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Our new Resort Community Association has been formed - let us introduce you to the committee

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Caloundra Cay homeowners are quite the sporting type. Meet some stand-out players inside

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Welcome

Welcome to another edition of *Calypso!*

Spring has definitely sprung and it is wonderful to see the warmer weather fast approaching with all of the beautiful sights and sounds this time of year brings. Flowers are starting to bloom, birds are chirping and we are seeing more and more people out and about enjoying our wonderful lifestyle here at Caloundra. It has been great to meet so many of our homeowners out and about the resort grounds already in our short time here, making the most of the spring sunshine that makes this time of the year so enjoyable.

As you may have noticed, there has been quite a bit of work going on in the gardens around the lake area recently, ahead of the warmer months. This area is such a beautiful place to enjoy a stroll, have a chat with fellow homeowners, or just soak up some peace and quiet (as pictured above). Our grounds team members have done a fantastic job in our gardens over the past few months and we are sure you will enjoy these lakeside surrounds on your next visit.

Volunteers are the backbone of resort living, and we are lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers here at Caloundra Cay who work tirelessly to arrange activities for homeowners on a regular basis. We would like to thank all of the hard-working volunteers here who do so much to arrange functions and activities around the resort. The amount of work these volunteers do behind the scenes is amazing and it is great to see so many homeowners enjoying the activities/functions that are arranged. We are always hearing such positive feedback after events that are arranged by these volunteers and we love seeing the photos of everyone who attends, all with happy, smiling faces.

One thing everyone notices when they arrive at Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay are the welcoming surrounds and first-class facilities we have here at the resort. From our stunning Hemingways Country Club and the undercover bowls precinct, to the picturesque lakeside walkways and inviting swimming pools, we can see why so many people decide to call Caloundra Cay home. We feel privileged to be able to work in such a beautiful resort alongside wonderful people. Every day is wonderful here in Caloundra, so we aim to make the most of what we have and enjoy the small moments that make life so special. And we hope you do, too. Until next time, take care.

**Enza and Mark, Caretakers,
Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay**

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News briefs



Our golfing gun

Just before Caloundra Golf Club President Jimmy Burns (Home 198) left for his recent two-month cruise back to his native Ireland, Linda Chalmers (Home 252) made a bold declaration.

"Linda told me she would shave 10 strokes from her handicap while I'm away," reveals Jimmy, who has just teed off for his 21st year in the chair at Caloundra.

And that is precisely what she did. A former 18 handicapper back in her home country of Scotland, Linda had not played golf for six years prior to moving to Caloundra Cay in July last year, and subsequently joining Caloundra just a few months ago. After submitting the required three cards for a handicap, Linda started on the generous mark of 36. But, after playing just five competition rounds, her handicap was slashed by those 10 strokes she had confidently predicted to the Caloundra GC boss.

Jason Looker, Caloundra Golf Club General Manager, revealed that while Linda's achievement was quite remarkable, such a handicap reduction from former players was not unusual, or unexpected. In her first competition round Linda played to her handicap, scoring 36 Stableford points. In her second, she returned 69 nett, beating her handicap by four. As a result, her first handicap cut was from 36 to 32, and her second down to 26.9.

While Linda concedes she is just 'an average' golfer, some golfing greatness does run in the family. Her daughter Jemma was a champion junior amateur in Scotland and, after being awarded a golf scholarship, studied in the US for two years before returning to her native Scotland to finish her degree.

Footnote: The new Pelican Waters Golf Course is now open for play! Book a tee time at pelicanwatersgolfclub.com.au And don't forget that the Golf Club Cafe is also open Tuesday to Saturday for breakfast and lunch, from 8.30am to 4pm.

