

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024



# The Reef



## 'Tis the season to be social

Living in a lifestyle resort like ours means loads of opportunity to get social

## Over the back fence

The Palm Lake Group is one big 10,000-strong 'family' - find out what your counterparts are up to in our new regular series

## Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to make the move here? Refer them, for fast cash



# Welcome.



Welcome back to a New Year here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara. We had a wonderful festive season at the resort with many family members and homeowners' friends stopping by to celebrate the season with their special people. Our resort facilities have definitely been a hit with these visitors - from giggles and fun in our popular Kingpins tenpin bowling alley, to cooling swims in our resort pools, to shared meals - our resort really caters for people of all ages!

With the coming of the New Year, there's also been a change in our resort status - we are officially sold out. As we move to now being classed an 'established' resort, our Sales Information Centre hours have also changed. We now operate from Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. On the topic of sales, we have a great selection of pre-owned homes available right now - you can check some of them out in this newsletter on Pages 7-9. Given that we've had many visitors here at our resort over the festive/summer period, it's timely to mention our 'Refer a Friend' promotion. Did you know you can score a \$250 cash incentive for referring your friend to our Sales Information Centre when they purchase a home here? Our current listings can always be found on the Palm Lake Resort website (visit [palmlakeresort.com.au](http://palmlakeresort.com.au)), if you wanted to tell your friends? All they need to do is navigate from the home page menu to our resort location, then once they reach the Bargara page, simply click on "Homes" to find all our local listings. Easy.

In closing, we send a big warm Palm Lake Resort welcome to all the new homeowners who have arrived recently (you can check out some of the Big Blue Bows on Page 3). We wish them, and our whole resort community, a prosperous New Year. Can we also encourage you all to make sure you see those New Year's resolutions through by committing to a new Weekly Activity that might have you joining in a new social group or starting a new health/wellness related activity? Now's the time to seize that revitalising New Year energy and make the most of it!

**Kim and Jan,**  
**Palm Lake Resort Bargara Sales Team**

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## News in brief.

### Looking for care?

There are limited vacancies at Palm Lake Care Bargara available now. Vacancies come and go quickly and Palm Lake Care prioritises Palm Lake Resort homeowners and their families. If you have someone needing high quality 24-hour nursing care in our conveniently located community, FREECALL Care Solutions to discuss their needs on 1800 24 66 77.

### Refer a friend

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 home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

### Slippery visitors

Did you know, there have been a few snake sightings around our resort grounds in recent months? With the warm weather upon us, we encourage homeowners to be vigilant.



### This is Your Time

The Summer 2023-24 edition of our company magazine, This is Your Time, is circulating the country. Have you seen a copy yet? In it, we keep you up to date on all things Palm Lake Group including progress on our newest communities at Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, Paynesville and more. Did you also hear that we won two statewide construction industry awards? We're proud of the communities we build and manage - and with 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's a lot of news from around the grounds. If you are yet to see a hard copy, you can also read our company magazine online at [palmlakeresort.com.au](http://palmlakeresort.com.au)



### Check out our latest Big Blue Bows!

We love a Big Blue Bow here at Palm Lake Resort! They're not just extra large pieces of brightly coloured ribbon - these bows signify the start of a wonderful new lifestyle for the owners of the doors they adorn. Among the latest Big Blue Bow owners here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara are, clockwise from top left: Vicki and Jim, Wendy and Bob, Jeff and Rosalie, as well as Trish and Steve. If you see this awesome foursome around the resort grounds, make sure to stop and introduce yourself - we're sure they'll be pleased to meet you!



LIFE'S A  
BEACH AT  
BARGARA!

# Caretakers' notes.

WE WISH EVERYONE HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT BARGARA, A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAD A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON?

Christmas lunches were enjoyed by our homeowners here at the resort from the week of December 18 right through until December 22 and we believe these meals were a great success as we received some lovely, positive feedback which is always nice. It was wonderful to see people sharing bon bons, wearing their Christmas hats, reading the jokes and having a laugh together. It makes the effort all worthwhile.

