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The Gatsby



Updates from the green

Our resident lawn bowlers have been busy, both on the green and off!

Music brings our resort to life

Our recent homeowner get-togethers prove there's nothing quite like live music

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to move here? Refer them, for a cash reward



Welcome.

With summer behind us and the days becoming a little cooler, now is the perfect time to enjoy everything on offer – whether that’s staying active, catching up with neighbours, or simply taking in the beautiful change of season.

There has been no shortage of opportunities to get together and that continues across the community. With events held like our lip sync, live shows, Anzac Day service, bowls competitions, Blokes' Day Out, and our upcoming gin tasting and 'Thai delights' dinner, there’s always something happening in our resort.

We’ve also had some great moments worth celebrating, including one of our homeowners achieving a fantastic hole-in-one on the third tee of our golf course! No small feat – and a great reminder of the fun and camaraderie we share here.

From happy birthdays to happy anniversaries and everything in between, there is always something worth celebrating – and the Beach House has been a popular choice for these special occasions. A standout feature of our community, the Beach House is an exclusive space for homeowners to enjoy for their private functions. With its relaxed coastal feel and generous space, it’s a fantastic extension of your home and a wonderful place to create lasting memories.

As your caretakers, we have been busy settling into our roles and working through a number of priorities to ensure everything continues to run smoothly. We are committed to supporting a positive and welcoming environment where homeowners can stay engaged, connected and make the most of each day.

Warmest regards to you all,

Until next time,

Robyn and Rob,
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers



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News in brief.

Looking for local care?

If you're looking for convenient aged care for a beloved family member, your local Palm Lake Care community is ready to hear from you. While Palm Lake Care can't fully guarantee any beds to Palm Lake Resort homeowners and their family members (simply given the ever-changing demand on their service and also your loved one's individual healthcare needs), the very experienced Customer Experience Team is ready to guide you on your family's journey into aged care. For more initial information, visit the Palm Lake Care website at palllakecare.com.au You might also like to complete an enquiry form online? And when you're ready to speak to a Palm Lake Care team member, simply freecall 1800 24 66 77.



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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.

Get social
with us!



Are you on social media? Make sure you follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@palllakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@pall.lake.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 (@pall.lake.care). With more than 12,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!

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.

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

Sundown with the Sundowners.

FRIDAY EVENINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME! AS THE SUN DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUDS, OUR FRIDAY EVENING WAS BRIGHTENED BY RENAE AND ANDREW, WHO HAVE BEEN PERFORMING BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY SINCE 1996.

Their opening number was an optimistic 'I've Got Sunshine on a Cloudy Day', and it immediately set the scene for a voyage through decades of popular music.

Renae was on the keyboards while Andrew played a very smooth saxophone, supplemented by music mixes at the appropriate time. They kept us entertained for two hours, without a pause for breath!

Progressing through 'Crocodile Rock', they moved to a Caribbean theme, and already there were homeowners up and practising their own versions of the Samba on the dance floor. This was followed by a hilarious attempt at a conga line which wound around the dance floor.

The greatest surprise was a visit from our local State Member, Ariana Doolan, who absolutely wowed us with her rendition of the song 'Valerie'. Ariana was followed by more hits from the Sundowners, and the mood became increasingly jovial as we all joined in the 'Time Warp', while the song 'It's Raining Men' actually had the ladies at one table waving their arms and singing 'hallelujah!' to the chorus!

A rousing rendition of 'YMCA' had most of us on the dance floor, waving our arms like windmills and singing off-key, till finally we left the floor (some of us limping and complaining about our hips). But all in all, everyone agreed it had been a wonderful way to spend a Friday evening.

TRISH KARVELIS, SECRETARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Around the greens.

YOUR WESTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB HAS HAD A VERY BUSY COMMENCEMENT TO THE CALENDAR YEAR...

Club golf commenced during the second week of January, and some very enthusiastic golfers put aside the heat and humidity to enjoy their games (on the now very picturesque golf course).

January also saw the long-awaited commencement of the WGC Wednesday game. This was one of the objectives from the five-year Club plan and, after a lot of discussion, the game commenced on January 21 with a two-ball Ambrose event.