The happiest of hours

Here are the opening hours for our two Caloundra Cay watering holes:

Calypso Bar

- Tues, 5.30pm - 7pm*
- Thurs, noon - 2pm*
- Happy Hour (Friday), 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Sports Bar

- Sunday, 4pm - 6pm
- Tuesday, 4pm - 6pm
- Thurs, 4.30pm - 6pm
- Fri, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Sat, 4.30pm - 6pm

Weekly activities

MONDAY

- 7.30am Tennis, pickleball round robins
- 8.30am Pilates
- 9.30am Zumba Gold
- 11am Tai chi, Qi-gong
- 12.50pm for 1pm Hand & Foot Cards
- 1pm Learn to bowl and skills training
- 1.30pm Golf simulator training (TBC)
- 3pm Pool/Billiard Room

TUESDAY

- 8.30am Table tennis
- 9.30am Bingo
- 9.45am for 10am Lawn bowls (10 ends)
- 12 noon Ladies who lunch (1st Tuesday)
- 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
- 1pm Mah-jong
- 1-4pm 500 - cards
- 2.30pm-3.15pm Swimming (beginner/advanced)
- 3pm Snooker
- 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three starts)
- 6.30pm Movie night

THURSDAY

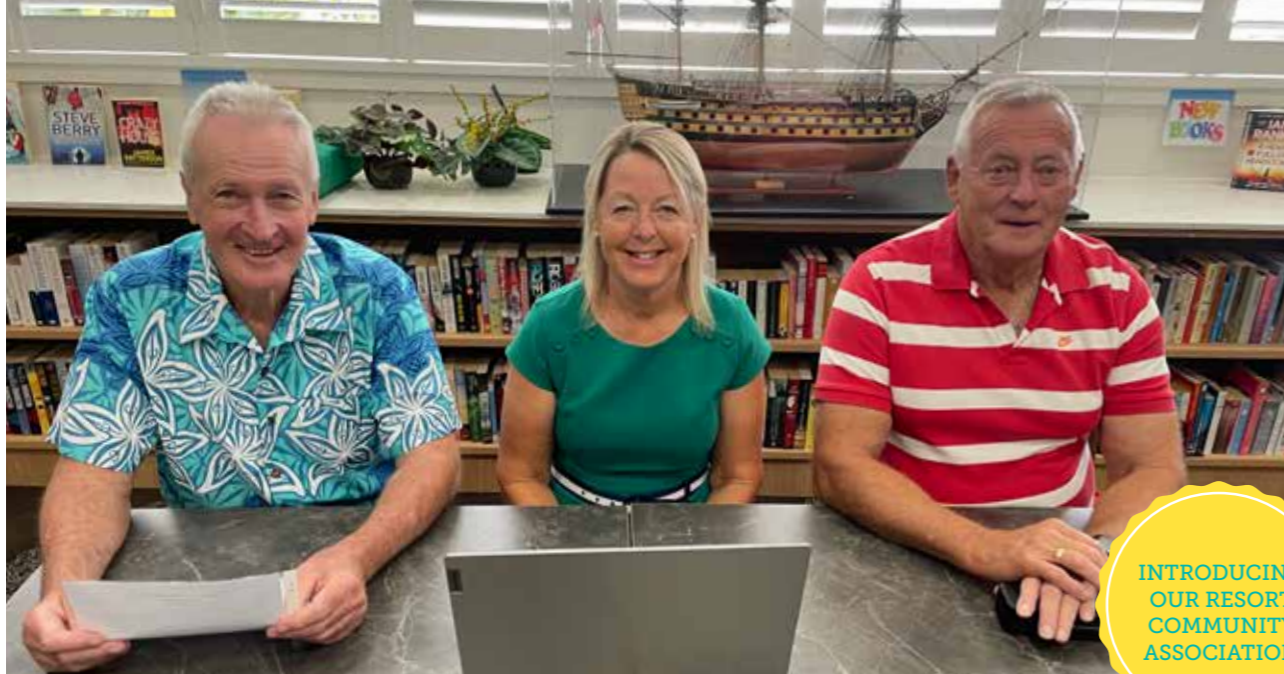
- 7.30am Tennis
- 8.30-11.30am Workshop
- 9am Yoga
- 9am Artist group (not on third Thursday)
- 9-11.30am Make handmade greeting cards (third Thursday, cost \$10)
- 9.45am for 10am Lawn bowls (10 ends)
- 12.30pm Homeowners' lunch (see Portal)
- 1.30pm Cribbage
- 2.15pm for 2.30pm Lawn bowls (14 ends)
- 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three starts)
- 3pm Ladies' fun table tennis
- 3.30pm Pétanque

