

JUNE - JULY 2025



The Point



Adventures await behind the wheel

Autumn provides the perfect opportunity to lock up your home and drive!

Over the back fence

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

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

As we settle into the cooler months here at Banora Point, we've already felt that unmistakable winter chill creeping in - especially in the mornings! We hope everyone is staying cosy.

We've had a busy few weeks around the resort. Our Anzac Day service was a moving and memorable occasion, with residents gathering to honour those who served - please turn to Page 5 for more information. More recently, we celebrated Mother's Day in style, with lots of laughter, love and beautiful moments shared (see Page 4 for photos and highlights).

At the time of writing we are preparing marks our Biggest Morning Tea, and with 91 residents and friends set to attend, it's shaping up to be a wonderful event in support of a great cause. Thank you to everyone who's helped bring this day together - your efforts don't go unnoticed.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to our local fire brigade, who recently visited the resort to change smoke alarm batteries. Over 50 homes took part, and we're so grateful for their continued support and commitment to safety.

As always, a quick reminder to let us know if you're expecting visitors or heading away for a few days. It's important we have an accurate register in case of emergencies. And while we love meeting your guests, please remember that visiting dogs are not permitted within the resort grounds.

Stay warm, stay connected - and we look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with you this winter.

Until next month, take care,

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):

- June 6 (June 9 is a public holiday) and 23
- July 7 and 21

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)

Dinner dances

In April we welcomed autumn with a seasonally-themed night, which was enjoyed by many residents. The month of May saw a 'black and white' theme, with entertainer Tracey Vaughan - again, it was very well attended.

The Social Committee has planned themes for the following two dinners: 'Rock 'n' Roll' in June and, of course, the obligatory Christmas in July.

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:

- June 4 and 18
- July 2, 16 and 30
- August 13 and 27

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

Karaoke nights

Our karaoke nights return in June (after a month rest), and will once again be held on the first Saturday of each month following.

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

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).

Around the grounds...

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

One mother of a party!

Mother's Day was celebrated with a gourmet breakfast roll, cooked and served by the willing guys from our resort. Their efforts meant the ladies could enjoy being waited on. Thank you to the 'volunteers'.



Coming up...

Our Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser is planned for Wednesday June 18, and it's set to be a big event.

As always, this fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity for our homeowners to come together over a cuppa, a delicious morning tea and a good chat - all while raising much-needed funds for the Cancer Council's research and support.

The tickets are \$10, with raffle tickets at the door being \$5 for three. There will be a huge range of prizes to be won. So come along, have fun and raise money for a wonderful cause. It's sure to be an unmissable event.

We will remember them.

This year's Anzac Day service was another huge success. Thanks to the time and dedication of the resident organisers, the day went off without a hitch.

It was a touching tribute to the brave Australians who have served our country. Thank you to everyone involved in putting it together.

Lest we forget.



The bowls report.

OUR BOWLS GROUP IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. FIND OUT WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO...

Over the past four weeks we have only lost three days of playing due to the weather! We are very fortunate that, with the new green, the drainage system is so good that it allows us play within a couple of hours following a deluge.

We have been seeing so many homeowners signing in to play bowls on both days, which is very encouraging.

The start time for bowls in winter is 9am on Tuesdays and 3pm on Fridays. During daylight savings times, we revert to 4pm on Fridays - Tuesday remains the same at 9am.

We do ask bowlers to present 30 minutes earlier for teams to be confirmed (allowing for those who have forgotten to sign in or those who forget!). Should all bowlers be ready earlier, we can then prepare to head out onto the green.

Our Friday night dinners, for bowlers and partners - which take place on the second Friday of the month - are always well attended. The pie (purchased from the local bakery), mushie peas and gravy on May 9 seemed to go down well. Next month, on June 13, we will be having pizzas supplied by Vinney's. Check the bowls notice board for the list.

The bowls group has purchased a set of shelving for the bowls room, which will store most of our bowls bags. We have also requested another two poles from management, to aid those requiring help stepping up and down at the ends of the green.

For any resident wishing to try their hand at lawn bowls, please call up on a Tuesday after bowls, around 10.30am, or Friday after 4.15pm. We have spare bowls available if required.

Cheers and good bowling,

Glenda Ballard
Secretary



Drive time.

THERE'S NO DOUBT THE OVER-50s ERA BRINGS WITH IT THOSE HIGHLY COVETED LUXURIES OF RELAXATION AND TIME. A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THIS IS HOW MANY OF US GO FROM PLAYING THE FAMILY TAXI DRIVER FOR BUSY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN (AND ALL THOSE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES) TO SIMPLY DRIVING FOR PLEASURE...

