

The Chatter



We are twenty-five years young!

Our resort proudly just marked its 25th anniversary of Palm Lake Resort ownership

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

Welcome.

What a blast this past couple of months has been! You will see how busy Palm Lake Resort Carindale has been from all the photographs in this edition of *The Chatter*!

This edition, we have a 'Fun around the resort' section on Page 8, as we know many of our homeowners like to laugh and have fun! This is a reminder to you all to take lots of photographs! I know that Judy (Home 182), Chris (Home 10) and Trish (Home 185) can always be relied upon to grab some happy snaps!

Also, check out our 25th anniversary celebrations on Pages 4-5. What an incredible event was put together, right from the 'embryo' stages where Elaine (Home 183) had the idea and got Trish (Home 185) involved - and didn't they do an amazing job of pulling everything together for the history of Carindale publication, with the help of our resort's Homeowners Association. A big thanks must go to the homeowners who still live in our resort after 25 years and were a huge help in the process of finding dates and historical details. There are four homes in our resort that are occupied by homeowners who still call Palm Lake Resort home after 25+ years:

- **Amanda (Home 86)** who attended the event on her 61st birthday - and what better way to spend it! Mandy sent a big thank you to us for organising a special party for her birthday!
- **Noelene (Home 89)** who was unable to make it to the event, but received a hug from us and her certificate in the days that followed
- **Janice & Victor (Home 83)**
- **Trevor & Dawn (Home 42)**

Also, we are so proud of our Workshop team who have been working hard to make things for our Rumble Sale, and also fix things for their fellow homeowners. What a great team! They meet every Wednesday if you want to stop by. John (Home 180) is an expert at making you a cuppa!

Talking of great teams, we hosted a Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council recently and what a donation we gave to them! We raised \$3500 this year, which is \$500 more than last year. Check out the photos on Page 7. Many helpers and organisers put this event together every year. It commences with a garage sale at Norma's house (Home 67) and then there are raffles held and donations made by homeowners. On the day, we have multiple raffle draws, a nice morning tea and a fashion parade. And this year we finished with a shave! Caretaker Wayne auctioned his beard! Our beautiful Elizabeth (Home 115) won, and her prize was having a dinner with Wayne and myself. See the photos on Page 7. Thanks for a great fun night Elizabeth. This annual event works because everyone in our resort gets involved. Thank you all.

You will also see just how cheeky our Groundsman David is on Page 8. David 'catches' a few homeowners if their mobility scooter is parked too long anywhere around the resort. The parking fine is usually food related (and anyone who knows David will know he loves caramel!).

Also, check out the photos on Page 6 of our Christmas in July event. We enjoyed a lovely festive meal and many homeowners dressed up.

A huge welcome must go out all our new homeowners who have moved into paradise here at Palm Lake Resort Carindale! Congratulations for joining our wonderful community! We aim to make sure you feel welcomed by us all.

We always have so many people to thank for helping us in every way. Sometimes it's advice and suggestions you bring, and at times it's just a warm smile! Thank you all for being a super community and for helping us bring that feeling of togetherness especially when the tough things happen. On that note, we have lost some dear homeowners recently. They will be missed. A reminder that we have all created wonderful memories with them, and those memories will stay with us forever.

**Karen and Wayne,
Palm Lake Resort Carindale Caretakers**



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News briefs.

Homes are selling fast!

For the past year, Caretaker Karen has been selling the homes here at Palm Lake Resort Carindale. Our homes are very sought after and sell very quickly. We are getting great prices for our homeowners too! Did you know that when Karen shows people around our beautiful resort, they all say the same thing: Carindale has such a nice vibe to it and YES the homeowners they meet on their tour are always nice and friendly!

"One lady told me that if all the homeowners were as friendly as the few that she met, then she HAS to live here!" Karen says. "One homeowner told a prospective buyer that Palm Lake Resort Carindale is PARADISE!"

Sometimes it is just a matter of finding the right home for the individual, and I have a waiting list of keen buyers looking to join us here. If your situation has changed and you are looking to move on, please come by the office and have a chat.

Let's talk shop

It is the kindness of Shirley Bogart (Home 93) that resulted in the resort's Workshop Committee being gifted a shed from her backyard. This is a valuable asset to the Workshop as it will be used to house donated timber pallets to create some pot plant stands or various sizes and planter boxes to sell. Plans to hold a Workshop open day and sausage sizzle in the near future are hoped to promote interest and encourage everyone to come along and create their own project. The experienced members are keen to demonstrate the new machinery and will guide beginners on how to get creative with their ideas during their Wednesday sessions from 9-10am.