FRIDAY

- 8.30am Caloundra Cay Singers rehearsal
- 10.45am Aqua aerobics
- 12noon-2.30pm Milon gym training
- 12.50pm for 1pm Hand & Foot cards
- 4.30pm for 5pm start Lawn bowls/Scroungers
- 5.30pm Happy Hour

WEEKEND

- Sat 8.30am Saturday swimming group
- Sat 9-10.30am Table tennis
- Sat 12.45 for 1pm Lawn bowls (Pairs 10 ends)
- Sun 12.45 for 1pm Lawn bowls (20 ends)
- Sun 6.30pm Movie night



Caloundra Cay's new constitution has created an overarching management committee which will be responsible for implementing all functions outlined in our new constitution, including those previously performed by the Home Owners Committee (HOC). Let's get to know the new committee...

Meet our new management committee

President: Ken Sharpe (Home 61)

Born, raised and educated in Sydney, Ken bypassed his desire to be a PE teacher and joined the former PMG, which later became Telstra. He progressively rose through the ranks, reaching Senior Executive level (top 100 of 50,000 employees) with expertise in areas of HR, finance and IT solutions. Ken was Specialist Project Manager across a diverse portfolio which included design and implementation of the staff-share scheme when Telstra was floated; development and implementation of strategy to diminish the effects of Unions within Telstra; and the rationalisation of 64 payroll systems onto one platform. Post Telstra, Ken worked in Senior Executive roles in a government business enterprise as well as a large not-for-profit organisation.

Having owned a unit at Golden Beach since 2003 with the intention of eventually moving to the Sunshine Coast, Ken retired in 2013 and he and his partner Elisa relocated to Landsborough in 2015 and then to Caloundra Cay in 2022.

A keen sportsman, Ken played grade cricket and baseball in Sydney, was Head Coach of major Baseball League clubs, NSW and Australian under 18s and the NSW Claxton Shield team.

Secretary: Julia Latimer (Home 74)

Julia and husband Jeff moved to Caloundra Cay in January 2022 after living in Perth and on the Gold Coast following their marriage in 2017. Born in England, Julia spent three years in Bermuda as a child, but returned to England before emigrating to Australia in 1978, where she finished high school. She then travelled extensively, arriving in Perth in 1989, where she resided until 2020.

Working her way up the corporate ladder to her most recent six-year role as Executive Assistant to the CEO, Board and General Counsel/Corporate Secretary for Brightwater Care Group (a large not-for-profit WA aged-care provider), Julia's secretarial/admin skills were honed in various earlier roles. She was PA to the Motoring Executive Team of RAC WA for eight years; PA to well-known Perth businessman Peter Prendiville (the owner of Sandalford Wines among other hospitality interests) for five years; and four years as WA State Secretary for the NAB. And, when her children were young, Julia conducted her own bookkeeping service for several clients, one of whom was Peter Ellery, AO, Manager of Government and Public Affairs for Woodside and CEO of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA. Julia and Jeff are a sporting couple who enjoy travelling.

Pictured left: The newly formed Caloundra Cay Resort Community Association comprises members offering a wealth of professional talent. The association includes, pictured from left, Ken Sharpe, Julia Latimer and Gary Hogarth among other committee members.

Treasurer: Gary Hogarth (Home 201)

Fittingly, for our new Association Treasurer, a successful career in banking and finance evolved for Gary, who was born and educated in Sydney. Joining the Rural Bank of NSW when graduating high school, he successfully completed studies in Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) and Cert IV Financial Services (Mortgage/Finance Broking). His career included roles from teller, to manager of the organisation's largest branch. When the bank's focus shifted to asset protection during the recession of the early '90s, Gary was appointed to manage its commercial asset management office, covering commercial exposure, with an emphasis on ensuring the area was tightly managed; to identify likely instances where losses might be experienced, and mitigating such cases. After those turbulent years, Gary moved into financial planning, working for one of the forefathers of the industry in Australia, Harold Bodinnar, of Bodinnar's Personal Financial Planners. He later joined the mortgage aggregator arm of Professional Investment Services, Australian Loan Company, as Compliance Manager, directly involved with the development of policy and procedures documents, along with the launch of the aggregator's own home-loan product.

