

JULY - AUGUST 2025



# The Reef



## The Humpback Highway

Our friends have returned!  
Find out where - and when - to  
see migrating whales

## 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 make the move here?  
Refer them, for fast cash



# Welcome.

Hello all and welcome to another edition of *The Reef*, our resort newsletter.

Hopefully, we are coming to the end of the cool change we've seen and felt over the past few weeks. Winter is obviously still here but now that we are on the other side of the Winter Solstice, things are only going to be looking up (and that's the temperature we're talking about!).

Since our last edition of *The Reef*, there have been some changes in the resort Homeowners' Committee as per below:

- President: Dean Murray (Home 405)
- Secretary: Julie Thompson (Home 375)
- Treasurer: Jacky Davies (Home 452)
- Committee Member: John Murfett (Home 143)
- Committee Member: Marianne Alhovirta (Home 341)
- Committee Member: Warwick Baxter (Home 509)
- Committee Member: Bernie Bainbridge (Home 414)

We look forward to working with all the Homeowners' Committee members for the betterment of our resort community.

You may also have seen that we have two new staff join our team in June? We have welcomed Craig, who works with the grounds team, and Rebekah, who has joined the cleaning team. Please make them both feel at home and say 'Hi' should you see them around the resort grounds.

Take care and stay safe (and warm!).

**Michelle and Michael,  
Palm Lake Resort Bargara Caretakers**

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## News in brief.

### Dates for your diary

Here are our resort Social Club's upcoming events:

- July 25:** National Pyjama Day. Prizes for best PJs worn at Horizons lunch and Oasis and Horizons Bar.
- August 24:** Afternoon concert around the grand piano (TBC).
- Sept 7:** Father's Day Breakfast.
- Sept 20:** PLR Choir Concert in the Seabreeze Country Club.
- October 18:** Oktoberfest.
- November 4:** Melbourne Cup.
- November 11:** Remembrance Day.
- November 22:** Christmas Market.
- November 25:** Christmas décor goes up in all the Clubhouses.
- December 31:** New Year's Eve Party!

### Refer a friend, earn cash

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

### 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 this award-winning community, FREECALL Care Solutions on 1800 24 66 77.



### What's on around Bargara, and beyond

Here's a snapshot of some events happening in our region in the coming months. Weather-wise, it's a great time of the year to get out and explore...

- **July 19:** Finesse Burlesque at the Moncrieff. A spectacular show that combines light-hearted comedy and captivating vocals, inviting you to fully immerse yourself in the intimate breathtaking world of cabaret.
- **July 24-27:** Childers Festival – a celebration of the region's culture and spirit. The town of Childers transforms with live music, market stalls and a vibrant atmosphere. The main festival day is Sunday, July 27.
- **July 26:** Tania Kernaghan and Jason Owen at the Moncrieff. Sing along to your favourite songs from the 1950s and beyond.
- **August 9:** A night at the Musicals, at the Moncrieff.
- **August 12-13:** Bundaberg Relay for Life – raising funds for Cancer Council.
- **August 16:** The Australian Bee Gees Show. Take a trip down memory lane with their greatest hits at the Moncrieff Theatre.
- **August 18-20:** Moore Park Beach Festival of Arts. A celebration of local arts and crafts. Entry is free.
- **August 26:** Oceanfest Bundaberg. Head to the Port Marina Precinct to enjoy delicious local, wild-caught seafood harvested from the Southern Great Barrier Reef. As well as the local seafood menu, there will be attractions and displays for all members of the family. Entry is free.
- **August 30:** Andre Rieu Maastricht Concert. Waltz the night away.

### Big birthdays

Joy (who lives with her daughter Michelle in Home 191) celebrated her 90th birthday on May 21. Her six daughters and other family members converged on Horizons Country Club to play tenpin bowling and mark their family matriarch's special day. Joy is one of a few homeowners who have enjoyed milestone birthdays recently including Royce who turned 96.





GAME ON!



## Maroon and blue.

THERE WAS A GREAT TURN UP OF SUPPORTERS ON OUR STATE OF ORIGIN BINGO DAY ON MAY 28.



