

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024



# The Chatter



## 'Tis the season to be social

Living in a lifestyle resort like ours means loads of opportunity to get social

## Over the back fence

The Palm Lake Group is one big 10,000-strong 'family' - find out what your counterparts are up to in our new regular series

## Refer a friend, earn a reward

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

# Welcome.

Hi everyone! Well, we can say that we are now fully settled in, into this wonderful community lifestyle resort. Our training wheels are officially off! We will be here 12 months at the end of March. It has been a steep learning curve as we haven't done anything like this before, but luckily our skill set from other jobs has helped a lot. We love your feedback so we can continue to improve things and change. We might not take it all on board as we always consider the needs of all homeowners. Wayne and I are a great team and discuss many ideas well before they are implemented. We have lots planned for this year! Watch this space! We are very lucky to have some wonderful regular volunteers (and others that step in when we need a hand) who we really appreciate. Neighbours helping neighbours. We live here too!

What a wonderful Christmas we've just experienced within the resort. Lots of homeowners went to town in decorating their homes. Myself and Jan (Home 162) judged winners in each stage over two nights and they were very hard choices! We hope the winners and the contributors enjoyed their baubles and certificates. We were also very spoiled with gifts by homeowners over the Christmas period. Thank you so much - it is nice to be appreciated and spoiled with so many lovely comments in the Christmas cards (some of the memorable ones were "Stay, don't ever leave" and "Thank you for putting 'care' into 'caretaking!'"). We had a blessed family Christmas with Wayne's mum, brother and sister coming for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Then my children both arrived just after Christmas - my daughter from Vietnam and my son from Yeppoon. It was the first time in five years I had them in the same country! We had a fun filled couple of days with lots of chatter and laughter. Christmas morning here at the resort started with our jolly jaunt around the grounds bringing some Christmas cheer (check out the photo on Page 4). I think our Christmas music and the ringing of the bell woke some homeowners up! It was nice to see all the grandchildren come out and see us. We had some kind donations from a local church, St Gabriels, so we were able to share that within the resort on Christmas morning. Thanks for delivering the donations Jenny (Home 168). And thanks to Michelle (Home 140) for making lolly bags. We had a lot of fun on our resort Christmas dinner night, check out the photos on Page 4 also. The hall looked amazing this year after some wonderful ladies decorated it whilst listening to Christmas music led by Carol (Home 145)!

Last year, we had a whole new Social Club committee and this year we will have a whole new Home Owners Association. A special thanks to Michael (Home 141) and Trish (Home 185) for their many years of service on the HOA. We're looking forward to collaborating on some upcoming ideas with the new committee in 2024. Thank you to all past committee members, for your commitment and contribution to our resort and for helping your fellow homeowners.

We will have a new flag for Anzac Day. The current one is a little tired. Look out in the next Chatter for our Anzac Day photos. Thanks to Ken (Home 113) and Leola (Home 108) for organising Anzac Day. Ross Vasta will be donating the new flag to us.

Our Carindale Care Bears morning teas are going strong and are a wonderful idea that sees a small group of homeowners come together and welcome new homeowners into our community. Thank you to Norma (Home 67), Leola (Home 108), John (Home 68), Jeanette (Home 33) and Claudette (Home 80).

Also, I am constantly updating the important numbers list so always check it out for contractors etc. These contractors have been tried and tested by other homeowners. See Page 8 for details. And, lastly thank you to ALL the volunteers, whether the task that you do is big or small, it helps us so much! A special thank you to our bus drivers Stuart (Home 168), Ron (Home 41) and Irene (Home 26) and of course Caretaker Wayne! Did you know we have our very own "Golden Girls" in the resort? The ladies that go on the bus every Friday! Until the next Chatter, take care and stay safe.

