

The Gatsby



Social butterflies flutter by

It's been a busy, social start to the year. See all the photos, inside...

Golf simulator gets an upgrade

Rain, hail or shine, you can always swing a club, here at Beachmere Bay

Homes for sale

If your situation has changed and you're looking to sell, our resort Sales Consultant Nicole is here to assist you



Welcome.



Hello everyone -

Welcome to the latest edition of our resort newsletter, *The Gatsby*.

We would like to start by sending a very warm welcome to the new homeowners we have here at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay. I'm sure you have been exploring our resort grounds by now. Please call in to the office if you are unsure about anything - or you can always phone us. I'm sure you will soon settle into our friendly community. Everyone here is very welcoming and will soon have you joining in as many of the different groups and weekly activities as you would like to (see our full weekly activities list on Page 3). There are also plenty of homeowners here who can assist with local knowledge, to help you settle into our lovely Beachmere area.

The meals we are providing on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening and Thursday lunch are getting rave reviews - Jorge is a fabulous chef! Our meals are always popular here at Beachmere Bay, both because of the delicious food on offer and also because everyone has a great time catching up with friends and neighbours around the tables.

Our beautiful Beach House has been a very busy venue over Christmas and the summer holidays. It's certainly a great spot for family catch ups and celebrations. We can make a booking for you - just let us know the dates you would like and we'll get your event planning started.

Our lakes around the golf course have certainly filled up with the summer rain and the local wildlife are enjoying them, too. We see a huge variety of birdlife around there and it's a nice walk, especially now that the weather has cooled down. We have had a wildlife officer from Australia Zoo keeping an eye on an injured swan in our lakes - it's so nice to know our local environment is being well looked after.

Enjoy the cooler days!

Take care,

Sue and Steve Babbage,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.

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.

Refer a friend and earn a reward

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.



Are you ready to Carnivale?!!

On Saturday, April 20, the Carnivale is coming to Beachmere Bay! According to our Social Committee Chairperson Kris, "this is going to be HUGE and SUPER EXCITING!". There will be four hours of dancing girls, a steel drummer, a DJ/ Latin dancer with performances plus much parading up and down Woodmere Street near the Westhampton Sports Club. Mark your calendar and start practising your Samba now!

We love our Beachmere Bay volunteers!

Beachmere Bay is filled with the kind of people who like to donate their time for the benefit of others. Two such homeowners are John and Helen who run the movies - and who always love to be 'on theme' when it comes to our movie nights. Pictured above, we caught the pair in their element at the screenings of Barbie and an Elvis documentary. Well done guys - we love your spirit!



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



Social Club wrap-up.

BY KRIS MANN,
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR (HOME 200)

New Year's Eve

Stringbird Duo (Peter Thornley and Amy) sang loads of upbeat favourites to the 152 homeowners who came to our New Year's Eve Party at the Hamptons Country Club on December 31. Amy led the dancing with many conga lines and exhorting everyone to 'Let's Get Loud' as midnight neared! Peter and Amy were great fun and really enjoyed by everyone, especially the dancers! Fluoro décor, balloons and supper at 10pm kept everyone excited and upbeat until we finished off in the early hours of the first day of 2024!

Just chillin'

Monday, January 1 at the Beach House was a day to relax and share some time with friends. Lunch was a delicious pulled pork and apple slaw burger followed by a Magnum ice cream – not bad for \$5! Sitting outside on the deck watching the water, inside on the lounge, or downstairs in the cool – anywhere and everywhere was a good spot to enjoy a slow lunch, a drink and chat on the (damp) first day of 2024.

We also used the event to announce the winner of our "Elf on the Shelf" Competition and young Dante received the Hamper (Grandpa Dante was pretty happy too!). During December counting the elves in front of all the homes was great fun for both grandparents and little ones alike and we will have to do it all again. It keeps getting bigger each year!

After lunch there was a big game of 'Articulate' for 14 – it was hilarious to watch our couples play!

...and don't forget our regulars

Don't forget our regular events. You can find full details in the WHEN so do read it thoroughly each fortnight so you know what's regularly on, including:

- Wednesday night movie at 7:15pm
- Lazy Sundays
- Multi-Draw Raffle
- Trivia
- Slice of Life presentation.



NEW YEAR'S
EVE - AND THE
MORNING
AFTER...





Bowls begins.

BY JANE JONES,
BOWLS CLUB SECRETARY (HOME 95)

Australia Day done right

The Bowls Club kicked off 2024 by hosting a fabulous Australia Day event open to all homeowners, with an afternoon of fun games followed by a great Aussie BBQ. Although the temperature was high and a little uncomfortable, nobody seemed to mind, enjoying the day in true Beachmere Bay style.

