

MAY - JUNE 2025



Calypso



Give Back Dinner a triumph

Our charitable homeowners converged to support a very worthy cause, raising \$8000+

Over the back fence

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

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to make the move here? Refer them, for fast cash



Pictured: Movie night is held at 7pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.



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 - Pony Tail
1pm Cards - Bridge
3pm Pool/Billiard Room

TUESDAY

8-10am: Ladies tennis and pickleball
8.30-10am Table tennis
9.15am for 9.45am Lawn bowls (10 ends)
9.30am Bingo
10.30am (2nd Tuesday of month) Monthly homeowner morning tea
12pm (1st Tuesday of month) Ladies who lunch
12.30-4.30pm Hong Kong Mah-jong
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
7pm Movie night

THURSDAY

7.30am Tennis and pickleball
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 (10 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 - Pony Tail
4.30pm for 5pm Lawn bowls/Scroungers
5.30pm 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

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News in brief.

Looking for 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 gorgeous Sunshine Coast setting, you can FREECALL 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 (@palllakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@palllake.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 (@palllake.care). With more than 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!



OUR
 NEWEST
 FRIENDS!

Palm Lake Resort newbies welcomed

Newly-arrived homeowners from eight Caloundra Cay homes were entertained at a recent 'Cheer and Chat' evening, hosted once again by members of our Welcoming Group. The 'newbies' function was organised to not just welcome the homeowners to their new surroundings, but also to familiarise them with the various procedures and mechanisms of resort living. Held in Hemingways Country Club on a Friday evening, the 'welcome' included nibbles for the guests, while the bar – as is usual on Friday nights – was open for refreshments. Other recent newcomers also attended, and many established homeowners joined the Welcoming Group in making our most recent neighbours feel right at home. Each newbie was also given a 'help' sheet containing day-to-day resort particulars, emergency contact details and general helpful hints. Similar welcoming events are planned to be held on a regular basis.

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.

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.



**\$8000+
RAISED FOR
THE SALVOS!**



Give Back triumph.

FOLLOWING TWO OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISERS IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, CALOUNDRA CAY HOMEOWNERS HAVE SEEMINGLY, AND RESOUNDINGLY, ADOPTED THE SALVATION ARMY AS OUR CHARITY OF CHOICE.

A recent event tagged the 'Give Back Dinner' raised a smidgen more than \$8000 for the Salvos, with the funds to stay on the Sunshine Coast in support of a project named Family Pathways. And this followed the donation of 81 Christmas hampers by Caloundra Cayers back in December, which were distributed to needy Sunshine Coast families.

Chief organiser of the Give Back Dinner, Bernie Reddan (Home 232), described the event in March at Hemingways Country Club as 'an outstanding success', both financially and socially.

"We had 63 attendees, and our goal was to raise \$5000," he said. "The end result was \$8050, an amount which was far beyond our expectations. And while the fundraiser, as such, was a huge success, the night of entertainment was also incredible."

MC for the evening was effervescent Sunshine Coast Council Division Three representative Tim Burns, while Ian Chew (Home 195) was quizmaster and retired Salvation Army Officer Maree Strong (Home 264) and Bernie Reddan, acted as auctioneers. Maree also conducted an inspirational interview with the Salvation Army Family Pathways Service case worker on the Sunshine Coast, Barbara Hall. Barbara outlined her responsibilities, stressed the need for funds and announced that all money raised would be dispersed locally. Dinner music on the night was from Sonja Cross and Mason Andrews of Chill Lounge, with dance music supplied by Ian Ponton and catering provided by Capelli Foods.

Generous donors of auction items included Diamond Vale Estate Stanthorpe, Capelli Foods, WildflowerDotArt, Queensland Golf Performance Centre, Pelican Waters Golf Club, Caloundra Golf, Club, Headland Golf Club, Bowlers Paradise Mooloolaba, Maleny Golf Club, Tranquil Getaways Maleny, Coastline BMW, Data 3 and Jumbo Interactive.

Members of the organising committee included Bernie and Belinda Reddan, Trevor and Maree Strong as well as Louise Witton and Geoff Campbell (Home 218), who were assisted by Salvos PR team members Robyn Lewis and Earle Johnston.

When asked if all goals for this inaugural dinner were met, Bernie enthusiastically replied "absolutely".

