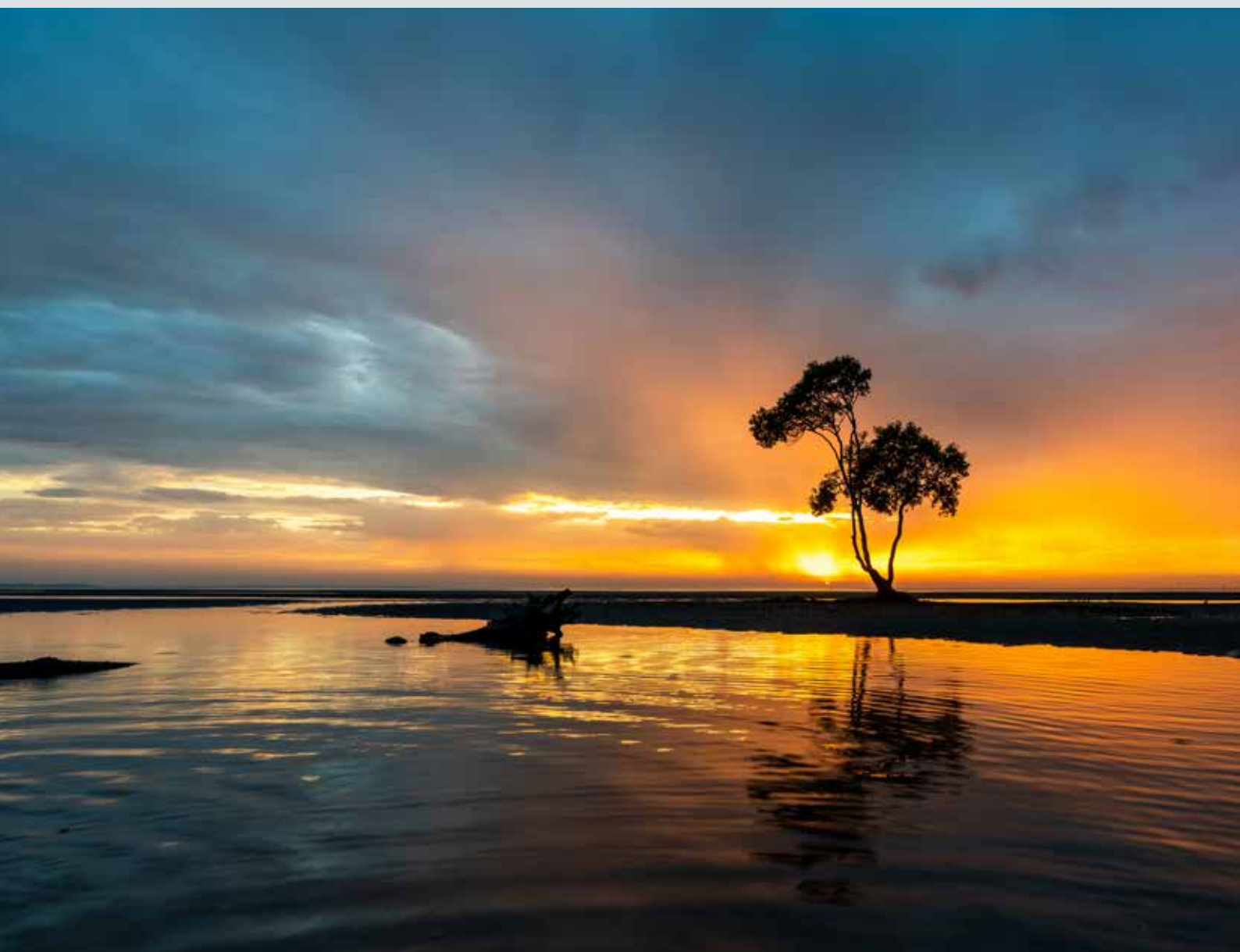


DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025



The Sands



Resident lovebirds tie the knot

Turn to Page 5 to see the moment two of our residents tied the knot, here at the resort

Fun and friendly competition

From sporting tournaments to Oktoberfest festivities, we've had plenty of fun recently

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

This is my first edition of The Sands, and I would like to take the opportunity to say hello and tell you a little bit about me. My name is Donna Deller, and I am the new Resort Manager at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands. I have been married for nearly... well, let's just say a long time. We have a son, Jack, and two beautiful grandchildren, Ivy (5) and Levi (2).

