

MARCH - APRIL 2026



The Gatsby



Hello from the Highlands

Robbie Burns Day had us celebrating all things Scottish, from kilts to whisky and more

New Year's Fun continued

If you thought the party ended at midnight, guess again! Get the scoop on Page 4...

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

We're excited to introduce ourselves as your new Caretakers at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay. We're truly happy to be here and feel very fortunate to join such a vibrant and welcoming community.

We have many years' experience managing resorts, holiday parks and over-50's lifestyle communities in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Prior to joining the team here, we were managing a lifestyle community in Victoria, where we gained valuable experience working within a similar community environment.

We love the relaxed coastal lifestyle and the strong sense of community that Beachmere offers. On the weekends, we are making the most of exploring the Sunshine Coast and what it has to offer. In our spare time, we enjoy spending time by the water, relaxing with a good cup of coffee. Rob is keen on fishing and golf and I love the beach, reading and shopping.

We understand that Palm Lake Resort is more than just a place to live; it's a lifestyle and a community built on friendship, connection and pride. We look forward to meeting each of you over the coming weeks, learning what makes this community so special, and supporting you in any way we can.

As we settle into our new roles, we would appreciate your patience and support while we familiarise ourselves with the resort and its wonderful facilities. Please don't hesitate to stop and say hello when you see us around the resort.

We're excited for this new chapter and look forward to working together to keep Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay a beautiful and enjoyable place to call home.

Warmest regards to you all,

Until next time,

Robyn and Rob,
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.



Snake safety

Snakes will avoid people, but if they feel threatened and can't find a way of escape they will defend themselves by biting.

IF YOU SEE A SNAKE...

Stay calm and walk away from it: **Do not** try to catch it. **Do not** try to kill it. **Do not** make it feel threatened e.g. by throwing things at it or poking it with a stick. Most people bitten by snakes are bitten while trying to catch or kill the snake.

Report it as you would any other hazard, and warn others away from it until it is dealt with by a suitably trained person.

Stamping heavily on the ground, even from a distance, can encourage it to move away for its own safety.

If you see the snake in a building leave the room and close the door so the snake is contained until help comes.

SNAKE SAFETY TIPS

Never put your hand or foot anywhere you cannot see. Keep open workplaces and nearby areas clear of places snakes might find food or a place to shelter.

It is not only **against the law** to kill or catch snakes without a permit, it is also highly **dangerous**.

IF YOU ARE BITTEN BY A SNAKE

By following these steps you should have plenty of time to get to a hospital for anti-venom.

Call for help immediately. You or someone call 000 - do not hang up until the operator tells you to.

Do not try to suck out the poison.

Do not cut the wound. **Do not** apply an arterial tourniquet. **Do not** wash the bite. The hospital has the best chance of identifying the snake by any venom still around the wound.

Apply a broad bandage tightly across the bite and up the limb to immobilise it. This helps prevent venom from entering the blood stream. Stay as calm and as still as possible while you are waiting for help to come.

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 12,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!

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, please Care Solutions to discuss their needs on 1800 24 66 77.

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.



We started the year as we mean to go on.



AS IF OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE 'BOOGIE WONDERLAND' PARTY WASN'T ENOUGH, OUR HOMEOWNERS KEPT THE FUN GOING RIGHT THROUGH TO JANUARY 1...

After 135 homeowners crowded the clubhouse for a disco-themed New Year's Eve party – complete with sequined-costumes, a delicious supper and 70s classics by DJ Frank – you might have thought our resort would be quiet come New Year's Day.

But sure enough, 100 committed homeowners descended on the Hamptons clubhouse once again, ready to relax both inside and outside.

Watching the giant buns and burgers be prepared for the hungry hordes, you might have thought some of our Social Committee members were rehearsing for jobs with McDonald's. They beamed at each “customer” and handed over their lunch with a “Would you like relish with that?”.

In keeping with the laid-back atmosphere, attendees enjoyed the chance to sit and chat with each other. The Greysiders provided acoustic music which soon had feet tapping and heads nodding, and smiles on faces everywhere.

It was a great way to start a New Year, and we hope that the happiness continues all through the coming year!

TRISH KARVELIS, SECRETARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Tribute to Robbie Burns Day.

YOU COULD BE FORGIVEN IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE CAUGHT UP IN A DREAM OF SCOTLAND ATTENDING THIS DELIGHTFUL 'LAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON'.

With many dressed in tartan, the skirl of the bagpipes making our hearts glad, and the promise of whisky and shortbread, the atmosphere was set for a rare and enjoyable afternoon.

Over 100 homeowners were gathered to hear a recital of Robbie Burns' poetry, delivered by James Thomson in a Scottish accent so pronounced that most of us could only listen and shake our heads in awe. The atmosphere was electric and we all listened closely even if we could barely understand the delivery. It certainly sounded authentic!

A limited number of attendees paid to participate in a special whisky tasting, and judging by the smiles on their faces, this was a highlight of the afternoon for many. We were also treated to a taste of homemade shortbread, which was a delicious surprise.