In retirement, Gary and his wife Pam made one of their greatest decisions as a married couple and moved to Caloundra Cay in 2021, where they are loving life.

Committee: Denis Shaw (Home 224)

Denis was educated at Melbourne University High School, then Preston and Footscray Institutes of Technology where he graduated in Civil Engineering with a Diploma in Building Project Management. He then jumped on the construction merry-go-round and built industrial subdivisions, marinas, bridges, precast buildings, roads, commercial swimming pools and industrial sub divisions for various companies.

In 1990, Denis, his wife Dani and children Carmen and Grant moved to Queensland. In his 'second-life' career, he spent three decades as Project and Construction Engineer for Caloundra City and Sunshine Coast Councils, specifically employed in the construction of commercial buildings and swimming pools, as well as drainage, water/sewer systems, roads, bridges, dredging and coastal protection works.

A Brisbane Lions fan, Caloundra Golf Club member and 10-years active member of Dicky Beach SLSC, Denis has served on the HOC since 2021. He has contributed

to identifying lawn bowls rink surface imperfections, pavement repairs, road signage, drain cleaning, golf membership and solar matters, as well as assisting in the production and functioning of the Issues Register.

Denis and Dani recently visited their daughter in North Carolina and while there inspected a Sun City over-55s gated resort, giving the grandfather of four boys an understanding of the development of this style of living.

Committee: Tom Kotze (Home 126)

Born in Malmesbury, South Africa, Tom graduated from the South African Police College and served in the Police Special Task Force. He progressed to the level of Commander of Detective Branch, Durbanville, Cape Town, and was awarded the South Africa Police Medal for combating Terrorism. Tom married his high school sweetheart, Georgena, in 1972, and they are still happily together after moving to Caloundra Cay in 2022. After retiring from the Police Service, Tom served as trustee on the management committee of Cambridge House Apartments in Durbanville, and was school board member of Kuswag High School, Amanzimtoti, also in South Africa. In 1986, Tom introduced his own private investigations business, and four years later emigrated to New Zealand to take up a position as Property Manager at the large campus of Westlake Boys High School in Auckland. Also, as a part-time activity, he conducted a very successful cleaning company in Auckland, employing 14 staff. After retiring in 2014, Tom and Georgena 'crossed the ditch', toured Australia for two years and finally settled on the Sunshine Coast, to be close to their family.

Committee: Lil Wylie (Home 194)

Although born in the Sunraysia district of Mildura, Lil grew up and was schooled in South Australia. Following a European backpacking holiday in 1972, she met husband Michael and was married in 1976. They moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1996 and purchased management rights, at Caloundra and then Maroochydore. After selling their business in 1998, Lil moved into an administrative role with a Sunshine Coast body corporate management company - a position she held for two decades, retiring in 2018. Because of the cold weather, a move back to South Australia in 2019 (to Michael's dream home overlooking the 18th green at McCracken Golf course) lasted just 18 months, and they became homeowners at Caloundra Cay in 2021.

Lil says her only 'claim to fame' is her Second Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwo Do, which she completed in 2008. She competed in competitions for two years, winning gold medals each year in both state and national titles. Because of work commitments at the time, Lil turned down her invitation to represent Australia. Since moving to Caloundra Cay, Lil has attained her RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate and regularly serves in Hemingways and the Sports bar.