I have been involved in the retirement and aged care sector for many, many years. I coincidentally worked with Laurence some years ago, before he moved to you here at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands.

What I have noticed during my working life is that residents, once retired, are looking not only to downsize but also enjoy a lifestyle that keeps them active and engaged. As the old saying goes, "If you don't move it, you lose it." Maybe that's the secret to a long and happy life? It certainly appears to be the case here.

I have always thought it an honour and a privilege to be part of residents' lives. It is a huge responsibility to ensure the smooth operation and maintenance of the resort. This is something that I don't take lightly. My door is always open and I'm happy to discuss whatever is on your mind.

I am passionate about making retirement an adventure, not a regret, and am truly excited about the opportunity to work with you and contribute to the ongoing success of your resort. Palm Lake Resort's philosophy is very similar as they want to create communities where our residents don't just live, but experience life to the full. If what I've seen here at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands isn't living life to the full, I don't know what is.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words and warm welcome. We would like to wish your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We're looking forward to 2025 and the next adventure!

Take care of yourselves,

Donna and the Sands team



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News in brief.

Green waste reminder

Bins are provided for general green waste – please do not load them up with dirt and stones. The following are permitted in the bins: garden prunings, grass clippings, shrubs and weeds (shake off the soil), leaves and loose bark, palm fronds (fronds must be cut so they can fit into the bin – bent palm fronds can get stuck in the bin preventing it from being emptied), small branches (no more than 15 centimetres in diameter and 40 centimetres in length). Please also consider others in the community on return of empty bins to ensure all get a chance to put their green waste in the shared bins.

Pet owners

A friendly reminder to please ensure your pet is always on a leash and under your control when out of the house. Droppings must be picked up and disposed of and are not permitted in or close to the communal facilities (all buildings, pools, etc.). Please ensure your pet does not interfere with the peace, comfort or privacy of other residents. For more, please refer to the Residential Park Rules (July, 2017).



Weekly Activities list

MONDAY

7am Men's golf
8am Yoga
9am Paper Tole
9.30am Ladies Golf
1.30pm Bingo
4pm Mixed Tennis
7pm Indoor Bowls

TUESDAY

7am Water Aerobics
9am Paper Tole
9.30am Scrabble
12.30pm Lawn Bowls
1pm Bolivia

WEDNESDAY

6.30am Men's Golf (away)
8am Dance Fitness
9.30am Craft & Knitting,
Beachmere Bus
3pm Ladies' Tennis

THURSDAY

7am Tai Chi
8am Mixed Tennis
8.15am Pilates
9am Shopping Bus, Quilting for
Beginners
12.30pm Lawn Bowls
2pm Lace Making, Mahjong

FRIDAY

6.30am Golf (away)
8am Seniors' Exercise
8.30am Upwords
8.45am Scroungers bowls
10.30am Singing 'round the Piano
1pm Bolivia

SATURDAY

9am Craft, Contract Bridge
7pm Movie Night (second Sat)

SUNDAY

9.45am Scroungers bowls
2pm Croquet
3pm Ladies' tennis

Around the Grounds

New flags have been raised outside the clubhouse and they are looking very smart. Our magnificent staff are excelling. All units have been sold, the grounds are looking picture perfect and our clubhouse is sparkling. We can't thank all of them enough. Painting is continuing and we are still working on the repairs inside of the clubhouse. Our fencing contractor has been engaged to do some required repairs and our pest control yearly termite inspection will be underway shortly as well.

We want to hear from you!

