

The Gatsby

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022



BEACH HOUSE BECKONS

Don't forget that you can book our gorgeous waterfront Beach House for your get-togethers, overlooking Moreton Bay

SO MANY GOOD SPORTS

There's loads of sports news inside, including coverage of our gala Sports Awards evening, celebrating the 'good sports' of our resort!

LOCAL EXPERTISE

Has your situation changed? Our Senior Sales Consultant Nicole has all the local expertise you need - and a waiting list of serious buyers



Welcome



Hello everyone! Welcome to the latest edition of our Beachmere Bay resort newsletter, *The Gatsby*.

A reminder that our beautiful Beach House is available for your bookings - and what a lovely venue it is (pictured above)! There is a huge deck overlooking Moreton Bay, with sea breezes on those warm summer days. Why not invite family and friends over for a barbecue lunch? Or you could make an afternoon booking and stay into the evening, enjoying a meal. The Beach House is fully self-contained - the large kitchen has all the cutlery, crockery, glassware and cookware you will need. There's a big oven and cooktop, plus a microwave oven, fridge/freezer and a dishwasher. The laundry also has a large commercial size fridge/freezer. Plenty of space for the party food and beverages! There is a large dining and living area, a separate quiet living room with a TV, as well as lots of outdoor space for the grandchildren to run around and play. There is also a stand-up paddleboard, kayak and life jackets for you to use at the beach. In fact, the beach and foreshore are great locations for walks with your pets and sightseeing. There is lots of birdlife there at the moment and always yachts to spot out in Moreton Bay. Just call us at the office to check availability and we can reserve a booking for you.

A warm welcome must be extended to our newest homeowners. I'm sure you have been busily exploring the resort grounds by now. Please call in to the office if you are unsure about anything - or you can phone us. There are also plenty of homeowners here who can assist with local knowledge to help you settle into Beachmere. If you haven't already experienced them, the meals provided on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening and Thursday lunch are getting rave reviews! Jorge is a fabulous chef. His meals are always popular and everyone has a great time eating together.

As usual, our Social Committee is busily organising events for everyone as the festive season comes on to the radar. There are lots of opportunities to watch a film in our lovely Theatre - ice creams and chocolates are available too! The Sports Club has just seen the installation of two new pizza ovens and a new coffee machine - I'm sure they will be very popular. At the back of the Sports Club, on the lake, mum and dad swans are nesting and they now have a baby signet. So very cute!

Welcome back to everyone who has been away over the last few weeks. I'm sure you are glad to be home. We look forward to seeing you around the grounds.

Sue and Steve Babbage, Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

Contact us

Looking for more information about Beachmere Bay? Here are four places you can reach us:

Online: Visit our website beachmerebay.com.au

Social media: Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@palm lakesort) and Instagram (@Palm.Lake.Resort) to see what's happening right across all our locations.

Street address:
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay can be found at:
194 Bishop Rd, Beachmere.

FREECALL: 1800 338 382.
There's no cost to you and you'll have our experienced Sales Team at the other end of the line. Easy.



News briefs

Can you lend a hand?

If you're interested in helping with any of the Social Club's events and activities, please let us know. We need helpers on a roster system for:

- Movie food service on Wednesday nights.
- Matinee movie set up and/or food service (including popcorn) on the fourth Sunday of the month.
- Bingo (1st Sunday, 3rd Friday)
- Trivia (2nd Sunday)

We'd also love some volunteer BBQers, food servers, table setters and helpers for set-up/pack-up at events. Phone Jaye on #2284

Got classic metal?

Do you have a vintage or classic car, truck or bike? Would you like to take part in our upcoming Car Show on Saturday, November 19, from 3-5pm at the Sports Club? You can register your vehicle via the sign-in sheet at the Activities Desk in our Hamptons Country Club or contact Rachael on #2487.

Need a chat?

Don't forget that homeowner representatives of Beachmere Bay's Management Committee are available for any residents who wish to chat. Members are available monthly, from 9-10am, in the Hamptons Country Club:

- November 21
- December 12

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 residents and their families. If you have someone needing 24-hour nursing care, freecall the Care Solutions team on 5552 1380 to discuss their needs.

What's on, a little further afield

Nov 4 - 20: Why just see a West End production, when you could solve it, too? Agatha Christie's iconic whodunnit, 'The Mousetrap', has been adapted for the stage, and will be performed at QPAC for a limited run this November.

Nov 24 - 27: The 2022 Australian PGA Championship will see stellar Australian and international golfers battle it out at Royal Qld Golf Club.



