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Calypso



Stories released from the vault

We take another look back at some of the best stories ever published in the Calypso...

Is your house a home?

Take our pop quiz to see if your house can be officially classed as a 'home'

Over the back fence

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



Welcome.

Welcome to the autumn edition of Calypso for 2026.

Our very warm summer has finally come to an end and we can look forward to some cooler weather over the next few months. All our gardens and lawns have been in need of some moisture, so let's hope that we get some good soaking rain to help green things up.

With so many wonderful activities and events held within our lovely resort, we encourage you all to find some time to try something new. We have a monthly Activity Sheet that lists the daily activities within the resort and also gives you an idea of upcoming special events to look forward to over the coming year. Some of these upcoming events are:

- **Sunday March 8:** Jonathan Hyden Music & Pizza Food Van at Hemingway's
- **Tuesday March 17:** St Patrick's Day – Marco Duo Dance at Hemingway's
- **Saturday April 4:** Chill Lounge Music & Food Van at Heminway's
- **Saturday April 25:** Anzac Day Shotgun Breakfast

For all those wanting to watch a movie in our wonderful Theatre, movies are scheduled weekly on Wednesday nights and Sunday nights (sometimes matinees) on a Sunday afternoon. Check the weekly newsletter emailed on Thursdays to see what is playing.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you all around the resort,

Neil & Kerri
Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay Caretakers

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News in brief.

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 speed 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.

Wellbeing, on site

Did you know you can now access onsite audiology, physiotherapy and massage services? Audiologist Rachel Deane and physiotherapist Anne-Marie Cavanagh – who was the physio for the Australian Open, and the personal physio of Serena Williams – are available, along with Anne-Marie's partner, who offers massage sessions a few nights each week.



Looking for convenient and high-quality care?

There are limited vacancies at Palm Lake Care Caloundra available now. Vacancies come and go quickly and Palm Lake Care prioritises Palm Lake Resort homeowners and their families. If you have someone needing high quality 24-hour nursing care in our convenient adjacent location, you can phone Care Solutions to discuss their needs on 1800 24 66 77.

Get social with us!

Are you on social media? Make sure you follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@pamlakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@palm.lake.resort) to see what's happening right across our dozens of Palm Lake Resort locations. We also feature many warm-and-fuzzy stories from our seven Palm Lake Care aged caring communities on both social platforms (@palm.lake.care). With more than 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!

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

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

7.30am Tennis, pickleball round robins
8.30am Pilates
9am Quilters' circle (1st Monday of month)
9.30am Zumba Gold
9.45am Aqua aerobics
11am Tai chi, Qi-gong
12.50pm for 1pm Cards - Hand & Foot
1pm Cards - Bridge
3pm Pool/Billiard Room

TUESDAY

7.30am: Ladies tennis and pickleball
8.30-10am Table tennis
9.15am for 9.45am Lawn bowls (10 ends)
9.30am Bingo
12pm Ladies who lunch (1st Tues. of month)
12.45pm for 1pm Lawn bowls (20 ends)
6pm Homeowners' dinner (book via Portal)

WEDNESDAY

8.30am Pilates
9am Bus trip to Sunshine Coast Plaza
9.30am The Dice Game
9.45am Aqua aerobics
10am Knitters & Sewers
11am-2pm Milon Gym training session
1-4pm Mah-jong (Bowls/Sports Club)
1-4.30pm Mah-jong (The Cove Recreational)
3pm Snooker
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three starts)
7pm Movie night

THURSDAY

7.30am Tennis
8.30-11.30am Workshop
9am Yoga
9am Artist group (not on third Thursday)
9-11.30am Craft (third Thurs of month, \$10)
9.15am for 9.45am Lawn bowls (10 ends)
10am Workshop morning tea
12.30pm Homeowners' lunch (see Portal)
1.30pm Cribbage
1.45pm for 2pm Lawn bowls (16 ends)
2.30pm Bus to Caloundra Rugby League Club
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three starts)
3pm Ladies' fun table tennis
3.30pm Pétanque

FRIDAY

8.30am Caloundra Cay Singers rehearsal
9am Dance practice (The Cove Recreational)
12.50pm for 1pm Cards - Hand & Foot
4.30pm for 5pm Lawn bowls/Scroungers
5pm Happy Hour

WEEKEND

Sat 8.30am Saturday swimming group
Sat 9-10.30am Table tennis
Sat 12.45 Lawn bowls (Pairs 10 ends)
Sun 12.45 Lawn bowls (20 ends)
Sun 7pm Movie night

From the vault:

Richard brings fries to Macca's.

