Island

Just over two hours from Melbourne by car, Phillip Island is home to the world's largest colony of 'little penguins' (as well as a Palm Lake Resort!). The smallest penguin species, these flightless seabirds are also known as fairy penguins and are best spotted during a 'Penguin Parade'. The best part? They're not the only animals you can spot on the island. At the appropriately named Seal Rocks, you'll also find Australia's largest colony of fur seals – and a boat cruise is one of the best ways to see them.

Wombats of Tasmania

Did you know that a group of wombats is called a 'wisdom'? Or that Tasmania is one of the best places to spot them? From Maria Island to Cradle Mountain, wombats abound on the

island state. While they are a slightly different sub-species to those found on the mainland, don't worry – they're just as round and adorable as you'd imagine. On Flinders Island, for example, they're blonder than most. Perhaps it's all the time they're spending at the beach?

Sealife of the Great Barrier Reef

African safaris have 'the big five' – on the Great Barrier Reef, they have the 'great eight'. Next time you're snorkelling around Lady Elliot Island, Heron Island or the Ribbon Reefs, keep an eye out for the following marine animals: clownfish, giant clams, manta rays, Maori wrasse (behold their 'puppy-like behaviour'), the friendly potato cod, turtles, whales, and over 50 species of sharks (don't worry – some are less dangerous than others).

Dingoes of K'gari (Fraser Island)

Unlike much of the country, dingoes in Queensland's national parks are protected as a native species – especially on K'gari, where they have had few chances to crossbreed with domestic and feral dogs. As a result, K'gari is home to around 200 dingoes – all protected, all 'pure strain' (or purer than anywhere else in the country). While it's beautiful to behold their distinctive golden coat and cute white 'socks', it's important you keep your distance. You're visiting their home, after all.

Cassowaries of the Daintree

Named for the Papuan phrase 'kasu weri' (meaning horned head), the southern cassowary is the third tallest, second heaviest living bird – and, some say, the most dangerous. They're most often spotted in North Queensland – in fact, the Daintree Rainforest is in the heart of a 'cassowary corridor', and you'll likely see them from the moment you arrive at the visitors centre. Just be sure to keep your distance – their vivid colouring belies their aggression if provoked.

Camels of Uluru

Sure, they're not technically an Australian animal, but navigating the Red Centre atop a camel is one of the most memorable outback experiences you can have. After being introduced in the 18th century as working animals, they were released into the wild in the early 20th century – only to become pests. Now, responsible camel tour providers are putting them to work once again, leading 'camel trains' around the desert.



Eyes to the skies.

AUSTRALIA IS A BIRDWATCHER'S PARADISE, HOME TO MORE THAN 800 SPECIES. HERE ARE NINE OF THE MOST ELUSIVE AND ICONIC TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WHILE YOU'RE ON YOUR NEXT TRAVEL ADVENTURE - OR FOR SOME LUCKY PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS YOU JUST MIGHT SPY ONE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

SUPERB LYREBIRD: Australia's ultimate mimic, the Superb Lyrebird can imitate everything from chainsaws to car alarms. Look (and listen) for them in the temperate rainforests where males fan their ornate tails in dazzling displays – particularly the Blue Mountains and Dandenong Ranges.

GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO: Smaller and rarer than their rowdy yellow-tailed cousins, these shy seed-crackers feed almost exclusively on casuarina cones. They're usually seen in pairs or small family groups among the coastal forests of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia – including Noosa National Park and Kangaroo Island.

REGENT HONEYEATER: Once common across eastern woodlands, this critically endangered beauty now numbers fewer than 300. Its bold yellow-and-black plumage makes it a breathtaking sight when it appears among the eucalypts of the Capertee Valley and Chiltern–Mt Pilot National Park.

RAINBOW LORIKEET: Vibrant, noisy and impossible to ignore, Rainbow Lorikeets might be common along the coast, but their riot of colour and constant chatter make them one of Australia's most recognisable icons.

AUSTRALIAN KING PARROT: With their striking scarlet chests and emerald wings, King Parrots frequent forested areas and mountain trails and often appear in pairs or small flocks. Keep an eye out in eastern Australia, from Cooktown to Melbourne – especially Lamington National Park and the Otways.