With Christmas now behind us and the arrival of a New Year, it is time to do it all again in 2024 - and we look forward to it! Our time here at Palm Lake Resort has flown and we can proudly say we have now been at Bargara for more than half a year. There is no better time to thank our wonderful staff and homeowner volunteers for all their hard work in 2023. Thank you everyone - you are all very much appreciated.

Just in closing, with the hot weather upon us, there have been some snake sightings around the resort grounds, as pictured above. We encourage our homeowners to be mindful of snake season when walking around our resort but also when out in the greater community.

KIM AND TONY LEE  
CARETAKERS,  
PALM LAKE RESORT BARGARA



**Pictured above and above left:** Living near the Great Barrier Reef means tropical beach parties are right on theme for us here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara! **Pictured below left:** It was hard to escape the festive spirit with thanks to some lovely decorations.

## Beach party welcomes in the new year.

2023 WAS FAREWELLED AND 2024 WELCOMED IN FINE STYLE AT OUR SEABREEZE COUNTRY CLUB.

Our Beach Party was the best night! Our homeowners literally came to the party - many wearing their beachy best as our photos, above, show. And partying was the name of the game. The vibrant, colourful crowd rocked the night away to some great music provided by Rock-It Science. They had us up dancing until well past the bewitching hour.

And when the Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band arrived, the atmosphere was positively electric! Everyone couldn't help but be on their feet, clapping along to the stirring pipe band music. The band added such WOW factor to the event.

The members of our resort Social Club again brought their best, to cap off an amazing year of fun and good times. A huge thanks must go to that wonderful team. And also to the Oasis Bar volunteers who did a huge job in setting up the bar to ensure nobody went thirsty! Thank you to all of you who made that happen.

And, of course, thank you to the homeowners who generously volunteered their time to help set up the party and to those who partied with energy and enthusiasm - it was such a memorable event and proved just how wonderful our community is when we come together, all in the name of fun!

# Weekly activities.

OB: Ocean Breeze Country Club  
SB: Sea Breeze Country Club

## MONDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**8.30am** Yoga, OB upstairs  
**8.45am** Health & Wellness, OB  
**9am** Photography Club, Craft Room  
**9am** Art Club, Art Room  
**9am** Outdoor Aqua, Horizons pool  
**9.30am** Qi Gong, OB upstairs  
**12.30pm** Cards, OB  
**12.30pm** Men's cards 500, OB  
**12.30pm** Knit & Knatter, OB lounge  
**1pm** Patchwork Group, Craft Room  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1pm** Tenpin competition, Horizons  
**3pm** Tenpin competition, Horizons  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**4pm** Line dancing beginners, SB  
**5pm** Line dancing advanced, SB  
**6.45pm** Scroungers, Bowls Green

## THURSDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7-10am** Men's bowls, Bowls Green  
**8.30am** Ladies bowls, Bowls Green  
**12.15pm** Indoor carpet bowls, SB  
**12.30pm** Canasta Hand & Foot, OB  
**1pm** Tenpin bowling (via bus), Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1.30pm** Light and easy, OB upstairs  
**2.30pm** Indoor carpet bowls, SB  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**7pm** Movie night, SB Cinema

## SATURDAY

**7-10am** Bowls, Bowls Green  
**12.30pm** Cards, OB  
**1-3pm** Indoor carpet bowls, SB  
**1-4.30pm** Cards 5 crowns, SB  
**1pm** Bowls self-selected pairs  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**3.30-7pm** Bar open, OB  
**4.30-6.30pm** Villa draw, OB Bar  
**5-7pm** Bar open, Horizons  
**6pm** Movie night, SB Cinema  
**7pm** Movie night, SB Cinema

## TUESDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7am** Men's bowls, Bowls Green  
**8am** Pilates, OB  
**9am** Pottery, Pottery Room  
**9.15am** Light and easy, SB  
**11am** Tai chi, OB upstairs  
**12.30pm** Rummikub 500, OB  
**1pm** Card making/scrapbooking, Craft Room  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1.30pm** Tenpin bowling, Horizons  
**2pm (monthly)** Dementia Support Group, OB lounge  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**4pm** Musos, OB  
**5pm** Line dancing advanced, SB  
**7pm** Movie night, SB Cinema

## FRIDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7-11am** Gym instruction, Milon gym  
**8am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**8.30-10am** Line dancing (\$5), SB  
**9-11am** Choir, SB Cinema  
**10-11.30am** Table tennis, SB  
**11.30am-1pm** Bar open, Horizons  
**12.45pm** Mahjong, SB  
**1pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1-4pm** Canasta, Horizons  
**3.30-7pm** Bar open, OB  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**5-7pm** Bar open, Horizons

## SUNDAY

**8am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**9.30am** Table tennis, SB  
**1pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**1.30pm** Movie afternoon, SB Cinema  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**3.30-6pm** Bar open, OB  
**5-7pm (first Sunday of month)** Bar open, Horizons

## WEDNESDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7.30am** Golf, Coral Cove Resort  
**8am** Pilates, OB  
**8am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**9am** Art Club, Art Room  
**9am** Line dancing advanced, SB  
**9.30am** Aqua aerobics, SB pool  
**10.30am** Aqua aerobics, SB pool  
**10.30am** Life story writing, OB  
**12.45pm** Mahjong beginners, Horizons  
**12.45pm** Movie, SB Cinema  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1.30pm** Bingo, OB  
**1.30pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**3.30-6pm** Bar open, OB  
**3.50pm** 4km walk, Corner Golden Cane Place and Majestic Way  
**4pm** Twilight bowls, Bowls Green  
**7pm** Table tennis, SB

## HOMEOWNER CONTACTS

**Workshop induction and key:**  
Michael (Home 350)  
**Community gardens:**  
Wally (Home 32)  
**Tennis/ball machine:**  
Helen (Home 297) and Geoff (Home 319)

## FACILITY HOURS

**7am** Golf simulator (see Brian, Home 186)  
**6am-8pm** Indoor pool (children are allowed 11am-1pm)  
**7am-9pm** Outdoor graduated pool  
**7am-9pm** Outdoor lap pool (homeowners only)  
**6am-9pm** Milon gym (for homeowners' use only)  
**7am-9pm** Horizons outdoor pool (please note: closed for cleaning Tuesdays, 9.30-11am)  
**7am-9pm** Mini golf (equipment can be found in King Pins)

# Homes for sale.

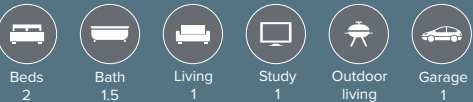
## Home 42: \$490,000



### Well laid out Orchid design

Well maintained and beautifully presented with neutral colours to suit the most fastidious of buyers. Modern plantation shutters on the windows. Split system air conditioners in the living and master bedroom. Ceiling fans in each room are an option for your comfort. The well laid out kitchen is spacious, Caesarstone bench tops, large pantry, wall oven, gas cooktop, all overlooking the breakfast bar to the separate light filled dining room.

## Home 225: \$549,000



### So many features!

This south-facing Banksia design has a modern kitchen complimented by Caesarstone benchtops, SMEG wall oven, convection cooktop, large corner pantry and plumbed fridge alcove. A feature over the island bench brings an artistic flair to the kitchen. So many features: Solar hot water, plantation shutters, feature walls, raked ceiling and covered front porch. Entertain in the private shuttered alfresco area or take a stroll to one of our three Country Clubs!

## Home 265: \$595,000



### The perfect Outlook

A spacious well-designed modern home with two bedrooms, two bathrooms (master with ensuite and walk-in robe). The modern 2-pac kitchen has many striking features: Caesarstone benchtops, plenty of cupboards and drawers, dishwasher, wall oven and convection cooktop. A large sliding door gives access to the cleverly extended covered alfresco area. This home is fully fenced with room for a dog.

TURN  
OVER FOR  
MORE GREAT  
HOMES...

