

# The Gatsby

JULY - AUGUST 2022



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## CHARITABLE NEIGHBOURS

Charity begins at home, they say. And when it comes to charitable fundraisers, our homeowners are all in!

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

Catch up with your resort groups and committees inside, with reports from golf, bowls, racquet sports, Social Club and more

## LAST CHANCE HAS ARRIVED

Our very last brand new homes are now available at Beachmere Bay. Get them before they're gone forever...



# Welcome

In 2017, I arrived at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay to start selling an exciting new lifestyle resort in a place I'd never heard of before! Fast forward five years and we've truly put this charming coastal village on the map.

In that time, we've built 288 houses, three clubhouses, a golf course, eight-rink undercover bowling green, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, a mini golf course - and the list goes on and on.

The final result is all we had been expecting - and more. I also became a homeowner at Beachmere Bay in that time and have made the most wonderful friends. We've laughed together, cried together and lost some very special people and fur children along the way, including my much loved Cavoodle, Oscar. Personally, I have found a true community here at Beachmere Bay and while the research is telling us it works, I can tell you for a fact that it works. Staying healthy, active and social is the answer!

In this edition, check out all the reports from our various sporting and social committees here at Beachmere Bay - this edition shows you just a snapshot of how much there is to love about our community and just how much there is to do here. From charitable morning teas to choosing a racquet sport, and from bowls to golf and beyond - we've got it all!

As we transition through selling our very final new homes to becoming an officially 'sold out' resort, the Sales Information Centre will remain open. I myself will transition from selling new homes to selling your beautiful established homes - a role that I'm very much looking forward to.

Enjoy the read,

**Nicole Smith**  
Senior Sales Consultant,  
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay

## Contact us

Looking for more information about Beachmere Bay? Here are four places you can reach us:

**Online:** Visit our website [beachmerebay.com.au](http://beachmerebay.com.au)

**Social media:** Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@palm\_lake\_resort) and Instagram (@palm\_lake\_resort) to see what's happening right across all our Palm Lake Group locations.

**Street address:** Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay can be found at: 194 Bishop Rd, Beachmere.

**Freecall:** 1800 338 382. There's no cost to you and you'll have our experienced Sales Team at the other end of the line. Easy.

## News briefs

### Make your Biggest Morning Tea last the whole year!

The "Villa Kitchen Favourites" is a beautiful cookbook put together by residents of Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands as a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser some years ago. All profits from the sale of these books (they are \$25 per copy) goes to the Cancer Council with sales to date raising \$6000! If you would like to support this worthwhile cause and purchase your own copy, simply contact Chris Sutton at The Sands (#2139).

### Chat to your HOC

Don't forget that representatives of Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay's Home Owners' Committee are available for any residents who wish to chat with them on every second Monday, from 9-10am, in the Hamptons Country Club. Their next Monday dates include:

- July 4 and 18
- August 1, 15 and 29

### Want to get social with your neighbours?

Join the private Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Facebook groups and keep up to date on the latest information that matters to us, locally. These groups are for residents only to ensure your privacy is protected.

There are two private Facebook groups relevant to our resort:

- For a combined group of residents from both Beachmere Sands and Beachmere Bay, go to "Friends in Beachmere Palm Lake Resorts" ([www.facebook.com/groups/bsplr](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bsplr))
- For residents of Beachmere Bay only, go to "PLR Beachmere Bay Neighbourhood" ([www.facebook.com/groups/plrbb](http://www.facebook.com/groups/plrbb))

Don't forget that Palm Lake Resort has its own main public Facebook page where news from across the company is included. Simply search "Palm Lake Resort" to find it.

### Extra, extra!



If you haven't already received a copy of the Winter 2022 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, you should check it out online. Visit [www.palmlakeresort.com.au](http://www.palmlakeresort.com.au) and click on the 'News & Events' tab.

### 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 residents and their families. If you have someone needing 24-hour nursing care, freecall the Care Solutions team on 5552 1380 to discuss their needs.

### 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.

### Crafters unite!

The Craft room is a place for a cuppa and a chat and the chance to enjoy learning new crafts or putting your skills to work. On Tuesdays from 1pm, paper craft is the focus with many different skills being taught and used. On Thursdays from 1pm, sewing skills are being put to good use to make sleeping cushions, bags and Buddies for the Zonta Breast Cancer Project which provides much needed resources for cancer sufferers. Contact Jenny Blake (#2250).