"Such was the support, the positive response, and the pleasing financial result, that our intention is to make this an annual event. And we hope to have a much bigger attendance next year," he said.

— TONY DURKIN



In memory of our Chris.

CALOUNDRA CAY BOWLERS HAVE RESPONDED IN BIG NUMBERS TO A SPECIAL DAY DEDICATED TO LONG-SERVING BOWLS COMMITTEE TREASURER, CHRIS FULLER.

Chris recently passed away suddenly and, as her interment was private, her friends, colleagues and fellow bowlers took this opportunity to pay their respects.

One of the biggest turnouts of bowlers resulted, catering for six rinks of fours and two rinks of triples, all played over 20 ends, while many non-bowlers also attended to express their respect. The Sunday afternoon games concluded with a virtual feast - a huge variety of food provided by those present, and organised by the ever-dedicated bowling ladies' catering group.

Chris's daughter Leah, who attended with her father John, partner Brad and close family members, said they were overwhelmed by the attendance, and the condolences offered.

"For someone who said bowls was only for old people, and vowed she would never play, mum loved her bowls, and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie it provided," Leah said. "I think that is what she enjoyed most about living at Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay."

SCHOOL
YARD LOVE
STILL NOW



A match made in preschool.

SUE AND IAN PONTON (HOME 199) FIRST MET AS PRE-SCHOOLERS WHEN THEY WERE THREE AND FOUR YEARS OLD, RESPECTIVELY. AND 60-PLUS YEARS LATER, THEY REMAIN 'BEST BUDDIES', JUST AS THEY WERE BACK THEN.

"We both had older sisters attending Amstel State School in south-east Melbourne, and as littlies we tagged along with our parents to school events," Ian recalled. "In fact, one year Sue's dad John was president of the school P&C, and my dad Neil was secretary. The next year they actually swapped positions. Our families back then were probably more social acquaintances, rather than friends."

And that was similar to the relationship Sue and Ian enjoyed as they passed through their primary and high school days. Featured in a photographic history of their lives, lovingly produced by their daughter Emily for their respective 50th birthdays, are class photos from their shared school years. In most, ironically, they are sitting or standing near each other.

"We were just buddies, but good buddies," said Sue. "I liked Ian mostly because of his sense of humour. He always made me laugh. But I can say with all honesty there was never any romantic thoughts or attachments. We just got on well."

That, however, changed when Ian turned 18 and among the guests invited to his party was 17-year-old Sue.

"We had both just finished high school, and at the time Ian had a girlfriend named Kerry, who I also knew," Sue remembered. "But Kerry didn't show up to the party. Ian says he can't recall why she didn't come, but I recollect her telling me they had had an argument."

"What I remember most about the party was that Ian was 'majorly approachable' towards me and – I must admit – I didn't mind. Let's say that our very first romantic encounter since we were three and four, was sealed that night with a kiss."

Ian says Sue was her first and only boyfriend. Ian grins when he concedes he had 'a couple' of girlfriends before he realised Sue was 'the one'. Since the 18th birthday party back on October 22, 1976, the couple has been inseparable. They celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in March this year and describe their union as 'quite amazing'.

"We are best mates," said Sue. "As kids we never had an argument, or were ever nasty to each other. And without sounding too soppy, our marriage has been much the same."

That solidarity as a couple is reflected in their respective professions. Sue graduated in Naturopathy and Osteopathy, and practised that vocation until the couple retired, and moved to Caloundra Cay in November 2021. Ian became an Optical Dispenser and Instrument Technician, and continued that profession throughout his working life. As seems to be the want of many Victorians, the couple moved north from Melbourne in 1997, settling in Coolumb with their children Andrew and Emily. Three years later they bought 13-hectares at North Arm, where Sue propagated her love of animals.

"Initially, among others, we had 2500 avocado trees and 900 lemon trees," she revealed. "But, because of my love of animals, the property gradually became an animal rescue of sorts. Over time we had rescue horses, goats, cows, dogs and cats. And at one time, I almost adopted two camels."

When they finally decided to retire, the golf enthusiasts initially set their sights on Pelican Waters. But when they discovered Caloundra Cay and its facilities – including the advantage of golf affiliation with Pelican Waters Golf Club – they changed tack.

"We initially thought we would give it six months, and see how things worked out. But we absolutely love it here," said Ian.

– TONY DURKIN



Dancing queens.