However, the highlight of the first couple of months was the first Anniversary Cup, an initiative of the Committee to celebrate five years of golf in our wonderful resort. The event, a single stroke with 37 starters, was played on the February 6, followed by a wonderful get-together with partners at the barbecue area of the Sports Bar. Greg Brown was the event winner, and his name will be the first on the perpetual trophy.

We then got stuck into the normal games of Stroke, Stableford, Par 3 and Ambrose events. Some outstanding results, particularly from Allan McLean who become the latest to provide us with a single shot hole – yes, a hole in one. Also significant were two Eagles, by Barb Cruickshank on the ninth and Laurel Mills on the sixth. Congrats to Allan, Barb and Laurel.

The Shoalhaven course is starting to mature well, with additional grass planted and settled by the wonderful volunteers – particularly Roger Densley and Ray Cruickshank, who tender the grass on the seventh as if it was their own front yard. Additionally, the introduction of a further groundsman has certainly made a difference already, with the course looking a picture. Rain at the right time has also helped.

We look forward to a very effective and sociable year, and with some Championship events coming in the next few months, the Honour Board for this year will start to fill up.



Saturday night, done right.

HOMEOWNER JACQUELINE HAS PULLED OFF YET ANOTHER COUP WITH THE LATEST LIVE MUSIC SHOW, TO A PACKED CLUBHOUSE.

This time it was 'Collister and Fix', a duo comprising vocalist Christine Collister and guitarist Michael Fix. Christine hails from the Isle of Man (between Great Britain and Ireland), and has wowed audiences even in the Royal Albert Hall in London. Michael is a local talent, he has been nominated four times, and has actually won a Golden Guitar award. Together they have collaborated on tours in Australia, Europe and Asia.

Now on another Australian tour, they were able to fit us into their packed itinerary for an evening of jazz, blues, smooth rock and everything in between. Their repertoire and talents were fabulous, from their first number 'Looking for the Water From a Deeper Well', as they delved into decades of their favourite songs including 'Persuasion', 'Do What you Want to Do' (made famous by the Master's Apprentices), a hymn to unrequited love 'We Spoke Today', and Tina Turner's hit 'River Deep, Mountain High'.

The greatest surprise of the performance was Michael's nod to J.S. Bach. He produced an astonishing rendition of Bach's Toccata in D Minor on a 12-string electric guitar. This piece of music was written some time prior to 1750 to be played on the organ, and we revelled to the sound almost 300 years later. What a superb way to spend a Saturday night!

TRISH KARVELIS, SECRETARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



That's entertainment!

THE FOURTH LIP SYNC WAS HELD IN MARCH AND WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 220 HOMEOWNERS, WHO ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF THE SHOW...

There were fourteen varied acts in two halves, and our talented performers wowed us with their interpretations of well-known hits. We were serenaded to songs from Carole King, Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood, the Rolling Stones, Elton John and Kikki Dee, Callum Scott and Leona Lewis, Ray Charles and Willie Nelson, Penny McLean, Whitney Houston, Linda Ronstadt and Joe Cocker, all leading up to the grand finale: Monty Python.

The audience rocked with the Rolling Stones and Joe Cocker, tried to 'Dance with Somebody' when Whitney Houston sang and laughed till their sides ached at some of the musical interpretations – especially 'Lady Bump' sung by a very pregnant singer! We ended with a rousing rendition of 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life', a fitting reminder to us all...

And, as if all that excitement and entertainment weren't enough, we were treated to a special mime performance in between the musical sections of the show, which was both baffling and hilarious in turns.

A show like this depends on the enthusiasm and hard work of many people, and we are fortunate to have so many talented 'performers' and skilled people to take care of the music, props, and makeup, to name a few.

TRISH KARVELIS, SECRETARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Homes for sale.

