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The Gatsby



We like to stay social by the Bay!

There have been some vibrant social events lately. Full coverage inside...

Over the back fence

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***Pictured:** See Page 6 for a memorable moment on our resort golf course recently.*



Welcome.

Hello all - We would like to welcome all our new homeowners to our beautiful Palm Lake Beachmere Bay Resort. We're sure you are on your way to settling into our friendly community. Everyone here is very welcoming and will soon have you joining in as many of the different groups and activities as you would like to.

The cooler months are coming and for those newbies, let us tell you that walking around the lakes is lovely at this time of the year. Our swan families are on the very back lake at the moment. They are often also seen having an outing to the beach, across the road. There are some peaceful walks across there too. On low tide you can almost get to the little shopping centre!

We also have excellent volunteers who can help you learn a wide variety of new skills, from playing bowls and golf, to our lovely ukulele group who just love their music and singalongs in the afternoons. We also have many card games going on a regular basis along with billiards and tennis. It is always difficult to choose!

Your four-legged friends don't miss out either. Our dog wash facility is on the road to the tennis court. It dispenses lovely warm water, shampoo and conditioner and even has a blow dryer for your pooches! We definitely have some very happy, pampered pooches amongst us. See us in the office to be set up with a card to use the machine.

And finally, our Social Committee keeps you - and the rest of us! - up to date with the weekly W.H.E.N. (Weekly Hamptons Events Notices). This little newsletter is published weekly on our resort's intranet. This site has been developed by our homeowners for our homeowners. With all of the aspects of our community life and contact details at your fingertips there, it is certainly a very handy go-to for important information. I would like to thank all of the homeowners involved in its development for the fantastic job they have done. The dedication and perseverance in making sure everything works has been outstanding.

Don't forget to come and see us if you need any assistance.

Until next time,

Sue and Steve Babbage,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.

**GIVING
MAKES US
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Helping hands support Alex's dream

In March, 52 homeowners from 29 homes here at our resort came together to assist a 13 year old Beachmere girl with her request for sponsorship to be able to attend workshops and competitions in dance, drama and singing in Newcastle later this year. We were successful in raising all the funds needed, plus a little spending money, and a few of those who supported Alex gathered for afternoon tea and presented her with her sponsorship funds. It was incredible to see how readily people responded without having ever met the young lady and we were especially encouraged by those who were away travelling but who still found time to send funds through. A big thank you to everyone involved for your kindness and generosity - it was truly appreciated by both Alex and her mum.



Salvation Army Friendship Band comes to Beachmere Bay

On Wednesday, April 23, the Salvation Army Friendship Band presented a Salute to the Anzacs free concert for about 130 homeowners and guests at our Hamptons Country Club. The 26-piece mainly brass band played many wartime favourite tunes plus many patriotic Aussie songs, which brought emotions to the surface for many audience members. Many generous homeowners made cakes, slices and sandwiches for morning tea as their contribution. Others gave cash and the 'collection tin' with sales of morning tea items made a total of \$790! The Social Committee also gave a \$250 donation which was matched by the Home Owners Association with a further \$250 donation. This was presented by both Chairs via symbolic cheques at the end of the concert.

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

HOW
TALENTED
IS OUR
COMMUNITY!



Social Club news.

BY KRIS MANN, SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Art at The Bay

On March 28, our elegant "Art at The Bay" exhibition event commenced with canapes and bubbles on arrival. As pictured left, 70 homeowners came to appreciate the amazing artistic talents of six of our Bay homeowners including Janette Burke (pottery and sculpture), Ian Ferguson (ceramics and glass mosaics), Garry Healing (sketching), Linda Irvine (sketching), Kim McHardy (photography) and Margaret Pearson (painting). Special guest Maria Menso provided very informative insights into the various styles of art represented. Barry Moore tickled the ivories during the evening and some ladies gathered for some impromptu love songs around the piano. Following 12 courses of amazing canapes, dessert was handed to everyone as they moved into the Theatre for the showing of the 'Loving Vincent' movie, which told (in a rolling series of paintings) the story of the final days of Vincent van Gogh's life.

Then, on March 29, the free community viewing of these same artworks was available to all of our Beachmere Bay community from 10am-12noon (pictured left, bottom). It was a rainy day, but many people came to talk with the artists and were amazed by their creations. Scones with jam and cream, tea and coffee were available. It was a lovely informal gathering of people in the Country Club while the rain came down outside.