ANY AUSSIE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SLOGAN ‘WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT’ HAS EITHER BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS, OR NEVER VISITED A MACCAS STORE.

But those of us who have can either thank or ridicule Caloundra Cay’s Richard Killick (Home 221) as being chiefly responsible for introducing the frozen chip to Australia.

Richard, a Food Technology graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College (now the University of Western Sydney) in 1958, was Branch Manager at Edgell-Birdseye in Ulverstone Tasmania when he was hand-picked to travel to the US to study the production of french fries.

“Simplot, which now owns Edgells, had granted the company the licence to produce french fries in Australia,” recalls Richard, a former Tasmanian state hockey player.

“At the time, fries were big in the US, but not here. And importantly, McDonald’s just started opening stores, and fries were obviously a major item on their menu. Simplot provided Edgells with the design of the equipment and the technology, and I oversaw the research and the processing.”

After six further US visits, Richard reckons he and Edgells were able to ‘get it just right’ and produce the best fries available anywhere in Australia.

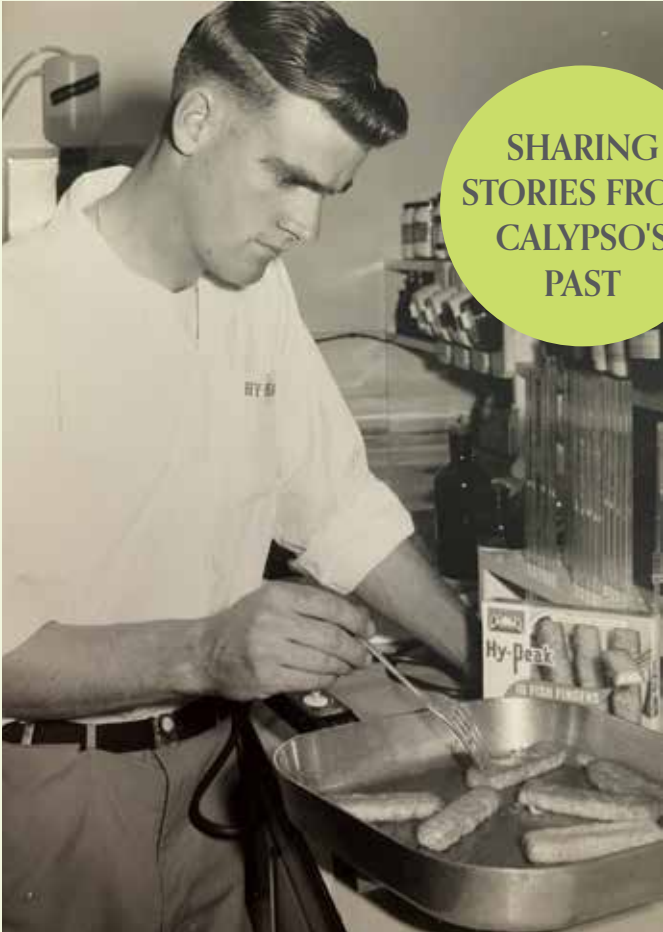
“In 1982 I went back to study the production of what Macca’s called the McFries, and then returned in 1982 when Instant Mash – dehydrated potato – was introduced,” he revealed.

“When we first started processing potatoes at the Ulverstone factory in 1992, we processed 300 tonnes of raw product in the first year. When I retired in 1993, we had 400 growers supplying us with potatoes, 500 employees at the plant and processed 150,000 tonnes. We were the largest potato-processing plant in the Southern Hemisphere.”

