

JULY - AUGUST 2025



The Gatsby



The Humpback Highway

Our friends have returned! Inside, find out where and when to see migrating whales

We're a very social bunch!

These last few months have been particularly busy - especially for our social club

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

Welcome to the latest edition of our Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay newsletter.

We would like to welcome all our new homeowners to the resort. We look forward to seeing you enjoying the beautiful facilities we have here, and are sure you will soon be making new friends and finding there is even more to do here than you thought possible.

Our Social Committee is keeping very busy. The Bollywood Curry Night in the clubhouse was a huge success, with 130 residents attending for a fun evening of delicious curry and great music! Keep an eye out for the weekly social club newsletter.

Coming up, we have a '5 & 0' Masquerade Party that is certainly going to be a wonderful evening. Our resident pianist, Barry, is often playing the piano in the club house. He loves an audience, and he takes requests! Be sure to also check out our Happy Hour on Friday and Saturday - it's always a great get-together.

With this lovely cool winter weather, now is the perfect time to have a stroll around the lakes and golf course. The swans have taken up residence on the back lake and are easy to spot, along with the wallabies.

Of course, it's also travel season! There are so many wonderful tales of adventure and wonder to be heard. We have such an amazing mix of caravanners wandering around the country, overseas holidaymakers and homeowners enjoying family get-togethers, it's hard to keep up with the amazing stories - but we so love catching up with you all when you come home. You can also catch up by using the Palm Lake Beachmere Bay Facebook group.

There are a few pre-loved homes for sale and our lovely Sales Consultant, Julie-Ann, is busy looking after them. We wish those homeowners who are moving away all the very best as they move onto their next adventure.

Until next time,

Sue and Steve Babbage,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.



Greysiders take the stage

On June 1, Greysiders - our resident four-piece band of Beachmere Bay homeowners - gave us their debut performance! This group loves to make music together, and their passion was evident when they took the stage. Noddy was their frontman singing and playing the guitar, with Garry and Gerald either side with their guitars. Paul played drums in the rear and all contributed to the singing. There was huge excitement and about 180 people there to dance and enjoy their wide range of songs. They will be back on October 12, so mark your calendars now!



Can you 'Name That Tune'?

On a lazy Sunday afternoon - May 18, to be precise - we enjoyed a fun-filled musical session. Molly Humdrum (Mark), C-Sharp (Jeff) and G-Major DJ (Ricci) lead the afternoon with a musical quiz, which saw teams compete with each other, singing along and identifying popular songs. Everyone loved it, so much so that 'Name That Tune' will be back in November! Stay 'tuned' (pun intended).

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

- 7.30am Sands golf competition
- 9am Zumba. Lawn bowls: Ladies' morning
- 10am Mah-jong. Social golf. Yoga
- 11am Slice of Life (fourth Monday of month)
- 1pm Cards (Hand & Foot). Lawn bowls (Triples)
- 2pm Ukulele practise
- 4.30pm Mixed tennis
- 5.45-6.30pm Lawn bowls: Coaching

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 Chair 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
- 8.15am Mat Pilates
- 9am Chair yoga
- 9.30am 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 Trivia (second Sunday of the month)
- 4pm Croquet. Happy Hour



From Bollywood, to Beachmere Bay.

BY KRIS MANN, SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Saturday May 3 saw our Hamptons Clubhouse transform into an Indian Bollywood Extravaganza! The festivities kicked off at 3pm, and there was a lot to look forward to.

Rich Virsa Dance Troupe leader Harry commenced the entertainment with men's turban wrapping, before their ladies wrapped some of our own in their own saris. It was wonderful to see how it's done, as it is not easy! Many homeowners had dressed up in their Indian finery to get into the spirit of the event, which greatly added to the excitement. The Dance Troupe performances commenced – first with the children, then the teenagers and adults, and finally four older ladies. The troupe included two interactive dance workshops, which saw our homeowners take the dance floor to learn the steps of a few Bollywood dances from Harry and the other dancers. There was much excitement with lots of energy, drum beating and colour on the dancefloor!