PINK ROBIN: Small, shy and perfectly pastel, the Pink Robin is a cold-climate dweller best found flitting through the shadows of temperate rainforests. When in Tasmania, Victoria and the NSW highlands (including Wilsons Promontory), look up!

BLACK-BREASTED BUTTONQUAIL: A ground-dwelling phantom of the subtropics, this elusive bird leaves its tell-tale feeding "platelets" on the forest floor. Spot them in the vine scrub near Gympie and the Scenic Rim.

PALM COCKATOO: Among the world's largest and most charismatic parrots, the Palm Cockatoo uses sticks as drumsticks to court a mate, making it one of nature's great performers. They mostly reside throughout Cape York Peninsula.

AUSTRALIAN FAIRY TERN: Australia's smallest tern is a rare beach-nesting species that breeds along the southern coastline, its delicate form darting over the turquoise shallows of Western Australia and South Australia.



Made with love.

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT THREE THINGS: FESTIVITY, FAMILY AND FOOD. AND IN THE NEW PALM LAKE CARE COOKBOOK, 'FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOUR TABLE', YOU'LL FIND TWO OF THE THREE. HERE, WE SHARE SOME RECIPES DIRECT FROM THE COOKBOOK THAT WILL SEE YOU THROUGH THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

Frangipani pie

COURTESY OF PALM LAKE CARE RESIDENT,
JOAN LITTLEJOHN

Ingredients: 1 can crushed pineapple, 2 eggs (separated), 1½ cups milk, ¾ cup sugar, pinch of salt, ½ cup cornflour (mixed with ½ cup water, divided into two portions), 1 cup shredded coconut, 1 tbsp butter, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 1 pre-cooked 20cm pastry shell or crumb crust, grated lemon rind (for garnish), 4 tbsp sugar (for meringue).

Method:

1. To make the pineapple layer, bring crushed pineapple to a boil. Beat the egg yolks and mix with half the cornflour mixture. Stir into pineapple and cook on low until thick. Set aside.
2. To make the coconut cream layer, heat milk, sugar and salt in saucepan until sugar dissolves. 5. Add remaining cornflour mixture and stir until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in coconut, butter, and vanilla.
3. To begin assembling the pie, spread half the coconut cream into the base. Top with pineapple mixture and remaining cream.
4. Make the meringue: Beat egg whites until stiff and glossy, gradually add sugar. Spread over pie and sprinkle with grated lemon rind. Bake at 180°C for 15 minutes or until golden.

Yorkshire pudding and gravy

COURTESY OF PALM LAKE CARE SUPPORT SERVICES
MANAGER, STEVE WHEELER

Ingredients: *For the Yorkshire pudding:* 140g plain flour, 4 large eggs, 200ml milk, pinch of salt, 2 tbsp vegetable oil. *Onion gravy:* 2 large onions (thinly sliced), 2 tbsp butter or oil, 1 tbsp plain flour, 500ml beef stock, 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, pinch of sugar

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan). Heat an 8" tin inside.
2. Whisk flour, salt, eggs, and milk until smooth. Rest 30 mins (or use right away).
3. Add ½ tbsp oil to tin, heat briefly, then pour in batter halfway. Bake 20–25 mins until golden and puffed. No peeking!
4. Sauté onions in butter/oil over medium heat until golden.
5. Sprinkle over flour and cook for 1–2 mins. Gradually add stock, stirring to avoid lumps. Simmer until thick for 10-15 mins, add Worcestershire sauce, season to taste.
6. For the creamy mashed potato: 1kg potatoes, peeled and chopped add 100g butter, 150ml milk (or to taste), then add salt and pepper. Boil until soft, drain, mash with butter and milk. Season to taste.
7. Serve with finest Cumberland pork sausages and peas.



Purchase a copy of this great cookbook for \$20 at the Reception desk of your closest Palm Lake Care community (visit palmlakecare.com.au for locations).