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



## Contact us.

Looking for more information about Palm Lake Resort Carindale? Here's how you can reach us:

**FREECALL:** 1800 770 057

**STREET ADDRESS:**  
2 Ford Court,  
Carindale QLD 4152

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
9am to 12 noon,  
Monday to Friday

**EMAIL:**  
carindale@pamlake.com.au

**ONLINE:** Visit our website  
pamlakeresort.com.au

**GET SOCIAL:**  
Follow us on Facebook  
(@pamlakeresort) and on  
Instagram (@palm.lake.resort)



*This newsletter is intended to give general info only. All liability arising directly or indirectly from the use of, or for any error or omission in the information given, is expressly disclaimed.*

## News in brief.

### Best dressed festive homes

Our Caretakers and Jan (Home 162) were tasked with choosing the best Christmas lights display in each stage and they report that there were many very hard decisions made! Here are the winning homes:

- Stage 1:** Joint winners Hazel (Home 64) as well as Donald and Diana (Home 49)  
**Stage 2:** Gloria (Home 121)  
**Stage 3:** Catherine (Home 131).

### 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 our upcoming green waste collection dates:

- **February 5**
- **March 4**
- **April 1**

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

### We bid farewell to Phil

Sadly, our groundsman Phil has left us for a huge opportunity at Ballina Shire Council so we are now on the hunt for his replacement. Phil will be sadly missed and hard to replace for his passion and knowledge. We still keep in touch! On that, our cleaners Dee and Mark are awesome in their attention to detail and nice people too! We are so lucky!

CHECK OUT  
OUR FUN XMAS  
MEMORIES  
ON PAGE 4!

### Dinner is served!

Dinner can be hard work for our Caretakers and staff, however the team just loves seeing all our homeowners having fun together and chatting and it is often a chance for them to catch up with everyone for a casual chat too. We are getting more and more homeowners coming to our dinners which is great. Don't forget to make sure your name is on the dinner list before 12 noon on the Friday before dinner night.

### Get social with us

Remember to check out our private Palm Lake Resort Carindale Facebook group for recent photos from around the grounds. Judy Henson (Home 182) is a big contributor to this private social media group.

### 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.

## Weekly activities.

### MONDAY

- 9am** Bus service: Westfield Carindale, with pick-up at 12 noon  
**9am** Snooker, Billiards, 8 Ball (Grand Hall)  
**10.30am** Aqua aerobics (indoor pool)  
**1.30pm** Darts (Recreation Room)  
**6.15pm** Bingo (Recreation Room)

### TUESDAY

- 9am** Beginners' line dancing  
**3pm** Gents' Happy Hour (Recreation Room)  
**3.30pm** *Last Tuesday of the month* BBQ in Stage 2  
**4-5pm** Lawn bowls (on the green)  
**6.30pm** Cards (Grand Hall)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7am** Gym instruction with Aubrey (Gym)  
**9am** *Fortnightly* Bus service: Cannon Hill, pick-up at 12 noon  
**9am** Snooker, Billiards, 8 Ball (Grand Hall)  
**9am-10am** Line dancing (Grand Hall)  
**5.30pm** Dinner (Grand Hall)  
**6.30pm** Movie night (Theatre)

### THURSDAY

- 9am** Tai chi (Grand Hall)  
**10.30am** Aqua aerobics (indoor pool)  
**1pm** Bus service: Shopping at Capalaba, pick-up at 3.30pm  
**4pm** Ladies' Happy Hour (Recreation Room)

### FRIDAY

- 9am** Bus service: Westfield Carindale  
**1pm** Cards - Rummikin, Scrabble, Mah-jong (Recreation Room)  
**4pm** Homeowner Happy Hour in Stage 2. BYO.

### SATURDAY

- 9-10am** Line dancing  
**9.30am** Cards - Hand & Foot, Canasta (Recreation Room)  
**1pm** Cards - 500 (Recreation Room)

### SUNDAY

- 9am** Mah-jong (Recreation Room)  
**4pm-5pm** Choir (Grand Hall)



*Pictured above:* At our Christmas dinner on December 20, the judging of the decorated tables was very difficult as everyone put in so much effort! This was the winning table, as judged by our Caretakers.



*Pictured above left:* Thanks to Allan (aka 'Gravel', Home 138) for playing Santa at Christmas time.

# Around the grounds.

CHRISTMAS SAW SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES MADE RIGHT ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY - FROM THE STREET PARTIES, TO SANTA'S VISIT - IT WAS FUN CENTRAL!



*Pictured above and right:* Did you get a chance to stop by our Market and Craft Fair in the lead-up to Christmas? All proceeds went to Care Kits for kids. This is an annual event and is always hugely successful. Judy Henson (Home 182, pictured above right) did a great job of organising the market day.



