

The Gatsby

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023



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FRIEND TO
BEACHMERE BAY
AND SCORE A
CASH BONUS!

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YOUR SOCIAL OUTLET

Beachmere Bay's Social Committee has been working overtime to bring some memorable events to our resort

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 - We would like to send a warm welcome to our new homeowners. I'm sure you have been exploring the resort by now. Please call in to the office if you are unsure about anything, or you can phone us. There are also plenty of fellow homeowners here who can assist with local knowledge to help you settle into Beachmere. 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 a great way to meet up with neighbours and make new friends.

If you are looking for something to do in this beautiful spring sunshine, our putt putt golf course is looking amazing with thanks to the hard work of our grounds staff (see our cover photo). It's a great way to keep the grandchildren occupied during their visits, too. The equipment is readily available at the Sports Club.

A fantastic new fire pit has been installed by our hard working volunteers. A very big thanks to the BBRHOA Inc for their contributions to help make this possible. This is going to be a wonderful new meeting place where all Beachmere Bay homeowners can enjoy a catch up with friends and neighbours.

July and August have been extremely busy months with our hard working Social Committee and volunteers organising many events and get togethers for all to enjoy. The Sunday afternoon music presentations are very well received. As many of you are aware, Kathy Rynders is coming to the end of her term as Chair of BBRHOA Inc. We are sure all homeowners and staff would like to sincerely thank Kathy for her outstanding commitment, dedication and unfailing support in the role. In the two years that Steve and I have been here as Caretakers, Kathy has been a great help to us in understanding the workings of Beachmere Bay and its various committees. We wish Kathy all the best.

Our Fishing Club continues to be a constant topic of discussion around the resort, especially on the topic of Tilapia fishing in our lakes. It is great to see three generations of families out fishing together, and thoroughly enjoying the experience. I personally witnessed a family of eight, with their trolley containing an esky, picnic basket and rods, heading for the lakes and the enthusiasm from the younger brigade was palpable, with smiles from ear to ear. I was fortunate to see the same family heading home and although the oldies were dragging their feet, the little ones seemed to be still full of energy, and happy to tell all and sundry about what they had caught! On the topic of Tilapia, homeowners continue to head out 3-4 times a week to help rid the lakes of this noxious pest and their success rate does vary. I will post a picture of one of our keenest members heading out on one of his Tilapia adventures in our next edition (I'm referring to you, Peter!).

The other topic of discussion has been around catching flathead in our area, which was delivered by Peter (Mossops). It was very interesting and a well attended event. Following the talk, it was great to see members heading up the beach with their rods and soft plastics. There have been no reports of catches at this stage, but participants learn something each trip. I have included a picture of Hayden, the grandson of one of our homeowners, with a nice 62cm flaty that he caught from the beach along Pumicestone Passage (pictured above right). There are many more just like this one out there, just waiting to be caught. Our message to you, for this edition is:

"You don't catch anything from the lounge chair."

See you outside, enjoying this paradise we call home.

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.lakeresort) 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

Hot off the press

The Spring 2023 edition of 'Your Time' (our Palm Lake Group quarterly company magazine) has just rolled off the printing press and is headed to letterboxes and Palm Lake Resort addresses around the country. This edition keeps readers in the loop on development at our company's latest construction sites (Pelican Waters, Yamba Cove, Paynesville and more) while also celebrating the re-opening of Pelican Waters Golf Course and Palm Lake Care's prestigious independent construction industry award win. In our lifestyle section this edition, we look at ageing well and whether age is just a number? If you haven't seen a hard copy of the magazine, you can always read it online at palm.lakeresort.com.au



Refer 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.

Live music rules

Our regular Live Music sessions are proving popular. Pictured here, a record crowd turned out to hear Mick Lindsay play. Big thanks to homeowner Jacqueline for organising the talent and the Homeowners Association for sponsoring the events.



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



IT'S
BEGINNING
TO FEEL A LOT
LIKE XMAS
(IN JULY!)



Social notes

By Kris Mann (Home 200), Social Committee Chair

Christmas comes early

The much-anticipated Christmas in July event on Saturday, July 8 was a hit with 153 homeowners enjoying our winter escapades!

Chris Doyle kept the dance floor full with his keyboard and songs, the hearty dinner was delicious and our roving photographer gave everyone a photo memento to take home.

We enjoyed the festive decorations in the Hamptons Country Club for the whole month of July – a big thanks to Sheryl for her creative leadership on this. Thanks once again to our wonderful homeowners who love to volunteer with these big events – we really couldn't do this without you!

Live music sets the tone

Over the past nine months we have introduced regular live music showcasing professional musicians usually on a Saturday afternoon.

