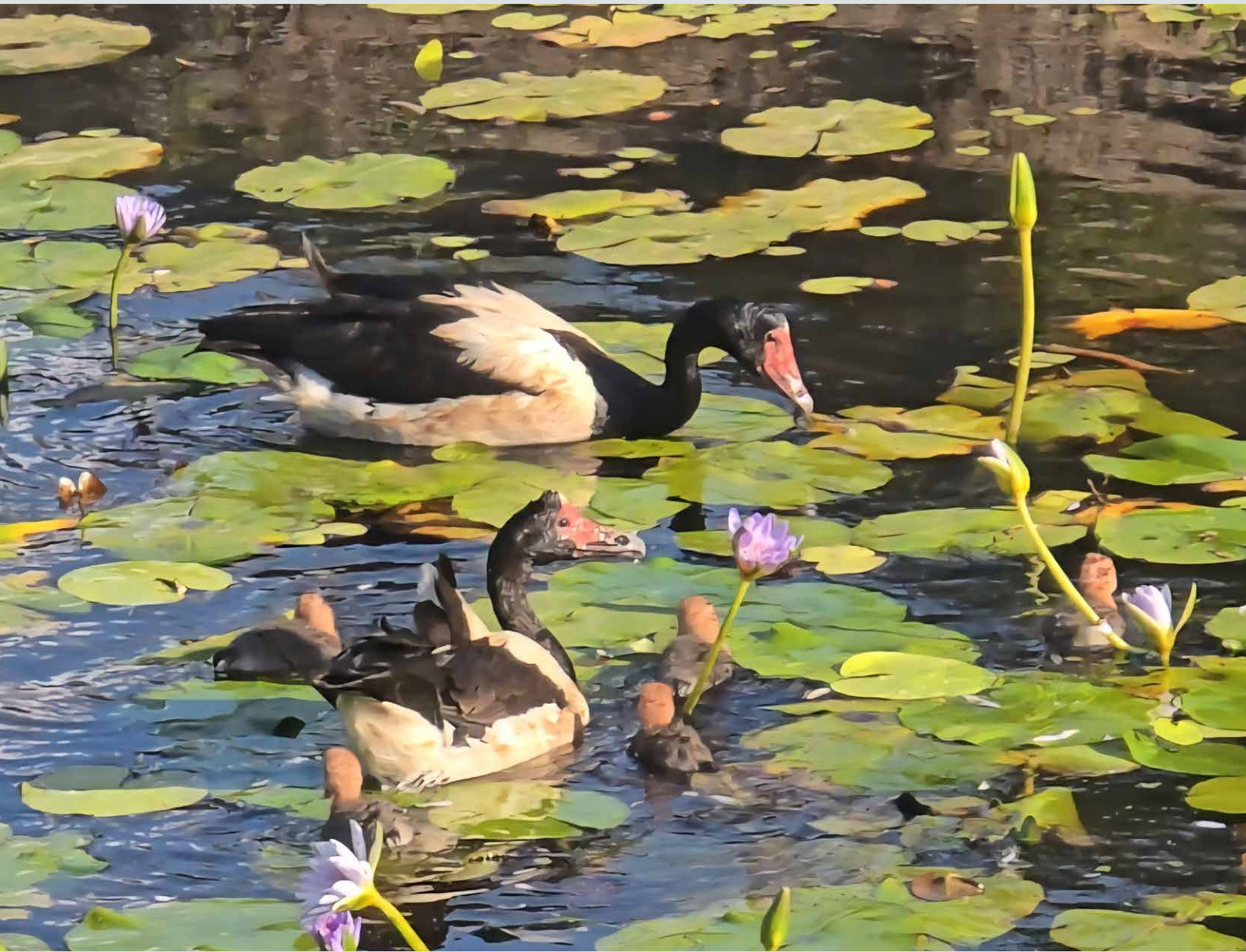


NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025



# The Gatsby



## Double act delights on stage

Everyone loved the antics of Mel and Susie when they performed on Father's Day

## Oktoberfest is über fun

Our homeowners came together to say 'prost' in true German style!

## Over the back fence

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

Pictured here and on cover: The beautiful birdlife of Beachmere, as captured by one of our homeowners.

# Welcome

A warm welcome to all of the new homeowners who have recently become part of our beautiful resort community! We trust that you are settling in well and beginning to explore the charm our wonderful surroundings have to offer.

As we embrace the summer season, nature is in full swing! You might notice the Magpie Geese proudly swimming through our canals and the Curlews nurturing their little ones near the Beach House. It's truly a captivating sight when wildlife graces our resort, but let's stay alert – there have been some reports of snake sightings as we enter these warmer months. Your safety is our top priority, so please be vigilant while enjoying your outdoor adventures.

