

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2024



The Reef



From masks to cowboy hats

It's been quite the social time here at our resort lately! Check out some of the fun we've had

Big ideas for a compact backyard

You'll look at your Palm Lake Resort backyard differently with our ideas, inside

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Welcome to another edition of your resort newsletter. On the topic of welcomes, I would like to thank you all for welcoming Michael and I into your lovely resort community. While it's been a busy time, we've tried to get to know as many of you as possible and look forward to meeting even more of you in the coming weeks.

For those who we haven't yet met, I thought I'd do a little introduction here so you can learn more about us.

I was born in New South Wales and moved to Brisbane when I was seven years old. With my father's work, we moved around quite a lot. I attended five different schools across Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast. I have a Diploma in Childcare, managed restaurants for many years and then around nine years ago, made a lifestyle change and moved to Bargara with Michael to manage my parents' resort, as my father had become ill.

Michael was born and bred in Victoria and grew up on the Mornington Peninsula. He competed in Little Athletics from under 6s to under 16s (sport would go on to play a big role his entire life). In his teens, he and his family moved to Bundaberg where he attended Kepnock High School. After a few years they moved back to Victoria again. While living back in Victoria, he found a passion for AFL football and has been a lifelong supporter of the Melbourne Demons. About 12 years ago, Michael made a change to warmer Queensland weather and settled on the Sunshine Coast where he had relatives nearby. Michael is well skilled in a variety of industries - construction and manufacturing, the seafood industry, commercial cleaning and has a strong background in holiday resorts. Michael enjoys cooking and running, but most of all loves sport - mostly football (both NRL and AFL), supporting the Demons and Storm.

We have enjoyed our time managing holiday resorts and working with people. We would tell you we are a positive couple, who feel our experience in the industry will continue to benefit us in our new role here at Palm Lake Resort Bargara.

So, that's us! If you're walking past the office, make sure you drop in and say hi.

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

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News in brief.

Meet our committee

Here are the members of our
2024 Homeowners Committee, if
you are needing to speak to them:

President: Lyn Tate
Secretary: Lina Kitchen
Treasurer: Susan Wright
Committee Members:
Trevor Preston
Bernie Bainbridge
Peter Madjewski
Ian Parsons
James Lyons
Marianne Alhovirta

Get social with us!

Are you on social media? Make
sure you follow Palm Lake Resort
on Facebook (@palllakeresort)
and also over on Instagram
(@palllake.resort) to see
what's happening right across
our dozens of Palm Lake Resort
locations. We also feature many
warm-and-fuzzy stories from
our seven Palm Lake Care aged
caring communities on both social
platforms (@palllake.care).
With more than 10,000 people
calling a Palm Lake address home,
there's always loads going on!

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.



The spring edition of 'Your Time' is here!

Spring has arrived and so too
has the Spring 2024 edition of
our company magazine, *Your
Time*. In this edition, we celebrate
our two recent Master Builders'
Association Awards for Palm Lake
Group projects on the Sunshine
Coast. We've also got plenty of
coverage of our most recent
events and, in our popular Lifestyle
section, you can become a 'pasta
master' - yum! Grab your copy
from our resort Country Clubs or
you can always read it online at
palllakeresort.com.au



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.



Turtle tickets now available!

If you hadn't already heard,
tickets for the 2024-25 season
of Mon Repos Nightly Turtle
Encounters have just gone on
sale.

Mon Repos, our next-door
neighbour, supports the largest
concentration of nesting marine
turtles on the eastern Australian
mainland and has the most
significant loggerhead turtle
nesting population in the South
Pacific. From November through
to January each year, it is an
amazing sight to see these huge
creatures heaving their way up
the beach to find a safe spot to
dig a nest and lay their eggs.
And then, some 6-8 weeks later
(generally between January to
March), you can witness the tiny
hatchlings emerging from their
sandy nests to scurry down the
beach towards the sea.

Mon Repos Turtle Tours will run
from Saturday November 9 to
Sunday March 23 (subject to
change) excluding December 24,
25 and 31. Visit the Queensland
Parks and Wildlife website for
more information on the Mon
Repos Nightly Turtle Encounters
and visit www.bundabergregion.org
for tickets. It's such a great
experience to share with your
visiting family and friends.