— Trish Benson

Go green

With your yellow-top recycle bin, please crush, compact or cut up your items as best you can before putting them into these bins. Also, make a diary note for these green waste collections which now occur on the second Monday of each month, so as not to 'collide' with meter reading days:

- **August 11**
- **September 8**
- **October 13**

Please have green waste out the front ready for pick up on these days. Please do not put green waste in bags.



**SEPT 13:
A SPRING
AFFAIR**



Local Vocals: A Spring Affair

Local Vocals soloist Patsy Weekers celebrated her 80th birthday with family, friends and choristers, past and present for a high tea at the Bush Pantry Café recently (as pictured above). An accomplished singer, Patsy has chosen to sing "Who will Buy" from the stage show 'Oliver' in the upcoming 'A Spring Affair'. The title this year is "Money, Money, Money" and as it suggests, the ABBA hit by the same name will feature in the 20 strong songs about money. Other popular songs include "If I were a Rich Man", "Hey Big Spender", "The Gambler" and many more.

Choir Director, Carol Ayres is expecting around 120 homeowners, family and friends to attend. Entry is by pre-purchased ticket only for catering purposes and at just \$5 a head, audience members will be treated to a professionally catered afternoon tea. The date is Saturday September 13, from 2pm in the Grand Hall. A raffle and lucky door prize are now an expected highlight of A Spring Affair. This show is number five, and has now become an annual event that everyone looks forward to.

Recently, an invitation from the local Sing Australia group to perform for them and with them, resulted in some Local Vocal members joining that group as well. We all just love to sing! The Probus Club of Carindale has also engaged the singers for a musical interlude on September 11, in lieu of a guest speaker. It is a credit to the standard of singing and the discipline of the choir that local recognition is happening.

— Trish Benson



25 years young.

OUR CARINDALE RESORT HAS JUST MARKED A MAJOR MILESTONE - 25 YEARS OF OPERATION UNDER THE ELLIOTT FAMILY'S 'PALM LAKE RESORT' BANNER. TO MARK THE OCCASION, A COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION WAS UNVEILED AT AN EVENT LAST MONTH.

The publication was a Homeowners' Association project initiated at their committee meeting in August 2023. Patricia Benson and Elaine McClure volunteered to research and coordinate information from long-time homeowners in a format similar to this bimonthly Carindale Chatter magazine. The "Celebrating Our History" magazine is a nostalgic review of 25 years in the pocket of the Palm Lake Group, with some earlier memories included that precedes the March 24, 2000 date when Walter Elliott Holdings Pty Ltd purchased the complex which was then known as "Carindale Palms".

Palm Lake Resort's marketing department produced the quality 24-page magazine and more than 140 homeowners, family, friends and VIP guests witnessed its launch at an afternoon tea in a gaily decorated Grand Hall on July 17.

MC Trish Benson invited everyone to view various stations of memorabilia including 17 photo albums on loan from May Ruff depicting the social life of homeowners from 2009 to 2025. The photos included names, dates and event details - a pictorial history beautifully prepared and diligently maintained. Other project boards included a very old and fragile scrapbook owned by the Elliott family, containing newspaper clippings of the early days when a young Walter Elliott first undertook his "cluster style" housing developments in Dandenong, Victoria. It was an idea that Walter brought back to Australia after visiting the United States. Also on display were aerial photographs depicting the growth of the resort, a photo board and a continuous PowerPoint presentation of memories of our resort's social and sporting activities from early times to today.



In 2005, Ken Glasgow photographed the construction of our resort bowling green. Ken's home (Home 113) is opposite the green and was one of the first few built in Stage 2. Many years ago, he and his wife presented these photos in a frame and it hung proudly in the Recreation Room until its removal when the glass broke and the ageing particle board deteriorated. The Homeowners' Association saw these photos as a valuable piece of history and Ken gave us permission to have the photos restored and reframed. He unveiled the new frame and presented it to our Caretakers at the event (pictured below). It will be displayed in the Recreation Hall near the Bowling Green.

Palm Lake Resort Liaison Officer Keith Arnfield presented certificates to 'original' homeowners to recognise their lengthy occupancy of 25+ years, as pictured right, including:

- Amanda Newell (birthday girl and longest residing homeowner)
- Victor and Janice Cook
- Trevor and Dawn Manson
- Noelen Parkes (absent on the day)

Also acknowledged was Shirley Hallinan, our oldest homeowner, who celebrated her 98th birthday the day before our event.

