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The Gatsby



Artists and crafters shine

Our Art & Craft Fair was a showcase of our impressive homeowner talent pool

Golfers get a round

Our golfers have been busy! Find the Westhampton Golf Club's reports inside

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Hello everyone -

Welcome to the latest edition of our Beachmere Bay resort newsletter.

We would like to start by sending a very warm welcome to the new homeowners of Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay. I'm sure, as you wander around the resort grounds, you are making lots of friends already. Come and say hello to us in the office at any time - there's always a cup of coffee on offer at the kitchenette as well, so help yourselves and explore our Hamptons Country Club. Don't forget to go and have a look at the Beach House too. There are some spectacular views from the deck!

Also, we'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope you are all experiencing an enjoyable summer in this beautiful resort we call home. Our two resort swimming pools are certainly very busy right now, as are the air-conditioned facilities!

Many thanks to the homeowners who have helped to develop our informative Intranet that is now being displayed on the television in the Hamptons Country Club and the Sports Club. It's a great way for everyone to keep up to date with the happenings at Beachmere Bay.

As a community, your participation in the activities provided by our Social Committee makes this such a friendly place to live. Judging by the photos throughout this newsletter, there's been some fun had this past festive season! The summer months have also been very busy for us with visitors - it's been lovely to see so many family members and friends stopping by and enjoying our facilities alongside their Beachmere Bay homeowner contacts.

In closing, our lovely Chef, Jorge, will be back on deck as this newsletter goes to print. We look forward to the return of his culinary expertise to really kickstart our New Year with a bang!

Until next time,

Sue and Steve Babbage,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.

Did you know you can book the theatre?

You are welcome to watch your own movies, DVDs etc in the resort's movie theatre. There is a booking sheet by the door and you just need to fill in the day/ time you would like to book the theatre for your event. Need help understanding and operating the system? Simply get in touch with John Davis (#2227) and he will happily explain everything to you.

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.

Looking for care?

There are limited vacancies at Palm Lake Care Beachmere 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 gorgeous waterfront setting, FREECALL Care Solutions to discuss their needs on 1800 24 66 77.



'The Bay Cafe' a sweet success for our anglers

Late last year, the Beachmere Bay Fishing Club put on a wonderful fundraiser. "The Bay Cafe" was an extremely successful event with lots of fantastic baked goods enjoyed. A fabulous day was had by all.



Weekly activities.

MONDAY

7.30am Sands golf competition
9am Zumba. Lawn bowls: Ladies' morning
10am Mah-jong. Social golf. Yoga
1pm Cards (Hand & Foot). Lawn bowls (Triples)
2pm Ukulele practise
4.30pm Mixed tennis
5.45-6.30pm Lawn bowls: Coaching
6.30pm Slice of Life (fourth Monday of month)

TUESDAY

AM, TBC Ladies' golf competition
8.15am Senior exercise class
9am Lawn bowls: Novice Pairs
9am Ladies' pickleball. Ladies' social golf
10am Book Club (second Tues of the month)
1pm Cards: Hand & Foot
3pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers, Mixed social
7pm Cards: 500

WEDNESDAY

All day Social golf
7.30am Aqua aerobics
8.15am Mat Pilates
8.45am Armchair yoga
1pm Lawn bowls: Self-selected pairs
1pm Duplication Bridge
7.15pm Movies at The Bay

THURSDAY

All day Social golf
8.15am Yoga
8.30am Mixed tennis
9am Lawn bowls: Pot luck games, skill sessions
1pm Cards (500). Supervised Bridge
1.30pm Craft, coffee and chat
6pm Mixed pickleball
7pm Lawn bowls: Winners & losers, mixed

FRIDAY

AM, TBC Mixed golf competition
8.30am Mat Pilates
9.15am Tai chi
10am Mah-jong
1pm Social golf. Line dancing (beginners)
1pm Lawn bowls: Men's
2pm Line dancing (intermediate)
4pm Happy Hour (second Friday: Raffles)

SATURDAY

All day Social golf
9am Mini Bridge
10am Remote-controlled boats
2pm Men's pickleball
2pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers, Mixed social
3-5pm Live music (fourth Saturday of month)
4pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers
5.30pm Villa draw (third Saturday of month)

SUNDAY

All day Social golf
8am Mixed pickleball
1pm Mixed cash triples competition
2.30pm Bingo (first Sunday of the month)
2.30pm Trivia (second Sunday of the month)
2.30pm Ballads with Barry (fifth Sunday)
4pm Croquet. Happy Hour



Fashion forward.

TWO LOCAL FASHION HOUSES – SEAWEED & SANDALS (BEACHMERE) AND ISLAND DESIGNS (BRIBIE ISLAND) – JOINED FORCES TO SHOWCASE FASHION AND STYLING ADVICE RIGHT HERE AT OUR RESORT.

