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We have some pretty impressive award recipients among us. Our regular series continues inside...

BIG HEARTS BEHIND TINY TREASURES

Caloundra Cay's craftiest come together to put big effort into making donations to those tiniest ones in need

AROUND THE GROUNDS

...and check out all the other news from around the Caloundra Cay grounds



Welcome

Hi all - Am I the only one who feels this year is just flying past, as we already approach another Christmas?! This season is truly a time to appreciate each other, as we all know how fast time does pass us by and that we can never get the time back - you've got to make it count!

We have seen amazing events over the year and more coming up like Melbourne Cup, Christmas, a New Year's Eve party and so much more. Just in the past couple of weeks, we saw the Oktoberfest celebration and a great fashion parade. Our committees are doing some amazing work and our Social Committee ensures you are all kept entertained with a wide variety of events on offer. When you reside in a Palm Lake Resort like Caloundra Cay, you really have everything you could ever wish for: A beautiful designer resort and home, with an amazing lifestyle to boot. You can be as busy as you want or as relaxed as you want. The choice is yours. We are also seeing the beautiful Palm Lake Care Caloundra aged caring community being completed just next door (behind the Sales/Admin offices) which will give our homeowners even more options as they navigate life. It's truly an asset to have this community so close to our resort for any of our homeowners' family members. There was a great example of this, as Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay homeowners Vim and Regina testified in our company magazine. They were looking for a lifestyle change but it had to have an aged care option close by for Vim's mother. They found their perfect fit with the Palm Lake Group at Beachmere and now we offer the same resort/care community combination here at Caloundra.

Our last new homeowners have settled in well and we wish them all the best as they discover new friendships and all that this beautiful Sunshine Coast area has to offer. Also, as a reminder, please take care as we have been warned about some potentially crazy wet weather in the months ahead. Stay safe and dry!

Louise Lawrence,
Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay Caretaker

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News briefs

Upcoming special dates to remember

- Nov 1:** Melbourne Cup event
- Nov 3:** Travel Manager's presentation
- Nov 6:** Inaugural volunteers' event
- Nov 20:** The Cay Notes, free performance
- Nov 27:** Lazy Sunday Afternoon: Roy Orbison tribute.
- Dec 3:** Dinner night
- Dec 13:** The Cay Notes, free performance
- Dec 17:** Christmas party
- Dec 18:** Christmas concert (Caloundra Cay Choir)
- Dec 31:** New Year's Eve party

The happiest hours

Do you know the bar opening hours for our two resort watering holes?

Calypso Bar in Hemingway's Country Club:

- Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm*
- Thursday 12 noon - 2pm*
- Happy Hour (Friday): 5.30pm - 6.30pm*

*Or until close

Sports Bar in the Bowls Club

- Sunday 4pm - 6pm
- Tuesday 4pm - 6pm
- Thursday 4.30pm - 6pm
- Friday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Saturday 4.30pm - 6pm

A little further afield...

Until Nov 6: The 28th iteration of the Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) will showcase over 150 diverse and exciting films, inspiring panels and special events. BIFF is a celebration of cinema in Brisbane's cultural heartland, attracting award-winning international films combined with world-class Australian and independent cinema releases. Over 11 days, BIFF will provide unprecedented access to filmmakers, cast and crew for film lovers and industry professionals alike, across a range of screenings, events and industry talks. Visit biff.com.au for full details.

Nov 4-20: Why just see a West End production, when you could solve it, too? Agatha Christie's iconic whodunnit, 'The Mousetrap', has been adapted for the stage, and will be performed at QPAC for a limited run this November.

Nov 24 - 27: The 2022 Australian PGA Championship will see stellar Australian and international golfers battle it out at Royal Queensland Golf Club.

Happy birthday to these special people!

November

Home 3 John B
Home 10 Jenny A
Home 17 Evonne J
Home 19 Linda H
Home 24 Neil C
Home 26 Maggie B
Home 29 Rod B
Home 30 Bill H
Home 40 Sue S
Home 42 Peter M
Home 56 Cedric F
Home 66 Alan C
Home 68 John W
Home 74 Jeffrey L
Home 83 Roslyn S
Home 83 Russell S
Home 86 Sharon W
Home 87 Maarten S
Home 96 Max M
Home 97 Sue L
Home 103 Fay R
Home 112 Garry B
Home 128 John C
Home 130 Roger D
Home 145 Joe M
Home 149 Ross R
Home 152 Sandra P
Home 164 Noela O
Home 169 Lorelle F