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Home 50: \$1,200,000

- Beds 2
- Bath 2
- Study 1
- Living 1
- Garage 2
- Outdoor Living



Home 98: \$1,375,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Study 1
- Living 1
- Garage 2
- Outdoor Living



Home 152: \$1,125,000

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



Home 212: \$1,200,000

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



Home 216: \$1,450,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Study 1
- Living 1
- Garage 2
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Home 70: \$1,425,000

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



UNDER OFFER

Home 14: \$1,195,000

- Beds 3
- Bath 2
- Study 1
- Living 1
- Garage 2
- Outdoor Living



UNDER CONTRACT

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.

AN EVENING
WE WON'T SOON
FORGET!



Truganina bowls us over!

Our **Palm Lake Resort Truganina** bowlers delivered an outstanding performance during the most recent pennant season, achieving not one but two premierships wins, along with two runner-up finishes. Well done to everyone involved – a great team effort!



Trauma teddies go overseas.

Ladies from the **Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay** knitting and craft group have been producing these adorable 'trauma teddies' for the local Urangan Branch of the QCWA. The best part? The teddies have been sent to Indonesia, so that they can be distributed among flood-affected children.

Le dîner en blanc.

Over a year ago, the **Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes** community was deeply moved by the story of a young boy's brave battle with brain cancer – especially since the young boy's grandparents call the resort home. Immediately, one question was on everyone's lips: 'Le Dîner en Blanc' (a "White Dinner"). The global phenomenon began in Paris in 1988, but has since spread across 85 cities – and now, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

The 'White Dinner Working Group' spent months planning how to bring their vision to life, holding top-secret meetings to plan every last detail, right down to the elaborate white tablescapes. Without those dedicated volunteers crafting floral arrangements, managing entertainment and handling set up and pack down, the night couldn't have taken place – nor been so successful.

When the night of the dinner finally arrived, it was more than just a visual spectacle – it was a show of community. Homeowners came together, forging new friendships and strengthening existing ones, and all for an excellent cause.

The night was an overwhelming success, and now a new question is being asked: "When is the next one?".

We look forward to seeing this become a much-anticipated tradition, not just to come together as a resort, but to support the grandchildren and families within our special community.



Living the high life.

Our homeowners love living in luxury – and having a laugh! At **Palm Lake Resort Carindale**, a newly-created lounge area has quickly been dubbed 'The Qantas Lounge', and homeowners love using it for downtime, church group and coffee catch-ups. One talented homeowner has even created a wooden sign! Meanwhile, at **Palm Lake Resort Yamba**, homeowners have established an exclusive 'corporate box' (dubbed Bay 13, just like at the Melbourne Cricket Ground), and it's the perfect place to watch pickleball games on the new court.



Cooking for a cause.

Our **Palm Lake Resort Bargara** homeowners regularly join forces with the QCWA Bundaberg Branch members to cook for those in need – and have a lot of fun in the process! Recently, on one day alone, the group cooked enough lasagne and cottage pie to serve 174 people. Thanks for caring for your community, one meal at a time!

Friendly rivalry.

There's nothing quite like a bit of friendly competition to bring Palm Lake Resort communities together – and four of our locations have been doing just that!

Palm Lake Resorts Beachmere Sands and **Beachmere Bay** went head-to-head in their bi-annual intervillage lawn bowls competition on March 29. Despite a windy lead-up, the day delivered fine conditions and plenty of entertaining play. Beachmere Bay took home the win, but both teams could put aside their rivalry to celebrate together over burgers and a cold beer in The Sands clubhouse. Rumour has it The Sands are already sharpening up for the next round – watch this space!

Meanwhile, **Palm Lake Resorts Tea Gardens** and **Forster Lakes** teed off in their annual golf challenge. The tournament is played across four games using the Stableford scoring system – and this was the first. Forster Lakes claimed the day's honours, with a combined score of 230 points to Tea Gardens' 218. Jo Nolan of Forster Lakes was the standout individual performer with an impressive 41 points. The next round is set for Hawks Nest Golf Club on July 20.



We love our staff!

The **Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba** Social Committee put on a morning tea on behalf of all the homeowners to show their appreciation for their staff – much to everyone's delight! Homeowner Leanne Day put together a wonderful slideshow of images of the resort, and performed some songs to compliment them.

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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