

# The Gatsby

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023



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FRIEND TO  
BEACHMERE BAY  
AND SCORE A  
CASH BONUS!

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## IT'S A NUMBERS GAME

From our chic "5 and 0" black tie evening to our 1960s-inspired music event, our Beachmere Bay homeowners love to party!

## REFER A FRIEND

We know your friends and family love visiting you here at Beachmere Bay and sharing in our resort facilities. Now's your chance to score cash by referring them to our Sales Team

## HOMES FOR SALE

If your situation has changed and you're looking to sell, our resort Sales Consultant Nicole is here to assist you



# Welcome



Hello everyone - Welcome to the latest edition of our Beachmere Bay resort newsletter. A warm welcome to our new homeowners. I'm sure you have been exploring our resort by now. Please call in to the office if you are unsure about anything, or you can always phone us. There are also plenty of homeowners here who can assist with local knowledge to help you settle into Beachmere.

The meals provided in our Hamptons Country Club on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday lunch are getting rave reviews! Jorge is a fabulous chef. Please note that our last meal before the Christmas break will be December 23. That last week will be a Christmas dinner treat so don't miss it!

As usual, the Social Committee are busily organising events for everyone to enjoy. I hear that the Melbourne Cup function (as this newsletter goes to print) is going to be an amazing event for us all. We are looking forward to seeing the glamorous outfits! The Christmas events will follow shortly afterwards (dates to be confirmed) and don't forget we will have our Christmas lights competition - it's never too early to start the festive decorations!

A reminder that bookings in our beautiful Beach House during December are getting harder and harder to come by, as it is the perfect place for family gatherings during Christmas and the New Year. Just call us at the office to check availability and we can reserve a time for you.

Our Fishing Club continues to grow in numbers and lots of fishing yarns are told around the Sports Bar. The exciting news for the Fishing Club is their upcoming Tilapia fishing competition here at the resort. Plans are still underway but we know it will start on Saturday December 9 at 12 noon with a meeting at the Sports Club. At this meeting, they will outline the rules and rewards for the competition. It will run through to Sunday, December 17 at 12 noon, with a barbecue and prize presentation. This will be the club's main fishing event for the year and they are hoping to make it an annual event.

On the topic of fishing, for those looking to wet a line locally, our Fishing Club members report that the fishing around North Reef has fallen off, but sand crab numbers are on the increase. Mud crabs and bream are still being caught in the Caboolture River with reports of large bream around the river mouth at low tide.

We would like to wish all our homeowners and staff a very happy Christmas and hope you all enjoy quality time with your special people over the break.

**Sue and Steve Babbage,**  
Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay Caretakers

## News briefs

### Refer your friends

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.

## Contact us

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

**Online:** Visit our website [beachmerebay.com.au](http://beachmerebay.com.au)

**Social media:** Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@pallmlakeresort) 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.



**Pictured above:** The Maroochy River Veterans (over-50s) two-day golf carnival was held on October 5-6 at the Maroochy River Golf Course. Twelve Palm Lake Resort homeowners participated and it was certainly a challenge on the second day with strong winds affecting everyone's game. However, a good time was had by all. This is an annual event and the Maroochy Golf Club members are very appreciative of our support.

### Our annual Arts & Craft Fair is almost here!

Make a note in your diary: Our 2023 Arts & Craft Fair will be held in the Hamptons Country Club on Sunday, November 5, from 10am.

The Fair was started by the Craft Group back in 2020 when homeowners were invited to show their craftsmanship and offer items for sale. The timing of the event gives homeowners and visitors an opportunity to buy early Christmas gifts. The event has grown over the years with many new exhibitors and many exceptionally talented craftspeople (potters, painters, sewers, bakers and more) all scheduled to be in attendance in 2023. For the first time, our Men's Workshop will display their merchandise, too. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and some delicious lemonade scones with jam and cream with a visiting coffee truck keeping us all caffeinated. Don't miss the raffle either - there are loads of great prizes up for grabs. See you there!