Jansson's Temptation

COURTESY OF PALM LAKE CARE BETHANIA'S
CHEF MANAGER, VEIJO LEHTO

Ingredients: 900g potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced, 1 large onion, finely chopped, ½ cup butter, divided, ½ cup breadcrumbs, 1 can anchovy fillets (or use anchovy paste), 2 cups heavy cream, ½ cup milk, salt and pepper to taste, fresh dill for garnish (optional)

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F).
2. Sauté onion in ¼ cup butter until soft and slightly caramelised.
3. Layer the casserole: Grease a baking dish. Layer half the potatoes, half the onion, and half the anchovies. Repeat with remaining ingredients.
4. Make the cream sauce: Mix cream, milk, salt, and pepper. Pour evenly over the dish. Top with breadcrumbs and drizzle with the remaining melted butter.
5. Bake for 45–50 minutes, or until golden and bubbling. Rest for 5–10 minutes. Garnish with dill, if using.

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, phone 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

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. 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!

Our Bargara homeowners prove themselves charity champions

BARGARA
RAISES
\$250,000 FOR
CHARITY!

Palm Lake Resort Bargara again this year proved their passion for worthy charitable causes, raising another \$28,500 for Relay for Life. This effort takes the resort's total figure raised for the annual Cancer Council Queensland event to an incredible \$250,000!

Palm Lake Resort Bargara's team, "Young at Heart", was proud to see previous team member Ron Myler named the 2025 Relay For Life Patron. Ron was the driving force behind this resort's involvement with the Cancer Council after himself suffering cancer. Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Relay for Life chair Harrison Titmarsh said having such dedicated team return year after year was really meaningful.

"It shows an incredible level of commitment and passion, not only for the event but also for the purpose as to why we Relay For Life," Harrison said.

"As Chair, I am incredibly grateful to have them join us year after year, they are simply amazing at what they do."

Harrison said our resort's passion, commitment, dedication and determination for raising funds for Cancer Council was simply incredible.

"This team inspires myself to do even more fundraisers to raise vital funds for Cancer Council Queensland," he said. "As someone who has been touched by cancer twice in their life. I've seen firsthand the strength it takes to keep fighting. It's so important to raise much needed funds

for Cancer Council Queensland so they can continue research, early prevention and cancer support services.

As Harrison pointed out, and Palm Lake Resort Bargara homeowners agree, Relay For Life injects fun into what we all know as "an evil disease".

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Bowlers converge on Roma

A long-standing tradition among a group of dedicated Palm Lake Resort bowlers sees teams converge on a regional town for a few days of greens action. This year, the inter-resort bowling competition hit Roma, which is about 5.5 hours west of Brisbane along the Warrego Highway. Players travelled from Palm Lake Resorts Upper Coomera, Hervey Bay, Bargara and Beachmere Bay for the event. While the point of the event is a bowls tournament, we can tell you that the main attraction is the social connection, with bowlers (and many tag-along non-bowling friends) meeting up with homeowners from fellow Palm Lake Resorts.



The Cup stops by

Check out the special visitor that stopped by Palm Lake Resort Truganina recently - the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup! It's an iconic piece of Aussie sporting history and our team was thrilled to have it in their (gloved) hands while it was on its annual Melbourne Cup tour. Giddyup!

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**

Tasty Tea Gardens tradition

Each year, as the resort cumquats ripen, a group of dedicated Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens residents roll up their sleeves, gather in the resort kitchen and turn baskets of fruit into jars of golden jam. Jam making has become more than just a seasonal event; it's a highlight on the Palm Lake Resort calendar! There's always laughter, plenty of taste-testing and, of course, a delicious reward at the end. Best of all, the jars are shared far and wide, bringing a little homemade joy to residents and visitors alike. Such a special resort tradition that we all think is fab!



Collection makes cents

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay homeowners Pete and Jenny report that they've collected 23,689 containers for recycling so far this year! That means \$2328.90 has gone to Farm Angels, their chosen charity. Farm Angels provides support to outback communities facing fire, flood, plagues, droughts and other calamities. Pete and Jenny say it's surprising how much their collections vary month to month. "In the warmer months, December to March, we get \$75 to \$80 a week - sometimes over \$100," they say. "It's a good job we have a large SUV to squeeze all the bags in!" Last year the pair raised \$4000 for the year by collecting and recycling cans. Let's hope the Deception Bay community helps to get this very dedicated pair to their same target again this year.



65 years of love!

Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay homeowners Les and Anita enjoyed a lovely resort celebration to mark their 65th Wedding Anniversary recently. What a wonderful milestone!

Connections, for life.



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