Season 2024 kicks off

Bowlers began the 2024 Bowls year enthusiastically, with all major games fielding full rinks. We are also seeing good attendance for the extra Mixed Triples and Mixed Pairs games, organised to accommodate more of our keen players.

Our 2024 Club Championships dates have been set. Players can look forward to a busy year of organised club games, championships, home and away games with other resorts and our popular monthly Tucker Nights.

Our Bowls Club welcomes new homeowners who are both existing bowlers and those wishing to learn, to become part of our lively and very friendly, bowls community. Simply stop by anytime you see us on the green!



Sun shines for Aussie Day play.

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

It has been a very wet summer and our Shoalhaven Golf Course has had to be closed on many occasions due to the heavy rains which we have been experiencing. However, with thanks to a short reprieve in the weather and with the course drying out sufficiently to allow motorised carts, our eager members managed to play their first golf competition on Australia Day.



A GREAT
WAY TO PLAY.
WHATEVER THE
WEATHER

Golf simulator upgrade.

Have you heard that an upgraded golf simulator has been installed in the golf simulator room? The golf simulator is a great way to maintain your skills while also having a bit of fun. Many of our Westhampton Golf Club members use the simulator to warm up, prior to playing a competition. It has been well utilised recently due to the Shoalhaven Golf Course being unplayable as a result of continuous wet weather. It's a great all-weather option for homeowners who love to have a hit.

Pictured above left: Golf Club Captain Ross Schultz tries out the new golf simulator.

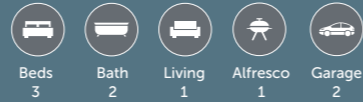
Pictured left: Two of our beginner ladies, Shirlee Luciani and Jennifer Thompson, also use the golf simulator regularly to build their golfing skills.

Homes for sale.

WHETHER BUYING OR SELLING, FOR MORE INFORMATION, FRECALL OUR SENIOR SALES CONSULTANT NICOLE SMITH ON 1800 338 382



Home 101: \$920,000



If you love the Hamptons style you'll feel right at home at Beachmere Bay. Nestled within a sought-after over 50's lifestyle resort, this exquisite Brightwater home exudes elegance, Hamptons style and coastal sophistication. Featuring three bedrooms (the third bedroom can double as a TV/sitting room - it's totally your choice), two bathrooms, a double garage, top-of-the-line European appliances plus fully ducted air conditioning, it really is the epitome of effortless living. The inviting and open floor plan is designed to maximize space and natural light. The interior showcases a seamless blend of modern features and timeless Hamptons-inspired elements. Outside, the property's Hamptons style is evident in the beautifully landscaped gardens and a covered alfresco area, ideal for enjoying morning coffee or hosting barbecues with friends and family.



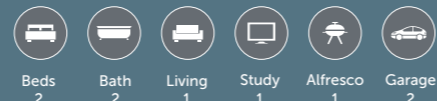
Home 98: \$1,275,000



This Manorville is impressively located on a corner block, overlooking the lakes and our golf course. As you step inside, you'll be greeted by an open and inviting floor plan designed to maximize space and natural light. The 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. The spacious living area beckons relaxation with its plush seating and large windows. Glass sliding doors provide seamless integration with the outdoor living spaces, allowing for a perfect flow between indoor and outdoor entertaining.



Home 233: \$1,030,000



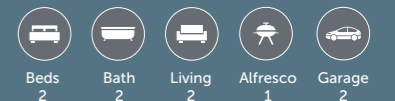
This premium Eastport residence boasts two generously sized bedrooms, exuding comfort and elegance. The master bedroom opens onto the alfresco and the en-suite bathroom is a personal spa retreat, complete with a spacious walk-in closet. The second bedroom is ideal for guests or use as a cozy reading 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.

A double garage offers secure parking for your vehicles, along with ample storage space for all your cherished belongings.

Step outside onto the expansive outdoor alfresco area, perfectly positioned on the canal edge. Here, you'll find a haven for relaxation, while sipping on your favorite beverage, or take advantage of the lush, landscaped gardens for your morning yoga session.



Home 268: \$1,295,000



Key features of this sought-after Laurel design are its stunning high cathedral ceilings, two bedrooms (thoughtfully designed for comfort and luxury), two bathrooms (spa-like retreats that exude opulence), an additional TV/living room and the double-car garage. This home offers captivating views. Gaze out onto a picturesque water canal, where the ripples of the water mirror the tranquility of your surroundings. The beauty of this home lies not only in its elegance but also in its connection to the natural features that surround it as well as its proximity to the beach. You're perfectly situated here, offering the luxury of being within walking distance of a pristine beach. Savour the joy of strolling along the sandy shores, breathing in the salty sea air and relishing in the breathtaking sunsets that paint the sky in hues of pink and gold. With peaceful surroundings you can escape the hustle and bustle here.



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!