Whether it's photos from a recent event or there's a new activity you'd like to announce, this newsletter is the place to share the latest and greatest resort happenings. Chat to your caretaker about how to submit content and to find out deadlines for upcoming editions.

Don't forget to check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community grounds is 10km/h. It is not hard to keep your foot off the accelerator so please keep an eye on your speedo as it is very easy for someone to have a mishap. Please slow down - and make sure to remind your visitors and/or invited tradespeople to do the same.

Celebrating, Munich style.

Our recent Oktoberfest celebration was a huge success - which is typical of any event organised by our resident party planners, Roz and Reg (Home 34).

There were around one hundred and twenty in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the exotic beers and sausages on the grille.

We were lucky enough to be joined by couple of 'special guests' on the evening: Nigel's brother Crispin and his travelling companion Diana. The two had travelled to Australia from their home in Namibia. The brothers had not seen one another for around seventeen years, so the event was a great opportunity for Nigel to show his guests around our lovely village during the course of their stay.

Thanks to everyone in attendance for a great night!



Photos on this spread are courtesy of Brad Kinross.



Lots of fun, for a good cause.

On Wednesday October 16, one of our residents Marilyn Provians organised a morning tea to raise funds for Alzheimers research. The event was well attended, both by residents of The Sands and The Bay. All together, we raised an impressive \$429.15.



We now pronounce you...

On Friday October 25, two of our residents tied the knot in a wedding ceremony held at our fabulous Beach House. Allyson and Graham (Home 33) became husband and wife, then went on to enjoy a great evening of fun, music and dance at our clubhouse. Congratulations to the newlyweds!





We're all good sports.



On November 18, our resort came together to raise much needed funds for prostate cancer research – a cause close to many of our hearts here. Bowls and golf competitions ran concurrently, but the competition really heated up during the raffle... There were so many great prizes to be snapped up! From the Mooloolaba Surf Club and Bowlers Paradise gift cards to the bottles of alcohol and Christmas hams generously donated by our residents, it's no wonder an impressive \$800 was raised on the day. Well done to all competitors, and special thank you to the organisers Roz and Reg Cannon (Home 34).



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Friendly competition.

Our latest Palm Lake Resort Intervillage Bowls Competition took place on Sunday November 24. Competition was fierce, but ultimately the day was won by The Bay (once again) - they won four rinks to The Sands' two. However, it was The Sands that won the largest margin. There were 21 plays all up: six teams of triple players, with one extra team participating socially. Well done to everyone who took part, and thanks to the organisers.



Homes for sale.

Home 11: \$565,000

SOLD



Entertaining made easy.

Welcome to the Hibiscus. This home is an ideal blend of comfort and style, offering a spacious living area that seamlessly transitions to an inviting outdoor space - perfect for entertaining or simply enjoying the serene surroundings. Freshly painted, with new carpet and appliances, it's move-in ready. Its prime location within the resort offers both front and back gate access for ultimate convenience. With a single garage included, this home is as practical as it is charming.

Home 35 - \$550,000

SOLD



Picture perfect.

Home 35 boasts a spacious living area within a thoughtful floorplan allowing for flexible living. European Smeg appliances and ducted air conditioning are also included. Elegantly appointed and superbly presented, this home will impress upon first inspection.

Residents also gain exclusive access to the world class Sands Clubhouse, the elegant community hub at the heart of the resort home to features such as a swimming pool, a championship undercover bowls green, golf course, movie theatre, gym, craft room and library.

Helping friends become neighbours.

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 one of our established Palm Lake Resort homes, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy!

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Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 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 PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL OUR PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!

Deception Bay quilt club turns 20.

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay's quilters have just celebrated an impressive milestone: 20 years of togetherness AND an incredible number of quilts produced for charity...

"Our numbers have waxed and waned over the years, but we've always had around 12 regulars to our Saturday morning get-togethers," explains quilt group members Dawn and Jan. "In the early days, we all just shared our knowledge of quilt making and enjoyed the chats. But in 2008, we began handing out quilts to homeowners within our resort who we had been advised had moved into care. We also gave some quilts to Palm Lake Care when they first began operating.

