

JUNE - JULY 2026



The Point



Set up to slow down

Struggling to find time to sit with your favourite hobbies? The secret is in the set up

Take a trip back in time

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

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Welcome to the June-July edition of our Palm Lake Resort Banora Point newsletter, The Point. Winter has well and truly arrived, brining sunnier days and cooler mornings along with it. A reminder to keep warm, stay hydrated and rest at home if you feel under the weather.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new homeowners: Chrissy (Home 80) and Julie and Wayne (Home 127). We would also like to welcome Anne (Home 3) back to our community. We are so happy to have you all here, and trust that you are settling in comfortably.

A few months we received directions from Head Office that visitors' dogs are not permitted within the resort. Unfortunately, this direction has been ignored by a small number of homeowners. A couple of weeks ago, I received complaints from three separate homeowners regarding a visitor's dog that barked continuously for approximately two hours while the resident was away.

We ask all homeowners to please respect the resort rules and directions from Head Office. These rules are put in place to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of all residents in the community, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, please mark Wednesday July 8 in your diaries – this is when the local police will be visiting us, to share important information about personal safety.

Until next time, take care,

Wayne and Di
Palm Lake Resort Banora Point Caretakers



Contact us.

Looking for more information about Palm Lake Resort Banora Point? Here's how you can reach us:

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News in brief.

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)

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.



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 10 and 24
- July 8 and 22

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):

- June 8 and 22
- July 6 and 20

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

Fun and games

Want to join us for Cards 500? We play every Tuesday from 2pm in the Clubhouse. We are a social group that would love to have your company. If you have played in the past, come along and join us. You will pick the game up again very easily. Contact Gay (ph. 0439 908 738).

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).

Refer your friends!

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home and enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you, right? Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase an established Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the office.

Slow spaces.

THE HOBBIES YOU LOVE DESERVE A PROPER HOME, DON'T THEY? WHEN YOUR SPACE IS SET UP AND READY, SLOWING DOWN TO ENJOY YOUR FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES STOPS BEING SOMETHING YOU'LL GET AROUND TO — AND STARTS BEING SOMETHING YOU ACTUALLY DO.

Whoever said the over-50s era was the quiet part of life never lived at a Palm Lake Resort. Ask most homeowners how their week looks and you'll hear about sport commitments and grandchildren, community events and coffee catch-ups, fitness classes and volunteering rosters. A full life is a good life, but busy isn't always better — and rushed doesn't mean rich.

If you feel like your days are passing too quickly and you'd like to slow down, start by making time for the things you really love. There's a powerful relationship between our environment and our habits: when the conditions are right, the behaviour comes naturally. By giving your hobbies a proper home — a dedicated corner, a well-stocked shelf or a room that's ready and waiting for you — you're more likely to focus on them, not the distractions.

The reading nook

It doesn't need to be a whole room — a comfy chair near a window, a small side table for your cup of tea and a shelf or basket of books within arm's reach is all you need to invite more reading into your routine. Add a good lamp and a soft throw for winter evenings, and a rule that the phone stays elsewhere. You don't have to hunt for your glasses, clear a space to sit, or find somewhere to put your drink before you can settle in. Better yet, you're creating a space with no other purpose — it's not the couch where you also watch television, the kitchen table where the mail accumulates, or even the bed you sleep in. A space solely for reading signals to your brain that this is where you come to slow down.

The craft room (or corner)

Creative hobbies have one major downside: the set up. When your sewing machine, paints or half-finished projects are stored in a cupboard, getting started feels harder than it should. On a busy day, it's easy to tell yourself you'll do it tomorrow — do that enough, and suddenly it's been months since you spent time on something you really love. A dedicated craft space solves this. With the right set up, the project that's out and waiting for you is the one that actually gets finished — whether you sew, paint, knit, scrapbook or make jewellery or cards.



The kitchen

There's a version of cooking that's purely functional, and then there's the other kind: an onion slowly caramelising, a stock that's been simmering since morning, pastry rested and rolled by hand. That kind of cooking doesn't just require time, but also a kitchen that invites you in rather than frustrates you. When your pantry is stocked, your knives are sharp, your pots and pans are easy to access, and your bench has room to work, the idea of spending a slow afternoon in the kitchen feels indulgent — not overwhelming.

The garden

A garden, even a modest one, operates on its own schedule — and the more time you spend in it, the more you'll find yourself adjusting to its pace. A well-set-up outdoor space makes it easier to pick up where you left off: good tools stored somewhere accessible, a comfortable spot to sit, raised beds that don't punish your back, clear paths between plantings — these small, practical details can make a big difference. For those with a smaller outdoor space (or a less established green thumb), a patio garden of pots and planters offers the same meditative quality.