More than 220 Caloundra Cay homeowners accepted an invitation from an Abba tribute group to 'Take a Chance on Me', and the locals responded with 'I Do, I Do, I Do'. Based on the Gold Coast, the Abba Girls Tribute Show enthralled our locals in their two-hour performance, with non-stop renditions of classic hits from the glory days of the Swedish group, which spanned less than a decade.

The authentic Agnetha and Frida may not have been available, but their lookalikes – Susie and Bronte – enticed the 'Mamma Mias' of Caloundra Cay to be the 'Dancing Queens' and even sent an 'SOS' to the many willing males in Hemingways to join them on the dance floor and be 'The Man in the Middle'. But while there were plenty of requests from the ladies for their partners to 'Lay Your Love on Me', no reports of anyone meeting their 'Waterloo' were made. And, no-one had to 'Ring, Ring, Ring' for an ambulance.

Best-dressed male and female were judged as Chris Tremblett and John Lugton, the message to all homeowners to 'Take a Chance on Me', because 'The Winner Takes it All'. And because the night was warm, and the dancefloor activity non-stop, Hemingways bar staff were kept particularly busy, serving a host of refreshments and taking all the 'Money, Money, Money'.

Thanks to Janelle Holland and Lynda Wendt for all the photographic memories of this great night.

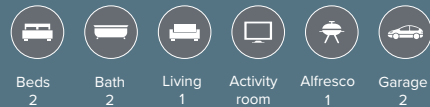
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Homes for sale.

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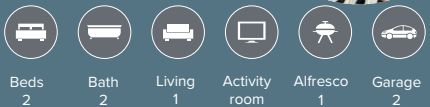


Home 106: \$1,240,000



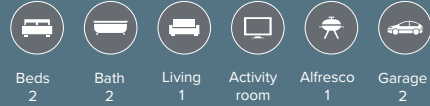
Located in the first stage (est. 2018) of the resort, just 100m from the award-winning Hemmingway's Country Club, this sought-after Talanga design offers low-maintenance luxury. With a wide hallway and open-plan living and dining, the home is filled with natural light and has a welcoming neutral colour palette. The kitchen is perfect for entertainers, featuring stone benchtops, SMEG appliances and a Billi tap.

Home 270: \$1,190,000



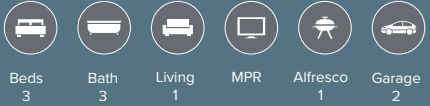
Generously sized and beautifully appointed, this corner-positioned Fontein home is ideal for luxurious over-50s living. The king-sized master suite boasts a walk-in robe, ensuite with double basins and storage, and opens to a private alfresco area. The second bedroom has a built-in wardrobe, with a separate guest bathroom for added privacy. A flexible activity room serves as a third bedroom or study.

Home 51: \$1,350,000



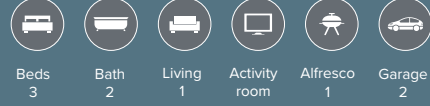
This elegant home with an activity room and double garage offers refined living in a prestigious over-50s community. The open-plan layout features raked ceilings and skylights, filling the space with natural light. The gourmet kitchen offers SMEG appliances, and stone benchtops. Enjoy the rare second living area, created from the enclosed alfresco, and a peaceful corner position with only one neighbour.

Home 166: \$1,295,000



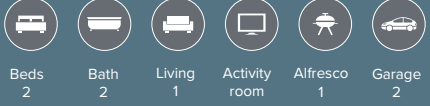
This beautiful double-storey Antigua home is a great example of luxury living. The light-filled, low-maintenance property offers three spacious bedrooms, three bathrooms, an expansive open plan living and dining area that flows seamlessly to the undercover alfresco (with security screens), plus a double garage and internal lift. The master bedroom offers a 4.8m x 4.8m sanctuary.

Home 118: \$1,295,000



Boasting three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a double garage, it features ducted air con and a light-filled open-plan layout with high raked ceilings. The gourmet kitchen has stone benchtops, glass splashback and premium appliances. A second living space, cleverly created from the original alfresco area, is a rare bonus. The backyard has been transformed with artificial turf and low-maintenance gardens.