Homeowner Jacqueline Nichols has volunteered her considerable experience and contacts within the live music scene to organise these very popular sessions. This has been generously sponsored by the Beachmere Bay Homeowners Association.

Jacqueline has been able to engage a wide range of popular musicians from the Australian festival scene including Aria Award winners and Golden Guitar winning artists. Artists have performed hits from the

1960s, 70s, 80s onwards and homeowners always take these opportunities to enthusiastically hit the dance floor and sing along. On Page 3 of this newsletter, check out some of the photos from our recent Mick Lindsay live music event in July when we had our largest audience of 130 music lovers in attendance.

Upcoming events

- **September 23:** Back to the 60s Party featuring Those Folk Live Duo with a Beatles Tribute
- **October 8:** Spring/Summer Fashion Parade
- **October 28:** Maurice Milani for Live Music
- **November 7:** Melbourne Cup
- **November 25:** Roy Morris for Live Music
- **December 9:** Christmas Party
- **December 31:** New Year's Eve Party with Live Duo
- **January 1:** New Year's Day Chill gathering at Beach House
- **February 24:** Round the World Dinner
- **March 17:** Show and Shine car show
- **March 23:** Peter Thornley for Live Music

...with LOTS MORE to come!

Don't forget these regular events...

- **2nd Friday of each month, 5-6.30pm at Hamptons Country Club:** Multi Draw Raffle
- **4th Friday of each month 5-6.30pm at Hamptons Country Club:** Spotify with Sandy
- **3rd Sunday of each month 4-6pm at Hamptons Country Club:** Lazy Sunday event, different event month
- **4th Monday of each month 6.30pm at Hamptons Theatre:** Slice of Life Presentation by Palm Lake Care on September 25 (Note: 11am special time)
- **2nd Sunday of each month 2.30pm at Hamptons Country Club:** Bay Trivia (BYO drinks and nibbles)
- **Every Wednesday night at Hamptons Theatre:** Movie of the week





Beginners put through their paces

By Regina Balachandran,
Westhampton Golf Club Secretary

Deanna Cruickshank (Membership Co-ordinator) has recently been conducting golf coaching clinics for beginners as well as those returning to our sport after a period of time. They have been a huge success with more than 20 homeowners turning up for the clinics, which she holds every Saturday, from 8.30-9.30am.

Pictured left, those in attendance have learned the basics of golf including using the drivers, long and short irons as well as chipping and putting.

Deanna says she is amazed by the enthusiasm of some of these beginner golfers, many of whom are ladies. We are so lucky to have a nine-hole golf course right on our resort's doorstep!



Game on, at Pelican

Owned by the Palm Lake Group (the same family company that owns Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay), Pelican Waters Golf Course has recently reopened after a major renovation and reconfiguration. Pictured above, some of our Beachmere Bay golfers had a great day playing this course in recent weeks. They say it is looking absolutely magnificent with beautiful views and greens.

New golf committee welcomed



Pictured above: Introducing our golf Committee members for 2023/24. **Back row, from left:** Roger Armfield (Chairperson), John Leask (Treasurer), Quentin Robson (Vice chairperson), Ross Schultz (Captain). **Front row:** Deanna Cruickshank (Membership Coordinator), Joan McIntyre (Committee member), Jen Robinson (Ladies' Captain), Regina Balachandran (Secretary). Absent: Kingsley Johnson (Committee member).

Ron's eagle has landed

By Regina Balachandran,
Westhampton Golf Club Secretary

Ron Rosenberger scored an eagle on the 6th hole whilst playing the first round of the 2023 Matchplay Championships in July, with Rae Densley. The 6th is a dog's-leg to the right at our Shoalhaven Golf Course. Here's how the shot went down, in Ron's own words:

"I hit my first shot past the corner of the dog leg and left myself with about a 60 metre shot to the raised green," he recalls. "I hit a wedge shot to the green and the ball bounced on the green before it disappeared! I walked to the back of the green thinking that it had rolled off the back - which it generally tends to do - but couldn't find it. It was then that my playing partner, Rae, shouted to me saying that she found it in the hole!"

Even though Ron lost the match to Rae, it was a momentous occasion and one to be cherished. Ron is an avid golfer and has been playing for a very long time. Congratulations Ron!



