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July - August 2022

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CAPILANO SON'S SWEET TREAT

We have honey-producing celebrity among our ranks, and Cliff's bringing the sweet treats home for all

THE EKKA'S BACK!

After a two-year hiatus, the Ekka is back and there's one Caloundra Cay resident who is happier than most

AROUND THE GROUNDS

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

Pictured: How glorious is the weather right now? Make sure you get out and about and enjoy all that the 'Sunshine' Coast has to offer.



Welcome

Hi all and welcome to the latest edition of our *Calypso* resort newsletter. It has been three months since I started at Caloundra Cay and I have met some pretty amazing people already. I have settled in well with the team here and in my home, and I've also started exploring the surrounding areas on my weekends off. My dog, River, arrived here from New Zealand recently and that has motivated me to get out of the house. We have been for long walks on Kings Beach, Bokarina Foreshore loop, The Tunnel Track at Dularcha National Park and so many more. What I've learned is that we do live in such a beautiful part of Queensland with everything you need right on your doorstep. I am also expecting my fourth grandchild in a couple of weeks - this time a little girl - and we are so excited!

But, enough about me. After the big rains recently, the team here has had to work hard to get the resort gardens looking great again and we will continue to work hard over winter so our homeowners can enjoy walking down to the lakes and more in the coming months.

Thank you to those homeowners who have made me feel welcome and keep checking in on me and my team. I especially appreciate the thank-you emails and phone calls. I'd like to give my own special thank you to all our volunteers who work around our resort on the different committees etc. You are greatly valued.

Louise Lawrence
Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay Caretaker

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News briefs



Market in your diary

On the last Friday night of every month are the Caloundra Twilight Markets on the waterfront at Bulcock Beach. It's one of the best places to be to enjoy live music, delicious food, unique arts and crafts, and more. The shops and restaurants on the Esplanade are also open for late-night trading on market nights.

This is Your Time... magazine

If you haven't already received a copy of the Winter 2022 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, you should check it out online. Visit the Palm Lake Resort company website at palmakeresort.com.au and click on the 'News & Events' tab in the menu.

What they say...

"My wife and I have recently bought a house at Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay through the onsite agent, Julie-Ann Hedge. Our buying experience with Julie-Ann has been very positive throughout the whole process. From our first arrival at the resort, she was punctual and of service to us all the way, firstly by showing us the house for sale, followed by taking us on a tour of all the available facilities to residents. She was very professional in her approach and our subsequent dealings with her were prompt and efficient throughout. She is a valuable asset to the resort. We highly recommend Julie-Ann."

- Thomas and Georgena Kotze

"We engaged Julie-Ann Hedge to sell our home at Caloundra Cay. Through her knowledge of the market and of Caloundra Cay's facilities, she was able to facilitate a sale within a week of being listed. The sale exceeded our expectations. At all times Julie-Ann kept us updated and answered all our queries in a very professional manner. We would recommend her to any resident considering selling within the resort."

- Michael and Brenda Herbert (Home 184)

Happy birthday to these special people!

July

Ray T (Home 9), Janelle H (Home 12), Agnes C (Home 13), Karen B (Home 29), Eileen R (Home 30), Judith C (Home 32), Peter H (Home 60), Leeann T (Home 37), Rhonda Y (Home 95), Jan M (Home 96), George L (Home 97), Christine H (Home 109), Julie T (Home 120), Ross L (Home 127), Darryl G (Home 131), Margaret C (Home 134), Bill S (Home 135), Oaul B (Home 142), Carol M (Home 147), Irma B (Home 148), Jeanette W (Home 156), Carol O (Home 47), Jenny W (Home 256), Graham E (Home 54), Jenny M (Home 43), Wilda P (Home 249), Roger C (Home 72), Lynne M (Home 46), Veronica C (Home 166), Terry J (Home 211), Don L (Home 178), Jim W (Home 48), Ron M (Home 190), Chris B (Home 222), Cheryl L (Home 178), Brenda H (Home 184), Bruce S (Home 193), Elizabeth R (Home 187).