Having sufficiently worked up an appetite, it was time for our authentic three-course dinner. It included freshly made samosas, a main course of lamb saag curry, yellow rice, spiced pumpkin with peanut cream sauce, and was finished off by desserts – including gulab jamun dumplings. A huge thanks to Lionel, our chef extraordinaire, for this amazing menu and for leading the kitchen team. Lionel was very ably and generously assisted by his wonderful helpers in feeding the large group – 180 attendees in total! Many other homeowners also helped with the details large and small, including the styling of our Hamptons dining room. The bar team worked hard too, keeping our thirsts quenched with Kingfisher beer – a very popular beer in India, which proved very popular here, too.

Geoff was our fabulous MC for the night, coordinating the many aspects of the event. During dinner and into the evening, the beautiful Layla sang and played our baby grand piano – both for some quiet entertainment, and then for dance music.

Thank you, and congratulations, to all involved in putting on such a spectacular evening.



Return of the Claptomaniacs.

At our Friday night dance on May 23, we enthusiastically welcomed back our resident five-piece band, 'The Claptomaniacs'!

Together, these five musicians cover a range of extremely popular performers, from Joe Cocker to Eric Clapton, the Doobie Brothers, the Rolling Stones and Boz Scaggs.

All members sing splendidly, but it's frontman Kenny Gamble who often steals the show with his outstanding Joe Cocker impression. He delighted the audience of 130 homeowners who all loved the music, keeping the dancefloor full the whole time!



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 **Hervey Bay** in Queensland, 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 July to 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

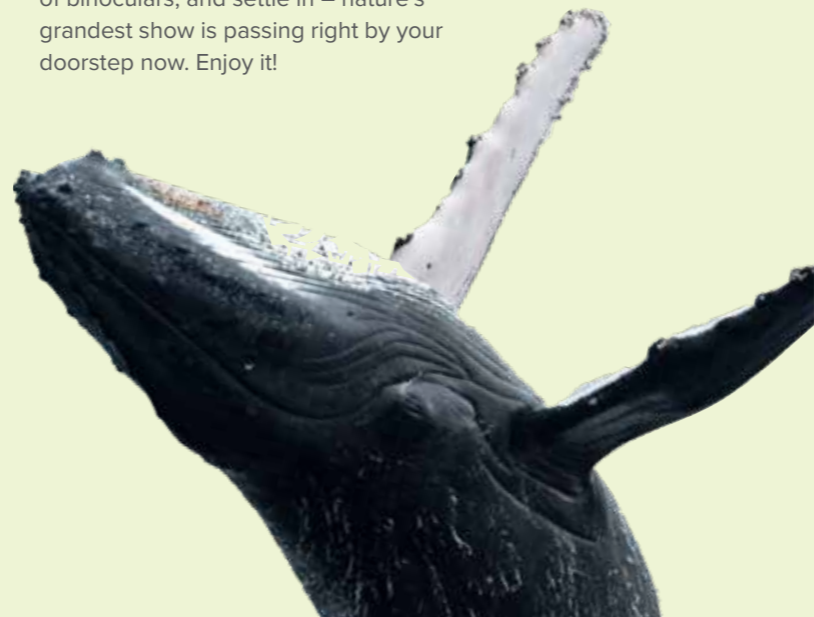
In New South Wales, the headland at **Port Macquarie's** Tacking Point Lighthouse provides excellent vantage points from May through November. **Byron Bay**, Australia's most easterly point, is another top spot – especially at sunrise or on still, clear mornings when the ocean surface is calm and whales 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.

Home 175: \$975,000



UNDER CONTRACT



Home 219: Offers over \$1.25m



Home 80: \$1,165,000



Home 204: \$985,000



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Home 17: \$1,165,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



Home 74: \$1,165,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



Home 163: \$995,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Study 1
- Living 1
- Garage 2
- Outdoor Living



Home 191: \$1,175,000

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



Home 65: \$1,150,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



Home 31: \$925,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



Home 158: \$935,000

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



Home 48: \$1,100,000

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



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 Cayers 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 handiwork. 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**



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