This event would not have been possible without the many volunteers who gave generously of their time to set up the six quite different artists' 'rooms' to best showcase their works. Likewise, a dozen or so volunteers helped in the kitchen with the preparation of the canape courses and sizzle platters. It was a big effort by many to bring to these two terrific events to fruition. They complemented each other very well and made our talented homeowners' art accessible to our whole community.



Anzac Day.

AT DAWN ON APRIL 25, HOMEOWNERS OF BEACHMERE BAY GATHERED TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY. THE EVENT WAS CONDUCTED BY OUR VETERANS' GROUP, COORDINATED BY ANDY GRECIAN.

With one eye on threatening rain clouds, 28 veterans assembled under Parade Commander Paul Henricksen. Fortunately, the weather held off. The contingent marched the kilometre from the main gate to our permanent memorial site adjacent to our Hampton's Country Club. There, about 180 homeowners and their family gathered for the service.

The Master of Ceremonies, Bruce Marshall, welcomed attendees and explained the order of service. Initially, Reverend Rob Corrie led the gathering in prayer and a hymn. The Anzac Day address, presented by Ian Ferguson, emphasised the generational legacy of the Anzac tradition. Wreaths were laid to commemorate Australian, New Zealand and British losses. Additional wreaths were placed by the Beachmere Bay Veterans' Group and by private individuals. Glenda Curr recited Eric Bogle's moving poem: "And the Band played Waltzing Matilda". The Ode was recited by Roger Densley. Then, flag orderlies moved into position. The Last Post sounded, there was a minute's silence, which was followed by Rouse. The formal ceremony ended with the national anthems of the UK, New Zealand and Australia. Afterwards, a hot breakfast, prepared by a team of volunteers under the direction of Paul Henricksen was served to 139 homeowners and family members.

Overall, the Anzac Day service was an appropriate opportunity for community members to gather. It was judged to be a fitting tribute to those who served our nation.



Golf update.

BY SIMON HUTCHESON,
WESTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB SECRETARY

Hole in one for Barb!

Pictured at top, Beachmere Bay homeowner Barb had not played golf for 20 years before taking up the game again after moving into our resort and joining the Westhampton Golf Club. It was all thanks to Deanna's coaching sessions. After attending one session, Barb says her interest in the game was sparked anew. And would you believe it – during a recent Saturday competition, Barb scored a hole-in-one on the 1st! She thought she had shot long over the green but was surprised – and very delighted – to find her ball sitting nicely in the hole instead. Well done Barb!

Our Most Improved Lady Golfer

Fellow homeowner Anne Williams had never played golf before coming to every one of Deanna's coaching sessions for a whole year – and it seems the coaching is paying off for Anne who just keeps getting better and better. Anne improved so much so that she competed in some Saturday Social Golf games and even had a couple of wins! Congratulations to Anne on becoming our Most Improved Lady Golfer.



Bowls news.

BY RACHAEL FOTHERGILL,
BEACHMERE BAY BOWLS CLUB SECRETARY

Championship Rounds 2025

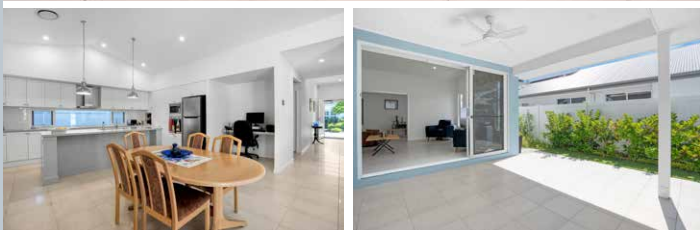
The Beachmere Bay Bowls Club kicked off 2025 with our highly anticipated Championship Rounds. We would like to extend our congratulations to our Triples Champions, Barbara and Kevin Chapman, along with Margaret Barnett. Well done on an outstanding performance!

The Pairs Final has now been concluded, and what a thrilling contest it was. The level of play was exceptional, rivalling the highest standard seen in even the most prestigious competitions. Throughout the 19-end game, both teams had their moments of opportunity, with the outcome hanging in the balance at various stages. In the end, there can only be one winner, and we proudly congratulate Ken and Bet for their magnificent performance. They triumphed over a truly valiant effort from Phil and Carol, who played with incredible skill and determination. Well done to all involved!

Our Bowls Club welcomes new homeowners who are existing bowlers and those wishing to learn, to become part of our lively and very friendly bowls community.