OUR CHARITABLE NEIGHBOURS RAISE \$1400+



*Pictured above:* Lorraine (Home 124) and May (Home 181) enjoyed the delicious morning tea presentation put on by Belmont Chemist recently. They even gave us free sample bags!



*Pictured above:* We love the energy Jan (Home 162) and her four-legged friend have for their early morning walks!

# Social Club update.

## Social Club Christmas party

Our Christmas party was held in early December in the Grand Hall. Our entertainer was Terry Scott who has entertained us for many years now and always gets the crowd going with singing, dancing and jokes. About 60 homeowners joined in by dressing up Christmassy and decorating their tables. There was lots of frivolity and fun. Elaine Allen won the lucky door prize - a bottle of Baileys that she shared with everyone on her table.

## Meadowlands Chemist

Meadowlands Chemist has been servicing Palm Lake Resort Carindale for a long time. They provided a lovely morning tea for us at Christmas and brought items for purchase, mainly gifts. A lot of homeowners find this service helpful as it saves them having to travel to the shops for their Christmas shopping.

## Belmont Chemist

Lunch was brought to us by Belmont Chemist in the form of wraps, sandwiches, mince pies and other delicious food. This chemist also had a nice display of gifts for sale and sample bags to giveaway. The representatives said it was a good way for them to meet some of their customers who normally take advantage of the delivery service.

*Note: We have a box for each chemist outside the Grand Hall where residents may leave a prescription and have it delivered the next day.*

## Market and Craft Day

We had lots of stalls at our annual Market and Craft Day in the Grand Hall before Christmas. There was a variety of stalls selling handicrafts, paintings, Christmas decorations and gifts, bric-a-brac, clothes, jewellery, toys, restored furniture, cakes

etc. We were pleased with the participation of stallholders and customers, including a lot of people from outside our community. Care Kits for Kids Qld (a children's charity that donates backpacks filled with clothes, toiletries, a book and school supplies to disadvantaged children all over Queensland) also held a stall and supplied morning tea. We ran a raffle and together with the fee charged to stall holders and items sold on their stall, and money raised from the morning tea, we raised more than \$1400. Thank you everyone.

## Australia Day

This was celebrated in true Aussie style with a menu to match. Pies, mushy peas, mashed potatoes and gravy were enjoyed with pavlova to finish. Trivia and games rounded off the day. We have many events booked for you in the coming months. Please feel free to join in. It is a great way to meet your fellow homeowners and get to know them. Check the noticeboard and our newsletters to stay up to date.

## Date claimers

**Saturday, February 10:** Trivia by Caleb and Pizza Cost \$10

**Wednesday, February 14:** Valentine's Day Movie after dinner. We will be screening Big Fat Greek Wedding 3. Free.

**Saturday, March 16:** Musical Bingo. BYO. Cost is \$5.

**Monday, March 18:** St Patrick's Day bus trip to Caloundra RSL. Lunch and a show will be \$65.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2-3pm:** Mystery Melodies with Trish. Free.

**Friday, May 24:** Koopa Trail to Bribie includes transport to Hamilton Wharf return, boat ride to Bribie, morning and afternoon teas and lunch. Tickets are \$100.

**Sunday, August 19, 2pm:** The Roberston Brothers at Logan Entertainment Centre. Expressions of interest are being sought.

The Afternoon Melodies concerts are on the first Tuesday of the month. They are becoming more and more popular as we have had some very talented professional performers so far. We had a gap due to illness of performers but came back with an excellent band that got the whole audience involved!

The Flying Buskers were very entertaining on their ukuleles in November and even had some of our homeowners up singing along with them! Congratulations to those who attended, as we raised \$300 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In December, The Three Flat Whites were great. A professional three-piece easy listening band performing R&B songs we knew, with a touch of jazz.

January saw a well known Australian performer, Rob Rosenlund from Wicketty Wak (pictured left), performing music from the 1950s through to current hits. Lots of toe tapping songs! These concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy live music in the Grand Hall - right in your own backyard! See you all at the next one.

