

MAY - JUNE 2024



The Gatsby



From shiny cars to Carnivale

Beachmere Bay has played host to a vibrant array of sights and sounds and we've got all the photos inside!

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.



Hello everyone -

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

We have had a busy couple of months with new homeowners joining our community. We would like to welcome them to Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and hope they are settling in to this beautiful resort and friendly community. Homeowners here certainly look after each and have so many choices of fun activities and classes to join in - they are always out and about.

As well as the fun events put on by our Social Committee, we also have information sessions at various times of the year. These are varied and we always have many homeowners attending and enjoying a coffee and chat with friends and neighbours afterwards. Over this next month or so there will be an informative talk in the Theatre, from a Chiropractor from the Vibrant Family Chiropractic Clinic. She will be discussing interesting topics about keeping fit and well. Tracey, from Palm Lake Care, is coming to our Hamptons Country Club on the first Tuesday of each month. Tracey will be in the Country Club from 10am – 12noon and available for homeowners to have a chat with about the beautiful Palm Lake Care community across the road. Tracey also arranges tours of Palm Lake Care Beachmere. Some of our homeowners volunteer there as well. We also have a seniors first aid session being run by Queensland Ambulance. This session will go over basic first aid which could be very helpful.

Our gym instructor is having a busy time helping homeowners with their gym inductions. Di is here once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon. You can book an induction or just a refresher course through us in the office.

We hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather. I know the ducks are! Have fun and remember to call in and enjoy all that our resort facilities have to offer.

Take care,

Sue and Steve Babbage,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.



Golf clinics have seen on-course success

Saturday golf coaching clinics with Deana Cruickshank (Home 222) and other experienced golfers have been a huge success. Deana says it has been wonderful to watch the improvement in the beginner golfers but the program has also been a benefit to those who have played before and are returning to the sport. Sessions include tutelage on long and short games as well as bunker play, chipping and putting. Many participants have become members of our Golf Club and are participating in competitions after getting a handicap.

Moving services mark Anzac Day: Lest we forget

Anzac Day at Beachmere Bay was remembered with a morning program of activities. A dawn parade with 35 marchers, wearing either their own medals or medals on behalf of loved ones, was acknowledged respectfully by many homeowners who lined the streets. Squadron Leader (Rtd) Bruce Marshall gave an address and led the outdoor service which was attended by more than 150 people. This was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the flag poles, the Ode, the Last Post and Rouse. Following this, inside the Hamptons Country Club, a presentation was given by Colonel (Rtd) Ian Ferguson and Lt Colonel (Rtd) Andy Grecian on 'The Battle for Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral'. They gave strategic details of this battle in South Vietnam from May 12 to June 6, 1968. This was the largest battle involving Australian forces during our involvement in the Vietnam War. The service was concluded with the iconic Gunfire Breakfast for 130 people. This meal was coordinated by Warrant Officer (Rtd) Paul Henricksen.



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 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 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

WHAT A CAVALCADE OF COLOUR!



Social Club wrap-up.

BY KRIS MANN,
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR (HOME 200)

Rio comes to the Bay!

The Sambazzy Dancers, Alvin on Steel Drum, George on Twin Bongo Drums and DJ/MC Pilo Extraordinaire created a spectacular show for all Beachmere Bay homeowners in April. Homeowners and their guests dressed on-theme, danced, laughed and interacted with our colourful and flamboyant entertainers. The show started with a Street Parade led by buggies, bikes and people who followed the musicians and the beautiful Dancers. They went around the neighbouring streets, then behind, around and back into the Hamptons Country Club. South American dance styles were demonstrated and taught enroute - we were quick learners!

On re-entering the Country Club, Pilo and the Dancers took over with dance displays where many could join in on the dance floor. The music flowed all afternoon and the Sambazzy Dancers returned with magnificent butterfly wings, choreographed dances on the dance floor and wended their way through the crowd. The longest-ever Conga Line was created by Pilo who got pretty much everyone out of their seats and into the Conga line. Everyone loved the Carnivale atmosphere.

The Portico Food Court offered delicious Pipi Cucu Argentine Empanadas or Beef and Chicken Kebabs and Kebab Salad Wraps. To cool us down Sorbet and Gelato were also available while the Bar was kept busy keeping everyone hydrated.

Throughout the day and with the changing crowd, I believe there were about 280 people who enjoyed this massive event!

Big thanks to the Beachmere Bay Home Owners' Association for funding these entertainers and to Jacqui Nichols who had worked with Sambazzy before and coordinated these fabulous entertainers coming to our community. Thanks Jacqui - we could not have done it without you!!! A big shout out to our many volunteers who are just invaluable in putting on such a big event. We all need to put our feet up now for a while!

