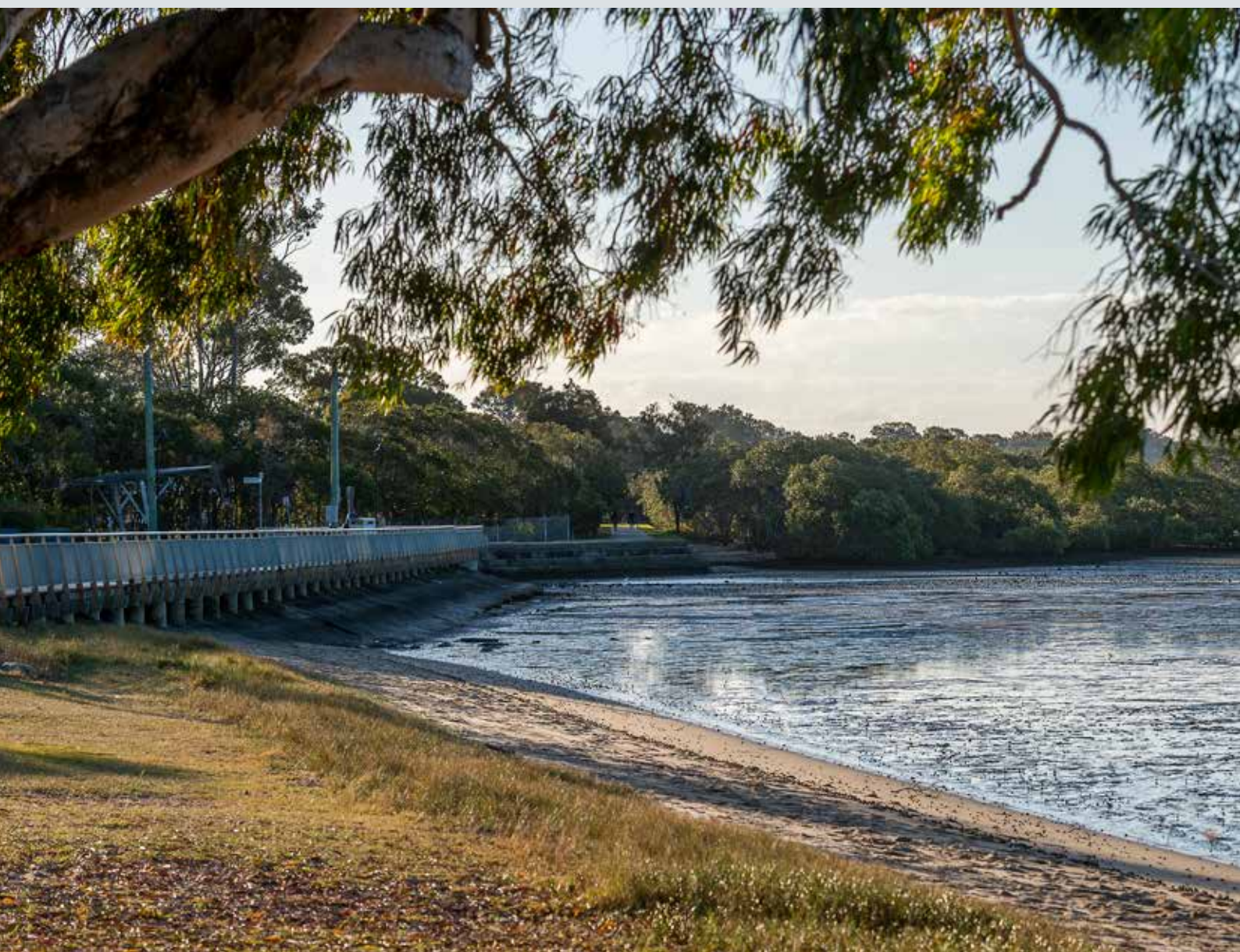


FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024



The Buzz



Crafting for a cause

Our resident quilters made a generous donation to a local women and children's shelter

It's all fun and games

Catch up on all the festive fun as we look back on the final get-togethers of 2023

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Welcome to the first edition of The Buzz for 2024.

Plenty has happened since the last issue and there are several new residents to welcome:

- Gloria Nicoll (Home 16)
- Phyllis Taylor (Home 44)
- Tanya and Damien Tuesley (Home 108)
- Linda Duffey and Kerry Gilshenan (Home 174)
- Lilian Pampuch (Home 254)
- Shirley Christie (Home 283)

Please say hello when you see them around the resort.

We have some more public holiday changes to our routine to note with Easter at the end of March and beginning of April. We will do our rubbish collection on Thursday March 27 so please have your bins out Wednesday evening. Green waste pick up will be Tuesday April 2 - please remember the limits on what we can pick up.

The office will be closed on Good Friday March 28 and re-open Tuesday April 2. Caretakers will be available during this time for emergencies only.

