

APRIL - MAY 2024



The Buzz



Meet your neighbours

Hear the latest and greatest from over the back fence on Pages 8 and 9

Fair dinkum fun

Our Australia Day festivities weren't to be missed - but, if you did, you can catch up on all the fun inside...

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Another Easter has passed and there was too much chocolate, as usual, for one of the caretakers (the other one is the healthy one).

We hope that autumn is kind to us as we had one heck of a summer, complete with heatwaves and storms which we could do without.

Anzac Day on April 25 will fall on a Thursday this year, so there will not be a meal service that day. The office will also be closed. Please come along to our Anzac Day Service at the Memorial. Thanks once again to Pat and her team for the organization - you can read more about the service on Page 5. This is a very special day on the Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay calendar.

There are several new homeowners to get to know and welcome to the resort. They are:

- Heather Grebert (Home 212)
- Enid Dirie (Home 210)
- Dianne and Michael Cobb (Home 49)
- Ian Smith (Home 235)

We also have a new Social Committee to organise events and functions. A big thank you to the outgoing team, we have enjoyed some great festivities on your watch!

Monday May 6 is another public holiday, Labour Day, and once again the office will be closed.

Please note that the close off for the next Buzz issue is Monday April 29.

Regards,

Lyn and Phil
Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay Caretakers

Contact us.

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News in brief.

'23/'24 Residents committee

President: John Woolley (Home 150, ph. 801)

Vice President: David Mainwaring (Home 121, ph. 910)

Secretary: Jo Kennedy (Home 126, ph. 907)

Ass. Secretary: Paul Kennedy (Home 126, ph. 907)

Area Reps: Charlie Glaser (Home 137, ph. 930), Helen Pullman (Home 43, ph. 864), Lynette Reeve (Home 183, ph. 873), Patsy Paynter (Home 115, ph. 781), Diana Ferrari (Home 250, ph. 846), Lorna Beattie (Home 277, ph. 778)



Get social

Are you on social media? We are, too! You can find Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and also Instagram. Make sure you like and follow our social media profiles to see even more news from right across our dozens and dozens of locations, across the east coast of Australia.

Facebook: @pallmlakeresort
Instagram: @pallml.lake.resort

It's "Your Time", time

The start of another beautiful Aussie season means another Palm Lake Resort company magazine has just dropped. Our Autumn 2024 edition gives readers their first look at the incredible display homes just unveiled at Palm Lake Resorts Yamba Cove and Pelican Waters. We also explain how you can embrace the 'dopamine decor' trend in your own abode for the ultimate 'happy home'. And we've got some great recipes for you to try when you're invited along to your Palm Lake Resort neighbours' homes and that age-old question crops up: "What can I bring?". Never fear - the answer is here! Grab a copy of the magazine from your letterbox or you can also find it online at pallmlakeresort.com.au



Refer your friends

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 Deception Bay home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the office.

Bus trip news

The list for names and the itinerary is out now for our five-day tour to Ballina and Grafton, which includes the Jacaranda Festival. It will take place from October 30 to November 3, 2024. This is a fully inclusive holiday with EVERYTHING included (meaning all accom, all meals, morning teas and all admission and tour prices during the trip - which is something not found with most tour companies). Travel is by a modern 48-seater coach with a restroom onboard. The cost is \$1680 for a twin share and for \$1880 sole use. Your refundable deposit of \$200 required by May 13 with balance by September 23. Get your friends together for this exclusive trip and have a fun time. For enquiries, please contact Marie (Home 63, ph. 832).

80 years young!

All homeowners born in 1944 (therefore reaching the age of 80 in 2024) are invited, along with their partners, to a get-together in the Sports Club on Saturday June 29 for a group celebration of their birthdays. It is intended for those who wish to do so to briefly talk about their childhood years, and also display a baby photo of themselves alongside select childhood mementos. There will be a summary of significant historical events from 1944, as well as a presentation of OBE awards. To assist in planning, all interested residents are asked to contact Brian Powell (ph. 772) as soon as possible.



Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

OUR RESORT WAS THE PLACE TO BE ON JANUARY 26, WHEN OUR AUSTRALIA DAY FESTIVITIES WERE IN FULL SWING. HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK AT WHAT WENT ON...