Home 171 Ross V
Home 188 Ray D
Home 189 Bob O
Home 200 Tamara B
Home 216 George R
Home 221 Jan K
Home 221 Richard K
Home 223 Graham S
Home 224 Denis S
Home 225 James K
Home 228 Sheryn M
Home 231 Lynn M
Home 242 Mary W
Home 247 Andrew B
Home 258 Lynne T
Home 259 Alison A
Home 265 Patricia J
Home 270 Robin R

December

Home 20 Norma M
Home 21 Lyndal B
Home 36 Jacqueline S
Home 53 Marion B
Home 57 Jenny P
Home 59 Christine D
Home 68 Marcia W
Home 71 Kevin O
Home 71 Kerin O

Home 73 Lyn H
Home 76 Gary C
Home 79 Kerry T
Home 91 Judy K
Home 102 Sue W
Home 109 Barrie H
Home 111 Warwick W
Home 112 Joy B
Home 113 Noela W
Home 117 Arnaldo M
Home 118 Kenneth G
Home 118 Martina G
Home 121 Merryl B
Home 139 Matt V
Home 143 Brian M
Home 145 Frances M
Home 174 Jim W
Home 192 Louise P
Home 193 Gail S
Home 194 Lilian W
Home 211 Cathy M
Home 226 Maria M
Home 230 Julie W
Home 233 Simon C
Home 234 Lindsey G
Home 243 Janet H
Home 254 Elaine H
Home 255 Ross b
Home 261 Roger S
Home 263 Darren B



Pictured: Susan Gray, Ally Hurman and Linda Hardman with some of the garments to be donated to PIPA.

Big support for tiniest babes

By Tony Durkin

A group of creative and crafty Caloundra Cay homeowners have made and donated more than 1500 garments to the Preterm Infants Parents Association (PIPA), a charity offering practical and emotional support to the families of preemie babies.

When retired nurse Ally Hurman moved to Caloundra Cay just on three years ago and became aware of the first-class facilities available in our Craft Room, she realised she had a vehicle to continue her association with PIPA.

"Six years prior to coming here I worked with people who volunteered their time to PIPA and I soon recognised what a special charity it is," she says. "My immediate thought was that there may be like-minded people in here, with similar skills, who would like to come on board and help. That idea has grown into something quite big - and extremely rewarding."

Nicknamed the 'Sew Good Knit-Witters' by the husband of one member of the group, a dozen homeowners get together in the Craft Room on Wednesday mornings to sew, knit and create comfort garments for preemie babies. These include blankets, jackets, hats, dresses and shirts, as well as peanut and horseshoe pillows. And, obviously, these items are tiny. For example, to knit a blanket takes just two balls of wool.

Every six months, a co-ordinator from PIPA travels from Brisbane to collect the items which are utilised at the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital at Herston. The most recent delivery contained 300 pieces.

"Although we aren't actually counting, the number of garments created here and donated to PIPA in the past three years could be around the 1500-plus mark," smiles Ally, who describes the endeavours by the residents as extremely fulfilling and enjoyable.

"Not only are we helping the parents of preemie babies, who are seldom prepared for an early birth, but we are doing something we love. And getting together on a weekly basis is a form of therapy for most of us, who like a chat."

But while the activity may be therapeutic and the equipment provided by Palm Lake Resort of the highest quality, a monetary cost is incurred by the volunteers.

"It isn't a great amount, but we do have to buy our own raw materials," Ally reveals. "Because the clothing is for preemie babies, the wool and fabric - which must be cotton - must also be of top quality."

"And while we are happy to buy the wool and fabric ourselves, in the past we have received donations which have been gratefully received, and certainly appreciated."

Ally is joined in the Sew Good Knit-Witters' group by fellow homeowners Linda Hardman, Susan Gray, Colette Goschnik, Jenny Arthur, Maree Dixon, Shirley Parker, Ros Downing, Sharon Williams, Anke Thurman, Jan Killick and Dani Shaw.

OUR
HONOURED
AUSSIES: MEET
NOEL KELK
OAM

Salt water in his veins

The Order of Australia is an honour that recognises Australian citizens and outstanding achievement and merit in service to Australia or humanity. Tony Durkin continues our series on award-winning Caloundra Cay homeowners...

According to well-known Sunshine Coast sporting identity Ashley Robinson, Caloundra Cay's Noel Kelk is one of the most iconic figures associated with Alexandra Headland Surf Lifesaving Club.