## 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). Bowls (Triples Club select)  
**2pm** Ukulele practise  
**4.30pm** Mixed tennis  
**5.45-6.30pm** Lawn bowls: Coaching  
**6.30pm** Slice of Life (fourth Monday 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.  
**1pm** Line dancing (beginners)  
**1pm** Lawn bowls: Men's  
**2pm** Line dancing (intermediate)  
**4pm** Happy Hour (second Friday: Multidraw raffle)

### 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** Ballads with Barry (fifth Sunday)  
**4pm** Croquet. Also Happy Hour



# Social notes

By Kris Mann,  
Social Committee Chair (Home 200)

## Five and ohhh!

The "5 and 0" Ties and Tiaras Dinner Dance was held in August and is a very popular and elegant regular event. This year, there were 39 people celebrating a birthday ending in either a 5 or an 0 and there were 19 couples celebrating an anniversary which ended in either a 5 or an 0. A purple pansy plant was gifted to each person celebrating.

The delicious alternate drop of pork fillet with haloumi wrapped in prosciutto or chicken mignon wrapped in bacon with a garlic butter crusty top was enjoyed with seasonal vegetables. After dessert, the macaron celebration tower was served to all and this reflected the shades of purple styling for the night.

The ladies looked spectacular with their tiaras and the gentlemen so dashing in their suits and bow ties. Bobby from Feel Good Photography captured the happy celebrations and the moves on the dance floor, sharing a laminated photo momento for everyone to take home.

## Taking it back to the '60s

For a complete change of pace, our Back to the 60s Revival in September saw a Beatles tribute by Those Folk. They reminisced on the grand piano with old hits like *Yesterday*, *Let it Be* and other ballads for their first set. This was followed by a 'Bandstand Dance Off' with songs like *The Twist*, *Rock'n'Roll* and other favourites of the 1960s.

For their second set, Those Folk (Clare and Lawrence) then moved to the main stage and belted out more upbeat Beatles tunes. This was followed by their favourite songs by other artists from the 60s.

Gourmet hot dogs were available from Brooklyn's Finest American Hot Dog Company whose food truck offered a variety of 'dogs', a chilli bowl or fancy donuts - all to fit in with the era.

A Kombi van was created and painted by homeowners and became a very popular photo opportunity, where guests could pile in with friends for a group shot! The 1960s memorabilia was thoroughly enjoyed by all and brought back so many memories. We could not believe the response from everyone who attended - the hippie costumes and people's interpretations of the clothing of the era were quite mind-blowing! It was such a fun night!



FROM  
BLACK TIE TO  
PEACE SIGNS,  
WE LOVE A  
PARTY!





## Regina's our Matchplay Champ

By Ross Schultz,  
Westhampton Golf Club Captain (Home 39)

The Westhampton Golf Club Matchplay Championship was played in July and August this year. We had 26 players, both men and ladies, who nominated to play and the draw was drawn up by yours truly.

Players had two weeks in which to play, to proceed to the next round. The final was played on September 6 between Wayne Robinson and Regina Balachandran (pictured below). It was a well fought out match with Regina claiming victory on the 9th hole with a two-shot win. This is the first time that we have had a lady golfer win this Championship.

"Two years ago, I had difficulty putting on these artificial greens but over the last two years of consistently playing this course, I have learnt to manage the speed of the greens," Regina says. "Putting has always been my strong point and hence, it certainly helped me win this Championship."

We should note that the Working Bee volunteers do a terrific job in keeping the speed of the greens to an acceptable level by regularly sweeping it. Congratulations to Regina!



## Another hole in one!

By Regina Balachandran,  
Westhampton Golf Club Secretary (Home 163)

Joe Carter scored a hole in one on the second hole whilst playing in the usual 9 hole single stroke mixed competition on September 1!

He birdied the first hole and then proceeded to play the second hole with his playing partners Tony Chant and Neil Labinsky. He chose a six iron to stroke the ball towards the hole which landed about 10 metres short of the green. The ball then rolled on to the green and fell in the hole! The three golfers looked on in amazement and it was high fives all around. It was certainly a moment to savour for Joe. This is his third hole in one!

Joe has been an avid golfer for a long time. Both his parents were golfers and he started playing golf at the age of 14. He continued playing golf intermittently for the next 20 years whilst also playing rugby and cricket. He finally gave up competitive team sports at age 35. He then focused on golf and joined Keperra Golf Club in Brisbane where he has won many trophies and honour board events. He is now a member at Woodford Golf Club and our Westhampton Golf Club. Well done, Joe!