And Richard, who moved from Hobart to Caloundra in September 2022 with Jan, his wife of 60 years, said the success and popularity of McDonald’s was the chief reason for the growth of the company.

Almost all potatoes processed by Edgells are sourced from Tasmania, and Richard revealed there is no secret ingredient or recipe that makes Maccas fries the tasty and tempting morsel they have become.

“It’s all about the quality of the raw material, and the production process,” he said, adding that the development of the Russet



Burbank variety potato in Australia following original trials in 1961 had brought a different dimension, and look, to Macca’s fries.

“They were a longer potato which, when fed through what is known in the industry as a water-knife process, produced a longer chip. And the longer the chip, the less of them would fit into a bag.”

Although not a big consumer of fast food, Richard and Jan occasionally relent ‘merely to check the quality control’.

“They are still very good, but I did see black spots on some fries recently,” Jan cheekily remarks.

When Richard retired from Edgells in 1993, he was coerced in to a role with Hobart TAFE, teaching in Food Technology – but not in the classroom.

“My one stipulation was that I would take on the role if I could teach in the field, and in the production areas of food-manufacturing businesses,” he said.

And when he did retire, Jan – who said she had been an MDDA (Managing Director of Domestic Affairs) during Richard’s 35 years at Edgells – contracted empty-nest syndrome, and decided to start her own business in Ulverstone, where both she and her husband were born, educated and married.

She opened a ladies lingerie store called Silk-N-Satin Lingerie, and ran the business for nine years.

“Richard accompanied me on buying trips to the mainland in his role as stock controller, but it was hands off the merchandise,” she jested.

– TONY DURKIN
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Make your house a home.

MOVING INTO A NEW HOME IS AN EXCITING, DAUNTING PROCESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU DOWNSIZE. BUT THE JOB DOESN'T END ONCE THE LAST BOX IS UNPACKED. IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS – THE TREASURED KEEPSAKES AND EVERYDAY COMFORTS – THAT TRANSFORM A HOUSE INTO A HOME. LOOK AROUND YOUR SPACE: HOW MANY CAN YOU TICK OFF?

- ☐ **Family photo albums:** Keep treasured memories close by with photo albums from family holidays and celebrations. Websites like Vistaprint or Canva can help.
- ☐ **Framed photos:** Display favourite photographs around the home – try adding fabric or coloured backing to frames for a creative touch.
- ☐ **Fresh flowers:** A simple vase of fresh flowers instantly brightens a room and brings a little bit of nature indoors.
- ☐ **Indoor plants:** Plants add life and colour to your home while helping create a calm, welcoming atmosphere.
- ☐ **Candles and essential oils:** Candles and oil burners help create a warm glow and set the mood.
- ☐ **Pre-loved furniture:** Vintage or inherited furniture comes with a story, and that kind of character is something brand-new pieces simply can't match.
- ☐ **Gifts from loved ones:** Display meaningful gifts from friends and family as reminders of special relationships.
- ☐ **Handwritten cards:** Birthday and holiday cards become keepsakes when displayed on a shelf, noticeboard or table.
- ☐ **Coffee table books:** Books about travel, art or hobbies you love can spark conversation when visitors drop by.
- ☐ **Your favourite artwork:** Paintings, prints or photographs that you love instantly add personality to your walls.
- ☐ **Holiday souvenirs:** Display mementos from places you've visited to bring back memories of your travels.
- ☐ **Pets:** Our furry companions bring warmth, routine and plenty of personality into the home.
- ☐ **Cosy throws and cushions:** Soft textiles add comfort while helping create a relaxed, lived-in feel.
- ☐ **A comfortable reading nook:** A favourite armchair, good lighting and a small side table can create the perfect spot to unwind with a book.
- ☐ **Music you love:** Playing favourite songs or records can quickly make a house feel lively and familiar.
- ☐ **A favourite mug on display:** Everyone has one, why not show it off?
- ☐ **Personal collections:** Whether it's coins, shells or fridge magnets, collections tell a story about what you love.
- ☐ **A memory shelf:** Dedicate a shelf or mantelpiece to treasured keepsakes from throughout your life.
- ☐ **Family recipes in the kitchen:** Displaying handwritten recipes can keep family traditions alive while cooking.
- ☐ **A welcoming front door:** A seasonal wreath, fun` doorknob, cheerful mat or potted plant greets visitors warmly.
- ☐ **A well-loved armchair:** A chair that's moulded perfectly to you quickly becomes a favourite place to relax.
- ☐ **Soft lighting:** Table lamps and warm lighting can make your home feel calm and comfortable.
- ☐ **Seasonal decorations:** Small decorations for Christmas, Easter or special occasions can add fun and colour throughout the year.
- ☐ **A place for visitors:** Keeping a comfortable seat ready for friends and neighbours encourages connection and conversation. Better yet, an equipped guest bedroom!
- ☐ **Things that make you smile:** Ultimately, the best way to make a house a home is to surround yourself with things that bring you joy every day.