# Homes for sale.

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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT [PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU](http://PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU)

## Home 487: \$775,000



### Still under warranty

Perfectly positioned and well presented this home oozes style. Completed in June 2023 this custom RV home is still under the balance of new home warranties and has all the energy efficient features present in our new builds. This home is a real stand out! Featuring 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with quality fittings and tiles, and a study with modern plantation shutters. Plenty of room for entertaining on the covered alfresco area which features pull down privacy blinds.

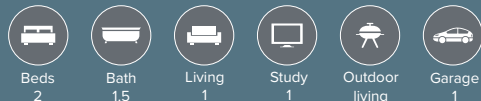
## Home 51: \$569,000



## Home 362: \$630,000



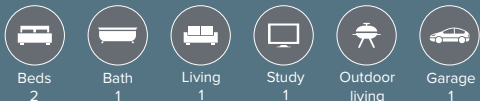
## Home 36: \$510,000



### Your dream home awaits!

The ever-popular Rivergum design will impress, situated on a sought-after corner position this lovely home is located close to facilities. Sit and relax on the front porch. An extended paved area is to the side in addition to two other covered and screened patios. Enjoy high raked ceiling and well positioned windows. The kitchen features Caesarstone benchtops, dishwasher, wall oven, gas cooktop and island bench. The corner pantry is a great addition.

## Home 223: \$475,000



### So many features!

This beautifully presented and very deceiving Bluebell design home has absolutely everything you could want. It's been meticulously maintained and is ready to move in. It has an amazing kitchen with modern appliances and ample storage including a corner pantry, a large living and separate dining room with split system air-conditioning and ceiling fans throughout. A rainwater tank is connected to services.

## Home 76: \$460,000



### The perfect Outlook

Beautifully nestled amongst other quality homes, this one has been cleverly designed with open plan spacious living areas and an abundance of natural light. This home also boasts bay windows, quality fittings, high ceilings, fans, tiled flooring with carpet to the bedrooms and an extra-long garage giving you additional storage. The kitchen is perfectly positioned for easy entertaining with a wall-mounted oven, large pantry and tranquil outlook over the side garden.

## Home 405: \$780,000



### Almost brand new!

This architecturally designed home was built in August 2022. Situated in a sought-after area with friendly neighbours, the Pandanus RV home is one of our most popular designs, offering 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms (master with ensuite and walk-in robe). Plantation shutters in the front study, solar panels, internal laundry and plenty of storage. The RV garage (3.5m clearance) is designed for your caravan/motorhome and the family car - or partition it off for another room.

# Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT COMMUNITIES 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 NEW 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 PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!



## Waterford's own toy story.

**THERE'S A GROUP OF MODEST WOODWORK ENTHUSIASTS USING THEIR PALM LAKE RESORT WORKSHOP TO GREAT ADVANTAGE.**

The aptly named 'Toy Boys' is a band of merry toymakers - akin to Santa's elves - who spend their spare time in their Palm Lake Resort Waterford workshop turning timber into toys for underprivileged kids each Christmas.

Current president Ray Johnstone says the Toy Boys utilise donated timber offcuts and fundraise to purchase other materials from their local Mitre 10 store, which also comes to the party with its own generous donations to the Toy Boys' cause. The Boys spend the whole year manufacturing everything from toy trucks to rocking horses to children's play furniture and then, at Christmas time, they make a donation to Beenleigh Special School and place the rest of their toys under the Mitre 10 Christmas tree as part of its annual appeal.

Ray says the Toy Boys have been making and donating toys for the best past of 15 years. Many hundreds of toys have passed through this resort's workshop on their way to grateful children.

Ray says the Boys were devastated to learn of the passing last week of one of their original members, Jim Blackwood, who was "the backbone" of this incredible group right up until the day he passed.

**If you'd like to support the Toy Boys' cause, Mitre 10 and Bunnings gift cards are greatly appreciated, as well as any material donations. For more, phone the Palm Lake Resort Waterford caretakers on 1800 028 428.**

## Caloundra golfers reign supreme.

**FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, CALOUNDRA CAY HAS WON THE COVETED PALM LAKE INTER-RESORT GOLF CLASSIC, RETAINING THE PALM LAKE RESORT CUP.**

Golfers from Palm Lake Resorts Toowoomba, Cooroy-Noosa, Beachmere Sands, Beachmere Bay, Pelican Waters, Caloundra Cay and Hervey Bay descended on Pelican Waters Golf Course (owned by the Palm Lake Group) for the annual event, with 128 homeowners competing in a four-person Ambrose.