## Bowls brings us together

ANOTHER INCREDIBLE BI-ANNUAL INTER-RESORT LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION HAS JUST BEEN RUN AND WON WITH ONE PALM LAKE RESORT LOCATION REALLY SHOWING THEIR SUPREMACY ON THE GREEN...

For the second time in just three competitions, Upper Coomera has walked away from the big Palm Lake Resort bi-annual inter-resort bowls competition as the overall winning resort.

There were 150 bowlers in attendance from five Palm Lake Resort communities including Bargara, Cooroy-Noosa, Hervey Bay, Upper Coomera and our own Beachmere Bay representatives. Players formed 50 teams of three for the three-day competition which was hosted by Biloela Bowls Club. Another 40-odd homeowners joined in the fun as official spectators. In total, around 200 Palm Lake Resort homeowners enjoyed the hospitality of Biloela's various camping grounds and other venues for social catch ups, fine food and lots of fun, while proudly bolstering this small country town's local economy. The event was organised, for the third time running, by Palm Lake Resort Bargara homeowner Joy Williams and her dedicated husband, Bungy.

While all of the top three competition placings went to Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay teams, the winning resort title is based on the overall average points scored by each resort - and the Upper Coomera players proved too good for a second year.

"Hervey Bay cleaned up and should be congratulated for having such excellent players," Joy says. "But Upper Coomera's efforts were also rewarded with the perpetual trophy going back to their resort for a second time."

The official results are as follows:

**First place:** "The Legends" of Hervey Bay: David Wilson, Colin Goodall and Harold Self with total points of 52.0

**Second place:** "Misere" of Hervey Bay: Tony Fergusson, Roy Kelly and Patrick O'Brien with total points of 49.0

**Third place:** "The Bowling Stones" of Hervey Bay: Carol Elboz Vaughan Munro and Noel Pidgeon with total points of 48.0

Joy gave a special shout out to team "Tres Bandidos" from Palm Lake Resort Bargara (Denis Buckingham, Joan Bradford and Merv Bradford) who came in last spot but had a whale of a time doing it. For those keeping score, the first of these major bi-annual inter-resort competitions was run in 2019 at Kingaroy with the "Riverside Rebels" of Uper Coomera (Di Wiseman, Peter Murray, Dennis Wiseman), taking out the resort prize. In 2021, Dalby hosted a wonderful event and the winning team, named "JAM", was from Bargara (Alan Johnson, Marianne Alhovinta, John Beeck) with the winning resort that year a tie between Beachmere Bay and Bargara.

A dinner and presentation was held on the closing night at Biloela Historical Village and was attended by around 200 players and their spouses. Upper Coomera finished on 42 points (with second-placed resort, Hervey Bay, coming in at 38) and so the perpetual trophy was theirs - again!

Joy confirms the inter-resort competition will continue in 2025 with thanks to a new organising team consisting of Beachmere Bay and Bargara homeowners.

"I am just so pleased it will continue as it is such a great way to meet like-minded homeowners in a social setting."

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay homeowner/bowler Eric Young summed up Joy's efforts over the past three events as nothing short of outstanding.

"The task of coordinating an event involving 150 bowlers from various teams and resorts is no small feat. Joy's willingness to take on this responsibility, even when the Biloela Bowls Club was a considerable distance from her home, showcases her selflessness and dedication to making this event a success," Eric says.

"The three marvellous days we all enjoyed were made possible by her hard work and unwavering dedication. On behalf of all the participants, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation for her exceptional efforts."



# Our sportiest stars sparkle

THE 2023 BEACHMERE BAY COMBINED SPORTS GALA DINNER DANCE WAS ANOTHER NIGHT FOR THE MEMORY BOOKS AS THIS YEAR'S HIGHEST SPORTING ACHIEVERS WERE REWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

By Jane Jones

There are a great number of homeowners here at Beachmere Bay who participate in the many sporting activities available at our resort. This annual event is a celebration of the enthusiasm and achievements of these people in their chosen sport.