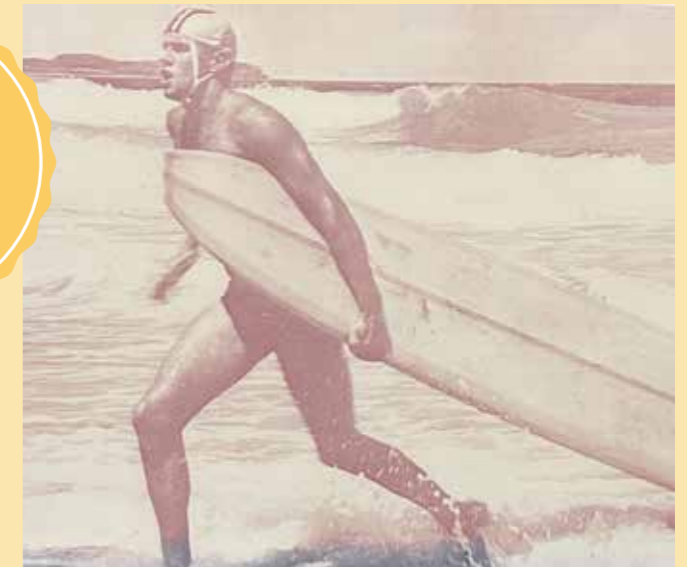
"Ask those who have been connected to the club for many years and they will say that Noel, alongside the Kenny, Wilkes and Buhk families, is the one of the first they think of when the history of the club is raised," says Ashley, who has been CEO of Alex Surf Club since 2010.

"He is hugely regarded in all areas of the Surf Lifesaving movement, well respected as a long-serving official and greatly admired as a former competitor. And his passion for protecting the ocean and those who love to use it, has been second to none."

In the Australia Day Honours list of 2014, Noel Kelk was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for service to the community through the Surf Lifesaving movement.

Noel, who moved to Home 176 at Caloundra Cay from Kawana Island with his wife, Nola, in August last year, joined Alexandra Headland Surf Lifesaving Club in 1953 and became a long-serving and dedicated life saver, branch official and surf sports competitor. He was also one of the crewmen in the inaugural Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service, and an original crew member of the Queensland Wales Helicopter Rescue Service.

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Pictured from top, down: A young Noel Kelk and his beloved board; Kelkie & Hayden Kenny at the second Australian Club Championship won by Alexandra Headland Surf Club; Noel was also one of the crewmen in the inaugural Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service.



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The OAM followed a long list of previous awards for his sustained and outstanding service, including Life Membership of Alex Surf Club, Surf Lifesaving Queensland, and Surf Lifesaving Australia, as well as the Sunshine Coast branch. He was made a Life Governor of Alex Surf Club in 1994 and, in 2000, was awarded a Sports Australia Medal.

Born in Nambour in 1940, Noel grew up on Bradman Ave, Maroochydore, and at age 13 joined Alex Surf Club - a decision at the time which was considered an oddity.

"It was a strange thing for a boy from Maroochydore to join Alex instead of Maroochy, but my two mates and I did it anyway," he recalls. "We were the first three boys from the Maroochy area to join that club and the journey has been both enjoyable - and incredible."

And while privileged to be awarded the OAM and multiple other honours, Noel never sought glory.

"I have lived near the water my whole life and was introduced to fishing and surfing at an early age," says the retired building contractor. "Surf lifesaving is all about the name - being on hand to hopefully help save a life. I never joined any other community service club because surf lifesaving was 'it' for me."

While regarding himself fortunate to be considered someone worthy of the prestigious award and grateful to those who helped him along the way, Noel said the person he had to thank most of all was his late mother, Margaret.

"I really owe a lot to my mother, who let me join Alex more than 70 years ago," he reveals. "Mum was struggling to make ends meet on a war widow's pension, which was peanuts in those days. But she still managed to find the money which enabled me to join the club every year."

When nominating Noel for Life Membership of Surf Lifesaving Australia in 2003, fellow Alex Life Governor Ron Rankin says his involvement in several dramatic surf rescues emphasised his commitment to community safety and the humanitarian ideals of surf lifesaving.

"He was once also seriously injured while actively involved as a Rescue Crewman in the SLSA Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service," Ron recalls.

Noel was also a highly-decorated surf athlete, successfully representing Alex in numerous surf sports events including board racing, ski racing, surf belt racing and surf races at inter-club, branch, inter-branch, state and national levels over a period of more than a quarter of a century. He was also a member of three R&R teams that won gold medals at national level. And after finishing his competitive career, for more than 25 years, Noel was a senior official in surf sports at the Australian Championships and an examiner of lifesaving awards.