LOCK AND
LEAVE YOUR PALM
LAKE RESORT HOME,
WITH TOTAL PEACE
OF MIND

There are so many adventures to be had behind the wheel across our great state. And the freedom of time allows your adventure driving experience to be as 'adventurous' as you choose. You might happen upon a great roadside café and decide to linger a little longer to enjoy a meal. Or there might be an unexpectedly good photo opportunity on your route that deserves a little extra exploration and documentation. Whatever interest your chosen route brings, being behind the wheel allows you the luxury to go at your own speed and potentially also divert off the track where you want to.

Autumn/winter brings with it arguably the best season for a leisurely drive. The temperature is just right to be sitting in a car, and the roads are generally less busy than the summer holiday season. So, guess what? Adventure awaits you right now! Here are our Top 7 ideas for scenic drives around our glorious state. Each route offers unique landscapes and experiences, making them ideal for over-50s seeking leisurely adventures. Some of them will be more easily accessible for you than others but there's nothing stopping you from tacking on some short domestic flights, a hire car and overnight accommodation to turn these ideas from simple driving day trips into memory-making driving holidays.

1. Great Barrier Reef (Cairns to Cape Tribulation)

Distance and time: Approx 140km. Around 3 hours drive time.

Why it's special: This coastal journey along the Captain Cook

Highway offers breathtaking views where the rainforest meets the reef. Travellers can explore the Daintree Rainforest, visit Mossman Gorge and relax on pristine beaches like Four Mile Beach. This scenic route is well-maintained and sealed the entire way, ie. you don't need a 4x4 to drive from Cairns to Cape Tribulation. You will need to take a ferry across the Daintree River over to Cape Tribulation as no land crossing bridge exists. Departures are every 15 to 30 minutes, from 5am to midnight daily, and incur a fee.

Visit: www.weseektravel.com/cairns-to-cape-tribulation-drive/

2. Atherton Tablelands loop

Distance and time: Approx 200km loop. Allow a full day.

Why it's special: Starting from Cairns, this drive takes you through the lush Atherton Tablelands. Highlights include the Curtain Fig Tree, Millaa Millaa Falls and charming towns like Yungaburra. The cooler autumn/winter climate enhances the experience of rainforest walks and local markets.

Visit: www.tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au (and click on "Things to do" and then "Itineraries and road trips" for loads of ideas to suit your interests and available time)

3. Scenic Rim circuit

Distance and time: Approximately 300km loop. Around 3 to 4 days recommended for a relaxed pace.

Why it's special: Just an hour from Brisbane, the Scenic Rim

offers a loop through Boonah, Mount Barney and Tamborine Mountain. Visitors can enjoy vineyard tours, rainforest walks and panoramic views from various lookouts.

Visit: www.visitscenicrim.com.au (and click on "Plan your stay" and then "Weekender itineraries" for some great routes).

4. Glass House Mountains drive

Distance and time: Approximately 40-50km loop. Around 2 to 3 hours, depending on stops.

Why it's special: This drive through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland showcases ancient volcanic peaks and lush landscapes. Stops include the Glass House Mountains Lookout and quaint towns like Maleny and Montville, known for their art galleries and cafes.

Visit: www.australia.com (and click on "Places to go" then "Country" then "Glasshouse Mountains")

5. Carnarvon Gorge drive

Distance and time: Approximately 720km from Brisbane. You can start at Yeppoon and the drive is 460km; four nights will give you ample time to explore.

Why it's special: Located in Central Queensland, the drive to Carnarvon Gorge offers dramatic sandstone cliffs, diverse flora and fauna, as well as Aboriginal rock art sites. Autumn/winter provides pleasant temperatures for hiking and exploring the Gorge's natural beauty.

Visit: www.visitcapricorn.com.au/road-trips-and-drive-journeys for various downloadable itineraries including "Reef, beef and Carnarvon Gorge".

6. Daintree Rainforest drive

Distance and time: Approximately 100km from Cairns to Cape Tribulation. Around 2.5 to 3 hours of driving time.

Why it's special: This route takes you through the heart of the one of the world's oldest tropical rainforests. Travellers can experience river crossings, lush vegetation and the chance to spot unique wildlife.

Visit: www.daintreeinfo.com/info/self-drive/

7. Lamington National Park drive

Distance and time: Approximately 110km from Brisbane. Around 2 hours of drive time.

Why it's special: From Canungra, this drive winds through the Gold Coast Hinterland to Lamington National Park. The journey offers stunning mountain views, rainforest walks and the opportunity to visit O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

Visit: www.parks.desi.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington for full information, maps and other resources.