Weekly activities.

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, OB
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

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

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, 9am-11am)

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



INTER-RESORT COMP BRINGS US TOGETHER

Bargara beats the Bay.

OUR WONDERFUL LAWN BOWLS FACILITY WAS ON DISPLAY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WHEN WE HOSTED AN INTER-RESORT LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION AGAINST PALM LAKE RESORT BEACHMERE BAY.

Sixty-six players from each resort enjoyed two days of fun and friendly rivalry, playing for the glory and the prizemoney on offer. Caretakers from both resorts and our Palm Lake Resort Sales Team and Works department were very generous and donated prizes that were given out over the two days, with Palm Lake Group Head Office supplying the overall winners prizes.

Our Relay For Life team made sure hungry tumms were filled and our bar volunteers made sure our hydration was adequate. Our photographer, John Musgrave from the Shutterbug Club, took so many wonderful action photographs over the event. And our Redclaw members were magnificent with their willingness help. Team Bargara were the overall winners of the shield.

Many spectators enjoyed watching the two days of bowls - vantage points and seats were at a premium. The comp will be on again in two years' time and hopefully we can repeat the exercise successfully.

Joan Lembcke,
Redclaws Social Bowls Club President



Boot scootin' good times!

COUNTRY SURE CAME TO OUR HORIZONS COUNTRY CLUB "SALOON BAR" RECENTLY FOR OUR COUNTRY NIGHT CAPERS.

The country crowd was decked out in their best country gear, enhancing the atmosphere. The bar served plenty of Stubborn Mules and Randy Cowboys - both very popular refreshments. And we all enjoyed our country fare served from the Tasty Street food van.

The Palm Lake Resort Bargara Choir started the entertainment with some great, fun favourites that we were all able to sing along to. And we had a couple of local cowboys recite some tall tales.

Then our line dancing ladies danced up a storm, much to the delight of the crowd. The fun really began when everyone got up on the dance floor and danced the night away.

There may have been a few sore feet - and sore heads - around the following day but it was all worth it for the memories we made! Our sincere thanks must go out to our resort's Social Club who presented yet another wonderful event!

GREAT FUN
IN ALL OUR
FINERY!

Elegance aplenty for masquerade ball.

THE SCENE WAS SET FOR A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION WHEN OUR SEABREEZE COUNTRY CLUB WAS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ELEGANT BALLROOM TO HOST OUR MASQUERADE BALL.

Our guests were greeted on the red carpet with the ambience of our grand piano played by two wonderfully talented pianists. Our Committee members then escorted guests to their seats.

A delicious and generous supper was served, and as a special surprise, we enjoyed a short dance recital by the beautiful young dancers from Bundaberg Dance Academy.

Then it was down to the business of dancing the night away to the lively music provided by The Good Old Jazz Brothers Boys.

Our homeowners put the 'icing on the cake' by dressing up in their most glitzy and glamorous best, complete with some beautiful and creative masks to fit the theme of the evening.

Our Social Club excelled themselves by presenting this very special event. It was every bit as wonderful as we had hoped and planned for.





Big ideas for a compact yard.

DOWNSIZING YOUR FAMILY HOME DOESN'T MEAN GIVING UP ON A BACKYARD THAT IS THE ENVY OF YOUR VISITORS. YOU'VE JUST GOT TO THINK A LITTLE MORE CREATIVELY. THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO EASILY TAKE A COMPACT BACKYARD TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

MAKE THE
'GREAT'
OUTDOORS
YOURS

Go green

It's the obvious thing but a lush, green garden is ever so welcoming. Speak to your local nurseryman about what types of plants suit your home's position (closely observe how the sun falls on your various garden beds before you head to the nursery) and also take into account how green your thumb actually is. Choose hardy plants if you're a plant newbie to avoid disappointment! A simple irrigation system is worth the expense when setting up your garden – many can be controlled via an app on your smartphone when you're away on holidays.