Pictured from top, down: Noel Kelk and his wife, Nola, in their Caloundra Cay home; Noel's Surf Lifesaving Australia 'Life Membership' award hangs proudly in the Kelks' home. He received the honour in 2003.



PJs rule!

Words by Tony Durkin

Photos by Janelle Holland

Caloundra Cay's most recent bi-annual Pyjama Party - for ladies - was another roaring success. And most of the roaring was the raucous laughter coming from Hemingway's Theatre.

Just on 40 ladies, from 50 years young to 80-plus, gathered for a night of fun, food, frivolity and some fermentation (alcohol), to enjoy two popular movies.

The first was the 2002 English comedy 'Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War' which is the story of a woman coerced by

her manipulative son and daughter-in-law to move into a run-down nursing home. She doesn't like it one bit and, showing her frustration, finally incites her fellow inmates to revolt.

The second movie, an Aussie production tagged 'How to Please a Woman' is - broadly - based on a rather interesting example of house cleaning. It has been defined in various ways, but generally is 'a movie that touches on many of the frustrations that plague a generation of women who have been made to feel invisible'.

"It was a fun night, enjoyable to the hilt and one everyone who attended will not forget for a while," says Janelle Holland, one of the instigators of the Pyjama Party, along with Di Clark. "The original idea of the Pyjama Parties was to provide something for the ladies to gather, and have a good laugh, because living at Palm Lake Resort is all about fun and friendship. And that aim was certainly achieved."

And while no prizes were offered for originality of the dress code, most residents made a real effort and looked their bedroom best - aided by an array of teddy bears and snugly blankets. While food and drink - particularly Jaffas - were BYO, Janelle provided guests with a choc-top each at intermission.



Pictured: George and John at home at Caloundra Cay.

London accent unites Poms

By Tony Durkin

An ‘allo George’ greeting one afternoon at bowls has led to the implausible realisation that two octogenarian Londoners could well have unknowingly crossed paths 49 years ago.

In a chat that followed that recent greeting, Caloundra Cay homeowners George Reid (Home 270) and John Hosegood (Home 134) discovered they travelled to Sydney from Southampton in 1973 on the same ship, SS Australis.

“That’s the beauty of name tags,” quipped George (now 83) who says he and John had never previously met when the greeting from his fellow Pom immediately stamped him as an ex-Londoner.

“It was an unmistakable accent and there was instant warmth. We chatted away and after swapping a heap of questions and answers, realised we arrived here on the same boat, on the same day. What an incredible coincidence.”

While George - a single 34-year-old man at the time, looking for adventure - paid the full fare (110 pounds),

John, his wife and two young sons travelled as ‘Ten-Pound Poms’, an assisted passage migration scheme offered by the Australian Government.

Promising employment prospects, affordable housing and a generally more optimistic lifestyle, the scheme attracted almost one million Britons, with an estimated 75 per cent never returning home to live. At the time, Australian wages were up to 50 per cent more than those paid in England.

“The main stipulation of the assisted passage was that we had to stay in Australia for at least two years, but as a young family we had no issue with that,” says John, 80, who re-settled in the Brisbane suburb of Inala following the six-week voyage.

“My wife was Irish, had an adventurous nature, and she made the initial suggestion. It took us 12 months to make up our minds and then get organised, but we never had any regrets. On the trip out here, we scored a well-appointed cabin next to the purser. Just outside was a reasonably sized hallway where we played a lot of indoor cricket. The boys – Ian and Jason - both celebrated their birthdays during the trip.”

With the promise of a job and a house, sparkie John, wife Barbara and the boys travelled from Sydney to Brisbane by train and on the day they arrived, John had his first job interview.

“I started work a week later,” he recalls, working for several different businesses before ultimately gaining his electrical contractor’s licence at age 49, and then retiring to the Sunshine Coast 14 years ago.

George, who completed an apprenticeship as a print compositor, sold insurance and owned a local village store during a colourful adult life in England, had a more whirlwind start to his new life in Australia. Within six months of arriving in March, he had re-united with his sister

in Sydney, scored a job as a print sales rep, met his wife Robbie on a blind date and three months later they were married. And his career in the printing industry blossomed to the stage where he became National Sales Director of Rupert Murdoch’s Progress Press, the biggest printing company in Australia.