# Weekly activities

## MONDAY

- 7.30am Sands golf competition
- 9am Zumba
- 9am Lawn bowls: Ladies' morning
- 10am Mah-jong
- 10am Social golf
- 10am Yoga
- 1pm Cards: Hand & Foot
- 1pm Lawn bowls: Triples Club select
- 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
- 10am Ladies social golf
- 10am Book Club (second Tuesday)
- 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

## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAY

- All day Social golf
- 9am Mini Bridge
- 10am Remote-controlled boats
- 2pm Movies
- 2pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers, Mixed social
- 4pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers

## SUNDAY

- All day Social golf
- 8am Mixed pickleball
- 1pm Mixed cash triples competition
- 4pm Croquet
- 4pm Happy Hour



# Resorts join forces for BMT

WHAT A SPECTACLE OUR BIGGEST MORNING TEA EVENTS TURNED OUT TO BE (AGAIN!) THIS YEAR. THE COMBINED DECORATED BUGGY PARADE AND DRIVEWAY MORNING TEA RAISED THOUSANDS FOR CHARITY!

Biggest Morning Tea coordinator Jenny Smyth, of Beachmere Sands, says the neighbouring resorts combined forces to host two events over consecutive weekends, raising a combined \$6200 for the Cancer Council's popular annual fundraiser.

"Our first event was a Buggy Biggest Morning Tea at Beachmere Sands. We had entrants from both the Sands and Bay entering the competition for the Best Dressed Biggest Morning Tea Buggy," Jenny says.

"Our second event was our Driveway Biggest Morning Tea. We had six hosts in six different locations spread over the two resorts."

Jenny says each host was supplied a kit to help them with their morning tea event. There were competitions for biggest and smallest teapots and cups, best theme, best set-up and best dressed.

"Through our multi-prize raffle draw and participants' very generous nature, \$6200 was raised for the Cancer Council," Jenny smiles.

"It is amazing what targets can be achieved when our two resorts come together. But just as important is the fun and companionship that was enjoyed by all."



Photos courtesy of Kevin Greenwood





## Choose your racquet

By Ricci Barros (Home 84)  
Racquet Sports Sub-Committee Chair

We are very lucky to have two pickleball courts and four tennis courts available to Beachmere Bay residents with the popularity of these racquet sports on the rise. We currently have 50 registered 'Picklers' and 20 registered tennis players across Beachmere Bay and Sands resorts.

Pickleball is a little bit tennis, a little bit table tennis, a little bit badminton and a lot of momentum. The biggest challenge here at Beachmere Bay is to remind ourselves to play within our limits... yes, our minds think we are 16 years old until our bodies remind us otherwise! Best of all, it's a lot of fun when we get together for mixed doubles on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights under lights. Coming soon, ladies and men's doubles will be added to the mix. Equipment is provided by Palm Lake Resort and is available for use in The Westhampton Sports Club.

Our tennis enthusiasts play on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings (pictured top). There is a wide range of skills and we all come together to have fun. Again, equipment is provided by Palm Lake Resort and is available for use in The Westhampton Sports Club as well as the Tennis Pavilion at Beachmere Sands.

On occasion, we get together with other clubs. We recently hosted the Bribie Pickleball Club (pictured above) for an evening of play under lights; a luxury they do not have at their home courts. We also enjoyed a sausage sizzle, drinks and great conversation.

Your Racquet Sports committee for 2022/23 includes:

- Ricci Barros (Chair)
- Di O'Brien (Secretary/Treasurer)
- John Davis (Tennis Captain)
- Carol Savage and Colin Woods (Committee Members)

# Golf Club notes

By Regina Balachandran (Home 163)  
Westhampton Golf Committee Secretary

The Westhampton Golf Club was officially opened on February 5, 2021, with approximately 100 members. We have grown significantly since that time and now boast 224 members.

The Westhampton Golf Committee members for 2022/23 comprises:

- Quentin Robson (Chairperson)
- Steve Taylor (Vice Chairperson)
- Regina Balachandran (Secretary)
- Ross Lever (Treasurer)
- John Pottage (Club Captain)
- Rae Densley (Ladies Captain)
- Joe Carter (Membership co-ordinator)
- Kingsley Johnson and Peter Philippe (Committee members).

The Committee meets once a month and the Committee meeting minutes are displayed on the whiteboard in the Clubhouse.

Over the past 12 months, the Golf Committee has worked very hard to build a relationship with Palm Lake Resort management and as a result have been given the responsibility to manage improvements and upgrades to the course in close consultation with our Caretakers. Our involvement and ownership in trying to improve the course has gone down very well with Palm Lake Resort and we hope to continue to build on this.