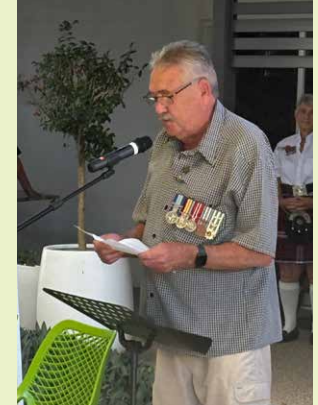
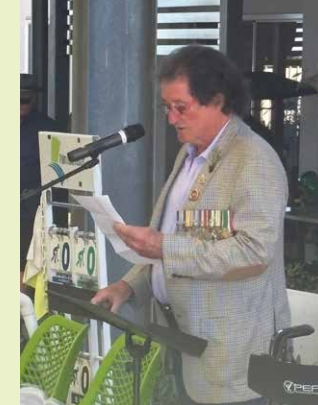
Photos with thanks to Roz (Home 180).

## Mum's the word.

WE HAD A FULL HOUSE AT THE SEABREEZE COUNTRY CLUB FOR OUR MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA.

Our homeowners were greeted by the sounds of beautiful music played on our grand piano by Heather Walsh. We all enjoyed a delicious morning tea comprising tasty sandwiches prepared and served by a group of wonderful volunteers. As a special treat, we also enjoyed our beautiful pink cupcakes specially baked by our great chef, Shawn.

On behalf of all of us who have lost our mums, Marg Distant delivered a moving tribute to our absent mums. And Tanya Morrison spoke on behalf of our homeowners, who not only still have their mums, but has her mum, Kay Gleeson as a neighbour. Our ever-popular Barnacles sang some beautiful songs for our mums, as well as a Mother's Day Parody written especially for the day! And of course, none of this would have happened without our amazing volunteers who answered a call for helpers on both the Saturday afternoon and again on the Sunday morning. And as always, our Social Club members were there to keep the wheels turning. Thank you so much to those community members who came along to mark the occasion.



## Lest we forget.

WE COMMEMORATED ANZAC DAY, HERE AT THE RESORT, IN A TRADITIONAL AND HEARTFELT MANNER.

About 200 of our homeowners attended to pay their respects to our service personnel past and present. Our very own cleric Don Neuendorf conducted this service with supreme reverence. Heather Walsh provided beautiful thematic pipe music for us all. Allan Bullock delivered a sincere and personal address. Terry Dowling recited a touching poem so appropriate for the occasion. And as always, the resort choir performed rousing renditions of the New Zealand and Australian Anthems followed by some songs perfectly appropriate for the occasion. The mood lightened into fellowship as we enjoyed Anzac biscuits followed by our Relay for Life sausage sizzle. A number of wonderful people within our resort community gave their time and talents to bring this event to fruition, including our hard-working Social Club members. Thank you all so very much.

# Weekly activities.

## MONDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**8.30am** Yoga, OB upstairs  
**8.30am** Health & Wellness, OB  
**8.30am** Photography Club, Craft Room (every second Monday)  
**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  
**2pm** Prostate Cancer Support Group  
**2.30pm** Line dancing absolute beginners, SB  
**4pm** Barnacles Choir rehearsal, SB  
**4pm** Line dancing beginners, SB  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance  
**5pm** Line dancing advanced, SB  
**5.30pm** Tennis (under lights)  
**6.45pm** Scrungers, Bowls Green

## THURSDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7-10am** Men's bowls, Bowls Green  
**8.30am** Ladies bowls, Bowls Green  
**10am** Genealogy (first Thursday of the month)  
**12.30pm** Canasta Hand & Foot, OB  
**1pm** Tenpin bowling (via bus), Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1pm** Mah-jong, Horizons  
**1.30pm** Light and easy, OB upstairs  
**2pm** Karaoke, SB Cinema  
**2.15pm** Indoor carpet bowls, SB  
**2.30pm** Indoor carpet bowls, SB  
**3.30-7pm** Bar open, OB  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance

## SATURDAY

**7-10am** Men's bowls, Bowls Green  
**12.30pm** Cards: Canasta, OB  
**1-4.30pm** Mah-jong, Horizons  
**1pm** Bowls self-selected pairs  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1.30pm** Afternoon movie, SB Cinema (latest releases)  
**3.30-7pm** Oasis Bar open, OB  
**5-8pm** Bar open, Horizons  
**6.10pm** Villa draw, OB Bar

## TUESDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7am** Men's bowls, Bowls Green  
**8am** Pilates, OB  
**9am** Guitar/ukulele jam, SB Cinema  
**9am** Pottery, Pottery Room  
**9.15am** Light and easy, OB  
**11am** Tai chi, OB upstairs  
**12.30pm** Rummikub 500, OB  
**1pm** Card making/scrapbooking, Craft Room  
**1pm** Musos Club, SB Cinema  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1.30pm** Tenpin bowling, Horizons  
**2pm** Table tennis, SB  
**2pm (monthly)** Dementia Support Group, OB lounge  
**2.30pm** Line dancing beginners, SB  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance

## FRIDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7-10am** Milon Gym induction (first Friday of the month by appointment)  
**7.30am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**8.30-10am** Line dancing (\$5), SB  
**9-11am** Choir, SB Cinema  
**10-11.30am** Table tennis, SB  
**11.30am-4pm** Clock Works Band, SB Cinema  
**12.45pm** Mahjong, SB  
**1pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1-4pm** Canasta, Horizons  
**2pm** Ukulele, OB meeting room  
**3.30-7pm** Oasis Bar open, OB  
**4pm** Friday Fun Darts  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance  
**5-7pm** Bar open, Horizons

## SUNDAY

**7.30am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**9.30am** Table tennis, SB  
**1pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**1.30pm** Movie Matinee, SB Cinema (classic movies from the 1940-1970s)  
**2pm** Bridge (1st, 3rd Sundays), OB  
**3.30-6pm** Oasis Bar open, OB  
**4-7pm** Bar open, Horizons (first Sunday of the month)  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance

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

## WEDNESDAY

**6.50am** Aerobics, SB dance floor  
**7.30am** Golf, Coral Cove Resort  
**7.30am** Tennis, Tennis courts  
**8am** Pilates, OB  
**9am** Art Club, Art Room  
**9am** Line dancing advanced, SB  
**9.30am** Aqua aerobics, SB pool  
**10.30am** Aqua aerobics, SB pool  
**12.45pm** Mahjong beginners, Horizons  
**1pm** Pool/billiards, SB  
**1pm** Bingo, OB  
**1.30pm** Mixed bowls, Bowls Green  
**3.30-6pm** Bar open, OB  
**4pm** Twilight bowls, Bowls Green  
**4.15pm** 5km walk, OB entrance  
**7pm** Table tennis, SB

## HOMEOWNER CONTACTS

### Workshop induction and key:

Harold (Home 41)

### Community gardens:

Helen (Home 74)

Russell (Home 473)

### Tennis/ball machine:

Helen (Home 297)

David (Home 511)

## 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)

**6.30am-9pm** Milon gym (for homeowners' use only)

**7am-9pm** Horizons outdoor pool (please note: closed for cleaning Tuesdays, 9am-11am)

**7am-9pm** Mini golf (equipment can be found in King Pins)



## Our friends return.

EACH YEAR FROM JUNE TO NOVEMBER, THOUSANDS OF HUMPBACK WHALES MAKE THEIR WAY ALONG AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST, MIGRATING BETWEEN THEIR ANTARCTIC FEEDING GROUNDS AND THE WARMER WATERS OF QUEENSLAND. IT'S A SPECTACULAR NATURAL EVENT – AND IF YOU LIVE AT A PALM LAKE RESORT, CHANCES ARE YOU'RE RIGHT ON (OR VERY CLOSE BY) THE HUMPBACK HIGHWAY.

Whether you're watching from a scenic headland or hopping aboard a whale-watching cruise, there's nothing quite like spotting the flick of a whale's tail or a mighty breach out at sea. And while you might be familiar with your local whale watching vantage point, why not get out and about this season and try a new spot? A little bit like a pub crawl, you could use the season to visit a bunch of different wonderful coastal locales with your binoculars, and take in the whales from a variety of great viewing destinations.