Around 130 ladies attended the Fashion Parade late last year. This free event was enthusiastically supported by our community members who thoroughly enjoyed seeing our own homeowners model the clothing on the day. Our models included (pictured above left) Lyn Grecian, Jacqui Nichols, Trish Myers, Jaquita Banning and Dianne Gregory who also coordinated the event.

The stage and catwalk allowed the VIP guests and all those at the tables to closely examine the clothing, hats, bags and jewellery on display. Our gentlemen assistants, Andy and Chris, were applauded for their care in helping the ladies down the steps. Lucky door prizes and raffles were popular. It was a great afternoon!



OUR HOMEOWNERS ARE A TALENTED BUNCH!

Pictured above: Just some of the fabulous handmade delights on offer at our 2023 Arts & Craft Fair, in the Hamptons Country Club. Joe Mifsud (Home 169) peddled his popular scones and they were a big hit. He's pictured, above right, with Lois Ibbotson.

Artists and crafters unite.

LATE LAST YEAR, BEACHMERE BAY WAS TREATED TO OUR ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT FAIR - AN EVENT EAGERLY ANTICIPATED AND VERY WELL PATRONISED BY OUR HOMEOWNERS AND THEIR GUESTS.

According to our 2023 Arts & Craft Fair Coordinator, Yvonne Atkinson (Home 285), the event was originally started by the Craft Group back in 2020 when homeowners were invited to show their craftsmanship and offer handmade products for sale. The timing of the event was to give homeowners a convenient opportunity to buy early Christmas gifts.

Staged in the Hamptons Country Club, Yvonne says the Fair has grown year on year and she made it her mission to hunt down even more new exhibitors to give Fair-goers an even wider variety of art and crafts to purchase.

"There are many exceptionally talented craftspeople in the resort," Yvonne says. "Among them we now have a potter, painters, patchworkers and there was even a homeowner displaying all things lemons - including lemon meringue pies, lemon cakes and lemon curd.

"We also have an exceptional celebrity cake decorator and, for the first time, the Men's Workshop displayed their merchandise, too."

Of course, it wouldn't be a community event without an obligatory - and delicious! - sausage sizzle, but the Fair also attracted one of our male homeowners, Joe Mifsud, who was selling his delicious lemonade scones with jam and cream.

"Joe's scones were definitely a hit, with big queues waiting to purchase them," Yvonne smiles.

"The scones went down nicely with the coffees available from the mobile coffee truck that visited on the day."

A raffle was also run with a myriad of great prizes on offer from a quilt and a painting, to gift hampers and even haircare products donated by a local hairdresser.

"The products on sale were of a very high standard. Many stallholders have already expressed their wish to display again next year," Yvonne says. "It really was a wonderful day."

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SEASON HAD
US FEELING...
FESTIVE!



Social Club wrap-up.

BY KRIS MANN,
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR (HOME 200)

Let's get festive!

"Jingle and mingle" was the theme of the Beachmere Bay Christmas Party 2023 which was held in early December at the Hamptons Country Club.

At this free event, homeowners organised their own table of guests, could decorate their own table and plan their own dinner menu as suited them. Placemats, plates and cutlery was provided and festive Christmas hamper raffles were available.

DJ Frank was welcomed back to entertain everyone with his Christmas tunes and popular dance hits. Frank was very responsive to requests and even played some line dancing favourites!

This format for our Christmas Party was popular last year and very warmly adopted again this year with 220 people attending. Tables were set up inside and outside adjacent to the pool area. It was a very merry Christmas event!



The race that stopped a... resort

Along with everyone else around the nation, Beachmere Bay homeowners got together to celebrate Melbourne Cup in November. There were complimentary pink bubbles on arrival, sushi and sandwiches for nibbles, a hearty lunch of Mediterranean chicken and beef lasagne. The dessert lolly bar and fresh fruit smorgasbord was enthusiastically appreciated by the 155 guests who attended. The Bar Staff were kept very busy, that's for sure!

The highlight of the day was the Phantom Races where everyone was given 'funny money' to bet on three Phantom Races (before and after THE Race which was watched, of course).

We had four Bookies (Money Bags Mark, Gordon Grabitall, Gentleman Jeff and Justin Byanose, pictured below right) who were fabulous fun and who handled the crazy gambling queues with great style! Winners enjoyed gambling \$1000s of funny money on the Phantom Races and got very excited when their horse won! Nineteen sweeps had to be organised to cater for those preferring sweeps as well.

Prizes for Fashions on the Field brought out the fascinators, braces, suits, jewels and hats with everyone getting into that. Once again our homeowner volunteers (before and after the event) made this big day possible – so a very warm thanks to each one of you.

Many compliments were received by the Social Committee with many saying it was the best Melbourne Cup event they had ever attended!





WE HIT
THE ROAD FOR
MORE GOLFING
ADVENTURE



Bundy fun.

Late last year, homeowners Joe and Debbie Carter (Home 67) organised a wonderful trip to Bundaberg for fellow Beachmere Bay homeowners and golf enthusiasts. Nine couples took the opportunity to not only play golf but also explore the region and do some sightseeing. The group enjoyed visiting The Rum factory, a gin distiller, Bundaberg Ginger Beer and a chocolate shop. They even visited Palm Lake Resort Bargara for a guided tour.

