

MAY - JUNE 2024



The Reef



Meet your neighbours

A colourful and interesting bunch of homeowners call Bargara home - meet some inside...

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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

Over the back fence

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

Welcome.

The weather is cooling down a little here in tropical Bargara and the months are just flying by, aren't they?

As you may know, we have had Blake (one of our gardeners) leave us to take up a new career and we wish him well for the future. We do, however, have a newcomer starting very soon which we will be great.

Also on the topic of newbies, we have a newly appointed Residents' Committee here at Bargara and would like to welcome them all and look forward to working with them into the future. For your information, here are the names of the members of our new committee:

President: Lyn Tate (Home 426)

Treasurer: Susan Wright (Home 494)

Secretary: Lina Kitchen (Home 330)

Committee Members:

Marianne Alhovirta (Home 409)
Bernadette Bainbridge (Home 414)
Cheryl and Trevor Barrett (Home 478)
William Kirby (Home 39)
Leonard Littley (Home 434)
James Lyons (Home 329)
Peter Madejewski (Home 437)
Ian Parson (Home 497)
Geoff Patterson (Home 265)
Agnes Wright (Home 332).

We have been fortunate enough to go on some annual leave recently and had a holiday in Bali. It was an incredible and relaxing time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda, Ken and all our staff for doing an amazing job in our absence. Thank you all, we really do appreciate what you do.

Until next time, take care.

**Kim and Tony Lee,
Palm Lake Resort Bargara Caretakers**

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News in brief.

Lest we forget

After attending our first Dawn Service last year at Bargara Esplanade, it was important for Doug and I to share this experience with other homeowners this year. So, at 4.30am on Anzac Day 2024, two busloads of our homeowners headed to the Esplanade. Prior organisation enabled us to drop people close to the Esplanade and an invitation from the event's organising committee ensured we had reserved seating at the service. It was very much appreciated and we were humbled to get front row seats. The talk around the resort is we will need more buses next year. Accolades to the organising committee and all involved. The Bargara State School children were exceptional in their involvement. We will remember.

By Helen Cronin & Doug Hawley

Don't forget to check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community grounds is 10km/h. It is not hard to keep your foot off the accelerator so please keep an eye on your speedo as it is very easy for someone to have a mishap. Please slow down - and make sure to remind your visitors and/or invited tradespeople to do the same.



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

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

Fern Bay homeowner Ann-Marie is a winner!

Are you following Palm Lake Resort on our various social media platforms? While you can catch up on all the company news on our Facebook page, you may not know that we also have a vibrant Palm Lake Resort Instagram account as well? Ann-Marie of Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay is the lucky winner of our Instagram competition that ran during the month of April. She has picked up a \$200 gift card simply by tagging a friend in our posts. Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for our next social media competition. In the meantime, make sure to be following us on Facebook (@pallmlakeresort) and on Instagram (@pallm.lake.resort)



Around the grounds

St Paddy's party

Horizons Country Club turned green for our St Paddy's celebrations - and celebrate we did! Our homeowners literally came to the party looking resplendent in all-things green. Our Palm Lake Resort choir lead a rousing Irish singalong, and everyone joined in wholeheartedly!

And there was no shortage of Irish jokes - and some of them were even funny! We dined on the best Irish stew cooked up by Mary and Rob. Our bar staff kept everyone supplied with their favorite brews as well as some Irish specials including the very popular green-themed Midori spritzer! Everyone was on their feet tapping their toes to our amazing line dancing ladies who performed to some upbeat Irish music. And no show would be complete without our Barnacle Boys who sang some Irish favourites much to the delight of our rowdy crowd!

When the official entertainment was finished, the Partybox played music to a crowded dance floor. I take my green hat off to the wonderful Social Club team for presenting such a great event!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR SPONSORS



Our Redclaws snap up prizemoney

Our Redclaws social mixed bowlers are fortunate to have some wonderful sponsors from the area, so we hold special sponsor days about twice per month. We also hold championships for singles, pairs and triples. These began in May. Recently, Affordable Screens & Blinds sponsored Sunday afternoon bowls which was well supported by our players. Four winning teams and three losing teams were drawn out of the hat to share the prize money. First winning team drawn out was the team of Eric, Pauline and Paul. Next were Shirley, Paul, Rod and Terry. Next were Jim, Colleen Sandra and Peter. Next were Merv, Carolyn, John and Bruce. First of the losers drawn out were Carolyn, Patrick, John and Peter. Next were Martin, Jim, Jan and Richard. Last but not least were Corrie, Solveig, Bob and Rod.

Congratulations to all those who shared the prizemoney and as always, a HUGE THANKS to the bowls committee and their helpers for making these days a success. Also, of course, big thanks to Affordable Screens & Blinds for their support.

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)

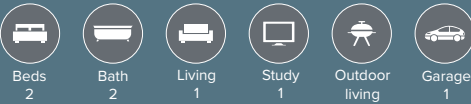
6am-9pm Milon gym (for homeowners' use only)

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)

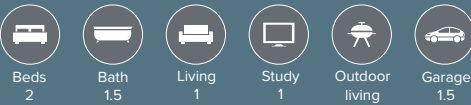
Homes for sale.