August

Keith M (Home 50), Delwynne D (Home 5), John B (Home 7), Bill G (Home 52), Carole H (Home 62), Colin C (Home 11), Allan A (Home 55), Graham J (Home 17), Christine D (Home 197), Kathy S (Home 262), Ros D (Home 23), Jackie S (Home 87), Debra C (Home 179), George R (Home 270), Ally H (Home 106), Gary P and Pam P (Home 110), Paul R (Home 84), Jo Anne J (Home 219), Bruce C (Home 122), Gerrie B (Home 125), Michelle M (Home 129), Leeanne B (Home 141), Neville H (Home 146), Nola E (Home 151), Geoff H (Home 155), Shirley L (Home 162), Dan C and Naomi C (Home 170), Ray P (Home 192), Jan W (Home 235), Stella B (Home 222), Ronald P (Home 249), George W (Home 229), Anne T (Home 227), Lester E (Home 186), John P (Home 15), Denise D (Home 191).

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We will remember them

Words by Tony Durkin
Photos by Janelle Holland

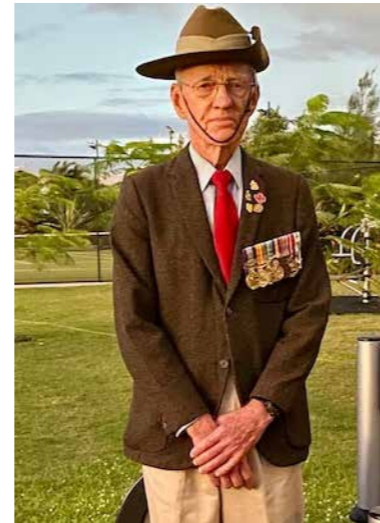
Anzac Day at Caloundra Cay was especially emotive in 2022, with the recently-installed flagpole proudly flying the Australian flag while Remembrance wreaths and poppies were laid at the foot of the new memorial plaque.

The Dawn Commemorative Service was co-ordinated by the Caloundra Cay Veterans Group, with residents involved in each of the key roles. Wing Commander Rob Parkes delivered the Commemorative Address, Allan Adams recited The Ode and retired Salvation Army Majors Maree and Trevor Strong performed the Dedication of Hymn and Prayers, with Maree also presiding over Benediction and Trevor playing The Last Post.

Following the Lakeside service, residents and visitors moved to Hemingways Country Club for a Gunfire Breakfast, which consisted of bacon and egg burgers, ANZAC biscuits and tea and coffee, as well as the traditional rum and milk.

Pictured Page 4, from top down: Chief Petty Officer Andrew Brownrigg, Wayne Matthews and Neil Greene. Majors Maree and Trevor Strong, and Allan Adams. Gary Beck and Gary Chapman. Robbie Hooper with Caloundra Cay caretaker Louise Lawrence.

Pictured Page 5, from top down: Wing Commander Rob and Wanda Parkes. Nola Weis and Margie Rosbrook. Joan Bryson and Norma McRae. Janelle Holland and Belinda Reddan.



Weekly activities

Monday

TBC Bus trip (see sign-up sheet for destination)
7.30am Tennis and pickleball round robins
8.30am Pilates
10am-11am Fay's Dancercise – Beginners
11.15am-12.15pm Fay's Dancercise - Advanced
12.50pm for 1pm start Hand & Foot Card Game
1pm Learn to play bowls
4pm Pool/Billiard Room

Tuesday

8am-10am Milon gym training
9.30am Bingo! (Starts January 12)
9.45am for 10am start Lawn bowls (10 ends)
12.45pm for 1pm start Lawn bowls (20 ends)
6pm Residents' dinner (book via Portal)

Wednesday

TBC Bus trip (see sign-up sheet for destination)
8.30am Pilates
10am Aqua aerobics
10am Knitters & Sewers
1pm Mah-jong
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three start times)
3pm Table tennis
6.30pm Caloundra Cay Movie Collective

Thursday

7.30am Tennis
9am Yoga
9.45am for 10am start Lawn bowls (10 ends)
12.30pm Resident lunch (book via Portal)
1.45pm for 2pm start Lawn bowls (20 ends)
2pm Cribbage
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Tenpin bowling (three start times)
3.30pm Pétanque
6pm Tennis & Pickleball round robins

Friday

TBC Pelican Waters Golf Club Bus Trip
11am Choir, in Hemingways theatre
12.50pm for 1pm start Hand & Foot card game
4.45pm for 5pm start Lawn bowls night session
4.45pm Aqua aerobics
5.30pm Happy Hour

Weekend

Sat 9-11am Table tennis
Sun 2.45pm for 1pm start Lawn bowls (20 ends)
Sun 6.30pm Caloundra Cay Movie Collective



Pictured above from left: Capilano Honey founder Tim Smith with wife, Jill. Honey DownUnder products are available for purchase here at Caloundra Cay courtesy of residents, Cliff and Ally Smith (Cliff being one of Tim's sons).