The Social Club has been busy planning a fantastic lineup of social events, and the Oktoberfest at the Hamptons Club House on Sunday October 12 was a resounding success! Homeowners revelled in an atmosphere filled with all things German which included vibrant German attire, a German food van and of course, beer! Prost!

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the new committees stepping in. Thank you to all outgoing committee members for your unwavering commitment and dedication; your contributions have made a lasting impact. Good luck to everyone involved in shaping our community's future.

As we approach the festive season, Christmas celebrations are just around the corner. A special Christmas dinner week will commence on Tuesday December 9, where Chef Jorge will prepare a splendid Christmas lunch for homeowners to enjoy at the Hamptons Club House (bookings essential, via the portal).

Once again, welcome to our new homeowners! Here's to new beginnings, wonderful events, and a vibrant community spirit. We look forward to seeing you around the resort.

Until next time,

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

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## News in brief.



### What a catch!

With the end of year fishing competition just around the corner, it's time to remind everybody of our main focus: catching Tilapia. The picture above is a fine example of what we will be targeting. The happy fisherman is no other than old mate Dennis (Home 183). This year the competition starts straight after Boxing Day, and will go for two weeks. Homeowners and their grandchildren are welcome to register and participate.

We have well over \$3,000 worth of prizes up for grabs, and somebody has to win them! This year we have another significant prize for the longest eel. We have had reports of homeowners observing large eels taking down full grown ducks swimming on our lakes, and recently

### Refer a friend

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 a Palm Lake Resort home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

a clutch of seven baby Magpie Geese disappeared in just over a week in one of our shallow canals. Tilapia are considered a noxious fish in our waterways, and the eels are becoming a great problem for our birdlike. If only we could teach the eels to eat the Tilapia??

Thank you to all of our seafood raffle supporters – this is the only way we make our money to provide the prizes that we have on offer.

At this time I would like to wish all of our homeowner neighbours a wonderful family Christmas, and hope to see you all happy and healthy in the new year.

Cheers,

**Garry (Home 157)**  
Beachmere Bay Fishing Club

### Refer a friend and earn a reward

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## 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



# If it's October... It's time for Oktoberfest!

BY TRISH KARVELIS, SOCIAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY

We again celebrated Oktoberfest on a lazy Sunday afternoon – on 12 October, to be precise - but this year with even more pizzaz! Not only did the lovely bar team offer German Oettinger beer, there were two kinds of schnapps: Peach and Butterscotch.

No Oktoberfest is complete without authentic food to sustain the revelers. On this occasion, a food-truck called Schnitzel Von Yumm was set up at the entry, slingng schnitzel, burgers, sausages and other tempting plates – each with intriguing names like “Von Schnitzel Burger”, and the “Von Wrapp Schnitzel!”.

Some of the 140 residents dressed up for the occasion, in Tyrolean costumes, special t-shirts and aprons. Live music was provided by our popular resident band 'The Greysiders' whose music had many on the floor dancing, singing, and adding a bit of 'oom pah pah' to our Sunday afternoon.



## From the Golf Committee

We have had a busy few months, with new elections changing the Committee a little, and settling in.

Our yearly winners for 2024-2025 were confirmed...

- Match Play Champion James Baker won before a crowd of enthusiastic onlookers who followed the progress on the course.
- Mens Club Champion was Ray Cruikshank.
- Womens Club Champion was Barbara Cruikshank, so quite a family affair! Barbara had shown her skills a couple of months earlier with a hole in one, with the appropriate award given for the one and only for the year.
- We also had a tie for the year course point record, set with 35 stroke gross for both Paul Connor and Ross Schultz. Impressive!
- The latest competition decided was Medal of Medals winners Neil Clowes Mens and Rae Densley took the women's slot.

A successful drive effort to encourage new playing members was achieved through both coaching on Saturday mornings for newbies and players returning to golf after a break.

Our Saturday afternoon social golf competition was excellent in giving all an opportunity to play relaxed competition alongside more experienced players, boosting confidence to then join official competitions.

Of course, underpinning all of this is the tremendous work done by volunteers in improving our Shoalhaven Course – laying turf over bare patches, tending bunkers and lakesides, etc. (pictured below).

They erected a shed for storing equipment and supplies with money generously supplied by HOA. This is a great asset for our community, and because of the volunteers' hard work, our course is improving year by year.