There have been some reports of snakes on the move recently. Please keep a snake catcher phone number handy if you see a slithering serpent in your homes and backyards. If sighted in the community facilities, please phone the caretaker immediately. Resort staff are not permitted to physically catch or relocate these beasties. If sighted around the grounds, don't panic. Back away to a safe distance and allow the snake to move away. Snakes often want to escape when disturbed. Please remember all native wildlife, including snakes, are protected.

Wishing you all the best,

Lyn and Phil
Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay Caretakers

Contact us.

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News in brief.



The results are in...

The Drought Angels official end of year result for 2023 has been calculated, and it's an amazing outcome. \$3270.20 was raised thanks to you - all of our Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay contributors.

In 2022, we collected \$2401.40. This means we (that's all of us) have increased our donation to Drought Angels in 2023 by 36%.

In 2023, we donated on average just over \$60 a week – but in the last seven weeks, when we could get 10c on wine and spirit bottles, we averaged over \$90.

This doesn't mean we are a bunch of alcoholics. Some homeowners like a tipple, but we recycle just as many water and soft drink containers as beer, wine, and spirit containers.

What can we do in 2024?

With your continued support, we hope to donate \$4500 next year to Drought Angels. Help us to help provide support to struggling farmers and those in rural communities. If you'd like to lend a hand in collecting and recycling containers or have any questions, please contact us.

Peter and Jenny Grace
(Home 213, ph. 768)

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: @palmakeresort
Instagram: @palm.lake.resort

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.

'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)

A crafty bunch

Happy New Year, everyone! Another year has begun, and so has craft. All are welcome to bring along their handywork to the craft room on Friday mornings at 9am, when we work and talk. You might be inspired to try something different, talk to a fellow crafter about what they have completed, or perhaps get advice on what you would like to do. We do have a morning tea break before finishing at 11am.

Margaret



Fancy a dip?

Our resort pool has been looking particularly inviting lately. Day or night, it's the perfect place to escape the heat or enjoy some light exercise.

A festive feast.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO END THE YEAR THAN WITH A FESTIVE GET-TOGETHER? HOMEOWNERS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH DELICIOUS FOOD, CHRISTMAS ATTIRE AND FUN AND GAMES.



Quilters say thanks.

On Monday November 27, we drove up to CADA (Centre Against Domestic Abuse) at Caboolture with enough boxes of goodies to fill three car boots. The CADA people were stunned, and just so grateful. Along with all the toys for children and necessities for women, there were 70 small Christmas stockings and more than 80 fabric drawstring bags for the women.

Our group was amazed at the wonderful response to our request around the resort for donations – we didn't expect to receive so many wonderful toys and gifts. Thank you all so much from us.

We also took up 12 quilts for CADA to hand out to their clients in the New Year.



Our quilting group had so much fun last year. If you'd like to join us on Saturday mornings in the Craft Room, we'd love to see you. Contact Dawn (Home 89, ph. 806) or Jan (Home 105, ph. 802).

Once again, thank you so much,

The Palm Lake Quilters





From the Garden Group...

The Garden Group had an enjoyable end of year Christmas dinner. The 'Bloom of the Month' Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Fran Knight, a deserving winner.

The first meeting of the year for our group will be February 6, with guest speaker Jillian Coombe from Searles.

On March 5, Kelly Ashford from MBRC will be the guest speaker telling us about the Deception Bay Heritage Trail.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings on first Tuesday of the month (except November) 9am at the Sports' Club. Bring \$2 for entry and a small plate to share for morning tea.

Clean up at the garden is the last Tuesday of the month at 9am and everyone is more than welcome to come and lend a hand, all the heavy work is done by our gardener (Joe Fraser).

Happy gardening,

Mary Higgs
Secretary (ph. 995)



Green thumbs,
unite! Join in on
all the fun of our
garden group.



Red Hatters' report....

We concluded our Red Hatter meetings for 2023 with a nearly full attendance. It was a great evening with a Secret Santa gift exchange, a game or two and plenty of delicious food. My sincere thanks go to members for my lovely gift of a big bag of goodies. Thanks, Rona, for helping with food from our funds.

We reminded ourselves of the year's activities. We also came up with the very different idea of meeting at 4pm on a Monday evening in 2024. This won't interfere with any other Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay activities, especially the all-important cleaning lady appointments that have caused some Red Hatters to miss our meetings. We will still go out for morning teas several times a year. It's a bit late, but we hope all residents had a happy and healthy New Year.



From the Bowls Club...

Well, the end of a very successful year full of activities had to come to an end. What better way to celebrate than have a 'last day of bowls' party to say goodbye to the year. A host of Christmas outfits were seen on this day, though some may have been confused and donned what looked like their sleeping gear. But it was all good fun with a few donations of special prizes making it a special day.

The highlight of the end of last year was the Bowls Club Christmas party. The feedback from all present was that it was a great night. There was lots of dancing and raffles throughout the event, with a very nice Christmas Dinner to top the night off.