Cliff is the sweetest

By Tony Durkin

Unlike much of today's marketing jargon, when Caloundra Cay's self-proclaimed "Honeyman" advertises his product as 'premium grade and 100 per cent pure Australian', he can be totally trusted.

Cliff Smith (Home 106) is a descendant of the family that founded Australia's best-known and most highly-decorated honey brand – Capilano. And even though the Smith family no longer owns the company, a strong link to the industry remains. The honey Cliff now supplies to his fellow residents is called 'Honey DownUnder', and is produced by his brother, Lloyd, in a factory at Brisbane's Carole Park.

"He had obviously been smitten, because the previous year, even before Dad and Mum had made any commitment to each other, he and his brother started Capilano in a small way from the family home. Today the company supports more than 800 Aussie beekeeping families and is the third largest honey packer in the world."

"While it is not Capilano-branded honey, the quality is just as pure," says Cliff, who has been living at Caloundra Cay with his partner, Ally, for three years. "The honey is premium grade, as pure as honey can be, and we sell it to our fellow Palm Lake Resort residents for just \$10 a kilo. It is so popular we have sold more than 200 kilos a year since we've been here."

A shareholder in Capilano from 1967, Cliff sold his shares in 2017 when the offer was "too good to refuse".

Capilano Honey was officially established with a factory in 1953 by Cliff's father, Tim, and Tim's brother, Bert. And, as Cliff explains, the name of the business was both personal, and poignant.

"I bought them for \$1 a share, and was offered \$22.50," explained Cliff who, despite a passion for beekeeping, spent the majority of his working life in various business sectors on the Sunshine Coast including banking, insurance and property investment. But when he retired in 2003, he "went back to bees" on a part-time basis, migrating beehives around the Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast region.

"Dad met my mum, Jill, in Vancouver, Canada, just after the Second World War where he was based with the RAAF. Their first date was to a RAAF Ball, held at the Capilano Golf Club," he says. "Dad moved back to Australia, and they corresponded for four years before he sent Mum a one-way ticket to Australia. One month after she arrived in 1948, they were married on the Gold Coast.

"As a kid, I helped my Dad on weekends and during school holidays, and by my late teens I had 170 beehives in and around the Tenterfield-Stanthorpe-Glenn Innes-Inverell districts, which is some of the best honey-producing areas in Australia," he recalls.

Residents keen to purchase honey from Cliff or Ally should contact them on 6106 (internally) or on 0428 129 942.

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If the hat fits...

By Tony Durkin

Following a two-year hiatus because of COVID, the esteemed Brisbane Ekka is back, and so is horse event ring steward Gary Price. And the Caloundra Cay resident could not be happier.

Gary Price (Home 110) has enjoyed a life-long association with horses, and despite a close bond with a large and devoted family, he concedes his 30-plus year alliance with agricultural shows almost rivals that relationship.

"It's in my blood," says the 72-year-old who will don one of his trademark hats at the Ekka in August for the 24th time. "I competed in horse events at the Ekka for two decades before I became an official, so the show has been a huge part of my life. And I have really missed it these past two years."

Gary's official title is Honorary Council Steward for the RNA (Royal National Agricultural Association). He is one of 35 officials who control the horse events in as many as six rings at the Ekka, which this year runs from August 5 to 14. In a nutshell, his role in the assembly yard is to ensure events in the main ring run as close to perfect as possible, something that is a must for an entertainment spectacular that attracts in excess of 400,000 people. He virtually corrals competitors for the upcoming ring events through a PA system, inspects their dress and equipment and keeps them punctual. For the seven days of horse events, he will arrive at the Ekka ground at 6.30am, and not leave the ring until five o'clock in the afternoon. He is one of the stewards who will assemble up to 60 competitors for an event.



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"The program must run like clockwork, so it is demanding and can be stressful at times. But I love it," says Gary who is an old hand when it comes to his honorary trade.

As well as the Ekka, he is Chief Steward at the Toowoomba Royal Show, Ringmaster at the Mt Gravatt Show, Ring Steward at the Ipswich Show and Horse Assembly Steward at the Boonah Show. The period for these involvements varies from 15 years, to more than 30. This current commitment, however, is a mere a smidgin when compared to the past. His annual program once covered more than 30 shows and pony club events throughout Southern Queensland.