The current Golf Committee's plan and direction is to encourage more members to use the course, partake in competitions and our social events.

Pictured: Our new Golf Committee including, from left, Ross, Peter, Rae, Quentin, Regina, Kingsley, John and Joe (absent: Steve).



INTRODUCING OUR NEW GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Unfortunately, we have had unprecedented wet weather since the beginning of this year. The course was completely submerged in February. This has resulted in a number of course closures several times and very frustrated golfers who were unable to play on their home course during these times. However, the Committee has held morning teas for the members at these times to maintain the social interaction and camaraderie. This has been very well attended and appreciated.

We have also commenced our weekly working bees. The purpose of these is to improve the playing conditions of the course for everyone. We have a few dedicated members who give up their time freely for this weekly event. The tasks include mowing of fairways, cleaning of seats, raking of bunkers and sweeping of greens.

The Westhampton Golf Club, together with our resort's Home Owners' Committee, have purchased a sweeper which is used to sweep the greens and slow the speed of the greens. The speed of the greens is tested using a 'stimpmeter' which has been donated by one of our members, Dave Mudge. John (Captain) tells us that following the sweeping of the greens, we have managed to reduce the speed by 20 per cent. So far, the volunteers have worked on the 1st, 2nd and 9th greens but the plan is to eventually work on all the greens with the aim to slow the speed of the greens. The result has been astounding and it is a great feeling when your putts go where you want them to!

**Pictured right:** Our working bee team members have been busy with general maintenance as well as 'sweeping' the greens. 'Stimpmeter' testing has proven the sweeping has slowed the speed of our greens by 20 per cent.



CHECK OUT  
OUR BIGGEST  
MORNING TEA  
MEMORIES ON  
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# Social Club news

By **Jaye Barros (Home 84)**  
Social Club Chair

The last couple of months have been busy with new activities and events along with our long-time favourites.

We started May celebrating Mother's Day with trivia, pink champagne and strawberries, lucky door prizes, chocolate giveaways, Happy Hour and the movie "Mother's Day" to finish off a great afternoon and evening. With many homeowners' families living interstate and overseas, some of us don't always have a chance to celebrate these annual events with our family so having our Bay family around provided a wonderful opportunity for us to be there for each other. We also had our Mother's Day super raffle draw with two lucky winners receiving spa packages.

May saw the introduction of a new addition to Happy Hour - nibble platters. These little snack plates, filled with a range of deliciousness, were welcomed with great enthusiasm. We also brought back popcorn to Wednesday movie night plus chocolates and ice creams - we do like our food here at the Bay!

The Biggest Morning Tea buggy parade, cake stall, sausage sizzle and driveway morning teas were enjoyed by the majority of the residents across both the Bay and Sands, with an amazing amount of donations and a fun day for those who participated.

We continue with our monthly bingo, trivia and music events, along with our weekly movies which are all becoming increasingly popular. We are now preparing for a variety of other fun and exciting events throughout the year. Stay tuned!

PS. Check out our family Treasure Hunt day on Page 11, which was held just as this newsletter went to press...



**Pictured left:** Mother's Day was a wonderful celebration of the special ladies across our resort. **Pictured below, from top down:** Happy Hour is always a hoot, especially when there's live music involved. Our Biggest Morning Tea cake stall. And, guess what? Popcorn is back at the movies!



## Welcome to our new committee

Did you know there's a new Social Club Committee in place here at Beachmere Bay?

Firstly, a big thank you must go to the previous Committee members, including Marea Robson, Elizabeth Brimble, Glenda Curr, Carin Hedt, Judy Hull, Sharon Maxworthy, Keith Owen, Ann Richardson and Bruce Marshall.

Here's your new Social Club Committee:

- Jaye Barros (Chair)
- Carin Hedt (Vice Chair)
- Rachael Fothergill (Functions Coordinator)
- Ann Richardson (Secretary)
- Jamaine Thorburn (Treasurer)
- Di Gregory and Jeanette Allen (Committee members).

We look forward to continuing your favourite social activities as well as introducing some new events throughout the year.

## Social notes

**Bingo and trivia helpers needed:** If you would like to help with either or both of these groups, several positions are required. Contact Bruce or see the sign-on sheet on the activities board in the Country Club. Training will be provided on how each event operates. Contact Kelvin Fothergill (#2487).