Some of the best places to catch a glimpse of these gentle giants include nearby **Hervey Bay**, where the calm, protected waters offer rare opportunities to see whales up close as they rest and play with their calves. Peak viewing here is from now until October, and the town celebrates with its annual Whale Festival. On August 7, 9 and 10, enjoy a vibrant festival of live music, food and community spirit. For more, visit [herveybaywhalefestival.com.au](http://herveybaywhalefestival.com.au)

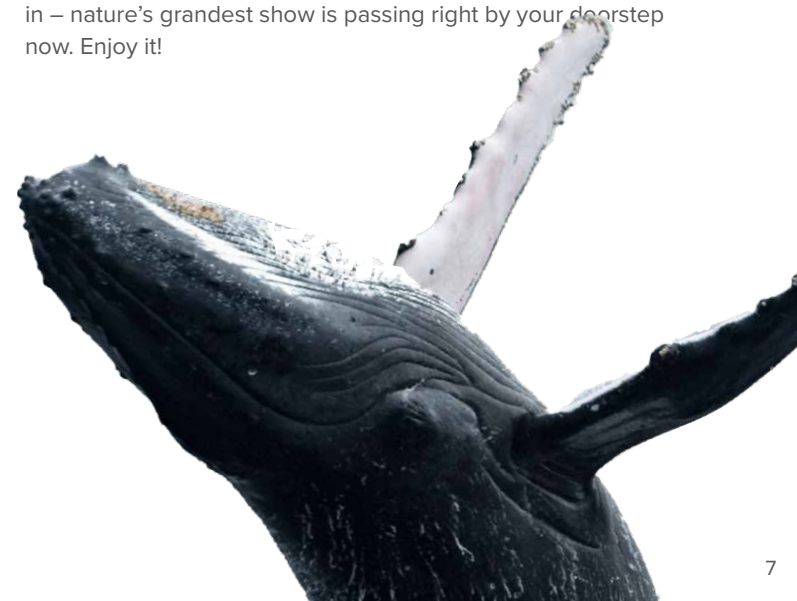
In New South Wales, the headland at **Port Macquarie's** Tacking Point Lighthouse provides excellent vantage points from May through November. **Byron Bay**, Australia's most easterly point, is another top spot – especially at sunrise or on still, clear mornings when the ocean surface is calm and whales are more active. Further south, **Coffs Harbour's** Muttonbird Island and the surrounding Solitary Islands Marine Park offer both land and boat-based viewing opportunities.

Even in Victoria, you're not missing out. **Phillip Island**, with lookouts at the Nobbies and Pyramid Rock, offers sightings during both legs of the migration, with June and July being the best months for viewing.

When it comes to timing, mornings and early afternoons are ideal, particularly on calm, sunny days. Whales are often more active during these hours, so you may be lucky enough to spot a breach, a tail slap, or the telltale spout of air as they rise to the surface to breathe.

To stay updated on the latest whale sightings, keep an eye on local coastal Facebook groups and tour operator pages, many of which share daily updates and photos. The **Wild About Whales** website and app, run by NSW National Parks, is another great resource, offering real-time sighting reports and maps.

Whether you're a seasoned spotter or a first-time enthusiast, whale watching is a reminder of just how special it is to live by the sea. So pour a cuppa, grab a pair of binoculars, and settle in – nature's grandest show is passing right by your doorstep now. Enjoy it!

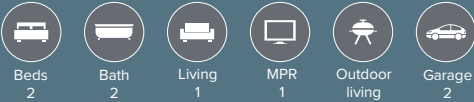


# Homes for sale.

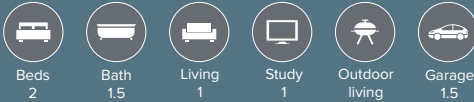
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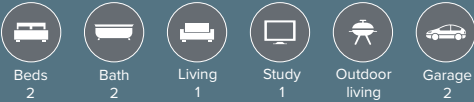
Home 304 (Hibiscus): \$715,000



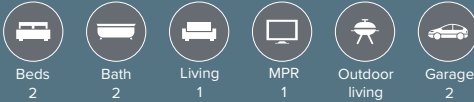
Home 250 (Rivergum): \$620,000



Home 216 (Outlook): \$670,000



Home 474 (Waratah): \$860,000



Home 251 (Gardenia): \$680,000



UNDER OFFER

Home 221 (Outlook): \$670,000



UNDER OFFER

Home 517 (Lotus): \$790,000



SOLD!