Is yours a house or a home?

Wondering how homely your house is? Tick off each personal touch you can see around your house, then score yourself using the scale below...

0–8 points: Just getting started! Try adding a few personal touches to make your space feel more like home.

9–16 points: You're well on your way. Your home already has plenty of personality – perhaps add a few more memory-filled items or cosy corners.

17–21 points: Lovely and lived-in. Your home clearly reflects your life, interests and memories.

22–25 points: Home sweet home! Your space is full of warmth, stories and personal touches.



Cut flowers 101.

SPRING ISN'T THE ONLY SEASON FOR FLOWERS. AS WE HEAD INTO THE COOLER MONTHS, FRESH FLOWERS ARE STILL THE PERFECT WAY TO MAKE YOUR PALM LAKE RESORT HOME FEEL ALIVE. CONSIDER THIS YOUR OFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE VERY BEST CUT BLOOMS FOR YOUR HOME – AND OUR TOP TIPS TO KEEP THEM LOOKING FRESH.

Roses

Did you know that roses share lineage with apples, cherries and strawberries? Or that there are over 300 species? One of the oldest known flowers, roses have been used in recipes, cosmetics and rituals for millennia – so naturally, there is a lot of lore that surrounds them. But 'floriography' (communication through flower colours and arrangements) is actually quite simple when it comes to roses and what they symbolise: red means love, yellow means friendship and white means purity. **Keep them fresh:** For longer-lasting roses, trim stems on an angle and change the vase water every two days.

Tulips

Originating from central Asia – particularly Kazakhstan – tulips get their name from the Persian word for turban ('dulband' or 'tulband') for their shape. And they're not just beautiful – for a moment, in the Netherlands in the 17th Century, 'Tulip Mania' made rare tulip bulbs more valuable than gold. They are the national flower of the Netherlands, Turkey and Iran. **Keep them fresh:** Tulips continue to grow after being cut, so choose a taller vase and trim stems regularly.

Hydrangeas

Originating in Japan and Korea, famously spotted in Cape Cod (USA), with a Greek name, hydrangeas are as exotic as they are beautiful. Like roses, their colours signify different meanings – pink means love, blue means forgiveness, white is boastful and purple brings abundance or understanding. They grow beautifully in moderate, moist climates, but green thumbs beware – hydrangeas can release cyanide if ingested. **Keep them fresh:** Hydrangeas are thirsty flowers – keep the vase topped up and mist the blooms to prevent drooping.

Lilies

With over 100 species in a wide range of colours, lilies have maintained their position as one of the most popular flowers since ancient times. As symbols of purity and rebirth, lilies were historically associated with the divine and used in religious ceremonies. Nowadays, you're more likely to see them at weddings – especially trumpet-shaped Calla Lilies, which are having a major moment. They typically last one to two weeks in a vase but beware of fallen pollen and leaves: lilies are highly poisonous for pets if ingested. **Keep them fresh:** Remove the pollen stamens as the flowers open to prevent stains and help blooms last longer.