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Committee: Allan Young (Home 95)

A foundation member of our HOC when he and his wife Rhonda moved to Caloundra Cay in 2018, Allan spent his career in local government. Born and educated in the New England regional town of Inverell, his working life started as a junior clerk with the North West County Council and he rose through the ranks in various local government councils in New South Wales and Queensland, to senior positions of Administration Manager, Director of Corporate Services, Chief Executive Officer and, ultimately, General Manager. To facilitate his corporate ladder progress, the father of sons Adrian and Neil undertook external studies and completed his Commerce Certificate, Bachelor of Business Degree majoring in Local Government and Legal Studies, and Graduate Diploma in Management. Allan's community involvement has included directorships on a local hospital board, a local government employees credit union and Hunter Councils Ltd. He was also the local government-appointed delegate and inaugural secretary for the New England Rural Counselling Service and has been either a representative or advisory member on numerous local government regional advisory groups, and working parties. As well, Allan has served on various community committees such as childcare and preschool associations, P & Cs, school councils, touch football and swimming clubs.

Committee: Wayne Matthews (Home 238)

As a school cadet at 13, Wayne was attracted to the services, joining the Royal Australian Navy for seven years when 16, which included active service in Vietnam. Wayne was born, raised and educated in Warragul, Victoria, and on his discharge from the RAN in 1973, he enlisted in the Army Reserve where he spent 12 years, rising through the ranks to Second Lieutenant. His two-year officers' course focused mainly on tactics and leadership. While in the Reserve, Wayne worked in his dad's caravan business

and developed a purpose-built park for relocatable homes, subsequently selling the park and for the next two decades concentrating his efforts on manufacturing, eventually employing 40 full-time staff. With two business partners, Wayne then purchased an existing caravan park on the South Coast of NSW, part of which he had rezoned to a Manufactured Home Village. During this time, he was also instrumental in founding a company which opened two branches of Bendigo Community Bank, operated by an unlisted public company with more than 200 shareholders, with capital of \$850,000. Until he retired with \$200 million under management, Wayne was company chairman for a decade. In this role, dealing with public money, he said honesty, integrity, transparency and accountability were major components.

Committee: Greg Cassin (Home 63)

Freight/transport industry managerial roles evolved for Greg after graduating with his HSC from Sydney's Sir Joseph Banks High School, where he was school Vice-Captain. After gaining his Management Certificate at TAFE, at 27 he was transferred to Townsville with Ansett Freight, as Branch Manager. Greg was later promoted to Darwin as Manager, where his duties were budget forecasts, sales, labour hire, cost control and overall management of the branch, which included the Northern Territory region. While in Darwin he became Deputy Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Transport and also met his wife Donna - on a blind date at Darwin Sailing Club. A keen surfer, Greg moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1995 and joined Hume Doors as Maroochydore Branch Manager, and later Toll Ipec at Forest Glen, as Business Executive. He and Donna raised their two children on the Sunshine Coast where Greg joined Caloundra Coast Guard as a volunteer. A love of travelling enabled Greg to visit, and live, in a myriad of countries including the USA, UK and South Africa, and the couple has recently returned from French Polynesia. Wanting to contribute to the Caloundra Cay community, as well as joining the Management Committee Greg has gained his RSA qualifications.

- Compiled by TONY DURKIN



Pictured left: Greg, Allan, Ken, Lil, Denis and Wayne.

Pictured above: Tom.



THESE NINE SCORE NINES FOR A 10 OUT OF 10 RESULT!



Pictured top: Ross, Karen and Tom. Above left: Jim, Betty and John. Above right: John, Bryan and Grantley.

The magic number nine

Tom is not the only skip to have achieved this feat in the past few months at Caloundra Cay Bowls Club. During the bountiful bowls month of July, three teams cracked the 'maximum'.

Grantley Towell (skip), John Lugton (second) and Bryan Nolan (lead) also scored a nine on one end of triples, as did Betty Boyd (skip), Jim Williams (second) and John Villani (lead).

But it was Tom, and his team of Karen Brunkhorst (lead) and Ross Valentine (second), who were first this year to score their magical number.

Caloundra Cay sports nut, Tom Williams, has done it again. The popular ex-pat Englishman – with the aid of his bowls team – has recently scored a maximum nine from nine on one end of triples, for the third time.

His initial 'team nine' was in his early days as a Caloundra Cay homeowner, with his second coming early last year. While this feat is not rare in bowls, it is still regarded as quite remarkable and has now been achieved eight times since Caloundra Cay Bowls Club was opened in 2019. And the team to start the ball rolling was skipped by Allan Young, with Annie Hart playing second and Graham Jeffrey the lead.