These drives offer a mix of coastal beauty, rainforest adventures and mountainous landscapes. They provide perfect opportunities for over-50s to explore Queensland's diverse regions at a relaxed pace. So, grab your keys and let's drive!





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\$250

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For more information and to refer your friend, simply contact our Sales Information Centre on 1800 641 665. *T&Cs apply



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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

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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 COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN.

Neighbours lend a hand as Alfred comes to town.

The strength of our Palm Lake Resort communities, and the Palm Lake Group as a whole - was put on show when Tropical Cyclone Alfred rolled into Queensland's south-east corner recently. In scenes reminiscent of the Covid pandemic, our Palm Lake Resort homeowners rallied to support one another and ensure their communities were not only prepared for the hit, but also quickly mopped up afterwards.

Palm Lake Resort Carindale Caretakers Wayne and Karen said that while 28 homeowners left the resort to be with their families, more than 200 stayed in the resort throughout the cyclone.

"For the first time ever, the flood waters came into our community from Wright Street (pictured above)," Karen says. "We constantly checked the levels there and in the creek. We had Stuart (Home 168) monitoring the creek and reporting in to us and trusty Ken (Home 113) reporting from the other end of the resort. What an incredible team.

"Those who stayed were in good hands, as we had many many homeowners checking on their older neighbours, boiling them water on gas stoves when they lost power. Our communal halls were left open so homeowners could gather together with other homeowners. Luckily we had arranged some extra food for sandwiches, as well as milk



and water so we could all meet at the Grand Hall and have toasties - mostly made by Bob (Home 98).

"Some homeowners were scared - mainly because of the fast flood waters - as they live on their own, but we made sure that someone kept dropping in on them regularly to keep them in the loop.

"We are actually so proud of our caring homeowner network," Karen smiles. "Our beautiful Palm Lake Resort Carindale community certainly comes together well in tough times."

The same types of stories were heard right across the Palm Lake Group - with our resort homeowners even supporting their local Palm Lake Care aged caring communities. For example, the sleepy seaside town of Beachmere does not have its own local police station, so officers were brought in to keep an eye on local residents during the storm. When the power in that neighbourhood went out, our Palm Lake Care staff returned the favour and offered the police officers hot meals and coffee, which they gratefully accepted. What's more, three volunteers (retired registered nurses) from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and Beachmere Sands - located just across the road - provided support and personal care to the elderly aged care residents. A lovely gesture of selfless care that embodies the PLR spirit!



Wedding bells ring loud and clear.

THERE HAVE BEEN NEW WEDDING BELLS RINGING ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT AS WELL AS CELEBRATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LONGEVITY - ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE LOVE, LOVE STORIES!

Palm Lake Resort Bethania

Pictured above left, check out the new "Mr and Mrs Remy" (also known to homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Bethania as Steve and Kate), who tied the knot on February 15. Their official ceremony was held at their resort - how wonderful! We wish the Remys the best for their future life together.

Palm Lake Resort Yamba

Shirley Foley married Denis Kelly on May 15, 1965, at Tumut, New South Wales. Little did they know, 136km away on that very same day, their future friends (and future neighbours) Carole Wilson and John Joyce were also tying the knot. In the late 1960s, the Joyces moved to Tumut and, sure enough, met the Kellys. The couples have been firm friends ever since. And they have more in common than just their wedding anniversary - nowadays, you'll find Denis and Shirley in Home 4 at Palm Lake Resort Yamba, and John and Carole in Home 63 (all four pictured above right, including a photo of the Kellys on their wedding day).

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby

It all began in Liverpool, England, in the early 1960s. The school dance was in full swing when John, who was working as a roadie for the band that night, spotted Joan across the dance floor. He winked at her and, as he fondly recalls, "that was it". The couple married on March 27, 1965, in Liverpool and in 1976, John and Joan made the bold decision to move to Australia, with their young family in tow. After more than two decades in Sydney, they moved to Queensland in 2000, making Palm Lake Resort Eagleby their home in 2009. Pictured above (middle), six decades on from their wedding day, family remains at the heart of their lives through six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa

Long-time Sunshine Coast locals, David and Nola, just marked 60 years with their proud family, including nine grandies and 11 great-grandies (with more on the way!).

Fiona is 102 years young

One of our oldest homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge is Fiona Ryan. She turned 102 years young in April. The Lodge Country Club hosted a party for Fiona, with many of her family and Palm Lake Resort friends stopping by. What a milestone for this resort matriarch!



Tell us what's happening over your back fence.

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

Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com

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