Chrysanthemums

Commonly known as 'mums', chrysanthemums originated in ancient China as early as the 15th Century BC and also have roots (pun intended) in ancient Greece. Proving their diversity, they're also the national flower of Japan. In Australia, chrysanthemums are often given for friendship and Mother's Day, though red mums can symbolise love and passion. Did you know that their scent can deter insects? All the more reason to include this easy-to-care-for flower in your next bouquet. **Keep them fresh:** One of the longest-lasting cut flowers, mums can stay fresh in a vase for up to two weeks.

Dahlias

The national flower of Mexico, dahlias were once cultivated by the Aztecs – not just for their beauty, but for food and medicinal purposes. In fact, they were thought to be vegetables when they were first introduced to Europe. But their versatility doesn't stop here: dahlia stems were once

tested as natural water pipes in Mexico, and their petals have long been used as natural dyes. Dahlias are more than just a pretty face, it seems! **Keep them fresh:** Dahlias are best bought fully open, as they won't continue blooming once cut.

Peonies

When properly cared for, peonies can live for 100 years – a good omen, since they're also symbols of prosperity, fortune and romance. In fact, there is a famous 1000-year-old peony tree that still flowers in China, as well as many annual peony festivals. Fun fact: Peonies come in every colour but blue, making them a diverse addition to any bouquet or arrangement. Another fun fact: the correct pronunciation is more like 'peer-knee' than 'pee-oh-knee'. **Keep them fresh:** Peonies have a short season in Australia – usually late spring – so enjoy them while they're available.

Carnations

Not to be confused with peonies, which are larger and more spherical in full bloom, carnations are distinctive for their ruffled, fringed petals. Native to the Mediterranean region, the name carnation has several possible origins – the Latin word 'corona' (crown) for its use in ceremonial wreaths, or 'caro' (flesh), a nod to its natural colour. Often associated with love and admiration, carnations are popular around special occasions like Mother's Day and Valentine's Day. **Keep them fresh:** Carnations are hardy, often lasting two weeks or more with fresh water and trimmed stems.

Orchids

They're part of one of the largest flowering plant families, with over 28,000 species – and 192,000 hybrids – worldwide. In fact, orchids are more diverse than all mammal special combined. The most common types include moth orchids, corsage orchids and cymbidium orchids, all of which are popular in both fashion and home styling. Eager to grow your own orchids? Quality potting mix and a consistent watering schedule matter. **Keep them fresh:** Potted orchids thrive in bright, indirect light and only need watering about once a week.

Best buds for small yards.

TO ENJOY BIG REWARD FROM YOUR GARDEN, YOU DON'T NEED A SPRAWLING LAWN OR LARGE GARDEN BEDS. FOR THOSE LIVING IN A PALM LAKE RESORT, HERE ARE THE THREE BEST WAYS TO BRING POTTED COLOUR AND FLOWERING JOY TO YOUR LOW-MAINTENANCE HOME.

With the right plant choices, even the smallest yard, balcony or undercover outdoor living area can burst with colour. If you only have room for pots, it helps to know which flowering favourites thrive in our warm, coastal climates.

Let's begin with begonias, a wonderful all-rounder for compact spaces. These hardy bloomers are well suited to the humidity of our Queensland and Northern New South Wales resorts and perform beautifully in part shade or filtered sunlight. Their neat growth habit makes them ideal for pots, and they reward gardeners with months of continuous colour from spring through to autumn – sometimes even year-round in milder conditions. Best of all, they're low maintenance, making them perfect for those who want vibrant blooms without constant attention.

For sunny Palm Lake Resort patios and balconies, geraniums (Pelargoniums) are a classic choice. Their bold flowers in reds, pinks and whites instantly brighten any outdoor setting. Once established, they're relatively drought tolerant (which suits our warm summers) and cope well with light coastal breezes. Geraniums stay compact and respond well to pruning, so they're easy to keep tidy in containers. Some varieties even feature fragrant leaves, adding an extra sensory delight to your outdoor space.

If you have a hot, sun-drenched corner, portulaca (Moss Rose) is hard to beat. This cheerful plant thrives in full sun and produces masses of colourful blooms with very little effort. It's particularly well suited to shallow pots or hanging baskets, where its trailing stems spill beautifully over the edges. Portulaca is also tolerant of sandy conditions and salty air, making it an excellent option for homes close to the ocean.