Home 112 - \$598,000



As you step through the door, you're greeted by the warm embrace of home. With two spacious bedrooms and a versatile study and plenty of storage there is ample space! Two bathrooms one of which has been recently renovated and includes a walk-in shower, add a touch of luxury. Indulge in the ultimate convenience with a kitchen designed for modern living. Featuring cupboards and a pantry outfitted with pull-out drawers, offering effortless access to all your culinary essentials. Light pours in through big windows furnished with panel glide blinds casting a warm glow over the comfortable living spaces and creating an inviting atmosphere. Step outside to discover your own private oasis. A gorgeous entertainment deck area within the alfresco and tranquil gardens. Whether you're hosting a barbecue with friends or simply enjoying a quiet moment with a book, this outdoor retreat is the perfect place to unwind.

Home 282 - \$550,000



SOLD!

Impeccable style and sophistication

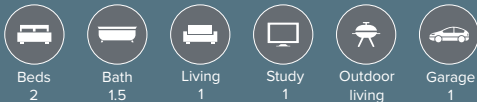
More than a home, this modern Rivergum design will feel like your very own serene sanctuary, situated on a sought-after corner block located within proximity to all the facilities. On entering the home be immersed in the open plan living and enjoy the spacious feeling of the raked ceilings. Enjoy the hot summer days with ceiling fans throughout and split system air conditioning in the living area and master. The home has a well-appointed kitchen featuring Caesarstone benchtops and island bench with 2 pac cupboards and near new SMEG wall oven and dishwasher. Two large bedrooms with generous size wardrobes and a separate study. The master bedroom has a sliding door leading outside to your undercover alfresco area. The bathroom is located next to the main bedroom and a powder room and vanity is down the hall to service the second bedroom. Freshly painted inside and out with brand new quality carpet in each room.

Homes for sale.

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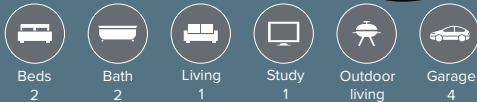
Home 137 - \$455,000



This inviting treasure welcomes you as you enter from the covered front porch where you get that feeling that this could be my new home! The Bottlebrush design offers modern open-plan living, raked ceilings, natural light and cooling breezes that flow throughout the home from the well-positioned windows and doors. Let us not forget this home has easy access to all facilities and could suit a single person or a couple. Home 137 consists of two bedrooms, one large full bathroom, a separate powder room, a single garage, a separate study, or a multipurpose room with double door entry. Beautiful bay windows are a feature in the kitchen and lounge. The 2-pack kitchen has generous bench space, a large fridge area, a corner pantry, an abundance of cupboards and drawers all complimented with quality Caesarstone benchtops. Easy care tiles in the living area with carpet in the bedrooms and study. The outdoor undercover area is complete with a lawn locker for additional storage.



Home 386 - \$765,000



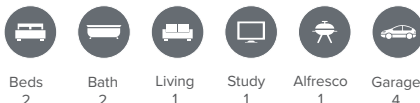
The fabulous Flame Tree RV design boasts a harmonious blend of elegance and functionality. Step inside to discover a meticulously crafted layout, featuring two spacious bedrooms plus a versatile study with sliding door access to the courtyard. Complete with an ensuite and additional bathroom and powder room for guests. Immerse yourself in the heart of the home: the stunning open kitchen. Featuring Caesarstone benchtops that exude sophistication and durability. With its corner pantry and ample cupboard space, you'll have plenty of room to store culinary essentials while keeping everything organised and within reach. Experience the ultimate in outdoor living and entertainment. You will be impressed by the captivating alfresco area. But the luxury doesn't end there, prepare to be amazed by the expansive RV garage, thoughtfully designed to accommodate a motorhome, or provide ample space for up to four cars.



Home 495 - \$780,000



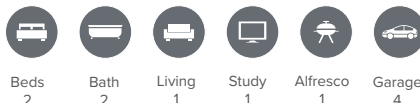
SOLD!



Home 487 - \$760,000



SOLD!



Home 184 - \$618,000



UNDER OFFER



Located in a prime position within proximity to all the resort facilities, this Wattle design features two bedrooms, two bathrooms, separate study and a two-car garage with storage - a most sort after combination. Step into a world of elegance and natural light with the exquisite feature windows set within a soaring raked ceiling. The kitchen boasts quality appliances, Caesarstone benchtops, an Insinkerator, water filter and ample cupboard space. The master is situated at the rear of the home with a large wardrobe and ensuite bathroom. This gorgeous home has a split system air-conditioner in the living room and ceiling fans and tinted windows throughout. The undercover alfresco oasis looks out over a stunning rock wall creating a tranquil retreat for outdoor entertaining and relaxation. Experience the perfect fusion of nature and style right at your doorstep. Don't wait - make an appointment to view this lovely home as it won't last long.

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!

Resort workshop put to amazing charitable use.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY 12 MONTHS FOR A DEDICATED GROUP OF PALM LAKE RESORT BALLINA RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING THE ROTARY CLUB OF BALLINA-ON-RICHMOND WITH THEIR TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY THE BIG 2022 FLOOD.