**Westhampton Golf Club Committee**





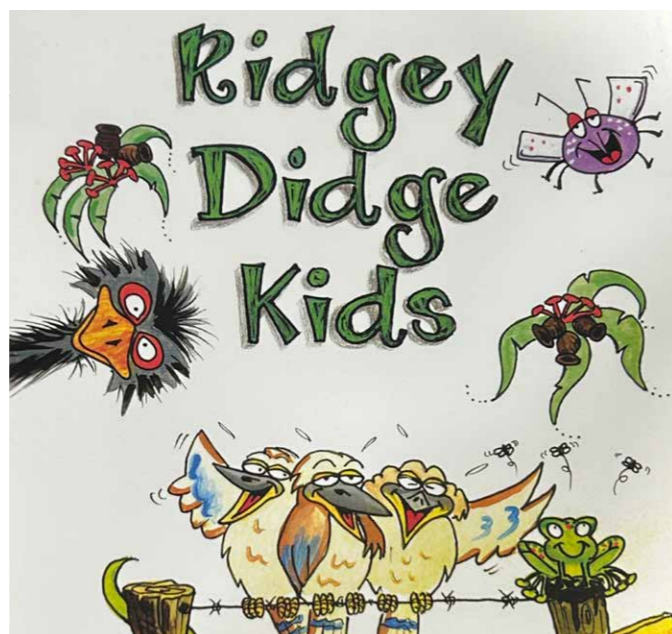
# Mel and Susie have us in stitches!

BY TRISH KARVELIS, SOCIAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Homeowners and their guests celebrated Fathers' Day in the Hamptons Country Clubhouse – not realizing what a treat was in store for them. Mel and Susie, considered by many as the Best Bush Comedy Duo in Australia, made a detour to Beachmere Bay on their way home to Lightning Ridge, after wowing audiences at the Gympie Muster (where they have performed for decades).

This dynamic duo is well known for their humour, perfectly-timed joke delivery and witty observations on life in country Australia. They have a gift for surprising and drawing in their audience to encourage participation. Their poetry was vigorously delivered and appreciated by everyone, as their love for Australia shone through.

Mel and Susie have produced a copyright-free children's book called "Ridgey Didge Kids" which some homeowners snapped up for grandchildren. Their stories and jokes appealed to all ages and provided a very happy way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon.



# Strutting their stuff.

BY TRISH KARVELIS, SOCIAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY

On September 29, 130 ladies enjoyed the spring fashions provided by much-loved local fashion store Seaweed and Sandals. Owner Rebecca offered many styling tips to suit various body types and different ways to wear different items. The variety and number of creations appealed to everyone and included swimsuits, resort wear and right through to stunning evening outfits.

The beautiful and brave models were Nikki, Lyn, Lorraine and Julie. During the break, Joan entertained us with a few songs and there was plenty of champagne with fresh strawberries making this a fun, glamorous and very enjoyable afternoon. At the end there was a flurry of shopping and many very happy ladies!



# Homes for sale.

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### Home 157: POA

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



### Home 162: \$995,000

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



### Home 163: \$995,000

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



### Home 219: Offers over \$1.25m

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



### Home 35: \$995,000

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



### Home 74: \$1,165,000

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



### Home 158: \$935,000

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- Outdoor Living



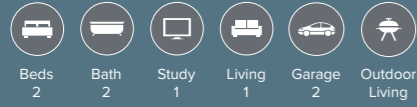
### Home 204: \$985,000

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- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



# Homes for sale.

## Home 114: \$970,000



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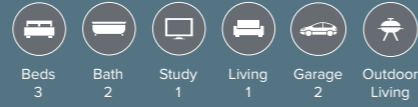
## Home 80: \$1,165,000



**SOLD**



## Home 286: \$995,000



## Home 31: \$895,000



**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. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!



## Collection makes cents

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay homeowners Pete and Jenny report that they've collected 23,689 containers for recycling so far this year! That means \$2328.90 has gone to Farm Angels, their chosen charity. Farm Angels provides support to outback communities facing fire, flood, plagues, droughts and other calamities. Pete and Jenny say it's surprising how much their collections vary month to month. "In the warmer months, December to March, we get \$75 to \$80 a week – sometimes over \$100," they say. "It's a good job we have a large SUV to squeeze all the bags in!" Last year the pair raised \$4000 for the year by collecting and recycling cans. Let's hope the Deception Bay community helps to get this very dedicated pair to their same target again this year.

## 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](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)



## Bowlers converge on Roma

A long-standing tradition among a group of dedicated Palm Lake Resort bowlers sees teams converge on a regional town for a few days of greens action. This year, the inter-resort bowling competition hit Roma, which is about 5.5 hours west of Brisbane along the Warrego Highway. Players travelled from Palm Lake Resorts Upper Coomera, Hervey Bay, Bargara and Beachmere Bay for the event. While the point of the event is a bowls tournament, we can tell you that the main attraction is the social connection, with bowlers (and many tag-along non-bowling friends) meeting up with homeowners from fellow Palm Lake Resorts.



## The Cup stops by

Check out the special visitor that stopped by Palm Lake Resort Truganina recently - the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup! It's an iconic piece of Aussie sporting history and our team was thrilled to have it in their (gloved) hands while it was on its annual Melbourne Cup tour. Giddyup!



## 65 years of love!

Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay homeowners Les and Anita enjoyed a lovely resort celebration to mark their 65th Wedding Anniversary recently. What a wonderful milestone!

# Connections, for life.



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