**Christine (Home 10)**



**Pictured right:** Trish Benson was farewelled from her role as Secretary of the Home Owners Association by the committee at a Christmas lunch at Belmont Tavern. She received a lovely floral arrangement in appreciation of her devotion to the HOA and homeowners of Palm Lake Resort Carindale over the past three years.

HAVE YOU  
MET OUR 2024  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS?



# Home Owners Association notes.

## Welcome to a new year and a new committee

2024 promises to be a year of changes for the Home Owners Association. Trish Benson stepped away from her position of Secretary after three years in the portfolio. Trish did an excellent job streamlining the administration processes and ensured that comprehensive minutes kept homeowners well informed on issues pertaining to our community. Also our current Chairperson, Michael Muller, has decided to step down after a four-year term. Thank you, Michael and Trish, for your professional approach and interest in keeping the committee focused during those years.

We are now entering an exciting phase of rebuilding a new team and as many new homeowners have moved into the community it is hoped that we can entice them to stand for office in some way in the future.

For 2024, however, we welcome the following homeowners into our new Executive Committee:

**Chairperson:** John (Home 68)

**Secretary:** Maree (Home 99)

**Treasurer:** Norman (Home 140)

**Vice Chairperson:** Elaine (Home 183)

**Committee members:** Norma (Home 67), Roni (Home 32) and Denise (Home 81).

## New additions gratefully received

Residents were nicely surprised at Wednesday night meal with new cutlery. We also look forward to new dining chairs in the near future. A big thank you to caretakers, Karen and Wayne, for organising these lovely new additions.

## Presentations add value

In September, the HOA co-ordinated a presentation by Saalihah Seedat titled "My Health for Life". A number of attendees showed an interest in attending the full program which is funding by the Government and will commence in February at the Carindale Library. In keeping with the objectives of our Association, we look forward to offering more presentations and morning teas to keep homeowners updated on health and safety issues.

## This is your time

Our homeowners continue to enjoy activities across the grounds such as puppy play days, sing-a-longs in the Grand Hall and there has been a noticeable number of walking groups doing circuits of the grounds at various times of the day and evenings. We are grateful to our very active Social Club and we look forward to their upcoming events such as St Patrick's Day and of course Easter followed by ANZAC Day in the first quarter of the year. Happy New Year to all our lovely homeowners of Palm Lake Resort Carindale.

**Elaine McClure,**  
**Vice Chairperson**

# Arvo tunes.

The Afternoon Melodies concerts are on the first Tuesday of the month. They are becoming more and more popular as we have had some very talented professional performers so far. We had a gap due to illness of performers but came back with an excellent band that got the whole audience involved!

The Flying Buskers were very entertaining on their ukuleles in November and even had some of our homeowners up singing along with them! Congratulations to those who attended, as we raised \$300 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In December, The Three Flat Whites were great. A professional three-piece easy listening band performing R&B songs we knew, with a touch of jazz.

January saw a well known Australian performer, Rob Rosenlund from Wicketty Wak (pictured left), performing music from the 1950s through to current hits. Lots of toe tapping songs! These concerts are a wonderful way to enjoy live music in the Grand Hall - right in your own backyard! See you all at the next one.

**Christine (Home 10)**



# 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

**QEll Hospital** (24 hour emergency) 3182 6111

**Veterans Affairs** 1800 838 372

**Home Assist** 3343 9833

**Bus, Ferries and Trains Information** 13 12 30
- Affordable Computer Repairs** (Mark) 0409 974 707

**Amended Air Conditioning** (Joshua) 0417 491 811

**Alex Sharp Appliances** (Repairs) 3822 7406

**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

**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

**Live Energy** (Tim) 0427 557 288 (small weekend jobs)

**L&GM Electrical** (smoke alarms) 0403 667 759

**Fencing: Right Look** (Michael) 0457 479 168

**Floors: Top Fit Floors** (timber/laminate/floating) 0412 814 868

**Garage doors** (Gavin) G and G doors 0411 723 664

**Handyman/gardening** (Steve) 0402 128 737

**Insurance: MHIA** 1800 676 700

**Locksmith** (David) 0428 947 997

**Painter** (Stephen) 0414 608 512

**Painter** (Geoff) 0407 944 428

**Paper Delivery** 3390 4969

**Pest Control** (Ben) 0422 978 582

**Plumber** (Andrew) 0434 018 008

**Retirement and Beyond Financial Planning** (Sharon) 0415 094 256

**Shutter installation** (Cameron) 0491 642 368

**Smoke alarms** (Myles) 0431 963 199

**Snake Catcher** (Neil) 0437 830 393

**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

**Wilpac Garage Doors** 0433 155 713

**Window cleaning** (Cameron) 0412 574 257



*Pictured above: Steve Minnikin MP stopped by our community to share some morning tea and answer our homeowners' questions.*