Countdown to the Quilt Show!

Once again, we are preparing for our annual Quilt Show – this year is our 10th. It will be held in the Beach House on **Saturday April 20 from 9am 'til 12pm**. The raffle quilts will be displayed for two weeks beforehand, with serve-yourself tickets available on the nearby table. The raffle will be drawn around 11am on the day.

This year, we will have another fun challenge! Details will be revealed on the day, so make sure you bring along some small change to the show so you can vote for your favourite quilt. Of course, the small change will also buy you some morning tea – tea or coffee and a biscuit! We would love to see you at the show.

During the past year, we've once again made many quilts with shipments going out to the Drought Angels, our local neighbourhood centre at Deception Bay, and the Women's Wellbeing Hub in Caboolture.

Many thanks to all residents at Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay for your ongoing support of our monthly dinner raffles.

Of course, if you'd like to join our group please come along to the Craft Room on Saturdays at 9am. For more information, please call Dawn (ph. 806) or Jan (ph. 802).

All about Anzac Day.

Once again, the time is quickly coming for us, as a community, to commemorate Anzac Day. Any ex-service men or women who wish to be part of the 'march in', please let me know. If you participate, you and your partner will be offered a named reserved chair for the ceremony.

For the information of our newer residents: there is the opportunity for residents to lay floral tributes should you desire to do so. Also, there is a collection taken up during the service which our local RSL earmarks for distressed service personnel. Morning tea is served by the Social Committee following the service, in the Beach House.

The service commences at 9am near the memorial outside the Beach House. It would be appreciated if those willing hands who assist with the erection of the shade sails could be at the Beach House on Wednesday April 24 at 2pm please. Those people who have assisted with the chairs, we will need to put them out on that same day. Any new homeowners are most welcome to assist, too. We do need volunteers, please.

Thank you in anticipation,
Pat McLoughlin (ph. 700)



News from the Bowls Club.

Well, 2024 has certainly got off to a warm start (roll on, winter). The club's first event was the Australia Day trophy. A very good turnout saw the trophy awarded by our Games Director, Robyn, to Sue, Snow and Stan (skip).

A visit to Living Gems on Sunday February 11 by 24 players proved to be a good day out, albeit with a not-so-good result. The score was 207 to 155 against us. A return visit is pencilled in for winter.

February's monthly barbeque on February 23 was well catered for by Diana and her team of helpers. Well done, everybody.

The Singles competition is underway, with the final scheduled for Sunday March 10 at 9am (at the time of writing).

The Anzac Day Trophy will be played for on April 19, and we are hoping for another good turnout.

The Consistency Challenge is due to start on April 14, so let's get our names in – the more the merrier! And the Pairs competition kicks off in early June. Again, "ya gotta be in to win!"

Committee and general meetings are on April 8 and 15, respectively.

Finally, a vote of thanks to Ray Toomey for holding the fort over the Christmas break. Thanks, Ray.

Murray Liddell
Home 157, ph. 966



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From the Garden Group...

Our first meeting for the year, held in February, was well attended. We now have a new president, Margaret Munro, and vice president, Paul Clough. Our first 'Bloom of the Month' for 2024 was won by Fran Knight with a beautiful hydrangea. Our guest speaker was Jillian Coomb from Searles, who told us how to keep our gardens and pot plants healthy. She was an entertaining speaker.

At the time of writing, our March meeting is yet to take place – however, it will have a different theme. Tim from Helloworld Travel in Burpengary will be the guest speaker. At this meeting also, the arrangements for the visit to Lindmar Garden in Morayfield on April 2 will be finalised. By all reports it is worth seeing and is only open from April until June.

Plans are also in the pipeline to give members and residents an opportunity to attend the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour Showgrounds on July 4. Stay tuned as the final details are finalised.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, which take place on the first Tuesday of the month at the Sports Club at 9am. Please bring \$2 entry and a small plate to share for morning tea. Our group clean up of the Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay garden is on the last Tuesday of the month at 9am.