We're all lifelong learners

Our monthly "Slice of Life" presentations continued with Beachmere Bay homeowner Joe Carter (pictured above with wife, Debbie) providing an interesting and educational piece on "The Watering of Rural Australia". We appreciate our homeowners sharing their incredible knowledge with us via these interesting presentations. If you have an idea for a presentation topic, make sure to contact a Social Committee member for more info.

Refer your friends for fast cash

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.

Expertise aplenty

SOMETIMES LIFE HAS US MOVING ON - WE UNDERSTAND THAT. IF YOUR SITUATION HAS CHANGED AND YOU ARE THINKING OF SELLING YOUR BEACHMERE BAY HOME, THE BEST PERSON TO HELP YOU THROUGH THAT PROCESS IS SENIOR SALES CONSULTANT NICOLE SMITH. WITH THE MARKET RECENTLY STRENGTHENING, NICOLE CURRENTLY HAS A WAITING LIST OF SERIOUS BUYERS. HERE ARE SOME OF HER MOST RECENT SALES...



Home 52

SOLD!



Home 171

SOLD!



Home 212

SOLD!



FREECALL 1800 338 382 SENIOR SALES CONSULTANT
NICOLE SMITH IS READY TO TAKE YOUR CALL

Preparing your home for sale

STRONG MARKET CONDITIONS MEANS THERE'S CURRENTLY A WAIT LIST FOR BAY HOMES!

SELLING YOUR HOUSE CAN BE EMOTIONAL AND EXHAUSTING. ENSURE YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO MAKE YOUR HOME SALEABLE WITH THESE HANDY TIPS FROM OUR PALM LAKE RESORT REAL ESTATE EXPERT.

Many of our Palm Lake Resort Sales Team members (right across the Palm Lake Group) have spent a vast majority of their careers in real estate, matching impressive homes with equally as amazing homeowners. Beachmere Bay Senior Sales Consultant Nicole Smith started with Palm Lake Resort in 2017 and now that our resort is complete, she oversees the sale of established homes here at Beachmere Bay. With so many years' experience selling new and established lifestyle resort homes for the Palm Lake Group, we asked Nicole for her tips on how homeowners can best prepare their home for sale.

"I'm a firm believer in the whole 'first impressions count' mentality. The first glimpse people get of your home is so important," Nicole says. "While many focus on the internal aspects, ensuring the front of your property presents well should be your first step. Focus on your driveway, the garage door and front door area. Make it clean and clear of any clutter. Also, deal with any minor maintenance jobs - it's important for buyers to know they

are purchasing a home that has been well cared for."

Inside your home, Nicole agrees that decluttering and de-personalising is the best starting point - a rental storage unit may be your best friend here. Not only will decluttering give you a clear space to work with, but it will also be a big help when it comes time to pack up your things and move out. De-personalising helps a potential buyer see themselves living in your home, and they won't be able to do that if every wall and surface is covered with photos of your family and personal knick-knacks you've collected over the years.

Try to keep the furniture and décor understated for the same reason - you might love your bright floral armchair, but a potential buyer might not be able to look past it long enough to envision themselves living in your home. The more space you can create - without the house looking empty - the better, so clear the bookshelves and keep the benchtops bare. Clean out those wardrobes, too. Buyers will certainly look through them, to consider how much storage space your abode offers.

"Give your home a good spring clean," Nicole says. "Hire a cleaning company for a few hours that can help you out; it will be worth the investment. Ensure the kitchen and bathrooms in particular are immaculate and make sure that outdoor areas are manicured and maintained."

Nicole's other tips for preparing your home to go on the market

- If you have any bright/different-coloured feature walls, consider re-painting them in more neutral colours to appeal to a larger range of buyers.
- Make sure all lights are turned on and even consider upgrading a few lightbulbs to really brighten your space.
- Fresh flowers on the table, candles or air fresheners all smell welcoming and help you immediately get into a buyer's good books.
- Have your furry friend minded for the duration of the inspection and tidy up after them to ensure the yards are clear.
- Leave buyers alone with the sales representative during home inspections. This will put the buyer at ease and they won't feel like they are imposing on you.





This page: Our Five & Ohhh party people!



Above: Father's Day. Right: QEII Supper Night.



Social Club news



By Jaye Barros (Home 84) Social Club Chair

We love celebrating at The Bay and the last couple of months have given us many excuses to get together as a community - with our neighbours, friends, family, children and grandchildren - to really embrace the community resort lifestyle here at Beachmere Bay.