The 13 golfers in the group (which included four women) played on the Bundaberg, Bargara and Coral Cove golf courses. It was very dry throughout the Bundaberg region while we were in town. The golfing gods were good to us as we enjoyed perfect weather for our trip.

The six remaining ladies in the group had a great time exploring the region and checking out the tourist spots under the able leadership of Debbie. At the end of each day, everyone would meet up for dinner and enjoyed sharing stories about their adventures. The final evening concluded with fish and chips on the foreshore, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It was a great way for us to socialise outside the resort grounds and fun times were had by all.



Golfers end year with a bang!

BY REGINA BALACHANDRAN,
WESTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB SECRETARY (HOME 163)

The Westhampton Golf Club Christmas party saw members enjoy a great time. We played a few festive games and shared a delicious dinner while taking the opportunity to socialise with everyone.

The event allowed us to thank Marnie who has always willingly provided delicious morning teas for our Working Bee volunteers. She was presented with a small gift (pictured below, right).

Two of our beginner ladies (Lynda Dawson and Marilyn Karauria, pictured above) were also awarded. They each received an encouragement award from Membership Coordinator, Deanna Cruickshank, for showing the biggest improvement in golf this year.

Lucky ducks.



The Westhampton Golf Club held a very successful Christmas raffle recently. We raised more than \$300 which will be used for the benefit of the golfing members. We thank all the homeowners across our resort for your support. Congratulations to the three lucky winners who were all thrilled with their prizes:

- 1st - Jenny Blake (Home 50)
- 2nd - Debbie Lunn (Home 184)
- 3rd - Glenda Matheson (Home 134)

Homes for sale.

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Home 236: \$1,075,000



This exquisite home exudes elegance, Hamptons style and coastal sophistication. Featuring two bedrooms plus a generous activity room, two bathrooms, a double garage and ducted air conditioning, it is the epitome of effortless living. The heart of this home lies in its gourmet kitchen, with SMEG appliances that are as stylish as they are functional. The kitchen's sleek cabinetry, stone countertops and subway tile backsplash will inspire your culinary pursuits. The master suite is a tranquil retreat, featuring a generously sized bedroom, walk-in wardrobe and a private ensuite bathroom. The additional guest bedroom and activity room offer comfortable accommodation for guests or can be transformed into a home office or hobby room. A well-appointed second bathroom services these rooms and features modern fixtures with tiles to the ceiling.



Home 256: \$925,000



This attractive home exudes Hamptons style, charm and coastal sophistication. Boasting three bedrooms, two bathroom, a double garage, SMEG appliances and ducted air conditioning, it is the epitome of refined comfort. As you step inside, you'll be greeted by an open and inviting floor plan maximizing space and natural light. Adjacent to the kitchen, the spacious living area beckons relaxation with its plush seating, large windows and glass sliding doors. There's seamless integration with the outdoor living spaces, allowing for a perfect flow when entertaining. The master suite is a tranquil retreat, featuring a generously sized bedroom, a walk-in wardrobe and a private ensuite bathroom. The additional two bedrooms offer comfort for guests or can be transformed into a home office, TV room etc. A well-appointed second bathroom services these rooms.



Home 286: \$955,000

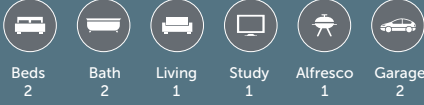


This Brightwater is impressively located on the outer boundary of our resort. This property's Hamptons style is evident in its beautifully landscaped gardens. There's a covered alfresco area, ideal for enjoying morning coffee or hosting barbecues with friends and family. Inside, its interior showcases a seamless blend of modern features and timeless Hamptons-inspired elements.

The heart of this home lies in its gourmet kitchen, adorned with top-of-the-line SMEG appliances that are as stylish as they are functional. Whether you're preparing a quick meal or hosting a dinner party, the kitchen's sleek 2 pac cabinetry, 40mm stone benchtops, and subway tile backsplash will inspire your culinary pursuits.



Home 259: \$1,049,000



Be embraced by a feeling of unparalleled serenity. The spacious living area seamlessly connects to an entertainer's kitchen. Featuring state-of-the-art SMEG appliances and an expansive island, this kitchen is not only a culinary masterpiece but the heart of your home. This residence boasts two generous bedrooms (plus study), exuding comfort and elegance. The master bedroom opens onto the alfresco and the ensuite bathroom is a personal spa retreat, complete with a spacious walk-in closet. The second bedroom is ideal for guests or use as a cozy reading nook to lose yourself in your favourite novel. The adjacent study can serve as your home office or a quiet space for reflection and creativity. The expansive outdoor alfresco area is perfectly positioned on the canal edge - a haven for relaxation. Sip on your favourite beverage, or take advantage of the lush, landscaped gardens for your morning yoga session.



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