Happy gardening,

Margaret Munro, President (ph. 850)
Mary Higgs, Secretary (ph. 995)

Garden Group Committee

President Margaret Munro

Vice President Paul Clough

Secretary Mary Higgs

Treasurer Mick Duggan

Raffle Convenor Marie Heggie



From the Red Hatters...

It was great to have 20 of us there for our first meeting of the year on Monday, February 5. There were lots of birthdays for February and the coming month of March, and we hope you have all had a great celebration. At our age and stage, keeping going is cause for celebration so enjoy your special day! Thank you, Jenny, for making the truly gorgeous cards.

We began with Margaret (and I feel sure you know which of our three Margarets I am referring to) telling us about some of the many theatre bookings she has made for residents of our Palm Lake Resort. She had lots of the beautiful programs from many of the shows; some her own and some on loan from Jackie. Thanks to Jackie and Margaret. Margaret has been to many previews – some very special, like a trip to Sydney to see 'The Lion King'. For all the hard work she puts into this, she deserves such treats.

After Margaret spoke, we enjoyed refreshments (it was too

late, really, to be called afternoon tea). After the round the circle discussions and some planning, time was up.

That brings me back to our trial of 4pm on Monday – it seems that, although we're nearly all available, it just isn't a popular time. We are back to meeting in the sports room at 10am on the third Thursday of the month.

The dates are as follows, so please mark them on your calendar:

- April 18
- May 16
- June 21
- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- December 16 (this will be a Monday 5pm)

From the Social Committee.

By the time you read this, our St Patrick's Day celebrations would have happened. We are planning for an evening with Tim and Maggie providing their usual enjoyable music. There will be raffles and prizes for best dressed 'Irish theme' lady and gent.

The Anzac Day Service (April 25, 2024) will be followed by a morning tea for all. Please turn to Page 5 to find out more about the service.

A ladies morning tea is being held on Saturday May 11. This will be followed by a Portofino Fashion Parade. As this is a free event, a \$2 donation for a local charity (to be announced) would be most welcome.

Our enthusiastic team is looking forward to planning the rest of 2024 and hope you will enjoy the coming events! For any queries, please contact Glenda Hart (Home 178, ph. 958).

2024 Social Committee

A new committee has been appointed for 2024...

President Glenda Hart (Home 178)

Vice President Thea Hobson (Home 72)

Secretary Jan McLachlan (Home 114)

Treasurer Pat Holmes (Home 8)

Committee Members:

- Brenda Butler (Home 154)
- Jan Newman (Home 4)
- Robyn Williams (Home 192)
- Pam Fletcher (Home 248)
- Johanna Hoogwaerts (Home 243)
- Vicki MacMurray (Home 15)

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!



Our homeowners have charitable hearts.

PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS PROVE TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT THEY HAVE WONDERFUL, CHARITABLE HEARTS. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE STORIES WE'VE HEARD LATELY...

Tweed River: Around 150 homeowners and guests descending on the resort's Country Club for a stunning art-deco inspired high tea to raise funds for Tweed Palliative Support and the Wedgetail Retreat. The Country Club looked more like a fashionable hotel lounge, reminiscent of The Ritz in London or The Peninsular Hotel in Hong Kong, as fantastic multi-level platters of cakes, scones and savoury treats were prepared and served by the volunteers. Musicians from the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra volunteered their time and musical talent to present an incredible classical string concert (pictured above). The high tea was followed by raffles and a lively auction of kindly donated items resulting in more than \$11,000 being raised! This included a donation from the Residents' Committee plus the proceeds of refunds for bottle and can recycling from throughout the year. This total amount was much more than previous annual fundraiser events and much appreciated by the worthy charitable recipient.

Deception Bay: Just before Christmas, the resort's Quilters Group drove up to the Centre Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) at Caboolture with enough goodies to fill three car boots! The CADA people were stunned and so grateful. Along with all the toys for children and necessities for

women, there were 70 handmade Christmas stockings and more than 80 fabric drawstring bags for the women (pictured above). The group also donated 12 quilts to CADA to hand out to their clients in the New Year. The quilters were amazed by the wonderful response from their fellow homeowners who also donated toys and goods.

Upper Coomera: This resort's Jane McGrath Foundation charity fundraiser "Girls' Night In" event raised \$1060.