The entertainment was supplied by Craig Shaw, who once again provided us with some fine music. He was promptly booked for next year's event.

A special thanks goes to the girls who helped prepare and serve the food. Well done, ladies. Enjoy looking at some of the happy snaps that were caught on the night.



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 past 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

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!

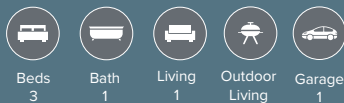


What's happening over your back fence?

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

Established homes for sale.

Home 244 - \$520,000



Cottage II.

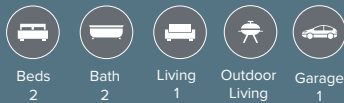
Come and join all that Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay has to offer.

This well-maintained home is situated at the end of a quiet street and has a large north-facing veranda where you can sit and relax on.

Walk in and start enjoying life, create a lifestyle with as many of the activities we offer as you desire. Close to a shopping centre, medical services and walk ways but still remaining peaceful. The home and resort are in a great location, come and see for yourself.



Home 210 - \$460,000



SOLD

Move in, relax and enjoy.

This well-maintained two bedroom home is perfectly positioned within the resort, overlooking one of the lakes. There are lovely cork tile floors throughout and it is newly painted inside. This home is ready to be moved into and enjoy, with low maintenance gardens and a large north facing verandah. There is nothing for you to do except enjoy the sunshine, beautiful views and the activities the resort has to offer.



FOR MORE, FREECALL 1800 725 652 OR EMAIL DECEPTIONBAY@PALMLAKE.COM.AU OR VISIT PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

- 8am Zumba Gold - Beach House, Weight Group - Craft Room
- 8.45am Aqua Aerobics - Indoor Pool
- 9am Tai Chi - Beach House
- 10am Sing-along (first and third Mondays)
- 1.30pm Lawn Bowls
- 2pm Smart Moves - Beach House
- 6.15pm Social Tennis

TUESDAY

- 9am Mah Jong - Sports Club, Garden Group (first Tues day of the month) - Sports Club
- 9.30am Oil Painting - Craft Room (not first Tuesday of the month), Scrabble - Beach House
- 1pm Cards (500) - Beach House, Indoor Bowls - Beach House
- 5pm Residents Meal - Beach House
- 6pm Square Dancing - Beach House

WEDNESDAY

- 7.30am Aqua Aerobics - Indoor Pool
- 8am Group Fitness - Beach House
- 12noon Residents Meal - Beach House
- 1pm Cards - Sports Club (5 Crowns)
- 1.30pm Round Dancing - Beach House
- 4pm Croquet - Croquet Park
- 6pm Summer Bowls, Line Dancing - Beach House

THURSDAY

- 9am Tai Chi - Beach House
- 10am Red Hatters meeting (second Thu of the month) - Sports Club, Painting (Artist) Group - Craft Room
- 2pm Cards (Euchre) - Beach House, Line Dancing - Beach House
- 5pm Residents Meal - Beach House
- 6.30pm Table Tennis - Sports Club, Cards - Beach House

FRIDAY

- 8.30am Lawn Bowls
- 9am Craft Club - Craft Room
- 2pm Bingo - Beach House
- 6.30pm Cards - Beach House
- 6.15pm Social Tennis

SATURDAY

- 8am Keyboarders (alternate Saturday) - Sports Club
- 9am Quilters Group - Craft Room
- 1pm Cards (500) - Beach House, Indoor Bowls - Beach House
- 4pm Croquet - Croquet Park

SUNDAY

- 6pm Cards (500) - Beach House

DAILY

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

Important contact numbers.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS (Police - Fire - Ambulance):
Remember '0' before the 000

To open gate from your home: 11

Air Conditioning (Connor Harm): '0' 0407 310 767

Police-non emergency: '0' 131 444

Tel/Internet support: '0' 5607 4030

Office: ext. 601

Caretakers/Managers - after hours: ext. 600

Caretakers/Managers/Sales: 1800 725 652

Beach House: ext. 605

Electrician - Air Spark (Paul) '0' 0417 147 180

Gas - smells/leaks: '0' 1800 808 526

Gas - Origin Energy: '0' 132 461

Garage Door Repairs - Steel-Line Garage Doors:
'0' 3713 3100

Home Assist: '0' 5490 6820

Neil Judge - JP Qualified: ext. 743

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

Handyman/Builder - Barry Corocher: '0' 0407 678 419

Poisons Information Centre: '0' 131 126

Prince Charles Hospital: '0' 3139 4000

Redcliffe Hospital: '0' 3883 7777

Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital: '0' 3646 8111

RACQ Breakdowns: '0' 131 111

State Emergency Service: '0' 132 500

Sports' Club: ext. 603

Taxi - Redcliffe Taxi Service: '0' 131 008

FOR EMERGENCY

AMBULANCE FIRE, POLICE: '0' 000

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