

DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025



The Point



The race that stops the nation

From fashion to fierce competition, catch up on this year's Melbourne Cup Day fun

Giving the gift of family memories

We share tips for capturing your family's history to create meaningful gifts

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

As the year quickly draws to a close, it's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. 2024 has been a wonderful year, and we hope everyone is feeling the festive spirit as we approach this special season.

Please note that the office will be closed from Monday December 23 until Monday December 30. While we take this short break, we'll still be available by phone for any emergencies during this period.

We'd like to remind residents of a couple of important points: visitors are not permitted to bring dogs into the resort, and residents are not allowed to care for dogs belonging to family or friends. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our community safe and comfortable for everyone.

As we wrap up the year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers. Your dedication and efforts throughout the year have been invaluable, and we truly appreciate everything you do to make our resort such a wonderful place to live.

Looking ahead, a quick reminder that bingo will finish for the year on Thursday December 12 and will return on Thursday January 16. Green waste collection days for the coming months can be found on the opposite page.

On behalf of Wayne and myself, we'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, and special moments with loved ones.

Here's to a bright and exciting 2025!

Until next month, take care,

Wayne and Di
Palm Lake Resort Banora Point Caretakers

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News in brief.

We want to hear from you!

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



Your summer page-turner

Summer and the end-of-year holiday season are upon us and so we have another edition of Your Time magazine packed full of festive reads. In this edition, you can catch up on the progress we're making at Yamba Cove, Paynesville and more. There's also a wonderful feature story based on a 50-year-old Elliott family scrapbook that contains the most nostalgic newspaper clippings and photos. We've also got plenty of stories in our popular Lifestyle section around how you too can collect your own prized family history - it's the perfect time of the year to be thinking about that. If you haven't received a hard copy in your mailbox, you can always catch up and read it online at palllakeresort.com.au



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 4 and 18
- January 15 and 29

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



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).

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.

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.

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 9 and 23
- January 13 and 29 (Monday January 27 is a public holiday)



Cup Day fun.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY AT PALM LAKE RESORT BANORA POINT WAS A SPECTACLE OF FUN, FASHION, AND FABULOUS COMPANY.

Homeowners gathered in the clubhouse, dressed to the nines, ready to celebrate Australia's most famous race in style.

The festivities included the much-anticipated Best Dressed competition, where glamorous dresses, bold fascinators and sharp suits lit up the room. Judges had a tough time choosing the winners, as every participant brought their A-game. Well done to all involved!

The clubhouse transformed into a racetrack of sorts for the thrilling wind-up horse racing. Cheers and laughter filled the air as participants enthusiastically wound their toy steeds down the track. The crowd roared with excitement as each "jockey" tried to edge out their competition.

But the highlight of the day was the hilarious stablehand challenge. Contestants, armed with scoops, raced to collect (fake!) horse poop scattered around the course.

Of course, the afternoon wouldn't have been complete without watching the Melbourne Cup race live on the big screen, with everyone enjoying nibbles and bubbles in hand.

It was a day to remember - full of camaraderie, good-natured competition and the vibrant community spirit that makes Palm Lake Resort Banora Point such a special place to call home.

From the Bowls Club...

On Sunday November 17, we had a wonderful visit from the Condong Social Bowls group. This was a very enjoyable morning. We had 24 players participating, and a result with 2 team wins each. We did lend some Palm Lake Resort Banora Point bowlers to fill in the numbers - though next time, we won't lend Reg! He played exceptionally.

We served morning tea (which was supplied by several members) before bowls, and completed the day with a barbeque lunch and drinks. There was also a raffle which everyone seemed to enjoy. Having another club visit and enjoy our green and hospitality was great for our group. We have fantastic support from all our bowls members and partners, and we sincerely thank all of you. It is greatly appreciated.

Sadly, we are going to have to say goodbye and good luck to our committee member - and great bowler and friend - Keith Curtis. He, along with his wife Jackie, are relocating to family near Rockhampton in late January. You will both be missed.

At the time of writing, our Christmas break up for the 50 cent club will take place at the Coolangatta/Tweed Golf Club will have taken place on Tuesday December 3. We are sure that all bowlers and partners had a great time.

The last days for bowls will be Tuesday December 17 and Friday December 20. We will commence again in 2025 on Tuesday January 7 and Friday January 10.

The bowls committee extend our wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy festive season. May 2025 bring with it good bowling and continued good weather.

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

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)

It's the season of giving... memories.



THIS FESTIVE SEASON, WHY NOT CELEBRATE THE GIFTS WE ALREADY HAVE? OUR FAMILY, OUR PAST, OUR HAPPY MEMORIES – THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE SO SPECIAL. HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN TURN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY INTO CHERISHED GIFTS.