We were very fortunate to have James, John and Maureen playing their bagpipes and drums, which made this afternoon so special. It was indeed a wonderful way to create memories “for auld lang syne”.

BY TRISH KARVELIS, SOCIAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY





Barry by request.



JUST A DAY AFTER VALENTINE'S DAY, HOMEOWNERS WERE TREATED TO A VERY SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY ONE OF OUR OWN...

Barry Moore – who has a long history in the entertainment industry, from working as a musician in big bands to playing accompaniments to movies – serenaded the music lovers (and, well, just lovers!) of our resort.

More than 60 homeowners whiled away a wet Sunday afternoon enjoying songs such as “Close to You”, “Love is in the Air”, “You Are So Beautiful” and “Just the Way You Are”.

Playing on the grand piano, Barry even managed to provide additional music from a mix, treating us to a guitar solo and saxophone solo in some of the songs. Some people became misty-eyed, reminisced about how they met, and a few even danced cheek to cheek.

Meanwhile, the participation level amped up to a rousing rendition of “That’s Amore”. We finished with a couple of numbers by a renegade homeowner, who hijacked the microphone to sing a song which included the words “get hip and get on my track”.

Who knew a lazy Sunday afternoon could be so much fun?

TRISH KARVELIS, SECRETARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Happy campers at the 4-ball event



Matchplay Champion James Baker with Captain Ross and Committee Chair Keith

Golf report.

As the golf year moved toward Christmas and the weather really warmed up, the Golf Club Committee arranged a Christmas function and awards presentation on December 6.

A four ball ambrose was arranged by the club captain, and good numbers played. Participants then moved, with partners, to the Sports Bar for a gourmet barbecue, coupled with refreshments. From there, the awards for special achievement throughout the year began.

The names of those achievers were shown in the last Gatsby. Well done to those members but also, beware – others are breathing down your necks.

Christmas partygoers enjoyed showing off their pitching skills from the back of the bowls club to an area on the ninth fairway. It seemed that more practice was required. There was also a putting competition along the boules court. All who tried had a lot of fun – but again, more practice is needed.

The Club Captains and volunteers were thanked for their contribution in making the year a success. All in all, everyone enjoyed the celebration and the night was a great success!

As usual, there was a break over the Christmas and New Year period so that members could enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Friday competition re-commenced on January 16, and a new weekly competition day was launched on Wednesday January 21. This day has been pencilled in for a number of months, thereby providing a midweek game for our golfing enthusiasts. It is hoped that this event becomes a must for our members.

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

Homes for sale.

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Home 70: \$1,425,000



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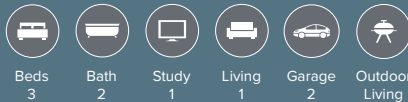


Impressive is an understatement. Set on a generous 528sqm corner block with tranquil golf course and water views, this Oakdale design stands in a league of its own. Positioned in one of the most sought-after locations within the resort, opportunities like this are rare and won't last long.

This exquisite Hamptons-inspired residence exudes elegance, charm, and coastal sophistication. Offering three spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms, a double garage, ducted air conditioning, and premium Smeg appliances, every detail has been thoughtfully considered.

Step inside to a light-filled, open-plan layout designed to maximise space and natural light. The interiors showcase a seamless blend of modern luxury and timeless Hamptons style, enhanced by elegant plantation shutters throughout for added privacy and comfort.

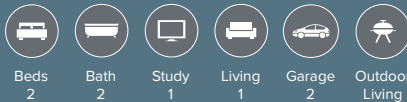
Home 63: \$1,165,000



SOLD



Home 279: \$1,070,000



SOLD



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A \$250
CASH BONUS
FOR YOU



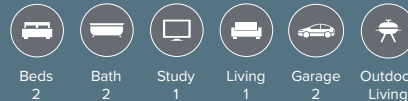
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Home 191: \$1,139,000



SOLD



Home 286: \$995,000



SOLD



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 12,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS.



Caretakers make the Palm Lake world go 'round!

Every Palm Lake Resort community has an onsite Caretaker (or two) at the helm, managing the day-to-day operations at that address. They oversee local teams of groundspeople, cleaners, cooks and more. Many Caretakers in our established resort communities also facilitate home sales, while also rolling up their sleeves when it comes to serving weekly dinners, for example. They are the first port of call for homeowner queries and oversee all the various local resort special interest groups. They are also an important conduit between Palm Lake Resort headquarters at Southport and their respective local address. They are the glue that holds each of the country's 27 resorts together.

As Palm Lake Group's Executive Manager, People & Operations, Amanda Clements says, "We are very grateful to have a wonderful group of dedicated and long-time Caretakers across our 27 resort addresses". And when she says "long time" – she means it.

For example, Lea has spent most of her 17+ years with the company in the Caretaker role across Victoria but moved into a sales role at **Willow Lodge** more recently. She and (late) husband, Peter, were Caretakers together at **Phillip Island** for 13+ years before Peter's illness (pictured above).