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Precious metal on show

An amazing array of vintage, veteran, classic, modified, modern and futuristic vehicles were on display in all their glory in the open area in front of the Westhamptons Sports Club in February! There were many cars, trucks, tractors, hot rods, a motorbike and even a bus! Beachmere Bay homeowners, the Beachmere Classic Vehicle Club, the Heritage Truck Club and our Beachmere Sands neighbours displayed vehicles which are their pride and joy - and what a spectacle they presented!

The Bar was open with cool drinks running out the door. The Workshop guys cooked up a BBQ sausage frenzy. The ice creams sold like hot cakes! It was an extremely hot but fine day and our homeowners turned up with family and friends to check out what was on show. They chatted with owners, pressed the pedal to the metal to listen to the roar and generally soaked up the glorious variety.

Some fun facts from the event:

- The oldest vehicle was Phil's 1917 motorbike with the authentic cane sidecar.
- The second oldest vehicle was the 1929 Dodge which Phil had refurbished.
- Quentin's Cobra sports car sat pride of place at Westhampton's entry and he explained how he and his son had fully restored the car.
- The bright blue 1956 De Soto has been lovingly restored by Lorraine's family.
- Dave's Chevy Impala was super cool and low-slung.
- The 1946 Ford Jailbar Roxanne was unique.
- The 1979 vintage Kangaroo Bus Lines bus was open for inspection and used to move some gear around on the day.
- The trucks were immaculate with gleaming chrome pipes.
- The yellow Lotus Elise was very James Bond-like!
- Side-by-side were the Mercedes Hybrid 48 volt battery/petrol car and the all-electric Mercedes – both white, new and stunning.
- Jaguars ranged from a new SUV e-Pace to a classic SK140.
- Rob's BYD electric car was checked out by many.
- There was a Mustang, a Monaro, a Mini Minor to a MGB sports car and much more – about 60 in total!

Lazy Sunday arvos

From May, on the first and third Sunday of the month (4 - 6pm), the Hamptons Country Club will come alive with the following activities and entertainment:

- May 5:** Layla Harrington will sing and play our baby grand piano. Kickback cocktails at the Bar
- May 19:** Bingo with Sir Les Patterson and Second Chance Draw*
- June 2:** 1940's Celebrity Heads. Kickback cocktails at the Bar
- June 16:** Lip Sync Concert and Second Chance Draw*
- July 7:** The BaySiders. Kickback cocktails at the Bar
- July 21:** Games Challenge and Second Chance Draw*
- August 4:** Jazz Kingdom (Selwyn with his saxophones). Kickback cocktails at the Bar
- August 18:** Mini Casino and Second Chance Draw*

*You have to be there to win the prize!



GOLFERS ON TOUR: A HOLE LOT OF FUN!



Golfers' getaway.

BY JOE CARTER (HOME 67)

Earlier this year, 16 homeowners (10 golfers and six non-golfers) headed south, to New South Wales, for a week of golf and sightseeing. Our first game was at Casino Golf course which proved to be a challenging but enjoyable game albeit under hot conditions. The non-golfers enjoyed exploring Casino and its many attractions.

Then it was off to Lismore where we saw firsthand the devastation of the recent floods and the vast damage done to their houses. Lismore Golf Course again proved to be a challenge, being a very undulating course with steep inclines and rough fairways. The non-golfers in our group travelled to Nimbin to enjoy lunch and some coffee.

On to Ballina next, for a very nice meal at the local RSL and the next day a game of golf at Ballina Golf Club. This was by far the best course of the three we played and whilst none of us played especially well, we thoroughly enjoyed the course. The non-golfers spent their time having coffee followed by lunch at Byron Bay.

We stayed two nights in Casino and two nights in Ballina and on the final night enjoyed our now-traditional meal of fish and chips on the beach watching the sun set over the picturesque Richmond River. Plans for our next trip are already underway!

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- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



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



Home 166: \$935,000

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



Home 43: \$1,175,000

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



Home 268: \$1,245,000

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



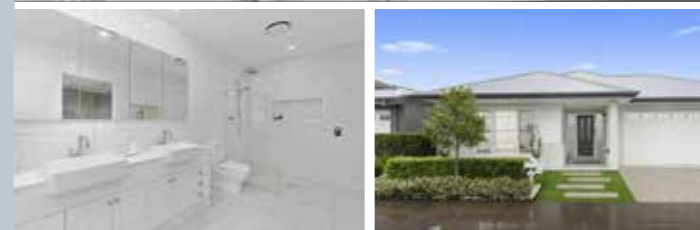
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- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



Home 8: \$1,099,000

- Beds 2
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- Living 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



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!

Resort workshop put to amazing charitable use.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY 12 MONTHS FOR A DEDICATED GROUP OF PALM LAKE RESORT BALLINA RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING THE ROTARY CLUB OF BALLINA-ON-RICHMOND WITH THEIR TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY THE BIG 2022 FLOOD.

The waters may have subsided long ago, but many people still remain in very poor living conditions after the severe flooding of 2022. Thankfully though, a project from the local Rotary Club is providing warm, safe, secure and compact homes for people to live in while they are either waiting to have their original homes restored or until they find alternative accommodation.