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Home 175: \$975,000



Home 219: Offers over \$1.3m



Home 80: \$1,165,000



Home 204: \$985,000



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- 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 12: \$1,295,000

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



Home 191: \$1,175,000

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



Home 65: \$1,150,000

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



Home 31: \$975,000

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



Home 256: \$975,000

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



Home 47: \$1,070,000

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



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 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 PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN.

Neighbours lend a hand as Alfred comes to town.

The strength of our Palm Lake Resort communities, and the Palm Lake Group as a whole - was put on show when Tropical Cyclone Alfred rolled into Queensland's south-east corner recently. In scenes reminiscent of the Covid pandemic, our Palm Lake Resort homeowners rallied to support one another and ensure their communities were not only prepared for the hit, but also quickly mopped up afterwards.

Palm Lake Resort Carindale Caretakers Wayne and Karen said that while 28 homeowners left the resort to be with their families, more than 200 stayed in the resort throughout the cyclone.

"For the first time ever, the flood waters came into our community from Wright Street (pictured above)," Karen says. "We constantly checked the levels there and in the creek. We had Stuart (Home 168) monitoring the creek and reporting in to us and trusty Ken (Home 113) reporting from the other end of the resort. What an incredible team.

"Those who stayed were in good hands, as we had many many homeowners checking on their older neighbours, boiling them water on gas stoves when they lost power. Our communal halls were left open so homeowners could gather together with other homeowners. Luckily we had arranged some extra food for sandwiches, as well as milk



and water so we could all meet at the Grand Hall and have toasties - mostly made by Bob (Home 98).

"Some homeowners were scared - mainly because of the fast flood waters - as they live on their own, but we made sure that someone kept dropping in on them regularly to keep them in the loop.

"We are actually so proud of our caring homeowner network," Karen smiles. "Our beautiful Palm Lake Resort Carindale community certainly comes together well in tough times."

The same types of stories were heard right across the Palm Lake Group - with our resort homeowners even supporting their local Palm Lake Care aged caring communities. For example, the sleepy seaside town of Beachmere does not have its own local police station, so officers were brought in to keep an eye on local residents during the storm. When the power in that neighbourhood went out, our Palm Lake Care staff returned the favour and offered the police officers hot meals and coffee, which they gratefully accepted. What's more, three volunteers (retired registered nurses) from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and Beachmere Sands - located just across the road - provided support and personal care to the elderly aged care residents. A lovely gesture of selfless care that embodies the PLR spirit!



Wedding bells ring loud and clear.

THERE HAVE BEEN NEW WEDDING BELLS RINGING ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT AS WELL AS CELEBRATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LONGEVITY - ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE LOVE, LOVE STORIES!

Palm Lake Resort Bethania

Pictured above left, check out the new "Mr and Mrs Remy" (also known to homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Bethania as Steve and Kate), who tied the knot on February 15. Their official ceremony was held at their resort - how wonderful! We wish the Remys the best for their future life together.

Palm Lake Resort Yamba

Shirley Foley married Denis Kelly on May 15, 1965, at Tumut, New South Wales. Little did they know, 136km away on that very same day, their future friends (and future neighbours) Carole Wilson and John Joyce were also tying the knot. In the late 1960s, the Joyces moved to Tumut and, sure enough, met the Kellys. The couples have been firm friends ever since. And they have more in common than just their wedding anniversary - nowadays, you'll find Denis and Shirley in Home 4 at Palm Lake Resort Yamba, and John and Carole in Home 63 (all four pictured above right, including a photo of the Kellys on their wedding day).

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby

It all began in Liverpool, England, in the early 1960s. The school dance was in full swing when John, who was working as a roadie for the band that night, spotted Joan across the dance floor. He winked at her and, as he fondly recalls, "that was it". The couple married on March 27, 1965, in Liverpool and in 1976, John and Joan made the bold decision to move to Australia, with their young family in tow. After more than two decades in Sydney, they moved to Queensland in 2000, making Palm Lake Resort Eagleby their home in 2009. Pictured above (middle), six decades on from their wedding day, family remains at the heart of their lives through six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa

Long-time Sunshine Coast locals, David and Nola, just marked 60 years with their proud family, including nine grandies and 11 great-grandies (with more on the way!).

Fiona is 102 years young

One of our oldest homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge is Fiona Ryan. She turned 102 years young in April. The Lodge Country Club hosted a party for Fiona, with many of her family and Palm Lake Resort friends stopping by. What a milestone for this resort matriarch!



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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