Home 38: \$1,300,000



This exquisite home exudes coastal sophistication and elegance. Featuring two bedrooms plus a generous activity room, two bathrooms, a double garage, SMEG appliances and ducted air conditioning, it is the epitome of effortless living. The inviting and open floor plan with high raked ceiling is designed to maximize space and natural light. The interior offers a seamless blend of modern features and timeless elements.

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 COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN.

Neighbours lend a hand as Alfred comes to town.

The strength of our Palm Lake Resort communities, and the Palm Lake Group as a whole - was put on show when Tropical Cyclone Alfred rolled into Queensland's south-east corner recently. In scenes reminiscent of the Covid pandemic, our Palm Lake Resort homeowners rallied to support one another and ensure their communities were not only prepared for the hit, but also quickly mopped up afterwards.

Palm Lake Resort Carindale Caretakers Wayne and Karen said that while 28 homeowners left the resort to be with their families, more than 200 stayed in the resort throughout the cyclone.

"For the first time ever, the flood waters came into our community from Wright Street (pictured above)," Karen says. "We constantly checked the levels there and in the creek. We had Stuart (Home 168) monitoring the creek and reporting in to us and trusty Ken (Home 113) reporting from the other end of the resort. What an incredible team.

"Those who stayed were in good hands, as we had many many homeowners checking on their older neighbours, boiling them water on gas stoves when they lost power. Our communal halls were left open so homeowners could gather together with other homeowners. Luckily we had arranged some extra food for sandwiches, as well as milk



and water so we could all meet at the Grand Hall and have toasties - mostly made by Bob (Home 98).

"Some homeowners were scared - mainly because of the fast flood waters - as they live on their own, but we made sure that someone kept dropping in on them regularly to keep them in the loop.

"We are actually so proud of our caring homeowner network," Karen smiles. "Our beautiful Palm Lake Resort Carindale community certainly comes together well in tough times."

The same types of stories were heard right across the Palm Lake Group - with our resort homeowners even supporting their local Palm Lake Care aged caring communities. For example, the sleepy seaside town of Beachmere does not have its own local police station, so officers were brought in to keep an eye on local residents during the storm. When the power in that neighbourhood went out, our Palm Lake Care staff returned the favour and offered the police officers hot meals and coffee, which they gratefully accepted. What's more, three volunteers (retired registered nurses) from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and Beachmere Sands - located just across the road - provided support and personal care to the elderly aged care residents. A lovely gesture of selfless care that embodies the PLR spirit!



Wedding bells ring loud and clear.

THERE HAVE BEEN NEW WEDDING BELLS RINGING ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT AS WELL AS CELEBRATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LONGEVITY - ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE LOVE, LOVE STORIES!

Palm Lake Resort Bethania

Pictured above left, check out the new "Mr and Mrs Remy" (also known to homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Bethania as Steve and Kate), who tied the knot on February 15. Their official ceremony was held at their resort - how wonderful! We wish the Remys the best for their future life together.

Palm Lake Resort Yamba

Shirley Foley married Denis Kelly on May 15, 1965, at Tumut, New South Wales. Little did they know, 136km away on that very same day, their future friends (and future neighbours) Carole Wilson and John Joyce were also tying the knot. In the late 1960s, the Joyces moved to Tumut and, sure enough, met the Kellys. The couples have been firm friends ever since. And they have more in common than just their wedding anniversary - nowadays, you'll find Denis and Shirley in Home 4 at Palm Lake Resort Yamba, and John and Carole in Home 63 (all four pictured above right, including a photo of the Kellys on their wedding day).

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby

It all began in Liverpool, England, in the early 1960s. The school dance was in full swing when John, who was working as a roadie for the band that night, spotted Joan across the dance floor. He winked at her and, as he fondly recalls, "that was it". The couple married on March 27, 1965, in Liverpool and in 1976, John and Joan made the bold decision to move to Australia, with their young family in tow. After more than two decades in Sydney, they moved to Queensland in 2000, making Palm Lake Resort Eagleby their home in 2009. Pictured above (middle), six decades on from their wedding day, family remains at the heart of their lives through six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa

Long-time Sunshine Coast locals, David and Nola, just marked 60 years with their proud family, including nine grandies and 11 great-grandies (with more on the way!).

Fiona is 102 years young.

One of our oldest homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge is Fiona Ryan. She turned 102 years young in April. The Lodge Country Club hosted a party for Fiona, with many of her family and Palm Lake Resort friends stopping by. What a milestone for this resort matriarch!



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

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