"For all the years we were at Phillip Island we were it – sales and Caretaking – we did the lot," Lea smiles. "Our motto was to show compassion and give the homeowners the time they needed, and to listen. But above all, our aim was always to leave them with a smile on their faces."

"Peter and I built great relationships with our homeowners and helped them as much as we could while always being mindful there was that line, as Caretakers, we couldn't cross. I still live at Phillip Island and see some of the homeowners down the street – they always stop to say hello, and it feels great that we are both still remembered at the Phillip Island resort."

Lea says her advice to new Caretakers and those looking to join the company in this role, is simply to listen. Always.

"A problem that seems small to us can be huge for a homeowner – also, you should never forget that everyone at Head Office and all our fellow Caretakers are always

there to answer any questions you may have – you don't have to do it all on your own.

"When we joined Palm Lake Resort back in 2008, the company was much smaller. I am still in awe of the growth of the company that Wal Elliott founded all those years ago. I have always felt that under the guidance of Wal and Scott Elliott we are one big family – a family that I am happy and grateful to still be a part of. Work has been my saviour. And hopefully I still have a few working years left in me!"

Caretaker Michaela at **Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Heights** is also coming up to 17 years with the company. Caretakers at **Mt Warren Park**, Trish and Rik, will soon commemorate 14 years, while Wayne and Di (**Banora Point**) and Robyn and Bernie (**Yamba**) have all marked a decade or more.

With nine years in the company, current **Palm Lake Resort Paynesville** Caretakers Jo and Troy were married while caretaking at our **Truganina** resort some years back. Jo gave her beloved homeowners a glimpse into the highly anticipated wedding day by coming into work in her wedding dress! And we know that many of our long-time Caretakers are well respected by their communities based on the feedback we hear direct from those homeowners. At **Palm Lake Resort Carindale** for example, the homeowners got together last year and created a 'contract' that they presented to Caretakers Karen and Wayne stating that "The undersigned are committed to us at Palm Lake Resort Carindale and will never leave!". The pair were "so touched" by the gesture, that Karen says, "Of course we put our autographs on that document!"

Honourable mentions must also go to the following Caretakers who've marked 5+ years in the role:

- Ron and Jo (**Fern Bay**): 7 years
- Karen and Mark (**Toowoomba**): 6 years
- Tracey and Bryce (**Forster Lakes**): 5 years
- Kym (**Yamba Cove**): 5 years
- Phil and Lyn (**Deception Bay**): 5 years

Without doubt, Caretakers underpin the success of our Palm Lake Resort communities and we're grateful to have them onboard!

Love is in the air.

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes has hosted lawn bowls games, Happy Hours, and now... a wedding! Jessica Nye, daughter of homeowners Steve and Linda, wed her groom, Haylan, at Forster Lakes' Reception Centre in front of their special people (pictured below left). Over at **Palm Lake Resort Waterford**, Roy and Trish (pictured below right) utilised the lush green grounds of their resort to be officially wedded. We wish all the Palm Lake newlyweds wonderful marriages and rewarding lives together!



Tai chi champions.

Congratulations to **Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park**, who were the grand winners of the 2025 Inter-Resorts Tai Chi Competition. With steady hands, great teamwork and plenty of laughs, they won with a grand total of 5903 points (beating second-place team's 4480 by a wide margin). "They showed obvious skill and determination, with lots of laughs, to come out on top," says the instructor on the day. And spoiler alert: they're already leading the 2026 competition!



Paws on parade.

A group of **Palm Lake Resort Bargara** homeowners have started walking their dogs over to Palm Lake Care Bargara each month to let the care residents enjoy some friendly canine company and pet therapy. Everyone loves patting the doggos and chatting with the visitors – though few are as excited as the dogs themselves!

It takes a village.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa's latest cent auction raised over \$3100, with the majority going to Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) – an organisation which repurposes pre-loved uniforms into clothes for children in need.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped with, attended and donated goods to the cent auction," said organiser and homeowner Yvonne Pattinson. "The sewing ladies truly did themselves proud with the beautiful food. I'm sure everyone had a great day."

The impact of this fundraising is already being felt well beyond the local community. According to a statement from the Queensland Police Service, Cooroy U4K volunteers have worked tirelessly to prepare 40 boxes of essentials for Queensland families. The boxes contained an extraordinary 3200 handmade clothing items, lovingly transformed from repurposed police uniforms into dresses, skirts, shorts, baby clothes, hair accessories, scrunchies, pencil cases and library bags. The boxes were also filled with generously donated items such as baby socks, beanies, small bags of LEGO parts, stationery, bracelets, toys and tissues.



Must love dogs.

The very first **Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba** dog show brought homeowners and their four-legged friends together for a day of laughter, wagging tails and the occasional bark of excitement. Sponsored by the Palm Lake Group, the inaugural event was such a success that it's set to become an annual tradition.

What's 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? We'd love to include it in the next editions of our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**

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