Game on

You don't need a huge backyard to have a huge amount of backyard fun – in fact, there's a whole range of yard-friendly games on the market that won't break the bank. Classic Bocce can't be beaten. Lawn bowls lovers will enjoy Bocce as the objective is similar: get your team's balls closer to the pallino (the first ball put into play) than the other team's. Alternatively, you may want to invest in a Finska set. This game involves throwing a wooden block at a cluster of 12 wooden cylinders, which are marked with the numbers one to 12. You can even seek out jumbo backyard versions of those classic indoor family games like Jenga, chess and Yahtzee.

Grow your own

A small vegetable patch can reap big rewards, especially when it comes to the pride felt when eating your own homegrown produce. Even the smallest of garden beds can be utilised for a veggie patch or you could group together a few larger decorator pots filled with premium potting mix. Lettuce is an easy veg to grow that is also quick to reach harvest. There are also now dwarf tomato varieties that grow to roughly 50cm, which is perfect for a small veggie patch. Shallots, French beans and spinach are compact growers. Beetroot and onions don't take up too much space and are fun for the kids to dig up when mature. Preparing your ground

is key – use rich composted soil. Water and fertilise regularly for fast results. This is one project that's perfect to share with the grandies and maybe you can work with your neighbours to ensure a wide variety of produce is grown which can then be shared around.

Wriggling wonders

If you've committed to a veggie patch, another cool addition to a small backyard is a worm farm. For around \$150, you can set yourself up with a neat and compact worm farm and all the things you'll need to support your new little wriggly pets. Worms will compost your kitchen scraps while also producing worm 'tea' fertiliser and the richest compost/soil for your plants. When a worm farm is working efficiently, there's no smell. It's another one of those backyard beauties that the grandkids will LOVE! And, trust us, your neighbours will want some of your magic worm tea for their gardens too – bottle it up and share it around!

Garden art

Another way to bring 'wow factor' to your backyard is via garden art. There are endless options! Consider decorative screens/panels (widely available at hardware stores) which look great installed against a plain fence, or even statues and sculptural figures subtly installed among the greenery for a surprise 'pop' of interest. Water features provide the soothing sound of gentle running water while you can also paint a feature wall – they aren't just for inside!

Take a seat

A commonly overlooked element of backyards is seating. Create places to stop and take in the vista you've created. The more unexpected, the better. Maybe you can install a bench near your veggie patch that doubles as storage for a few small garden tools? Or position a couple of chairs and a small table to overlook the water feature? Sitting among the plants in your backyard, with the sun on your back, is proven to be amazing therapy.

Homes for sale.

Home 377 - \$750,000

- Beds 2
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Study 1
- Outdoor living
- Garage RV



Spacious RV delight! Discover the perfect blend of elegance and convenience in this fabulous quality-designed home. The Pandanus RV is one of our most popular designs, offering two bedrooms, two bathrooms master with ensuite and walk in robe, spacious study, internal laundry and plenty of storage. The RV garage (with 3.5m clearance) is designed for the caravan or motorhome together with the family car or partition off for another room, the choice is yours. The modern kitchen has plenty of soft-close drawers and cupboard space. Features include SMEG appliances, Caesarstone bench tops and island bench. Open-plan living/dining that flows out to the covered alfresco area with the clever use of stacker doors. This modern home provides the freedom to explore with the comfort of a luxurious base to return to. It's perfect for those who want the best of both worlds – the open road and a welcoming community.

Has your situation changed?



RECENT SALES: Homes 137, 386, 42, 505, 44, 470, 112, 221.

While we know our homeowners adore living at Palm Lake Resort Bargara for all the incredible resort facilities and benefits that this local area offers, we also understand that situations change. Did you know that we have a huge waiting list of people ready and rearing to join us at Palm Lake Resort Bargara? If you've been thinking of a move yourself because your situation has changed, please come and see me in the Sales Information Centre. I can give you a qualified, no-obligations appraisal of your Palm Lake Resort home and answer any questions you may have about moving. You definitely won't be disappointed by the current market conditions.

Kim Cankar
Sales Consultant, Palm Lake Resort Bargara



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Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL OUR PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!



Community helping community.

We hear so many lovely stories of our craftiest homeowners donating their time and talents to support the less fortunate in their community.