## Member for Chatsworth stops by.

Late last year, Palm Lake Resort Carindale had a visit from Steve Minnikin MP member for Chatsworth, Shadow Minister for Customer Service and Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

Steve gave us a robust 45-minute speech talking about what his preferences were as far as what was important in the climate of today. He spoke about how the values of the past were not present in the youth of today. He pointed out that he did know some youths who had done really good work, but that crime and youth were out of control.

Steve explained that a lot of blowouts had occurred during the last 10 years whilst he was in opposition. These blowouts, he explained, included the Gabbba redevelopment. Steve also had many questions put to him by the audience. One of the significant ones was the idea that parliamentarians received vast superannuation payments. Apparently, since 2004, this was stamped out and politicians now receive the ordinary superannuation at 12.5 per cent like everybody else. If they are not re-elected they have to find a job, like anybody else. He said that the politicians' "golden handshake" is no longer true.

The morning tea went very well with a variety of delicious treats. A big thank you must go to Steve's assistant, Rae, who organised the event and also Carmel who took photos. He is lucky to have such enthusiastic staff.

# Homes for sale.

Home 79: \$450,000

SOLD!

Home 154: \$580,000

SOLD!

Refer a friend and earn yourself a reward

### Do your friends love it here, too?

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 one of our established homes you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Terms and conditions apply.

For more information or to refer your friend, FREECALL 1800 770 057.

WANT TO BOOK A PRIVATE INSPECTION AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR RESORT? FREECALL 1800 770 057 OR EMAIL [CARINDALE@PALMLAKE.COM.AU](mailto:CARINDALE@PALMLAKE.COM.AU) - YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT [PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU](http://PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU)

# Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT COMMUNITIES 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 NEW 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 GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!



## Waterford's own toy story.

**THERE'S A GROUP OF MODEST WOODWORK ENTHUSIASTS USING THEIR PALM LAKE RESORT WORKSHOP TO GREAT ADVANTAGE.**

The aptly named 'Toy Boys' is a band of merry toymakers - akin to Santa's elves - who spend their spare time in their Palm Lake Resort Waterford workshop turning timber into toys for underprivileged kids each Christmas.

Current president Ray Johnstone says the Toy Boys utilise donated timber offcuts and fundraise to purchase other materials from their local Mitre 10 store, which also comes to the party with its own generous donations to the Toy Boys' cause. The Boys spend the whole year manufacturing everything from toy trucks to rocking horses to children's play furniture and then, at Christmas time, they make a donation to Beenleigh Special School and place the rest of their toys under the Mitre 10 Christmas tree as part of its annual appeal.

Ray says the Toy Boys have been making and donating toys for the best part of 15 years. Many hundreds of toys have passed through this resort's workshop on their way to grateful children.

Ray says the Boys were devastated to learn of the passing last week of one of their original members, Jim Blackwood, who was "the backbone" of this incredible group right up until the day he passed.

**If you'd like to support the Toy Boys' cause, Mitre 10 and Bunnings gift cards are greatly appreciated, as well as any material donations. For more, phone the Palm Lake Resort Waterford caretakers on 1800 028 428.**

## Caloundra golfers reign supreme.

**FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, CALOUNDRA CAY HAS WON THE COVETED PALM LAKE INTER-RESORT GOLF CLASSIC, RETAINING THE PALM LAKE RESORT CUP.**

Golfers from Palm Lake Resorts Toowoomba, Cooroy-Noosa, Beachmere Sands, Beachmere Bay, Pelican Waters, Caloundra Cay and Hervey Bay descended on Pelican Waters Golf Course (owned by the Palm Lake Group) for the annual event, with 128 homeowners competing in a four-person Ambrose.