Keith's major announcement of a new bus for the resort was warmly welcomed with cheers and applause. Everyone then relaxed to chat and read their copy of the magazine, enjoying a cuppa and some celebratory cake.

"It is not just the 185 homes, the social and sporting facilities, the roads, plumbing, gas lines and electrical cabling that make up this resort," MC Trish told the crowd. "They are simply the building blocks of our existence here. The true mortar of what binds these bricks together, what gives them life is you. The homeowners. You are the heart of our community. It is your spirit, your generosity and compassion, and a willingness to help your neighbour, which enables us to continue on life's journey as independently as possible.

"This is a place where strangers meet and become friends. People will forget what you say, forget what you do but they never forget how you make them feel.

"Today I feel proud to a member of this community. Proud to have assisted Elaine over the past two years working towards presenting this historical magazine and lastly, proud to call you all my friends."



**OUR
LONGEST
HOME-
OWNERS!**



Weekly activities.

MONDAY

9am Bus service: Westfield Carindale, with pick-up at 12 noon (booking sheet in Hall)

9am Snooker, Billiards, 8 Ball (Grand Hall)

10.30am Aqua aerobics (indoor pool, booking sheet in Hall)

1.30pm Darts (Recreation Room)

6.15pm Bingo (Recreation Room)

TUESDAY

8.30am Beginners' line dancing (Grand Hall)

10am Gentle Exercise class (Grand Hall)

10am Trauma teddies (2nd & 4th Tuesday, Craft Room)

3pm Gents' BYO Happy Hour (Recreation Room). All gents welcome

4-5pm Lawn bowls (on the green)

6pm Cards Hand & Foot Canasta (Recreation Room)

WEDNESDAY

7am Gym instruction with Aubrey (Gym), with your doctor/physio's approval

9am Snooker, Billiards, 8 Ball (Grand Hall)

9am-10am Line dancing (Grand Hall)

5.30pm Dinner (Grand Hall). Book your meal before noon on the Friday prior

6.30pm Movie night (Theatre). Movie announced at dinner

THURSDAY

9am Tai chi (Grand Hall, booking sheet in Hall)

10.30am Aqua aerobics (indoor pool, booking sheet in Hall)

1pm Bus service: Shopping at Capalaba, pick-up at 3.30pm (Grand Hall)

4pm Ladies' BYO Happy Hour (Recreation Room). All ladies welcome

FRIDAY

9am Bus service: Westfield Carindale (booking sheet in Hall)

1pm Cards - Rummikin, Scrabble, Mah-jong (Recreation Room)

4pm BYO Happy Hour (Recreation Room)

SATURDAY

9-10am Line dancing (Grand Hall)

9.30am Cards - Hand & Foot, Canasta (Recreation Room)

1pm Cards - 500 (Recreation Room)

SUNDAY

9am Mah-jong (Recreation Room)

4pm-5pm Choir (Grand Hall)



Christmas comes early.

Pictured above: Christmas in July saw our homeowners gather and enjoy the spirit of the traditional holiday season... in July!

Biggest morning tea.

WELL
DONE.
WAYNE!



Pictured above: The Cancer Council's annual Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser was well supported by our homeowners. One of the highlights was shaving off Caretaker Wayne's beard, which raised \$200 - the prize being dinner with our Caretakers at Tingalpa Tavern which Elizabeth (Home 115) won. Thanks to the many businesses who generously donated to our multi-draw raffles. Once again, Norma and her many helpers made this a very enjoyable morning for a great cause. A big thank you must also go to our homeowners, their families and friends for helping us fundraise \$3500, which has been passed on to the Cancer Council. We look forward to another great event next year.

Important phone numbers.

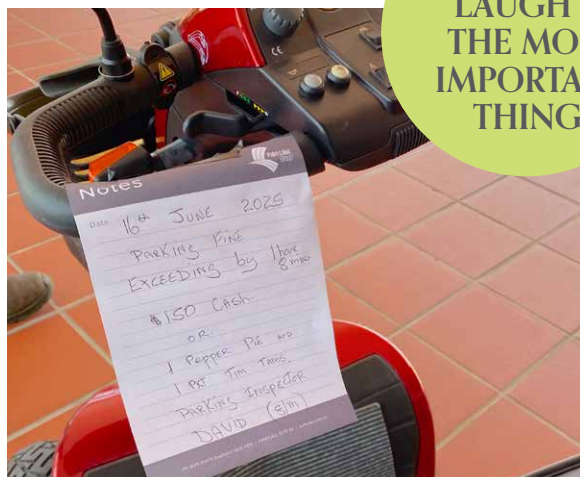
POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE 000
Police Link (non urgent incidents 24/7) 131 444
State Emergency Service 132 500
Mater Hospital (24 hour emergency) 3163 8111
PA Hospital (24 hour emergency) 3176 2111
QEI Hospital (24 hour emergency) 3182 6111
Veterans Affairs 1800 838 372
Home Assist 3343 9833
Bus, Ferries and Trains Information 13 12 30