Whatever you choose, remember to use quality potting mix, ensure good drainage and position your pots where they'll receive appropriate sunlight and protection from wind. With just a few well-chosen containers, you can create a vibrant, low-maintenance garden oasis — no large backyard required.

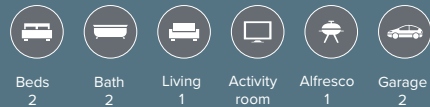


Homes for sale.

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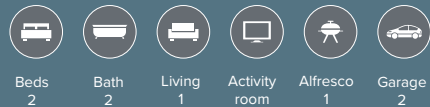
Home 189: \$1,160,000



Effortless elegance.

The Manaboa at Palm Lake Resort offers effortless over-50s living with two bedrooms, activity room, two bathrooms, double garage, Smeg kitchen, ducted air-conditioning and northwest alfresco. Enjoy light-filled interiors, low-maintenance gardens, resort amenities and proximity to wellness facilities. A light-filled open-plan layout with a high raked ceiling enhances space, while the modern kitchen features stone benchtops, sleek cabinetry, new lighting and premium Smeg appliances, flowing into the living area.

Home 75: \$1,165,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Entertainer's delight.

Just 100m from the award-winning Bowls Club, this immaculate Fontein combines space, style and comfort. The king-sized main suite offers a walk-in robe and ensuite with double vanities, ample storage and a large shower, opening to an alfresco framed by lush, low-maintenance gardens. The kitchen features Smeg appliances, a Billi tap for instant hot and cold water, and extensive soft-close storage. Light-filled dining and living areas flow to a second alfresco, ideal for entertaining.

Refer a friend and earn yourself a reward

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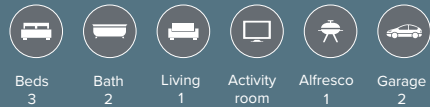
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For more information or to refer your friend, 1800 55 66 77.



Home 14: \$1,275,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Easy living.

Ideally located and well maintained, this home asks nothing of you – simply unpack your bags and start living your best life. The neutral colour palate is welcoming and sure to appease everyone's taste, and the layout is open plan with generous dining and living areas that welcome natural breezes.

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.



Caretakers make the Palm Lake world go 'round!

Every Palm Lake Resort community has an onsite Caretaker (or two) at the helm, managing the day-to-day operations at that address. They oversee local teams of groundspeople, cleaners, cooks and more. Many Caretakers in our established resort communities also facilitate home sales, while also rolling up their sleeves when it comes to serving weekly dinners, for example. They are the first port of call for homeowner queries and oversee all the various local resort special interest groups. They are also an important conduit between Palm Lake Resort headquarters at Southport and their respective local address. They are the glue that holds each of the country's 27 resorts together.

As Palm Lake Group's Executive Manager, People & Operations, Amanda Clements says, "We are very grateful to have a wonderful group of dedicated and long-time Caretakers across our 27 resort addresses". And when she says "long time" – she means it.

For example, Lea has spent most of her 17+ years with the company in the Caretaker role across Victoria but moved into a sales role at **Willow Lodge** more recently. She and (late) husband, Peter, were Caretakers together at **Phillip Island** for 13+ years before Peter's illness (pictured above).

"For all the years we were at Phillip Island we were it – sales and Caretaking – we did the lot," Lea smiles. "Our motto was to show compassion and give the homeowners the time they needed, and to listen. But above all, our aim was always to leave them with a smile on their faces.

"Peter and I built great relationships with our homeowners and helped them as much as we could while always being mindful there was that line, as Caretakers, we couldn't cross. I still live at Phillip Island and see some of the homeowners down the street – they always stop to say hello, and it feels great that we are both still remembered at the Phillip Island resort."

Lea says her advice to new Caretakers and those looking to join the company in this role, is simply to listen. Always.

"A problem that seems small to us can be huge for a homeowner – also, you should never forget that everyone at Head Office and all our fellow Caretakers are always

there to answer any questions you may have – you don't have to do it all on your own.