Handmade scrapbooks

A handmade scrapbook filled with photos, notes, and keepsakes from the past is a beautiful way to bring your family's history to life. You can curate themed pages adorned with photos, ticket stubs or mementos to reflect special memories – think family holidays, childhood memories or important milestones. Alternatively, consider a scrapbook frame to display a single page or a collection of items that tell a story. These frames can hold vintage photographs, concert tickets or handwritten letters, creating a piece of art that blends memories with home decor. A perfect solution if you're creating gifts for more than one person.

Memory books

We each have a seemingly endless well of memories, but it can be hard to recall them all on our own. Memory books are a wonderful way to share stories from our lives – and you can find them just about anywhere. Of course, there are digital alternatives, too. Websites like Storyworth allow users to answer questions about their past (including questions submitted by their friends and family members). At the end of the year, the answers are compiled into a book. These stories offer insight into family traditions, adventures and life lessons. Can you think of a better gift for the next generation?

Photo albums and books

Curating a photobook is a great way to tell a visual story. Gather up your pictures from over the years, from family vacations to simple moments at home. Many online services

offer easy-to-use templates to create beautiful albums that will be cherished for generations. For tech-savvy grandparents, digitising old photos and videos is a special touch – turning fading images into high-quality digital files that can be shared easily across devices.

Digital frames

A modern twist on a classic present, a digital frame allows you to share hundreds of photos in a rotating display. Certain frames allow you to preload a selection of family snapshots, while others can be added to remotely (via cloud technology) for a display that changes as your family does. If a picture tells a thousand words, we can't think of a better way to keep your memories alive.

Furniture with meaning

Furniture may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think about sentimental gifts, but restoring or passing down a cherished piece can have great significance. Whether it's a rocking chair that's been used by generations or a coffee table where family game nights took place, these pieces allow memories to live on – even when the walls around them change. For a personal touch, inscribe meaningful dates or messages on the furniture, or write a letter explaining its history to your gift's recipient.

Sentimental jewellery

As some of our most treasured possessions, pieces of jewellery can carry deep of nostalgia – especially when they have been passed down through the generations. That necklace or watch that has been gathering dust in your nightstand could become a cherished gift for your child or grandchild. Or how about creating a custom piece from a broken or dated item? You can incorporate birthstones, engravings or even handwriting – with sentimental jewellery, the possibilities are endless.

Keeping the past alive.

THE HOLIDAYS USUALLY PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SIT AROUND A TABLE WITH LOVED ONES. WHY NOT USE THESE PRECIOUS MOMENTS TO SPARK NEW CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OLD MEMORIES? THIS IS YET ANOTHER WAY TO KEEP THE PAST ALIVE. JUST MAKE SURE YOU DOCUMENT THESE VALUABLE CHATS – YOU COULD MAKE VOICE OR VIDEO RECORDINGS OR TAKE NOTES AND TURN THEM INTO A KEEPSAKE BOOK. TO MAKE THINGS EASY, WE'VE COME UP WITH A FEW QUESTIONS, BELOW, TO HELP GET THE BALL ROLLING ON DOCUMENTING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY...

Questions about childhood

- What was your favourite game to play as a child?
- What was your favourite item in your childhood bedroom? Did you have a special toy?
- Who were your best friends, and what did you like to do together?
- Did you have any pets? What were they like?
- What's a memory from school that stands out to you?
- What was your favourite meal growing up, and who cooked it?

Questions to compare experiences

- What was school like when you were a kid, and how is it different from school today?
- How did you celebrate your birthdays growing up?
- What was traveling like when you were younger compared to now?
- What are some things you did that you think kids today don't get to experience?
- How was life different when you were my age, and how is it the same?

Questions about family traditions

- What special traditions did your family have for holidays like Christmas or birthdays?
- How did your family celebrate big milestones, like weddings or graduations?
- Was there a family recipe that was passed down to you? Are there any family meals special to you? Why?
- Did your family have any unique or funny traditions?
- What was your role during family gatherings when you were younger?

Questions about life events

- What was one of the most important decisions you made in your life?
- Can you tell me about the day you met (spouse/partner)?
- What was your first job, and what things did you learn from it?
- What's the best piece of advice you've received?
- What's a challenge you faced that taught you a lot about yourself?

Questions about the different eras

- What did you do for fun when you didn't have modern technology?
- How did you communicate with your friends or family before the internet and mobile phones?
- What kind of music did you listen to? How did you hear about new bands or songs?
- What major world events or historical moments do you remember clearly?
- How did people dress when you were my age?

Questions about family and ancestors

- Can you tell me about your parents or grandparents?
- What is the most interesting thing you've heard about our family history?
- Did your family have any special heirlooms or items that were passed down?
- What do you know about where our family originally came from?
- Are there any funny or memorable stories about our family that I haven't heard before?