Our homeowners have charitable hearts.

PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS PROVE TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT THEY HAVE WONDERFUL, CHARITABLE HEARTS. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE STORIES WE'VE HEARD LATELY...

Tweed River: Around 150 homeowners and guests descending on the resort's Country Club for a stunning art-deco inspired high tea to raise funds for Tweed Palliative Support and the Wedgetail Retreat. The Country Club looked more like a fashionable hotel lounge, reminiscent of The Ritz in London or The Peninsular Hotel in Hong Kong, as fantastic multi-level platters of cakes, scones and savoury treats were prepared and served by the volunteers. Musicians from the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra volunteered their time and musical talent to present an incredible classical string concert (pictured above). The high tea was followed by raffles and a lively auction of kindly donated items resulting in more than \$11,000 being raised! This included a donation from the Residents' Committee plus the proceeds of refunds for bottle and can recycling from throughout the year. This total amount was much more than previous annual fundraiser events and much appreciated by the worthy charitable recipient.

Deception Bay: Just before Christmas, the resort's Quilters Group drove up to the Centre Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) at Caboolture with enough goodies to fill three car boots! The CADA people were stunned and so grateful. Along with all the toys for children and necessities for

women, there were 70 handmade Christmas stockings and more than 80 fabric drawstring bags for the women (pictured above). The group also donated 12 quilts to CADA to hand out to their clients in the New Year. The quilters were amazed by the wonderful response from their fellow homeowners who also donated toys and goods.

Upper Coomera: This resort's Jane McGrath Foundation charity fundraiser "Girls' Night In" event raised \$1060.

Bethania and Waterford: Two neighbouring Palm Lake Resorts came together for the sake of breast cancer research, hosting a charity event that raised more than \$3000 for the McGrath Foundation. Everyone turned out in their best pink outfits and a special visit was made by Federal MP Bert Van Manen who also donated to the cause via some lovely hampers that were raffled.

Carindale: The resort's annual Market and Craft Day saw a variety of stalls selling handicrafts, paintings, bric-a-brac, clothes, jewellery, toys, restored furniture, cakes and more. Through event proceeds, a morning tea and a raffle, Care Kits for Kids Qld (a children's charity that donates backpacks filled with clothes, toiletries and school supplies to disadvantaged children) received a donation from the resort of more than \$1400! This resort's knitters also do good with their spare time. Gathering fortnightly, the knitters produce gorgeous teddy bears for the Red Cross to distribute to needy children (pictured top).

BATTLE OF THE TWO BOWLING BEACHMERES!



Sport brings us together.

OUR SPORTIEST HOMEOWNERS HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN, TAKING ON TEAMS FROM OTHER PALM LAKE RESORT LOCATIONS. HERE'S HOW SOME OF THE MOST RECENT MATCH-UPS HAVE PLAYED OUT...

Tea Gardens vs Fern Bay vs Forster Lakes: Golf has been the inter-resort game of choice recently for these nearby communities. In a three-game series, Forster Lakes was victorious once but Tea Gardens proved too good on the other two competition days. The total points overall were: Tea Gardens 454, Forster Lakes 444 and Fern Bay 423 so it was a close competition all 'round.

Beachmere Sands vs Beachmere Bay: The annual inter-resort lawn bowls competition between our Beachmere neighbours took place late last year. It's always a fierce competition and this one was no different. After a tough afternoon and evening battling it out, Beachmere Bay came out on top.

Best wishes to these legends!

WE LOVE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE MOMENT AND THERE ARE LOADS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE PALM LAKE GROUP EVERY WEEK.

Toowoomba: Pictured right, gorgeous Muriel has just batted her century at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba. She's been a fixture there since 2011 and her daughter, Lurlene, also calls the resort home.

Mt Warren Park: Congrats to homeowners Don and Yvonne who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently.

Carindale: When homeowner Eric celebrated his 96th birthday in December, we learned there were actually three neighbours in 'Club 1927' at that resort - all born in the same year. There'll no doubt be a big party in 2027 when Eric, Shirley and Mavis all mark their centuries at Palm Lake Resort!



Get social with us and WIN!

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. During the month of April on Instagram, we are giving away a gift card valued at \$200 in our 'Tag a friend' competition. Entry is easy. All you need to do is be following Palm Lake Resort on Instagram (@palm.lake.resort) and tag your friends in the comments section on any of our posts from April 1 - 30. Every friend you tag counts as one entry and you can enter as many times as you like. Tagging a friend is as easy as placing the @ symbol in front of their Instagram name, for example: @marysmith. We'll announce the randomly drawn winner in our next newsletter and they can collect their prize from their Caretaker. *Note: Instagram is not in any way associated with this competition. Good luck!*



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? Email the details to belinda@bellepr.com

Holiday, everyday.



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