The workshop

There's something about working with your hands — measuring, cutting, building, fixing — that demands your attention and crowds out everything else. But how should you set up your workshop for success? Good lighting is essential, as is organisation — tools hung or stored so you can find what you need, a dedicated workbench at the right height, a stool for longer tasks, a radio for company.

The caravan

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the slowest kind of travel also requires the most preparation. But having your caravan packed with all the essentials (non-perishables and bed linen alike), maintained and ready to go means a holiday can happen on a Tuesday morning, simply because the weather is good and the mood is right. And isn't that what your over-50s years are really all about?

Social Committee.

Karaoke had a good but small crowd, with a variety of singers taking the floor with mic in hand. Vidal's singalongs were enjoyed by the crowd, and to our surprise, along came a group of well-dressed 'nuns' singing a holy version of 'I Will Follow Him' — and boy, did they kick their heels up! There should be more skits like that. Any ideas? Our next karaoke is on June 13, which is a week later than usual. Come along and enjoy the 'singing', take the mic, join in if you wish, and make it another fun night. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Last month, I forgot to mention snooker afternoons. It is held every Saturday afternoon at 1pm and run by John Daly. There is an entry sheet in the hall for participants to join in. If you have any enquiries, talk to John.

Mother's Day on May 10 was a very pleasant morning, with our lovely ladies being treated to a gourmet breakfast roll, served by a bunch of very super gents and cooked by the finest 'chefs' this side of the black stump. The ladies were further treated to a special bag of chocolates with a daisy rosette to take home and indulge.

The next dinner dance is on May 26 and will be our formal night — so ladies and gents, let's see how you look in your best outfits and finery. The entertainers will be the popular Kath & Him.

Looking ahead, some of our June functions are:

The Biggest Morning Tea: Wednesday June 17 at 10.30am. Entry cost is \$10, and raffle tickets are 3 for \$5. We are also accepting donations for a bring-and-buy stall (items to be in good condition) and a plant stall. No second-hand clothing, please.

Dinner dance: Sunday June 23. The entertainers will be Toucan Twango. The theme is to be decided, so please



check the notice board at the letterboxes and also in the Grand Hall.

Outback Spectacular: Sunday June 28. Cost is \$97.70. In the event that people do not wish to leave cash in the mailbox, there will be a collection morning in the Grand Hall on Monday June 8 between 9.30am and 10.30am. Alternatively, payment must be made in cash in Raewyn's mailbox (Home 116) by June 12. If payments are not made by that date, stand-by Social Club members will be allocated the seats.

David M
On behalf of the Social Committee

Residents Committee.

At our AGM, it was voted to change the name of our Committee to the "Residents Committee" from the "Home-owners Committee", as per the New South Wales legislation.

We ask if homeowners and visitors could please slow down when driving in our resort, especially up the back streets. We also ask that any visitor who parks in our resort for a period of time to please register with the caretakers, so they know who cars belong to.

We have organised an information meeting with the local

police, who will come and give us advice on our personal safety issues and offer ways to protect ourselves from potential harm. This meeting is planned for Wednesday July 8 at 2pm so please keep this date on your calendar.

We are still waiting for Lawrence Nathan from Head Office to come here and speak to our committee about a few issues in our resort.

Sandra Horne
Chairperson



Bright, Victoria

Travel through time.

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

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

Charleville, Queensland

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

Charters Towers, Queensland

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

Braidwood, New South Wales

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

Morpeth, New South Wales

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

Berrima, New South Wales

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

Beechworth, Victoria

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

Port Fairy, Victoria

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

Bright, Victoria

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

Hahndorf, South Australia

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

Richmond, Tasmania

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

York, Western Australia

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

New Norcia, Western Australia

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



Richmond, Tasmania



Charters Towers, Queensland



Morpeth, New South Wales



York, Western Australia



Hahndorf, South Australia

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



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\$250

cash incentive when you refer a friend to buy an **established home** at Palm Lake Resort

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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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.

AN EVENING
WE WON'T SOON
FORGET!



Truganina bowls us over!

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



Trauma teddies go overseas.

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

Le dîner en blanc.

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

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

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

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

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



Living the high life.

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



Cooking for a cause.

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

Friendly rivalry.

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

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

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



We love our staff!

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

What's over your back fence?

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the whole Palm Lake Resort group? We'd love to include it in the next editions of our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**



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