Homes for sale.

Home 51 - \$557,000


Beds
2


Bath
2


Living
1


Garage
1

SOLD



Wow factor.

This fabulous opportunity offers the chance to own a delightful two bedroom home in a highly sought-after area of the resort. The home boasts a fresh presentation with new carpet, a spacious kitchen with modern appliances and a breakfast bar, as well as an updated, stylish vanity and a separate toilet. A great private deck extends off the kitchen, perfect for outdoor enjoyment.



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 IS OUR SUPERPOWER!

Deception Bay quilt club turns 20.

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay's quilters have just celebrated an impressive milestone: 20 years of togetherness AND an incredible number of quilts produced for charity...

"Our numbers have waxed and waned over the years, but we've always had around 12 regulars to our Saturday morning get-togethers," explains quilt group members Dawn and Jan. "In the early days, we all just shared our knowledge of quilt making and enjoyed the chats. But in 2008, we began handing out quilts to homeowners within our resort who we had been advised had moved into care. We also gave some quilts to Palm Lake Care when they first began operating.

"In early 2020, we became aware of the dreadful fires down in the Bega area of New South Wales. A call out for some more members to make quilts for those affected resulted in over 100 quilts making their way down to fire victims."

While COVID limited things in 2020 and 2021, members continued to quilt at home. They also made hundreds of masks that were sold both within the resort and outside, helping to raise funds for the purchase of backing fabrics, wadding and other requirements.

"For some time now we have also been donating quilts to various charities and we will continue to keep spreading the goodwill," the pair says.

And you won't believe the numbers. Here's a snapshot of the almost ONE THOUSAND quilts that have been produced and donated by the group over the years:

- Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre: 350
- Drought Angels, Chinchilla (now "Farm Angels"): 260
- Palm Lake Resort homeowners going into care: 170
- Palm Lake Care: 30
- Bega Fires: 100
- Centre Against Domestic Abuse Caboolture: 75

Dawn and Jan sent out a special thank you to their fellow Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay neighbours who support the group's monthly dinner raffles and their annual quilt show.

"We'd also like to thank the homeowners who donate fabric for us to make into quilts. Our cupboard is filled with fabrics, all waiting to become part of some more colourful quilts!"



When you're on a good thing...

Did you know that almost the whole team at Palm Lake Resort Eagleby are long-time employees? It's quite the achievement to have all of these long-timers in one resort and most likely reflects the strong sense of community there. The superstars include:

- **Micky:** Caretaker, 15 years
- **Anne:** Cook, 10+ years
- **Kate:** Kitchen hand, 10+ years
- **Lauren:** Administrator, 10 years
- **Daguy:** Assistant Caretaker, 10 years



Eric's birthday tradition

There's a fun tradition at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba that always makes us smile. Homeowner Eric Gibbons owns a bright yellow motorcycle with sidecar and when a fellow homeowner celebrates a milestone birthday, Eric takes them for a spin! Most recently Annette Walker had the delight of a cruise with Eric on her 80th birthday.

Gold medal-winning Olympian brings celeb flavour to Cooroy-Noosa.

There's no doubt about it – when Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowners get together, they go for all-out fun! So, of course, when the Olympics are on – you have to have your own Mini Olympics. It helps, of course, when the daughter of one of the homeowners happens to be none other than gold-medal-winning former heptathlete Glynis Nunn-Cearns.

The resort's very vibrant Social Committee of 22 volunteers got their heads together with Glynis and arranged for some fun activities.

Six teams organised themselves for competition, complete with uniforms and table decorations – Australia, England, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland and the USA. Spectators were not left out, with games organised for them as well.

Some very tricky games were embarked upon with much enthusiasm and determination, with co-operation the key to success. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners on the day, with Scotland ultimately the victorious team.

We like to come together for fun.

There's no doubting that each of our resort communities offer fun for their homeowners - it's when multiple Palm Lake Resort communities come together that the magic happens. Here's a snapshot of the most recent inter-resort events we've seen...

Palm Lake Resorts Bethania and Waterford converged at Bethania for a McGrath Foundation 'pink' breast cancer fundraiser. A raft of local dignitaries attended and \$4000 was raised for charity (pictured right).

On the sporting pitch, 66 Beachmere Bay bowlers and friends travelled to Bargara for a two-day tournament. Many spectators also attended - vantage points were at a premium. Team Bargara came out on top.

Still on lawn bowls, the third game in the annual "Across the tracks" competition saw Palm Lake Resort Bethania come out on top, over their friends at our Waterford resort. Waterford actually won the series, two games to one, but Bethania took home the trophy on points.



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

Entertain your friends.



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