Later, Bob Turner (skip), Christine Hudson (second) and Toby Constable scored nine points on one end, joining – yet again – Tom Williams, who skipped Gail Smith and Darren Burke.

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- Garage 2

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- Garage 2

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- Garage 2

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- Study 1
- Alfresco 1
- Garage 2



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Pictured above left: Santa Jim with Kermit the Frog. **Pictured above right:** Santa Jim in his other role with Sharon, his wife of 55 years, and their granddaughters, Scarlett and Eva.

Santa swaps snow for Sunshine Coast

By **TONY DURKIN**

At Caloundra Cay, Santa has discarded his sleigh – and reindeer – and has replaced it with a green mobility scooter.

Jim Withford (Home 48), a former bookmaker with a four-decade sales career in whitegoods and real estate, turned his hand to being the big man in the red suit after retiring in 2009.

"I felt I needed to do something and saw an advertisement in the *Sunshine Coast Daily* for a role as Santa Clause for Myer, at the Sunshine Plaza," Jim recalls.

"I'm not sure I was thrilled at the reason for the compliment, but the interviewer told me I was perfect for the job. Put it this way, I did not need to add any padding."

For seven years from 2009, in the three weeks leading up to Christmas, Jim worked his fatherly charm on both the children and their parents. And for four years, after being approached by an impressed executive, he performed similar duties for retail giant Harvey Norman. While many may believe it to be a cushy job, Jim says there were challenges.

"The initial task was to learn as much as possible about

Santa, and his reindeer. It would have been a travesty if Santa was stumped by an innocent question," he smiles. "I also had to have an intimate knowledge of the current popular toys and gifts. If a child told me they wanted a certain toy, I had to reply with the details – things like the colour, and the characteristics."

As well, the father of two and grandfather of three, needed a police check and a Blue Card. He also learned to keep an eye on the parents when a child requested a certain toy.

"If a kid asked for a pony for instance, I'd get a shake of the head from mum and then needed to be quick enough to come up with a reason why Santa could not grant that particular wish," he says.

And while there were few embarrassing moments, Jim vividly recalls the time he was photographed with a family of 15!

Born and bred in Townsville, Jim and his wife Sharon relocated to the Sunshine Coast in 1978, and moved into Caloundra Cay 18 months ago.

NOTE: Jim's green mobility scooter was bequeathed him by a close mate and co-worker, Ray Sinclair, who passed away earlier in the year. Although he is not disabled, Jim uses the scooter – nicknamed Kermit the Frog – to navigate Caloundra Cay.

Fed up Santa

Contributed by 'SANTA' JIM

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and Santa was crabby,
He cursed all the elves, and retired to his abbey.
Miserable little brats, ungrateful little jerks,
I have a good mind to remove, each one of their perks.*

*I've busted my butt, for damn near a year,
But instead of 'thanks Santa', what do I hear?
Mrs Claus nags, 'cause I work late at night,
The elves want more money, and the reindeer all fight.*

*Rudolph got randy and chased all the girls,
Donner is angry, 'cos Vixen platted his curls.
And just when I thought, things might become better,
That bloody taxman; he sends me a letter.*

*He says I owe taxes; now isn't that funny,
Who the hell ever, gave Santa Claus money?
Certainly not kids these days, who are heard but not seen,
They want the impossible, yet they consider me mean.*

*I've spent a whole year, making wagons and sleds.
Assembling dolls; fittings arms, legs and heads.
I've made a heap of yoyos, but no request for them,
The kids want computers and iPods; I'm not IBM.*

*Flying through the air, dodging the trees,
Climbing down chimneys and skinning my knees.
I'm quitting this job; there's just no enjoyment,
I'll sit on my butt, and draw unemployment.*

*There'll be no Christmas visits, at least not this year,
And I say that with joy; there's no hint of a tear.
By now you should all realise, why I'm on the move,
I've found Caloundra Cay, where the locals all groove!*



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