Palm Lake Resort Ballina resident Col Lee is the coordinator of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond's Flood Recovery group. He engaged members of the Ballina Satellite Club, based at Palm Lake Resort Ballina, to assemble kitchenettes in the resort workshop and help with the fit outs of the temporary homes across the Northern Rivers region. All up, 38 homes have been erected, housing more than 100 people across seven affected local government areas.

The satellite assembly team – led by resident Michael Sherlock, a former cabinetmaker – put together the kitchen packs, adding plumbing, sink and hardware to the cupboards. The well-equipped Palm Lake Resort workshop made the job much more efficient and less confined than it would be in a normal garage. Once completed, the kitchenettes are then installed into the temporary homes to



make them ready for occupancy. Under State Government legislation, each temporary home can be occupied for up to five years and must have running water, some form of electricity and a working toilet. A development application is not required, being a temporary dwelling.

Palm Lake Resort Ballina's Resort Manager, Rick Stewart, says it is wonderful to see our residents engaging in such a worthwhile community project.

"The fellowship and sense of commitment among the members has given everyone so much pleasure in our workshop," says Rick.

"Projects such as this give a genuine purpose to all involved in our Resort where we strive to have a close connection to major community projects."

The last of the six homes were erected in the Nimbin area, which many feel has been forgotten by government authorities. This area was very badly affected by landslides – landholders' properties and homes were swept into sunken valleys and roads were covered with up to 15 metres of rock, soil and trees. Their homes and contents have been totally destroyed, never to be seen again. This Palm Lake Resort-based project has been a life changer for those who have suffered severely from the total devastation of their properties and livelihood – finally, thanks to this dedicated, community-focused group, they can begin to move forward. Through their work and expertise, these volunteers have lifted the morale and self-esteem of many people who had all but given up hope. Well done, all!



Leona is driven.

GOSH, WE HAVE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF RESIDENTS ACROSS BOTH OUR PALM LAKE RESORT AND PALM LAKE CARE COMMUNITIES - AND OUR TEAM MEMBERS ARE PRETTY VIBRANT THEMSELVES!

Case in point: Leona from Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park. When she's not heading up the Lifestyle Team, she's generously giving her time to others, including charity. Leona has just returned from the "Shitbox Rally" - an aptly named annual Cancer Council fundraiser that requires participants to drive a car valued at less than \$1500 across various states of Australia. The rally saw her and husband Scott drive a 1989 VN Commodore from Brisbane to the starting line in Adelaide, through the centre of Australia, and over to Perth. Although the rally finished in Perth, the pair managed to complete a return trip and got their 'shitbox' back home to Brisbane - some 12,000km in total! This was Leona's fifth time in the Shitbox Rally, which has raised \$45 million for the Cancer Council in its 14-year history (Leona and her fellow Autumn 2024 rally participants raised \$3 million alone this trip!). Incredible! Leona's residents at Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park followed her progress throughout the trip online, via a tracker she had in her car. There was loads of excitement across the community as she and Scott made it to each checkpoint. Bravo Leona - what fun, and what a great cause!

Inter-resort good sports.

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby hosted a team from Palm Lake Resort Waterford who put up a good fight, with some great lawn bowls played. However, Eagleby proved to be too strong and ran out winners 91 to 55.

Our Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa bowlers also took on visitors from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands in a recent inter-resort bowls comp. After the morning session, Cooroy-Noosa were only up one point and one game. After a bit of banter and encouragement over lunch, the Cooroy teams lifted and won six out of eight games and scored 99 to 58 points to comfortably win the day. Final results were: Games won 10.5 to 5.5 and Points won: 196 to 154

Finally, Palm Lake Resort Bethania lawn bowlers took on their counterparts at Waterford recently. Although the final score was 102 to 63, it was no indication of the game. Both teams won three rinks each however one Waterford team won 34 to 5 with a very rare score of 9 on one end. This doesn't happen often - it's a bit like a hole in one in golf. It was a great game that all enjoyed whether playing or spectating.

They're sew good.

The talented crafters at Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay held their 10th annual Quilt Show in recent weeks. A few of the handmade quilts went home with lucky raffle winners – the rest are to be donated to local charities. Special mention to quilter Coral Welham, who turned fabric that wasn't suitable for quilting into pouches for rescued wildlife. Our Deception Bay homeowners really are sew good.



Cindy trains pups to empower.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay homeowner Cindy is spending her free time in a brilliant way - training pups to become Assistance and Therapy Dogs. Cindy has opened up her Beachmere Bay home to support this fantastic cause and has an ever-changing variety of the most gorgeous pooches staying with her, via the "Empower Assistance Dogs" organisation. Well done, Cindy!

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? We'd love to hear from you! **Simply email the details to belinda@bellepr.com**

We're all good sports.



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