September kicked off with our tribute to all the important men in our lives - dads, granddads, husbands, neighbours, brothers, sons and more! On September 4, we paid honour to our men with an afternoon of bingo, Happy Hour, a multitude of lucky door prizes going off every 10 minutes and a special drink at the bar! The boys (and some of our gals) took advantage of the photo props for a bit of fun and it was great seeing many family members, young and old, celebrating with our homeowners.

September also saw the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and to honour this amazing lady we put on a beautiful "posh" supper with china tea cups, shortbread and even cucumber sandwiches! Those who attended took comfort in being able to watch the funeral procession and service with their friends from The Bay.

Our last major event for September was the annual "5&0" Dinner Dance for all those who have had a birthday or anniversary ending in a 5 or 0. From our youngest at 55 years of age to our oldest at 80, newlyweds of 30 years to the lovebirds of 55 years, we had a range of special milestones to announce.

Our monthly "Slice of Life" presentations continue with Joe Carter, homeowner at The Bay, providing an interesting and educational piece on "The Watering of Rural Australia". October saw local Beachmere resident, Sean McBride (aka

Captain Antarctica) enthrall us with his adventures and experiences working and living in the Antarctic.

On October 21, we had our first "Murder Mystery Night". The theme was "The Roaring 20s" with everyone coming in their best Gatsby outfits of gangsters, molls, and flappers. Guests were invited to take part in various games to find the clues and guess who, how and why the "Gangster Murder at the Speakeasy" occurred! A great night of fun and super sleuthing!

On October 22, we introduced our Live Music session with local artist Benjy providing an amazing two hours of vocals and acoustic guitar. As the weather becomes warmer, these Saturday Live Music afternoons around the pool are going to be popular. Many thanks to Jacqui Nichols, homeowner at The Bay, who has been putting together a list of talented local artists to entertain us.

Regular bingo, trivia, movies and matinees continue to draw the crowds and provide ongoing opportunities for us to mix and mingle with the "old" and "new" homeowners. The next few months are jam-packed again with our regular and special events and we look forward to gathering with our friends and family to welcome in the summer months and festive activities.

What's coming up

- November 1:** Melbourne Cup. Enjoy the big race, PLUS lunch, games, hat contest and mimosa bar! Giddyup!
- December 10:** Christmas Party
- December 31:** New Year's Eve event

Good sports

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay's Combined Sports Gala Dinner Dance was held on October 15 and was aimed at highlighting the many sporting groups and activities we have on offer here in the community and to honour winners of the various Sports Championships held during 2022. Sporting equipment displays, trophies and sports-inspired table decorations all contributed to

the exciting atmosphere of the evening and exemplified the active lifestyle enjoyed by the majority of people living here at the Bay.

Homeowners turned out in their finest for a fabulous night of dining and dancing, with music provided by our very own local band "Last Resort". Our lively MCs, Vim and Peter, kept the evening rolling with witty repartee and information about our sports and activities, while presenting awards to many worthy recipients representing golf, bowls, snooker, tennis and pickleball. The event organisers, representing each of the Bay's sports groups, were duly rewarded on the night seeing everyone having a great time. Many thanks must go to everyone who assisted in making it such a success.



Above, from left: More images from our Combined Sports Gala Dinner including Ladies' Pickleball Doubles Champions Debbie Lunn and Gail Ball, Mixed Pickleball Doubles Champs Carol Savage and Nick Lunn, and men's Pickleball Doubles Champion Kevin O'Donnell (absent: Rick Roeder). All three images include Sports Gala co-MC, Peter Stanley.



Above left: Bowls Triples champions Karen Reeves, Greg Hughes and Dave Reeves, pictured with co-MC, Peter Stanley. **Above right:** Tennis Champion Nick Lunn with our other co-MC, Vim Balachandran.



Above left: Golf Match Play champion, Ron Rosenberger, with his wife, Rita. **Above middle:** Co-MC Peter with Michael Gregory, our Snooker Champion. **Above right:** Co-MC Vim Balachandran with Bowls Mixed Pairs champion, Betty Faux (absent: Ken Stanley). See Page 9 for even more photos of our Sports Gala award winners.

Make a racquet

Pickleball

**By Ricci Barros (Home 84)
Racquet Sports Sub-Committee Chair**

During September and October, we held our inaugural Pickleball Doubles Competition. We had three divisions; Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles with the format for all being a round robin. We had four teams enter the Ladies', four enter the Men's and five enter the Mixed competition. Our champion teams (as pictured above) included:

Ladies' Doubles: Debbie Lunn (Home 184) and Gail Ball (Home 230)

Men's Doubles: Kevin O'Donnell (Home 198) and Rick Roeder (Home 278)

Mixed Doubles: Carol Savage (Home 4) and Nick Lunn (Home 184).