Caloundra Cay retained the trophy won in 2023 when the event was played at Woodford Golf Club and the team of Bernie Reddan, Archie Deans, Ian Ponton and Ray Pickup returned the best score of the day - an impressive nett 55.875.

Head of Golf, Dale Williamson, said it was the biggest field the course had enjoyed since re-opening.

"To have Palm Lake Resort represented by seven resorts and so many homeowners, was encouraging," Dale says. "Hopefully we can have even more of our resorts and homeowners involved next year."

## Charitable Cooroy sewers rewarded.

**PALM LAKE RESORT COOROY-NOOSA'S UNIFORMS 4 KIDS SEWERS ARE BEYOND HAPPY WITH A SET OF BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINES PAID FOR BY BENDIGO BANK, VIA THE LOCAL HERO AWARDS.**



Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) is a dedicated charity that sees sewers produce children's clothing items from old uniforms donated by the Police, Border Force, Flying Doctors, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Australia Zoo and more. The clothing produced by these dedicated sewing enthusiasts is donated to underprivileged children in need. But the benefits don't stop there. The pre-loved uniforms would have otherwise gone into landfill but instead, our environment benefits and many underprivileged children are clothed and happier.

The pioneer and founder of U4K is Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowner Yvonne Pattinson OAM.

One day, Yvonne wanted to clean out a cupboard crowded with material collected over a lifetime of sewing. She decided to turn that fabric into children's clothing that a friend of Yvonne's wanted to donate to an orphanage she supported in Asia. In stepped Yvonne's daughter, Debbie Platz (then a Queensland Police officer), who pointed out there were many underprivileged children right here in Australia who needed clothing and why not use the police uniforms she and her colleagues had to discard? U4K was officially born.

U4K sewers exist in groups spanning Cooktown to Canberra and have made a total of almost 30,000 items of clothing for children in need since the charity began - what an incredible effort!

U4K sewers have also made lasting friendships and have a new purpose in life through their volunteer work with this charity. Not to mention the positive effect U4K has in bringing emergency services and local communities together in those areas where a U4K group operates.

The U4K ladies of Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa (pictured above) were rewarded by Bendigo Bank recently with a donation of brand new sewing machines to enable them to continue their good work. Congratulations to you all - you make us proud!

**Maybe you can start a U4K group with your Palm Lake Resort friends? Visit [www.uniforms4kids.com.au](http://www.uniforms4kids.com.au)**

## Tea Gardens' jam-packed day.

**FORGET TURNING LEMONS IN LEMONADE - A GROUP OF PASSIONATE PALM LAKE RESORT TEA GARDENS RESIDENTS ARE TURNING THEIR RESORT CUMQUATS INTO DELICIOUS JAM FOR ALL TO ENJOY.**

Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens is filled with many fruit-bearing cumquat trees - some on resort grounds but many in the residents' own backyards. Noticing this, a band of enthusiastic jam-lovers came together and the annual PLR Cumquat Jam Production Day was born. One resident spent a year collecting, washing, de-labelling and storing hundreds of jars. Others organised the donation of masses of sugar and the collection of all the required cooking utensils. The resort's Bowls Club kitchen was booked, and dozens of residents arrived early on the day to form teams, washing, cutting and weighing fruit and sugar, sterilising jars and lids, cooking the jam, then bottling and labelling it. Of course, a community event like this would not be a Palm Lake Resort event if there wasn't a morning tea shared and a few glasses of bubbles later in the day! By 7pm, the job was done. Some 38kg of fruit (all grown around the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens grounds) and 38kg of sugar produced more than 200 jars of jam. What a wonderful community initiative - and a delicious result!



## What's happening over your back fence?

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the greater Palm Lake Resort community? Email the details to [belinda@bellepr.com](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)

# retirement REIMAGINED



FREECALL 1800 770 057 | [carindale@palllake.com.au](mailto:carindale@palllake.com.au)  
2 Ford Court, Carindale QLD 4152

**THE BEST IN OVER-50s LIVING. THIS IS YOUR TIME.**  
[palllakeresort.com.au](http://palllakeresort.com.au)