**Getting to know our residents:** Do you have a wonderful life story, a fascinating hobby or an experience on a topic that others would find engaging? We are looking for homeowners who would be happy to provide a 30-60 minute presentation in the Theatre for our monthly "Getting to Know You" segment. Perhaps you have a neighbour who you know would be perfect for this! Contact Jeanette (#2471).

**Save the date:** Here's a snapshot of what we have planned for the coming months. Make sure to keep an eye out for our 'WHEN' newsletter and also the resort noticeboards for the most up-to-date details:

- **July 12:** Life on the English Canals: A presentation by homeowner Stuart West
- **July 16:** White Christmas in July
- **August:** Curry Night
- **August:** Fashion Parade
- **August:** Heritage Truck Show
- **September:** 5&0 Dinner Party
- **September:** Father's Day celebrations
- Murder Mystery Night
- Masquerade Ball



**Above:** Ladies Singles champ Lorraine with runner-up Karen. Men's singles champ Garry with runner-up Brendan. **Below:** Novice Singles champ Phil with runner-up Darryl.

**Above:** Singles Consolation Plate winner Roy with runner-up Barry. **Below:** Novice Consolation Plate winner Jane with runner-up Jan (pictured alongside Bowls Club vice-chair, Ken Stanley)



# Bowls Club round up

By Jane Jones (Home 95)  
Bowls Club Secretary

## Singles Championship results

A great crowd of supporters gathered at the Westhampton Sports Club for the Bowls Club Singles Championships Finals as this newsletter went to print. Spectators were treated not only to fresh scones and a sausage sizzle, but to some of the best games they could hope to witness, equalling any that would be seen at State or National level. Three of the five finals on the day resulted in nail-biting finishes with only a point or two difference on the last end. Results were:

- **Ladies Singles Champion:** Lorraine Woodford (runner-up Karen Reeves)
- **Men's Singles Champion:** Garry Healing (runner-up Brendan Kelly)
- **Novice Singles Champion:** Phil Law (runner-up Darryl Smith).
- **Singles Consolation Plate winner:** Roy Payne (runner-up Barry Larking)
- **Novice Consolation Plate winner:** Jane Jones (runner-up Jan Braid).

## Congratulations Dennis!

Congratulations to Dennis Wormald who recently competed in the Australian Blind Bowler Association's National Championships at Tweed Heads, resulting in a Bronze Medal in Pairs. The wet weather played havoc with the competition and many players withdrew due to Covid, resulting in many of the games being cancelled.

## Tucker Nights are fun

Our Bowls Tucker Nights are one of our most popular social events, with attendance lists filling up fast. In an effort to vary the menu, something different is featured every month. On the menu for July is a real winter warmer: gourmet beef casserole.

## Volunteers are wonderful

What would we do without our volunteers? We have greens maintenance volunteers turn up every week to assist and recently our bowls volunteers answered a 'call to arms' (or is that 'brushes') for a working bee to clean and oil the timber furniture at the Sports Club. Well done to all! We always welcome more volunteers. If you would like to assist, please contact Dave Reeves.

# Ahoy, me hearties!

Around 50 Beachmere Bay residents, along with their family and friends, came out on a beautiful sunny Sunday in June to enjoy a Treasure Hunt across our resort, organised by our Social Committee.

With 40 questions to answer, participants learned all sorts of things about their resort and neighbours. There were questions about important safety information like "How many defibrillators do we have and where are they kept?" and other questions around the helpful people they should know (eg. "Who is the trainer for the golf simulator?"). There were also fun tasks along the way. For example, treasure hunters had to find 14 pictures of little soldier crabs that were dotted across Beachmere Bay - and pesky pirates who took bribes for answers! Aaarrgghh!

Everybody loved the adventure, learned at least one new thing about The Bay and had a fun day with their neighbours, family and friends. The Social Club offered prizes for the winners, our resident band "The Baysiders" played awesome music and a sausage sizzle and dancing completed what was a fabulous and fun-filled day.



WHAT DO YE CALL A PIRATE WITH TWO EYES AND TWO LEGS?  
A ROOKIE.



# FREE BOAT!

With so many of our resorts located near wonderful waterways, it's only fitting that we'd cast the net a little wider for a 'Welcome home' gift for our newest homeowners. For a limited time, Palm Lake Resort is giving away a Quintrex aluminium boat, valued at over \$30,000, FREE with any new home purchased! To find out more about how to land this prized catch, phone our Sales Information Centre on 1800 338 382.

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