Tennis

**By John Davis (Home 27)
Tennis Captain**

Good news - the Beachmere Bay tennis courts are now open for play! The Bay players have been playing on the courts behind The Sands Country Club since the start of the Bay development. They started off playing with the Sands' tennis players (and still do) but as more Beachmere Bay homes have become occupied, more players have joined our ranks. The standard of play has understandably increased over time with the influx of these new players.

We are lucky that Palm Lake Resort has provided us with such a wonderful tennis pavilion, two courts, men's and women's toilets, a gas BBQ, viewing stand, tables and chairs. The courts also have lighting for play on those

warm summer nights. At the northern end of the pavilion there's also a dog wash for those wishing to wash their dog. The courts are surrounded by beautiful lakes and the drive down to the courts is past the picturesque nine-hole putt putt golf course.

The tennis courts were officially opened on October 8 with a tennis competition fun day and a sausage sizzle, which was enjoyed by those who attended. Anyone wishing to play mixed tennis with other homeowners can come along during our regular game time of Mondays, 4pm, or Thursdays, 8am. Alternatively, you can use the courts on any other day with your family and friends. It is hoped that, sometime in the near future, a ladies' day will be organised.





Golf Club notes

CHARITABLE GOLFERS MIX PLEASURE AND GAME!

By Regina Balachandran (Home 163)
Westhampton Golf Club Secretary

On Tuesday, October 4, we had a field of 15 lady golfers who played a three-person Ambrose to raise money for cancer research. There were quite a few beginners as well as ladies who are getting back into golf after a break of 10-20 years. It is very encouraging to see more ladies getting into this wonderful game!

Rae Densley (Ladies' Captain) organised morning tea and raffles and also invited the pickleball ladies to join us. All in all, everyone had a great day and we raised \$140 for cancer research.



Match Play Champ revealed

By John Pottage (Home 126)
Westhampton Golf Club Captain

The Westhampton Golf Club 2022 Annual Match Play Championship was played over approximately eight weeks in July/August. It eventually came down to a game between our two finalists, Ron Rosenberger and Graeme Clark. The final was played on Sunday, September 4.

Ron jumped out of the blocks and after three holes he was three up. It was going to be a long day for Graeme if he was to have any chance of coming back from Ron's good start.

The next two holes were halved. There was now four holes to play. Both players had good drives on the dog leg Par 4. Ron's second shot was just short of the green and Graeme's second shot was wide of the green close to the bunker. Graeme's third went through the green and Ron's third was 5 feet from the pin. Graeme had to now sink his fourth shot to stay in the game. Unfortunately, he missed. Ron then stepped up and sunk his putt to win the game. The game was played in good spirit by two very good golfers. Ron becomes the third winner of this prestigious trophy. Previous winners include Bob Kain (2020) and Neil McInnes (2021).

Weekly activities

MONDAY

- 7.30am Sands golf competition
- 9am Zumba
- 9am Lawn bowls: Ladies' morning
- 10am Mah-jong, Social golf, Yoga
- 1pm Cards: Hand & Foot
- 1pm Lawn bowls: Triples Club select
- 2pm Ukulele practise
- 4.30pm Mixed tennis
- 5.45-6.30pm Lawn bowls: Coaching
- 6.30pm Slice of Life (fourth Wed of the 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 social

FRIDAY

- AM, TBC Mixed golf competition
- 8.30am Mat Pilates
- 9.15am Tai chi
- 10am Mah-jong
- 1pm Social golf. Also line dancing (beginners)
- 1pm Lawn bowls: Men's
- 2pm Line dancing (intermediate)
- 4pm Happy Hour (first Friday of the month: Multidraw raffle)
- 7pm Bingo (third Friday of the month)

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 the month)
- 4pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers
- 5.30pm Villa draw (third Saturday of the 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 Matinee movie (fourth Sunday of the month)
- 2.30pm Ballads with Barry (fifth Sunday of month)
- 4pm Croquet. Also Happy Hour

FREE BOAT!

With so many of our resorts located near wonderful waterways, it's only fitting that we'd cast the net a little wider for a 'Welcome home' gift for our newest homeowners. For a limited time, Palm Lake Resort is giving away a Quintrex aluminium boat, valued at over \$30,000, FREE with any new home purchased! To find out more about how to land this prized catch, phone our Sales Information Centre on 1800 338 382.

GET A \$30,000
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