Caloundra Cay retained the trophy won in 2023 when the event was played at Woodford Golf Club and the team of Bernie Reddan, Archie Deans, Ian Ponton and Ray Pickup returned the best score of the day - an impressive nett 55.875.

Head of Golf, Dale Williamson, said it was the biggest field the course had enjoyed since re-opening.

"To have Palm Lake Resort represented by seven resorts and so many homeowners, was encouraging," Dale says. "Hopefully we can have even more of our resorts and homeowners involved next year."

## Charitable Cooroy sewers rewarded.

**PALM LAKE RESORT COOROY-NOOSA'S UNIFORMS 4 KIDS SEWERS ARE BEYOND HAPPY WITH A SET OF BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINES PAID FOR BY BENDIGO BANK, VIA THE LOCAL HERO AWARDS.**



Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) is a dedicated charity that sees sewers produce children's clothing items from old uniforms donated by the Police, Border Force, Flying Doctors, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Australia Zoo and more. The clothing produced by these dedicated sewing enthusiasts is donated to underprivileged children in need. But the benefits don't stop there. The pre-loved uniforms would have otherwise gone into landfill but instead, our environment benefits and many underprivileged children are clothed and happier.

The pioneer and founder of U4K is Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowner Yvonne Pattinson OAM.

One day, Yvonne wanted to clean out a cupboard crowded with material collected over a lifetime of sewing. She decided to turn that fabric into children's clothing that a friend of Yvonne's wanted to donate to an orphanage she supported in Asia. In stepped Yvonne's daughter, Debbie Platz (then a Queensland Police officer), who pointed out there were many underprivileged children right here in Australia who needed clothing and why not use the police uniforms she and her colleagues had to discard? U4K was officially born.

U4K sewers exist in groups spanning Cooktown to Canberra and have made a total of almost 30,000 items of clothing for children in need since the charity began - what an incredible effort!

U4K sewers have also made lasting friendships and have a new purpose in life through their volunteer work with this charity. Not to mention the positive effect U4K has in bringing emergency services and local communities together in those areas where a U4K group operates.

The U4K ladies of Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa (pictured above) were rewarded by Bendigo Bank recently with a donation of brand new sewing machines to enable them to continue their good work. Congratulations to you all - you make us proud!

**Maybe you can start a U4K group with your Palm Lake Resort friends? Visit [www.uniforms4kids.com.au](http://www.uniforms4kids.com.au)**

## Tea Gardens' jam-packed day.

**FORGET TURNING LEMONS IN LEMONADE - A GROUP OF PASSIONATE PALM LAKE RESORT TEA GARDENS RESIDENTS ARE TURNING THEIR RESORT CUMQUATS INTO DELICIOUS JAM FOR ALL TO ENJOY.**

Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens is filled with many fruit-bearing cumquat trees - some on resort grounds but many in the residents' own backyards. Noticing this, a band of enthusiastic jam-lovers came together and the annual PLR Cumquat Jam Production Day was born. One resident spent a year collecting, washing, de-labelling and storing hundreds of jars. Others organised the donation of masses of sugar and the collection of all the required cooking utensils. The resort's Bowls Club kitchen was booked, and dozens of residents arrived early on the day to form teams, washing, cutting and weighing fruit and sugar, sterilising jars and lids, cooking the jam, then bottling and labelling it. Of course, a community event like this would not be a Palm Lake Resort event if there wasn't a morning tea shared and a few glasses of bubbles later in the day! By 7pm, the job was done. Some 38kg of fruit (all grown around the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens grounds) and 38kg of sugar produced more than 200 jars of jam. What a wonderful community initiative - and a delicious result!



## What's happening over your back fence?

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the greater Palm Lake Resort community? Email the details to [belinda@bellepr.com](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)

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