

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024



The Buzz



Happy homeowners

Murray Liddell shares what he loves most about calling our resort home

20 years of quilting

One of our longest-standing activity groups celebrates an impressive milestone

Over the back fence

Keep up to date with all the good things your fellow Palm Lake Resort family is up to



Welcome.

Hooray, winter is gone for another year – and what a way to go, with high summer temperatures during the final week. Hopefully we don't get an unseasonal spring blast of icy weather as a sting in the tail. Spring flowers and orchids are blooming all around the resort, which is lovely to see.

It's great that croquet is being played again at croquet park. Why not join in on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm? Turn to Page 11 for our full Weekly Activities list, as there is plenty to do here.

Summer bowls under the floodlights will also begin in October, on Wednesdays at 6pm at the bowling green.

There have been some changes to our fitness classes. We are pleased to welcome our new fitness instructor Toulia Phillips, who is taking over from Jo Hargreaves. Jo is going into semi-retirement but will still do the Monday class as Group Fitness. Toulia will be doing Dance Exercise, which is like Zumba, on Tuesday mornings in the Beach House at 8am. Come along, keep fit and healthy.

We are still searching for a new Aqua Aerobics instructor and hope to make an announcement soon.

We have some new residents to meet and welcome to the resort. Julia and Clive Nutley have moved into Home 17, and Jeanette and Ronald Cotter have moved into Home 244. Please say hello when you see them around the resort.

A reminder that Monday October 7 is our Kings Birthday public holiday, so the office is closed.

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue. Please note the close off date for the December-January edition of The Buzz is Monday November 4.

Regards,

Lyn and Phil
Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay Caretakers

Contact us.

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News in brief.

From the Red Hatters

We had a good attendance for the July meeting. Everyone had researched the meaning of their given names, and those with the same name found their results to be similar. There was enthusiasm for the first time we played the Spinners Game and everyone went home with at least one prize.



Farm Angels fundraiser

Thank you to all the drinkers of beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, water, and anything else with a 10c logo on its container. By using our bins and boxes instead of the big yellow-top bins for your empties, you're ensuring the cash back goes to a worthy cause.

Our chosen charity has changed its name to Farm Angels (previously Drought Angels), reflecting the broader support it provides to outback communities facing fires, floods, plagues, and other calamities, including droughts.

In 2023, we collected \$3,270.20, and by the end of August 2024, we've already reached \$2,671.80 – over 80 percent of last year's total, with four months still to go.

We recycle the bottles and cans at Burpengary once a week. Our weekly average is around \$75, but we expect that to rise as the warmer months typically lead to more recycling.

We have collection points around the resort – at the tennis court by the front gate, at the croquet court, at the Beach House, outside Homes 95 and 213, and at the Bay Road end of the big lake. Our boxes are marked with a Drought Angels sign.

A big shout out to Viv and Beth Kuhl from Home 233, who collect bottles and cans from the nearby yellow bin and save them for us. They probably contribute \$8 to \$10 a week. If you'd like to do the same or help with our collections, give us a call.

We empty our boxes regularly during the week. If you find one is full, please call us on 768 and we'll come to empty it. Thanks for all your help and encouragement.

Pete and Jenny Grace (Home 213)

Market Day is almost here!

Guess what? It's almost Market Day! Our annual craft market day is coming up on Saturday November 16, 2024.

Those wanting a stall have had a meeting and been informed about what happens. If you did not come to the meeting and would like to sell your handywork, please phone Margaret (Home 5, ph. 812)

Anybody participating in the decorated candle display, please bring your candle down to the Beach House between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on the Friday afternoon before the market (November 15).

On Saturday morning, the Beach House will be open for residents only at 8am. Visitors can come inside from 8.30am, when the front gate will be open. Please remind your family and friends to come along, and perhaps purchase a few Christmas gifts.

There will be raffles and morning tea available, at a small cost. The announcements of raffle prizes and decorated candle winners will start at 11am.

For more information, please contact Margaret (ph. 812) or Hazel (ph. 978). We look forward to seeing you all on November 16. Happy crafting!



Pictured: Our 2023 Market Day was a huge success



Our quilt club turns 20!

Who would have thought when we started our resort quilting group back in 2004 that we would still be going strong 20 years later – and that we would have made so many quilts?!

Our numbers have waxed and waned over the years, but we've always had around twelve regulars to our Saturday morning get-togethers.

In the early days, we all just shared our knowledge of quilt making and enjoyed the chats. But in 2008, we began handing out quilts to homeowners within our resort who we had been advised had moved into care. We also gave some quilts to Palm Lake Care when they first began operating.

In 2014, we held our first quilt show in the Beach House. Our shows have been very successful each year since then, always with several quilts being raffled on the day.

In early 2020 we became aware of the dreadful fires down in the Bega area of New South Wales. A call out for some more members to make quilts for those affected resulted in over 100 quilts making their way down to fire victims.