Palm Lake Resort Carindale: Recreation Room 1195
Palm Lake Resort Carindale: Grand Hall 1196

Affordable Computer Repairs (Mark) 0409 974 707
Amended Air Conditioning (Joshua) 0417 491 811
Alex Sharp Appliances (Repairs) 3822 7406
Blue Truck Removals 0468 925 011
Bev's Mobile Hairdressing 0411 353 446
Carpet cleaning Sun Clean (Frank) 0421 334 797
Chemist: Belmont Pharmacy 3890 3988
Chemist: Meadowlands Road 3398 6709
Clean & Tidy (Colin) 0402 074 947
In & Out Cleaning Services (Mark & Dee) 0403 664 841
Comms Co (internal phone/internet) 5607 4030
Digital Antenna Installations and Service 0416 322 600
Dog washer 0401 102 181
Dog walker 0439 294 580
Total Electrical (Tony) 0412 308 131
Electrician (Glen) 0412 678 357
Live Energy (Tim) 0427 557 288 (small weekend jobs)
L&GM Electrical (smoke alarms) 0403 667 759
Fencing (Dan Norman) 0412 885 223
Floors: Top Fit Floors (timber/laminate) 0412 814 868
Garage doors (Gavin) G and G doors 0411 723 664
Hairdresser (Kaye) 0432 429 485
Handyman/gardening (Steve) 0402 128 737
Hire a Hubby (Mark) 0404 263 173
Insurance: MHIA 1800 676 700
Locksmith (David) 0428 947 997
Newspaper delivery (The Courier-Mail) 1300 696 397
Painter (Stephen) 0414 608 512
Paper Delivery 3390 4969
Pest Control (Ben) 0422 978 582
Plumber (Andrew) 0434 018 008
Podiatrist (Jason) 0475 276 740
Pressure cleaning (David) 0409 483 645
Financial Planning (Sharon) 0415 094 256
Shutter installation (Cameron) 0491 642 368
Smoke alarms (Myles) 0461 295 475
Taxi: Black & White 13 32 22
Taxi: Yellow 13 19 24
TransitCare Community Flyer 1300 153 636
Wayne's Lawn Mowing Service 0401 136 533
Westy's Pressure Washing 0435 030 305
Window cleaning (Cameron) 0412 574 257



Pictured above: Queenslander! **Left:** Our popular chauffeur 'Uber David' and his 'limosine'! Judy, Carol and Elaine aren't complaining! **Below:** Genius homeowners, Paul and Victoria (Home 91).



Pictured above: Luckily the 'parking fines' around here are only worth a pepper pie and Tim Tams!

HAVING A LAUGH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!

FUN around the resort grounds!

THERE'S ONE THING WE ARE GOOD AT HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT CARINDALE - AND THAT'S HAVING A LAUGH AND MAKING LIFE FUN! NO WONDER THERE'S A WAIT LIST OF PEOPLE WANTING TO BUY A HOME IN OUR RESORT!



Pictured above: Our community is always finding the fun side of life and having a laugh. They also love the camera!



Pictured this page: The 'Stir a Cuppa for Seniors' national initiative saw us gather for a lovely morning tea, wearing our favourite purple pieces of clothing.



HOA update.

Putting the 'care' in 'Caretaking'

We, as the Home Owners' Association (HOA), exist to promote and assist all homeowners to live a happy, healthy and safe existence in this resort that we call home. In this column, I will attempt to show the exhaustive list of duties that our Caretakers, Wayne and Karen, perform that ensures our idyllic lifestyle:

- Ensure that unauthorised people do not enter our resort. They let carers and delivery trucks in when they are unaware of the gate code.
- Supervise the people who come to assist us with health appointments, exercise classes and many other groups.
- Book our chef, then order and arrange food for the dinner menu each week. They serve it and clean up with the help of volunteers.
- Ensure rubbish is taken away each week.
- Ensure green waste is removed from the front of our homes once a month.
- Ensure the hard waste is removed from our front yards every three months.
- First ones at an emergency, call the ambulance and notify families.
- Handle any issues, re: the grounds, that arise (providing a form is completed and placed in their box).
- Provide a chit-chat newsletter each week with all relevant information and dates to be noted and organise for volunteers to letterbox drop them.
- Are involved in many groups and events such as Happy Hour, BBQs, drinks etc.
- Liaise with Palm Lake Resort management on our behalf.
- Send in the Chatter articles for this bi-monthly magazine.
- Organise the servicing of machines and equipment.
- Read meters for gas and electricity quarterly, as well as water on a monthly basis so Palm Lake Resort can send out the invoices.
- Order gas when needed.
- Plan and organise the necessary improvements around our resort which are undertaken through their allowance.
- Do the constant paperwork required by Palm Lake Resort.
- Take prospective clients on resort and home inspection tours and complete the sale of homes.

Date claimer

The next Open Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12. The venue will be advised closer to the date.

Contact us

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...or you can email: carindalehomeowners@gmail.com

Kristine Warren,
HOA Secretary

Social Club's update.

Musical bingo

Musical Bingo with Margie Springer is always popular. We held this fun event on May 24 in the Grand Hall. We all knew the songs as they were from the 1950s, 60s and 70s (our era!) so we could singalong as we were marking our bingo cards. We had requests for another night of Musical Bingo so we have booked our next one in August.

Soup and Fashion

Another "Soup and Fashion" event was held in the Grand Hall on June 16. Thanks goes to all the ladies who made soup. We had a big variety – minestrone, sweet potato and potato, leek and bacon, mulligatawny, pea and ham, roasted tomato and beans, as well as cauliflower and pea – and they were all delicious. It was quite a treat on a winter's day! A big thank you also to all our 'models' who paraded in the Portofino fashions. It is so convenient to be able to buy something new without going to the shops. The lucky door prize, a \$50 voucher from Portofino, was won by Jenny, one of our models. Congratulations Jenny!

Duelling pianos

'Dudes on pianos' (as they sometimes refer to themselves) entertained us on July 5 by bringing in their own pianos and putting on a great show. They played for three hours with songs by Neil Diamond, Queen, Elvis, Chubby Checker, Bee Gees and many more artists. The hall was rocking with many up on their feet dancing, doing the chicken dance and congo lines. The Social Club subsidised this event and provided a delicious supper to guests. No doubt we will be having the Duelling Pianos again as they were so popular!

Police Pipes and Drums

On July 9, a good-sized crowd came to see the Qld Police 'Pipes and Drums' performance. There were two drummers and five bagpipers and they played tunes from Queen as well as favourites Amazing Grace, Waltzing Matilda and more – there was quite a variety. The musicians are employed by the Police Service although not in a 'normal' police capacity as we were told in a history of the band. They have played at the Edinburgh Tattoo twice and in locations all over Queensland, as well as competing in competitions.

Your Social Club Committee has been working very hard in these past few months. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Date claimers

- Abbey Museum Bus Trip: Tuesday, August 5
- Macleay Island Bus and Ferry Trip: Monday, Sept 9
- Fathers Day BBQ: Saturday, Sept 6
- Razzle Dazzle Social evening: Saturday, Oct 4

Judy Henson,
Social Club Secretary



***Pictured from top down:** Our homeowner models at the 'Soup and Fashion' event, the Duelling Pianos had everyone up on their feet and dancing, and the Police Pipes and Drums band members were well received when they came to visit us.*

Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 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 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

Cheers to the success of caffeinated charity event

There's one charitable fundraising event that seems to pique the interest of our Palm Lake Resort homeowners more than others, and that's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This annual fundraiser is hosted by the Cancer Council to help support people affected by cancer. Held each May, the event invites individuals, workplaces, schools and communities (like ours) across the country to come together over a cuppa and a bite to eat while raising vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding world-class research, running life-saving prevention programs and offering essential support for Australians impacted by cancer. One in two Aussies will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, making the Cancer Council's work more important than ever.

Pictured right, from top down, our Carindale Caretaker, Wayne raised \$200 by 'raffling' his beard! Yamba resort hosted a vibrant Madhatters' Tea Party with some great costumes. Waterford's event saw a fashion parade combined with a lovely spread of delicious goodies. And down at Willow Lodge, The Lodge Country Club hosted a great event with many donated prizes raffled to add to the final tally. Here's a little snapshot of some of the results of Palm Lake Resort fundraisers across our group, totalling more than \$47,000 so far!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Bargara: \$4215
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Eagleby: \$5000
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250 (an incredible result for an event organised by homeowner, Lyn Wootten!)
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265





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