“It was an action-packed start to my life DownUnder, but it was like a dream come true,” he says. “The memory of sailing into Sydney Harbour remains as vivid today as it was almost 50 years ago. I thought ‘Wow, how good is this place!’ ”

And in the following five decades George, with Robbie by his side, has traversed much of this great country, experiencing a life most would envy. They have owned, leased and managed motels and apartment blocks, lived on a five-acre farm in the Gold Coast hinterland, on a 36-foot boat at Hervey Bay and a 42-foot boat at Airlie Beach.

“We also travelled around Australia in a caravan for 14 months, so there aren’t too many places we haven’t seen,” says George who retired only two years ago, and moved into Caloundra Cay with Robbie in September last year.

John spent his working life in Brisbane and lived in three different houses – at Inala, Jamboree Heights, and Middle Park – before relocating to Pelican Waters in retirement. In 2011, he lost his wife Barbara, and has since met his partner Margaret with whom he has shared their Caloundra Cay home for the past three years. After their boys settled into school, Barbara started casual work with Target, and eventually became the company’s first female store manager in Queensland.

“We have absolutely loved it here in Australia,” he says.

“Both the boys have done well in their chosen careers, have married and had children, and often thanked their mum and me for bringing them to Australia.

“Then, to meet George here, who lived just a few suburbs away in London and is now in the same Palm Lake Resort community, adds another chapter to what has been a truly amazing adventure.”



Pictured: The SS Australis memorabilia.

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Weekly activities

Monday

TBC Bus trip (see sign-up sheet for destination)
 7.30am Tennis and pickleball round robins
 8.30am Pilates
 9.30am Zumba Gold
 11am Tai chi, Qi-gong
 12.50pm for 1pm start Hand & Foot Card Game
 1pm Learn to play bowls coaching
 1.30pm Golf simulator training (when required)
 3pm Pool/Billiard Room

Tuesday

9.30am Bingo
 9.45am for 10am start Lawn bowls (10 ends)
 12 noon Ladies who lunch (1st Tuesday of the month)
 12.45pm for 1pm start Lawn bowls (20 ends)
 6pm Residents' 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
 1pm Mah-jong
 1-4pm 500 - cards
 2-2.45pm Swimming classes
 3pm Table tennis
 3pm Snooker
 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three start times)

Thursday

7.30am Tennis
 8.30-11.30am Workshop
 9am Yoga
 9am Artist group (not held on the third Thursday)
 9-11.30am Make handmade greeting cards (third Thursday of the month, cost \$10)
 9.45am for 10am start Lawn bowls (10 ends)
 10.15am Beginners and advanced Dancercise
 12.30pm Residents' lunch (book via Portal)
 2pm Cribbage
 2.15pm for 2.30pm start Lawn bowls (14 ends)
 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three start times)
 3.30pm Pétanque
 3.30pm Ladies' fun table tennis
 6pm Tennis & Pickleball round robins

Friday

8.30am Bus to rehearsals with Inspiration Choir
 10.45am Aqua aerobics
 12.30-2.30pm Milon gym training
 12.50pm for 1pm start Hand & Foot card game
 4.30pm for 5pm start Lawn bowls/Scroungers
 5.30pm Happy Hour

Weekend

Sat 9-11am Table tennis
 Sat 12.45pm for 1pm start Lawn bowls (two games pairs, 10 ends)
 Sun 12.45pm for 1pm start Lawn bowls (20 ends)
 Sun 6.30pm Movie night

Around the grounds

There's been loads going on, including a fashion parade and Oktoberfest. Cheers to our wonderful community resort lifestyle!



Homes for sale

Home 56 - \$935,000



Brand spankin' new!

At just four months young, this impeccable "Manaboa" is on the market and priced to sell. It features two bedrooms, with the main boasting an impressive ensuite and walk-in robe. The activity room will easily accommodate a third bed, or use it as a TV room or even a craft room - make it your own space to enjoy. The kitchen has more than ample storage and SMEG appliances to top it off. Head outside and you will find yourself enjoying the afternoon sunshine while you admire the large 3.5m backyard, complete with low maintenance gardens.

Other features:

- Alarm system
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Solar panels

Home 200 - \$935,000



Miss Popularity

The "Flamenco" was without a doubt Caloundra Cay's most popular design. The main bedroom is complimented by a generous walk-in robe and ensuite. The second bedroom has an ample built-in robe fitted with hanging, shelving and drawers. The kitchen has an abundance of storage and has an open flow into the dining/living areas. The home boasts the largest of yards within the resort, with plenty of room for your beloved furry friend to run around.

Other features:

- Alarm system
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Solar hot water

For more info, contact Sales Consultant Julie-Ann on 0499 996 310 or email julieannah@palmlake.com.au

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