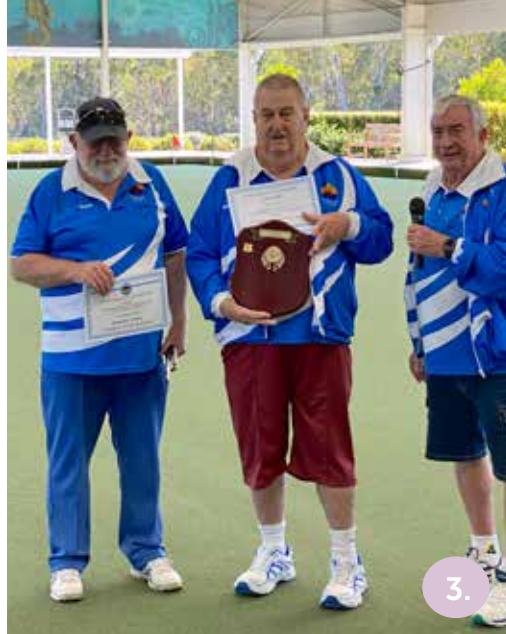
MAGIC
MOMENT ON
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Bowlers roll up for Club champs

THE PALM LAKE RESORT BEACHMERE BAY LAWN BOWLS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN RUN AND WON AND IT WAS DEFINITELY A DAY TO BE REMEMBERED!

**By Paul Henricksen,
Beachmere Bay Bowls Club Chair**

Congratulations to all players! It was a great day for the three championship finals and the two Consolation Plates, with very close games worthy of television coverage! There were around 80 spectators in the morning and 100 in the afternoon. Thanks to the players for the great games and to the spectators for their support.

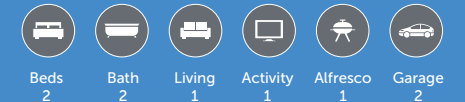
A special thanks must go to our Markers, to Jenny for scoring, to John our Umpire and to those who assisted

the players and helped with preparation of the greens. And, of course, we need to thank the volunteers who prepared and cooked the sausage sizzle and cleaned up afterwards. It was a day to be remembered and congratulations again to all our winners:

- 1. Mens Championship** Winner: Vince Crow.
Runner-up: Brendan Kelly.
- 2. Ladies Championship** Winner: Lorraine Woodford.
Runner-up: Karen Reeves.
- 3. Club Plate** Winner: John Mills.
Runner-up: Dennis Wormald.
- 4. Novice Singles** Winner: Brian Baldwin.
Runner-up: Graeme McConochie.
- 5. Novice Singles Plate** Winner: Tom Hinds.
- 6. Novice Singles Plate** Runner-up: Marilyn Karauria.

Established homes for sale

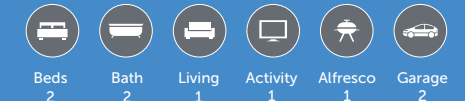
Home 236: \$1,075,000



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 263: \$1,075,000



**UNDER
OFFER**



EASTPORT

At just 14 months old, this beautiful Eastport home has all the Hamptons features you're looking for including timber-look flooring in the living areas and quality carpets in the bedrooms. The classic Hamptons-style kitchen features 2 pac cabinetry with soft close drawers and a 40mm stone island benchtop perfect for entertaining friends and family. This premium block is larger than average and the outdoor alfresco has no-one in front.

Home 126: \$1,250,000



MANORVILLE

This Manorville is impressively located on a corner block, overlooking our resort's very own Westhampton Golf Course. This incredible home is packed with features while exuding charm and coastal sophistication. It boasts three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a double garage, SMEG appliances and ducted air conditioning.

**TURN OVER
FOR MORE
GREAT
HOMES!**

Established homes for sale

Home 38: \$875,000

UNDER OFFER

Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Alfresco

1

Garage

2



HOLBROOK

The heart of this home is its kitchen, adorned with top-of-the-line SMEG appliances. Whether you're preparing a quick meal or hosting a dinner party, the kitchen's sleek cabinetry, stone countertops, and subway tile backsplash will inspire your culinary pursuits. Adjacent to the kitchen, the spacious living area beckons, perfect for cozying up on cooler evenings. Large windows and glass sliding doors provide seamless integration with the outdoor living spaces.

Home 110: \$875,000

UNDER OFFER

Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Alfresco

1

Garage

2



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.

Home 256: Offers over \$895,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

1

Alfresco

1

Garage

2



BRIGHTWATER

The Brightwater is impressively located and provides a sanctuary for its homeowners. The master suite is a tranquil retreat, featuring a generous bedroom, walk-in wardrobe and a private ensuite boasting elegant fixtures, a double vanity and a separate walk-in shower creating a spa-like atmosphere where you can unwind and rejuvenate. The additional two bedrooms offer comfortable accommodation for guests or can be transformed into a home office.

Home 286: \$1,025,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

1

Alfresco

1

Garage

2



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: \$875,000

UNDER OFFER

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

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Alfresco

1

Garage

2



BRIGHTWATER

The Brightwater is a 201m² home with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a double garage. The kitchen includes European appliances, 40mm stone bench tops and 2 pac Hamptons-style cabinetry. The master bedroom features plantation shutters, a walk-in wardrobe, and fully tiled ensuite. Walk to Hamptons Country Club, our resort golf course and the beach.

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



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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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