The waters may have subsided long ago, but many people still remain in very poor living conditions after the severe flooding of 2022. Thankfully though, a project from the local Rotary Club is providing warm, safe, secure and compact homes for people to live in while they are either waiting to have their original homes restored or until they find alternative accommodation.

Palm Lake Resort Ballina resident Col Lee is the coordinator of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond's Flood Recovery group. He engaged members of the Ballina Satellite Club, based at Palm Lake Resort Ballina, to assemble kitchenettes in the resort workshop and help with the fit outs of the temporary homes across the Northern Rivers region. All up, 38 homes have been erected, housing more than 100 people across seven affected local government areas.

The satellite assembly team – led by resident Michael Sherlock, a former cabinetmaker – put together the kitchen packs, adding plumbing, sink and hardware to the cupboards. The well-equipped Palm Lake Resort workshop made the job much more efficient and less confined than it would be in a normal garage. Once completed, the kitchenettes are then installed into the temporary homes to

make them ready for occupancy. Under State Government legislation, each temporary home can be occupied for up to five years and must have running water, some form of electricity and a working toilet. A development application is not required, being a temporary dwelling.

Palm Lake Resort Ballina's Resort Manager, Rick Stewart, says it is wonderful to see our residents engaging in such a worthwhile community project.

"The fellowship and sense of commitment among the members has given everyone so much pleasure in our workshop," says Rick.

"Projects such as this give a genuine purpose to all involved in our Resort where we strive to have a close connection to major community projects."

The last of the six homes were erected in the Nimbin area, which many feel has been forgotten by government authorities. This area was very badly affected by landslides – landholders' properties and homes were swept into sunken valleys and roads were covered with up to 15 metres of rock, soil and trees. Their homes and contents have been totally destroyed, never to be seen again. This Palm Lake Resort-based project has been a life changer for those who have suffered severely from the total devastation of their properties and livelihood – finally, thanks to this dedicated, community-focused group, they can begin to move forward. Through their work and expertise, these volunteers have lifted the morale and self-esteem of many people who had all but given up hope. Well done, all!



Leona is driven.

GOSH, WE HAVE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF RESIDENTS ACROSS BOTH OUR PALM LAKE RESORT AND PALM LAKE CARE COMMUNITIES - AND OUR TEAM MEMBERS ARE PRETTY VIBRANT THEMSELVES!

Case in point: Leona from Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park. When she's not heading up the Lifestyle Team, she's generously giving her time to others, including charity. Leona has just returned from the "Shitbox Rally" - an aptly named annual Cancer Council fundraiser that requires participants to drive a car valued at less than \$1500 across various states of Australia. The rally saw her and husband Scott drive a 1989 VN Commodore from Brisbane to the starting line in Adelaide, through the centre of Australia, and over to Perth. Although the rally finished in Perth, the pair managed to complete a return trip and got their 'shitbox' back home to Brisbane - some 12,000km in total! This was Leona's fifth time in the Shitbox Rally, which has raised \$45 million for the Cancer Council in its 14-year history (Leona and her fellow Autumn 2024 rally participants raised \$3 million alone this trip!). Incredible! Leona's residents at Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park followed her progress throughout the trip online, via a tracker she had in her car. There was loads of excitement across the community as she and Scott made it to each checkpoint. Bravo Leona - what fun, and what a great cause!

Inter-resort good sports.

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby hosted a team from Palm Lake Resort Waterford who put up a good fight, with some great lawn bowls played. However, Eagleby proved to be too strong and ran out winners 91 to 55.

Our Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa bowlers also took on visitors from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands in a recent inter-resort bowls comp. After the morning session, Cooroy-Noosa were only up one point and one game. After a bit of banter and encouragement over lunch, the Cooroy teams lifted and won six out of eight games and scored 99 to 58 points to comfortably win the day. Final results were: Games won 10.5 to 5.5 and Points won: 196 to 154

Finally, Palm Lake Resort Bethania lawn bowlers took on their counterparts at Waterford recently. Although the final score was 102 to 63, it was no indication of the game. Both teams won three rinks each however one Waterford team won 34 to 5 with a very rare score of 9 on one end. This doesn't happen often - it's a bit like a hole in one in golf. It was a great game that all enjoyed whether playing or spectating.

They're sew good.

The talented crafters at Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay held their 10th annual Quilt Show in recent weeks. A few of the handmade quilts went home with lucky raffle winners – the rest are to be donated to local charities. Special mention to quilter Coral Welham, who turned fabric that wasn't suitable for quilting into pouches for rescued wildlife. Our Deception Bay homeowners really are sew good.



Cindy trains pups to empower.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay homeowner Cindy is spending her free time in a brilliant way - training pups to become Assistance and Therapy Dogs. Cindy has opened up her Beachmere Bay home to support this fantastic cause and has an ever-changing variety of the most gorgeous pooches staying with her, via the "Empower Assistance Dogs" organisation. Well done, Cindy!

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? We'd love to hear from you! **Simply email the details to belinda@bellepr.com**

We're all good sports.



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