Bethania and Waterford: Two neighbouring Palm Lake Resorts came together for the sake of breast cancer research, hosting a charity event that raised more than \$3000 for the McGrath Foundation. Everyone turned out in their best pink outfits and a special visit was made by Federal MP Bert Van Manen who also donated to the cause via some lovely hampers that were raffled.

Carindale: The resort's annual Market and Craft Day saw a variety of stalls selling handicrafts, paintings, bric-a-brac, clothes, jewellery, toys, restored furniture, cakes and more. Through event proceeds, a morning tea and a raffle, Care Kits for Kids Qld (a children's charity that donates backpacks filled with clothes, toiletries and school supplies to disadvantaged children) received a donation from the resort of more than \$1400! This resort's knitters also do good with their spare time. Gathering fortnightly, the knitters produce gorgeous teddy bears for the Red Cross to distribute to needy children (pictured top).

BATTLE
OF THE TWO
BOWLING
BEACHMERES!



Sport brings us together.

OUR SPORTIEST HOMEOWNERS HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN, TAKING ON TEAMS FROM OTHER PALM LAKE RESORT LOCATIONS. HERE'S HOW SOME OF THE MOST RECENT MATCH-UPS HAVE PLAYED OUT...

Tea Gardens vs Fern Bay vs Forster Lakes: Golf has been the inter-resort game of choice recently for these nearby communities. In a three-game series, Forster Lakes was victorious once but Tea Gardens proved too good on the other two competition days. The total points overall were: Tea Gardens 454, Forster Lakes 444 and Fern Bay 423 so it was a close competition all 'round.

Beachmere Sands vs Beachmere Bay: The annual inter-resort lawn bowls competition between our Beachmere neighbours took place late last year. It's always a fierce competition and this one was no different. After a tough afternoon and evening battling it out, Beachmere Bay came out on top.

Best wishes to these legends!

WE LOVE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE MOMENT AND THERE ARE LOADS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE PALM LAKE GROUP EVERY WEEK.

Toowoomba: Pictured right, gorgeous Muriel has just batted her century at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba. She's been a fixture there since 2011 and her daughter, Lurlene, also calls the resort home.

Mt Warren Park: Congrats to homeowners Don and Yvonne who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently.

Carindale: When homeowner Eric celebrated his 96th birthday in December, we learned there were actually three neighbours in 'Club 1927' at that resort - all born in the same year. There'll no doubt be a big party in 2027 when Eric, Shirley and Mavis all mark their centuries at Palm Lake Resort!



Get social with us and WIN!

Are you following Palm Lake Resort on our various social media platforms? While you can catch up on all the company news on our Facebook page, you may not know that we also have a vibrant Palm Lake Resort Instagram account. During the month of April on Instagram, we are giving away a gift card valued at \$200 in our 'Tag a friend' competition. Entry is easy. All you need to do is be following Palm Lake Resort on Instagram (@palm.lake.resort) and tag your friends in the comments section on any of our posts from April 1 - 30. Every friend you tag counts as one entry and you can enter as many times as you like. Tagging a friend is as easy as placing the @ symbol in front of their Instagram name, for example: @marysmith. We'll announce the randomly drawn winner in our next newsletter and they can collect their prize from their Caretaker. *Note: Instagram is not in any way associated with this competition. Good luck!*



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

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6pm Cards (500) - Beach House

DAILY
1.30pm - 4pm Billiard and Snooker Club
 (Ladies' Day Tuesday)

Newspapers - The Courier-Mail & The Australian:
'0' 1800 630 130

Painter & Decorator - Andrew McNamara:
'0' 0438 801 320

Palm Lake Aged Care: '0' 3293 5800

Plumber - North West Plumbing: '0' 0418 868 848

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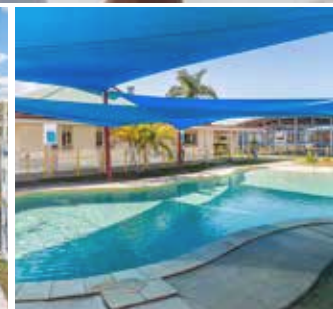
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