"In early 2020, we became aware of the dreadful fires down in the Bega area of New South Wales. A call out for some more members to make quilts for those affected resulted in over 100 quilts making their way down to fire victims."

While COVID limited things in 2020 and 2021, members continued to quilt at home. They also made hundreds of masks that were sold both within the resort and outside, helping to raise funds for the purchase of backing fabrics, wadding and other requirements.

"For some time now we have also been donating quilts to various charities and we will continue to keep spreading the goodwill," the pair says.

And you won't believe the numbers. Here's a snapshot of the almost ONE THOUSAND quilts that have been produced and donated by the group over the years:

- Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre: 350
- Drought Angels, Chinchilla (now "Farm Angels"): 260
- Palm Lake Resort homeowners going into care: 170
- Palm Lake Care: 30
- Bega Fires: 100
- Centre Against Domestic Abuse Caboolture: 75

Dawn and Jan sent out a special thank you to their fellow Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay neighbours who support the group's monthly dinner raffles and their annual quilt show.

"We'd also like to thank the homeowners who donate fabric for us to make into quilts. Our cupboard is filled with fabrics, all waiting to become part of some more colourful quilts!"



When you're on a good thing...

Did you know that almost the whole team at Palm Lake Resort Eagleby are long-time employees? It's quite the achievement to have all of these long-timers in one resort and most likely reflects the strong sense of community there. The superstars include:

- **Micky:** Caretaker, 15 years
- **Anne:** Cook, 10+ years
- **Kate:** Kitchen hand, 10+ years
- **Lauren:** Administrator, 10 years
- **Daguy:** Assistant Caretaker, 10 years



Eric's birthday tradition

There's a fun tradition at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba that always makes us smile. Homeowner Eric Gibbons owns a bright yellow motorcycle with sidecar and when a fellow homeowner celebrates a milestone birthday, Eric takes them for a spin! Most recently Annette Walker had the delight of a cruise with Eric on her 80th birthday.

Gold medal-winning Olympian brings celeb flavour to Cooroy-Noosa.

There's no doubt about it – when Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowners get together, they go for all-out fun! So, of course, when the Olympics are on – you have to have your own Mini Olympics. It helps, of course, when the daughter of one of the homeowners happens to be none other than gold-medal-winning former heptathlete Glynis Nunn-Cearns.

The resort's very vibrant Social Committee of 22 volunteers got their heads together with Glynis and arranged for some fun activities.

Six teams organised themselves for competition, complete with uniforms and table decorations – Australia, England, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland and the USA. Spectators were not left out, with games organised for them as well.

Some very tricky games were embarked upon with much enthusiasm and determination, with co-operation the key to success. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners on the day, with Scotland ultimately the victorious team.

We like to come together for fun.

There's no doubting that each of our resort communities offer fun for their homeowners - it's when multiple Palm Lake Resort communities come together that the magic happens. Here's a snapshot of the most recent inter-resort events we've seen...

Palm Lake Resorts Bethania and Waterford converged at Bethania for a McGrath Foundation 'pink' breast cancer fundraiser. A raft of local dignitaries attended and \$4000 was raised for charity (pictured right).

On the sporting pitch, 66 Beachmere Bay bowlers and friends travelled to Bargara for a two-day tournament. Many spectators also attended - vantage points were at a premium. Team Bargara came out on top.

Still on lawn bowls, the third game in the annual "Across the tracks" competition saw Palm Lake Resort Bethania come out on top, over their friends at our Waterford resort. Waterford actually won the series, two games to one, but Bethania took home the trophy on points.



Tell us what's happening 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? Are you and/or your neighbours doing something special that you're proud of - and you know we'd be proud of too?

We'd love to hear from you and include your story in these pages in the next editions of all our resort newsletters.

Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com

Entertain your friends.



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