Homeowners were welcomed into the event via a red carpet (see photos 1-4). The beautifully decorated room really set the scene for a fabulous night of Sports Awards announcements. Music was provided by our resort band 'The Baysiders' (photo 12) with a delicious two-course, sit-down dinner capping off a great night.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023 snooker, tenpin bowling, pickleball, golf and bowls awards presented throughout the evening. Here's a list of all our winners:

### GOLF

**Matchplay Champion** Regina Balachandran (photo 9)

**Ladies' Club Champion** Regina Balachandran (photo 9)

**Men's (Joint) Club Champions** Eric Flint and John McPherson (photo 10)

**Medal of Medals** Ken Stanley and Rae Densley (photo 11)

### BOWLS

**Mixed Triples winners** Eric Young, Sue Young, Dave Peatman

**Mixed Pairs winners** Colleen Nockolds and David Nockolds

**Men's Singles winner** Vince Crow (photo 7)

**Ladies' Singles winner** Lorraine Woodford

**Novice Singles winner** Brian Baldwin

**Men's Pairs winner** Vince Crow and Eric Young

**Ladies' Pairs winners** Karen Reeves, Heather Mifsud (photo 8)

### SNOOKER

**Champion** Ian Campbell

### TENPIN BOWLING

**Men's Champion** Eric Young

### PICKLEBALL

**Ladies Doubles Champions** Liz Parry and Marilyn Hunter (photo 5)

**Men's Doubles Champions** Kevin Salmon and Ricci Barros (photo 6)

**Mixed Doubles Champions** Kevin Salmon and Marilyn Hunter

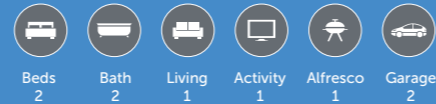
### TENNIS

No recipients for 2023

A BIG CONGRATS TO ALL OUR SPORTY STARS!

# Established homes for sale

## Home 236: \$1,075,000



HOLBROOK

This exquisite home exudes elegance, Hamptons style and coastal sophistication. Featuring two bedrooms plus a generous activity room, two bathrooms, a double garage and ducted air conditioning, it is the epitome of effortless living. The heart of this home lies in its gourmet kitchen, with SMEG appliances that are as stylish as they are functional. The kitchen's sleek cabinetry, stone countertops and subway tile backsplash will inspire your culinary pursuits.

## Home 38

**SOLD!**



HOLBROOK

## Home 126

**SOLD!**



MANORVILLE

## Home 286: \$980,000

**PRICE REDUCTION**



BRIGHTWATER

This Brightwater is impressively located on the outer boundary of our resort. This property's Hamptons style is evident in its beautifully landscaped gardens. There's a covered alfresco area, ideal for enjoying morning coffee or hosting barbecues with friends and family. Inside, its interior showcases a seamless blend of modern features and timeless Hamptons-inspired elements. Don't miss your chance to make this Hamptons-style haven your own.

## Home 152

**SOLD!**



BRIGHTWATER

## Home 263

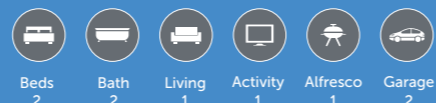
**SOLD!**



EASTPORT

## Home 110

**SOLD!**



HOLBROOK

Located in very close proximity to the Hamptons Country Club, with pools, gym, billiards room and much more, this home is just waiting for you to call it yours. Features two bedrooms plus an activity room, two bathrooms, a double garage, SMEG appliances and ducted air conditioning. As you step inside, you'll be greeted by an open and inviting floor plan with a high raked ceiling designed to maximize space and natural light.

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.

Nicole is available to provide you with up-to-date information on the current real estate market (specifically over-50s community lifestyle resorts) and can also complete a no-obligations appraisal of your Beachmere Bay home.



**WHETHER BUYING OR SELLING, FOR MORE INFORMATION FREECALL 1800 338 382 AND OUR SENIOR SALES CONSULTANT, NICOLE SMITH, WILL BE READY TO TAKE YOUR CALL**



# 10,000 REASONS TO CELEBRATE

With more than 46 years' history and properties right along Australia's east coast, did you know that 10,000 likeminded people call a Palm Lake Group address home? Come join our 10,000-strong community in 2023. We welcome you home.



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