The COVID outbreak limited things in 2020 and 2021, however we kept quilting at home. Many of our newer quilters took the opportunity to sew quilts for family members. A couple of these ladies made quilts for their children, grandchildren and even great-grandies! We also made hundreds of masks that were sold both within the resort and outside, helping to raise funds.

For some time now we have also been donating quilts to various charities and will continue to keep spreading the good will. The quilts that have been given out in the past 20 years are as follows...

- Palm Lake Resort residents going into care: 170
- Palm Lake Care: 30
- Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre: 350
- Bega Fires: 100
- Drought Angels, Chinchilla – now Farm Angels: 260
- CADA Caboolture (Centre Against Domestic Abuse): 75

**Other than the first two on the list, the quilts donated are a mix of adult and children's quilts.*



Our group raises funds to purchase backing fabric and wadding to fill the quilts. Thanks very much to everyone who supports our monthly Thursday night dinner raffles, and our quilt show. We are also happy to sell any of our quilts if you'd like to purchase one for a special person. Just contact us for further details.

We'd also like to thank the homeowners who donate fabric for us to make into quilts. Our cupboard is filled with fabrics, all waiting to become part of a colourful quilt!

If you'd like further information about our group, please contact us. We'd love to have some more keen quilters join us. And if you haven't quilted before but like to sew, we're always happy to show you the ropes!

Dawn Toomey (ph. 806)
Jan Scott (ph. 802)



News from the Garden Group.

Our July meeting was our AGM, aptly chaired by Colin Briggs. The new committee consists of...

- **President** Margaret Munro
- **Vice President** Paul Brough, assisted by Colin Briggs
- **Secretary** Desley Young assisted by Fran Knight
- **Treasurer** Margaret Cunningham
- **Raffle Convenor/Buyer** Marie Heggie

Because of our AGM, we had no guest speaker.

The Nambour bus trip to the Garden Expo was a great day, with everyone coming home with some beautiful plants and crafts – as well as lots of helpful information and hints for healthy gardening. 'Bloom of the Month' was won by Sylvia Clark, with her beautiful hibiscus.

Our August 6 meeting was opened by President Margaret Munro. Mary Higgs and Margaret visited Robyn Fullerton and gave her a lovely mini red rose in a painted pot, in memory of her husband John (Fullo), a member of our garden group. 'Bloom of the Month' was won by Fran Knight for her beautiful orchid. Morning tea was followed by our guest speaker Diane Ferrari, a resident of our resort. She volunteers and spoke about the Anglicare Op Shop on Park Road, Deception Bay. She told us how it runs with volunteers and donations of clothing. There is also a coffee shop there. They are open on Wednesdays from 9am to 2pm.

Our September meeting guest speaker is Colin Briggs' son, who is a Detective Superintendent in the police force. He will speak to us about youth crime and answer questions after. He is also a mountain climber, just for fun!

Our guest speaker for October will be from Compot, which provides easy composting of kitchen waste. Our guest speaker for November will be from Queensland Fire and Rescue.

Remember, our clean up sessions in the resort gardens take place on the last Tuesday of each month at 9am.

Happy gardening,

Margaret Munro
President (ph. 850)





TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our triples championship final was played on Sunday, August 25, and what a great game it was. Stan Marks, John McNamara, and Jim MacArthur played against Bill Findlay, Denise Dare, and Ian Virgen, with Jim's team winning. It was great to see so many spectators for the final. Our sincere thanks go to our terrific Providore, Robyn Williams, and her band of helpers, for the delicious morning tea and lunch. Welcome back to Noel Hawes after his long stay in hospital. We trust it won't be too long before he is able to play again.

The final of our last championship tournament for the year, the B grade singles, will be contested on October 6. Results will be published in the December-January issue of The Buzz.

Gael Itzstein

INTER-RESORT CHALLENGES

Following our away game loss by 37 shots to Green Wattle Burpengary on May 19, a win by 47 shots at home on July 14, gave us a hard fought 10 shot win overall. As usual, meeting players for the first time and catching up with old friendly foes, was so enjoyable. The culinary delights prepared by our Providore, Robyn Williams and her Assistants were a feature as always.

On August 4, we played a friendly home game against Living Gems Caboolture. Unfortunately, we lost 144 shots to 184, but a good time was had by all who attended. This was our last inter-resort challenge for the year.

Robyn Fullerton

NEW MEMBERS

If you are even remotely interested in learning to bowl, come and have a chat with us any Wednesday arvo at about 3pm. We have experienced and friendly club members who will be only too happy to explain the operations of the club and to help you to learn the basics of lawn bowls. The Club also has bowls you can use initially for practice. Of course, if you're an experienced bowler, we'd love to see you too. Bowling days and times are posted in the Sports Club.

Mike Danks

PRESIDENT'S APOLOGY

Apologies to Bill Hodgetts for misspelling your name in the previous issue of The Buzz. Sorry Bill.