At Palm Lake Resort Upper Coomera (QLD), the lovely ladies from the Monday Craft Group have been busy knitting trauma teddies for donation to their local doctors' rooms. Pictured above left, the teddies are kept with the pathology nurses to give to any tearful visiting children, to help cheer them up on a sad day.

Down at Truganina (Victoria) on Wednesday afternoons, a group of homeowners gets together to handcraft the most beautiful items for the greater good. The Craft Group ladies have been working hard getting beautifully handmade crafts ready for delivery to vulnerable children in war-affected Syria. It is no understatement to say that these pretty little bags

filled with haircare accessories for the dear children in war-affected Syria will make such a huge difference in their lives (pictured above, middle). You can imagine just how special these children will feel when they open their packs to reveal their beautiful handmade bag with goodies inside.

The group also makes and donates other goodies to Victoria's most loved family charities including St Kilda Mums, Geelong Mums and Eureka Mums. Items they create for donation include knitted jumper, beanie and mitten sets, beautiful baby cardigans, blankets and toys.

The Truganina Craft Group ladies all say it's rewarding to knit for such wonderful causes. They know there will be such joy among the children when they receive a handmade gift.

At Palm Lake Resort Bethania (QLD), the wonderful Tuesday morning ladies'

Craft Group (pictured below) has also been giving back to their local community knitting beanies, scarves and gloves for the homeless as well as dolls for the children's hospital. These ladies are always seeking donations of wool to continue their great work. You can also purchase one of their handmade beanies for just \$10 with all funds raised going towards the purchase of more wool for knitting and stuffing for the dolls.



'Love' these milestones!

Celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary recently, Kevin and Helen of Palm Lake Resort Carindale (QLD, pictured above) were congratulated with cheers and acclamation by all at the resort's Wednesday dinner. The pair met at a tennis night in Sydney on July 10, 1959. Both are keen gardeners who have been living at Palm Lake Resort for 16 years where they have graciously endeared themselves to fellow homeowners and our management team. Congratulations to you both!

Over at our sister company, Palm Lake Care, another incredible milestone anniversary was recently noted. Max and Joan of Palm Lake Care Caloundra (QLD, below) just clocked up 73 years of wedded bliss! What an incredible achievement!



Organ brings back yesteryear.



There's a beautifully restored original cinema theatre organ that can be heard right across Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay (QLD). Homeowner/musician Barry Moore painstakingly restored the organ himself. On completion, the organ looked perfect on display in its rightful place, at the resort's plush Hamptons Country Club cinema, akin to the days of yore when all the prestigious cinemas featured a similar organ. Of course, Barry is more than happy to play a tune whenever asked.

'Big O' bash at Beachmere Sands.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands (QLD) residents recently came together to celebrate a very big milestone - several of them, in fact. The resort's annual 'Big O' party is held for those celebrating a milestone birthday that year. This year's 'Big O' event was another fantastic night. There have been whispers around the resort that it was the 'best one yet!' The most impressive 'Big O' of them all was Agnes (right), who turns 100 this year!



Award winners, five years in a row.

The Master Builders Association Queensland's independent judges recently named a Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters' display residence the best in its category on the Sunshine Coast.

At the same glittering awards ceremony, the renovation of Pelican Waters Golf Club (also owned and operated by the Palm Lake Group) was named best Commercial Refurbishment/Renovation project.

These two recent wins see Palm Lake Group's award-winning streak stretch to five consecutive years - a proud achievement for all those involved and for anyone who calls a Palm Lake Resort address home!

Tell us what's happening over your back fence.

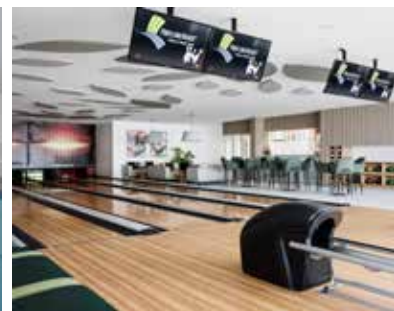
Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the whole Palm Lake Resort group? Are you and/or your neighbours doing something special that you're proud of - and you know we'd be proud of too?

We'd love to hear from you and include your story in these pages in the next editions of all our resort newsletters.

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



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