Home 486 (Pandanus RV): \$865,000



SOLD!

# Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 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 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

## Cheers to the success of caffeinated charity event

There's one charitable fundraising event that seems to pique the interest of our Palm Lake Resort homeowners more than others, and that's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This annual fundraiser is hosted by the Cancer Council to help support people affected by cancer. Held each May, the event invites individuals, workplaces, schools and communities (like ours) across the country to come together over a cuppa and a bite to eat while raising vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding world-class research, running life-saving prevention programs and offering essential support for Australians impacted by cancer. One in two Aussies will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, making the Cancer Council's work more important than ever.

Pictured right, from top down, our Carindale Caretaker, Wayne raised \$200 by 'raffling' his beard! Yamba resort hosted a vibrant Madhatters' Tea Party with some great costumes. Waterford's event saw a fashion parade combined with a lovely spread of delicious goodies. And down at Willow Lodge, The Lodge Country Club hosted a great event with many donated prizes raffled to add to the final tally. Here's a little snapshot of some of the results of Palm Lake Resort fundraisers across our group, totalling more than \$47,000 so far!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Bargara: \$4215
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Eagleby: \$5000
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250 (an incredible result for an event organised by homeowner, Lyn Wootten!)
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265



## Caloundra: \$8K for The Salvos

Following two outstanding fundraisers in recent months, Caloundra Cay homeowners have seemingly, and resoundingly, adopted The Salvation Army as their charity of choice. Their most recent event, tagged the 'Give Back Dinner', raised \$8050 for the Salvos, with the funds to stay on the Sunshine Coast in support of a project named 'Family Pathways'. This epic result followed the donation of 81 Christmas hampers by Caloundra Cay residents back in December, which were distributed to needy Sunshine Coast families. Chief organiser of the Give Back Dinner, homeowner Bernie, described the event as "an outstanding success". "We had 63 attendees, and our goal was to raise \$5000," he said. "The end result was \$8050, an amount which was far beyond our expectations. And while the fundraiser, as such, was a huge success, the night of entertainment was also incredible."



THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR  
VOLUNTEERS

## We heart resort helpers

Palm Lake Resort Ballina recently celebrated three remarkable people whose dedication and community spirit have changed this resort for the better. Beryl Boness, Stan Peck and Keith Johnson have each contributed more than 10 years of volunteer service, as part of the resort's beloved Cinema Group. Beryl and Stan were among the founding members of the group, which has spread the joy of the silver screen through its regular 'Movie Wednesdays' and 'Saturday Night at the Movies' events. Their vision and commitment helped shape a much-loved tradition at the resort. Beyond their cinematic contributions, all three have supported fellow community members in creating and sustaining a variety of other special interest groups. Their efforts have helped create connection, creativity and countless memorable evenings for all who call this resort home. The resort wouldn't be the same without you three!

## Carindale marks 25 years

Palm Lake Resort Carindale is hosting a lovely celebration in July - the 25th anniversary of its ownership under the Palm Lake Resort banner. Many nostalgic photos have been dug up out of the archives for the planned event, by a very engaged group of homeowner history buffs. Among them are the two photos pictured right featuring a young Palm Lake Group MD Scott Elliott from the early 2000s! We wish the homeowners and resort management team the best for a lovely event.



## Yamba homeowner quilter named best in show

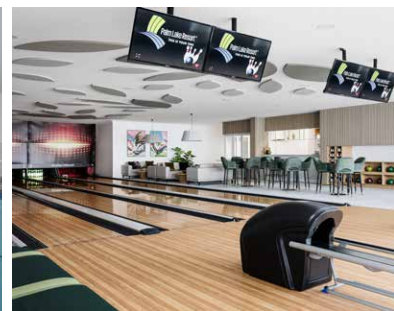
The recent Maclean Show saw the crowning of our very own Palm Lake Resort Yamba homeowner, Wendy Flitcroft, as Champion Overall. It's a prestigious title for Wendy who received the commendation based on her creative handicraft. Wendy's work is known for its intricacy and striking detail. Congratulations Wendy. Given the high number of creative crafters and fellow artisans across our Palm Lake Resort network, we are all very proud of you!

## 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](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)**



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