Born to a Navy father who helped break-in horses for the Light Horse Brigade, Gary developed a love of horses from a very young age. It was a no brainer then, at age 16, he became a Jackeroo.

The love of animals, and the land, led him to various occupations including wool classer, livestock buyer, station manager and once a milk run owner. He was also a professional rodeo competitor in his younger days, riding bulls, both saddle and bareback broncs as well as calf roping and bull dogging.

He eventually quit the country and settled in Brisbane, buying a 20-acre property at Greenbank in 1991 for \$165,000 and selling it 23 years later for just on \$1 million. Until then, he confesses, his motivation was about work, and making money.

"The life we now lead sits well with me," says Gary, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer in December 2019 when he and wife Pam were living at Kawana Point Island Villas.

"Apart from my volunteer work at the various shows, I play golf and bowls and when called upon MC various events in here including Anzac Day, Melbourne Cup and Wolly's Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser."

But notwithstanding his volunteer work, Gary is perhaps best known at Caloundra Cay for his array of hats. He currently has nine in his collection, his favourite a 37-year-old which he wore on his wedding day in 1987. And despite what his fellow residents may think, they are not cowboy hats.

"No, they are hats – paddock hats, show hats, judging hats and town hats. And I feel undressed if I'm not wearing one," he smiles.

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John is a Red Devils' fanatic

Words by Tony Durkin

A world-wide study undertaken by a marketing agency in 2019 revealed English football powerhouse Manchester United has 1.1 billion fans – and our own John Barber is one of them.

Born in Manchester 68 years ago, John (Home 7) recently achieved one of his more arduous fan-based tasks, completing the 3898-piece Manchester United/Old Trafford LEGO set in just on 50 hours. The set was created to celebrate 110 years of the history of the famous ground.

Gifted him by his daughter, Rachel, the set arrived on his doorstep 'out of the blue' and John estimates he worked on the project over a two-week period, his longest continuous building stint being around four hours.

"There were a few rebuilds," confesses John, who concedes he could well be regarded as a Red Devils fanatic.

"My dad took me to a match at Old Trafford when I was 12, and I immediately became hooked. Until I moved to Australia in 1982, I rarely missed a home game. And now that I'm on the other side of the world, watching them on TV is a ritual."

Obviously for someone as devoted to his team, there are many fond memories and highlights. Manchester United winning the European Cup final in extra time in 1968 stands out, as does the exploits of the great Eric Cantona and the sheer brilliance of George Best.

Yet John's wife, Margaret, recalls a very different moment when his fanaticism materialised.

"We were out having a romantic dinner one night, just the two of us, and I asked John if he was happy," she recalls.

"He replied 'of course I am. We've had a beautiful dinner, a lovely bottle of wine and Man U are on top of the League'."

An ex-player as well as a former junior and senior coach, John's other magic moment was when he and Margaret returned to England to celebrate his 50th birthday with family. Of course, there was a visit to Old Trafford.

"We had great seats and prior to kick-off, Margaret nudged me and said 'look at the big screen'," he reminisces.

"Happy 50th Birthday John Barber of Australia" it announced. My sister Alyson, who worked for the Greater Manchester Police at the time, had arranged the message. It was very special and rekindled some wonderful memories."

Pictured above: Caloundra Cay's John Barber with his Old Trafford LEGO project. **Pictured above left:** The three Manchester United watches gifted to John by his late father.

Homes for sale

Home 213 - \$1,175,000



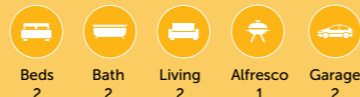
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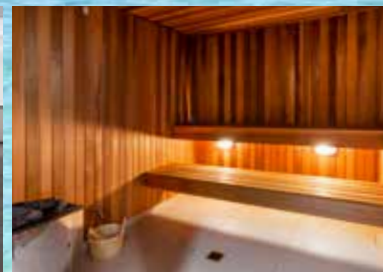


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Living at Palm Lake Resort has been compared to living the cruise ship lifestyle everyday. Just like cruising, our residents have everything they need, right on their doorstep. Think resort-style pools, gymnasiums, a wealth of activities and entertainment, social gatherings, food and drink, and more. But you can captain your own ship, here at Palm Lake Resort. This is your time.



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