"When we joined Palm Lake Resort back in 2008, the company was much smaller. I am still in awe of the growth of the company that Wal Elliott founded all those years ago. I have always felt that under the guidance of Wal and Scott Elliott we are one big family – a family that I am happy and grateful to still be a part of. Work has been my saviour. And hopefully I still have a few working years left in me!"

Caretaker Michaela at **Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Heights** is also coming up to 17 years with the company. Caretakers at **Mt Warren Park**, Trish and Rik, will soon commemorate 14 years, while Wayne and Di (**Banora Point**) and Robyn and Bernie (**Yamba**) have all marked a decade or more.

With nine years in the company, current **Palm Lake Resort Paynesville** Caretakers Jo and Troy were married while caretaking at our **Truganina** resort some years back. Jo gave her beloved homeowners a glimpse into the highly anticipated wedding day by coming into work in her wedding dress! And we know that many of our long-time Caretakers are well respected by their communities based on the feedback we hear direct from those homeowners. At **Palm Lake Resort Carindale** for example, the homeowners got together last year and created a 'contract' that they presented to Caretakers Karen and Wayne stating that "The undersigned are committed to us at Palm Lake Resort Carindale and will never leave!". The pair were "so touched" by the gesture, that Karen says, "Of course we put our autographs on that document!"

Honourable mentions must also go to the following Caretakers who've marked 5+ years in the role:

- Ron and Jo (**Fern Bay**): 7 years
- Karen and Mark (**Toowoomba**): 6 years
- Tracey and Bryce (**Forster Lakes**): 5 years
- Kym (**Yamba Cove**): 5 years
- Phil and Lyn (**Deception Bay**): 5 years

Without doubt, Caretakers underpin the success of our Palm Lake Resort communities and we're grateful to have them onboard!

Love is in the air.

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes has hosted lawn bowls games, Happy Hours, and now... a wedding! Jessica Nye, daughter of homeowners Steve and Linda, wed her groom, Haylan, at Forster Lakes' Reception Centre in front of their special people (pictured below left). Over at **Palm Lake Resort Waterford**, Roy and Trish (pictured below right) utilised the lush green grounds of their resort to be officially wedded. We wish all the Palm Lake newlyweds wonderful marriages and rewarding lives together!



Tai chi champions.

Congratulations to **Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park**, who were the grand winners of the 2025 Inter-Resorts Tai Chi Competition. With steady hands, great teamwork and plenty of laughs, they won with a grand total of 5903 points (beating second-place team's 4480 by a wide margin). "They showed obvious skill and determination, with lots of laughs, to come out on top," says the instructor on the day. And spoiler alert: they're already leading the 2026 competition!



Paws on parade.

A group of **Palm Lake Resort Bargara** homeowners have started walking their dogs over to Palm Lake Care Bargara each month to let the care residents enjoy some friendly canine company and pet therapy. Everyone loves patting the doggos and chatting with the visitors – though few are as excited as the dogs themselves!

It takes a village.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa's latest cent auction raised over \$3100, with the majority going to Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) – an organisation which repurposes pre-loved uniforms into clothes for children in need.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped with, attended and donated goods to the cent auction," said organiser and homeowner Yvonne Pattinson. "The sewing ladies truly did themselves proud with the beautiful food. I'm sure everyone had a great day."

The impact of this fundraising is already being felt well beyond the local community. According to a statement from the Queensland Police Service, Cooroy U4K volunteers have worked tirelessly to prepare 40 boxes of essentials for Queensland families. The boxes contained an extraordinary 3200 handmade clothing items, lovingly transformed from repurposed police uniforms into dresses, skirts, shorts, baby clothes, hair accessories, scrunchies, pencil cases and library bags. The boxes were also filled with generously donated items such as baby socks, beanies, small bags of LEGO parts, stationery, bracelets, toys and tissues.



Must love dogs.

The very first **Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba** dog show brought homeowners and their four-legged friends together for a day of laughter, wagging tails and the occasional bark of excitement. Sponsored by the Palm Lake Group, the inaugural event was such a success that it's set to become an annual tradition.

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**

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