Murray Liddell
Home 158, ph. 966



Bowls Club Committee Members 2024/2025

- **President** Murray Liddell (ph. 966)
- **Vice President** Gael Itzstein (ph. 838)
- **Secretary** Mike Danks (ph. 886)
- **Treasurer** Ross Heaney (ph. 888)
- **Games Director** Robyn Fullerton (ph. 754)
- **Greens Director** Jim McArthur (ph. 759)
- **Providore** Robyn Williams (ph. 956)
- **Immediate Past President** Bill Hodgetts (ph. 929)
- **Chair of Selectors** Robyn Fullerton (ph. 754)
- **Selectors** Gael Itzstein (ph. 838), Stan Marks (ph. 737)

From the Social Club.

The Best of British luncheon was a great success. The Social Committee ladies put on a British pub themed lunch and it went of a treat. The music provided by the band had most people singing along, tapping their feet and enjoying the 'guest artists' provided by the band members.

A morning tea was held on Saturday August 10 for the new homeowners. A great big thank you to all the residents who volunteered to come along and talk about the resort activities they are involved in. Much appreciated by the 'newbies'!

The Men's Morning tea was held on Saturday August 31 and from what I hear, they nearly had to be asked to leave! A sure sign that they had a good time. With so much sickness around over the past couple of months we were initially disappointed with numbers, but in the end the men rallied and a good number turned up.

At the time of writing, we're looking forward to another musical themed afternoon – a demonstration by a lively rock 'n' roll dancing troupe – which is taking place on Sunday September 15. Be sure to also mark Saturday October 19 (5.30pm to 9pm) in your diaries, when we will be enjoying a sausage sizzle and dessert with a music provided by Darrin Leigh.

Glenda Har, President (ph. 958)



We love where we live.

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay has come of age in the last few years, started in the spring of 2001. Some of the original residents are still here. Improvements in resort design and people's expectations of what an 'over-50s lifestyle resort' should have to offer has obviously changed over time, and in most respects Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay has moved comfortably into its maturity.

When we are looking for a place to call home, we look to see what facilities are on offer in close proximity and, especially in our maturity, health and personal welfare are of prime importance. Deception Bay Market Square fulfills practically all those needs, including a medical clinic, dental surgery, pharmacy, radiology and diagnostic services, and podiatrists, along with Centrelink and Medicare offices. And all within 500 metres of the resort's western gate.

Both major supermarkets have a presence in the centre and Aldi is less than a kilometre away. Dan Murphy's, BWS, Liquorland and the Deception Bay tavern cater for other, perhaps, 'basic needs'. The tavern also has excellent dining with the obligatory pokies. Under the same roof you'll find two cafes, Domino's, Subway, Thai and Indian restaurants, a sushi train, an ice cream parlour, Australia Post, a hairdresser, barber, greengrocer, newsagent, Choice outlet and more, with Hungry Jacks and Zarraffa's Coffee adjacent.

If you want to get away from all this, a short bus trip from The Square will get you to Rothwell train station and then, literally, the world is yours to explore. If you're heading to the airport,

you'll need a bit more time and transfers. Don't forget your passport. But you won't need a car from the resort – just trundle your bag or port across the road.

Feeling energetic and fancy a walk? Turning left out the north-eastern gate reveals a very pleasant, flat walk along the waterfront with views to Redcliffe and Scarborough. It's roughly a five-kilometre return trip on a popular, well maintained Moreton Bay City Council walk/cycleway. The sunrises over Moreton Bay are spectacular and at high tide there's the opportunity for a swim, fish or maybe a kayak – or just a paddle in the water. Turn right out the gate and a paved path offers a return trip of about seven kilometres, through undulating pasture and bushland. This route features an exercise trail, a fairy grove and the chance to see kangaroos – and possibly a koala. Both routes provide public toilets, which are conveniently located.

The time-honoured real estate adage of 'location, location, location' definitely holds true for Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay. These attractions are all outside the resort, but the true essence of Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay is in the community itself. I'm a Kiwi and this community reminds me of an old Maori proverb... *"He aha te mea nui o Te Ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata."* ("What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, the people, the people.")

I am blessed and grateful to live here in Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Murray Liddell (Home 157)

Established homes for sale.

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Home 207 - \$530,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Cottage II

This home has two bedrooms, one bathroom with both a bath and shower, an additional separate toilet and a study. There is also a generous open-plan lounge and dining area, ideal for entertaining.

There is a large sweeping veranda outside with unrestricted views of the “Big Lake” and grassed area which is home to a wonderful array of bird life.

Additional extras include air conditioning, built-in wardrobes, electric cooktop and a desirable location close to resort amenities.

This home is ready for you to move in and enjoy the resort lifestyle.



Home 244 - \$520,000



SOLD

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 117- \$435,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Charisma

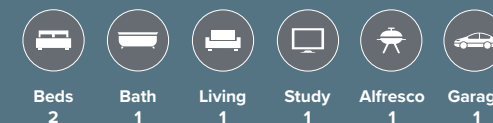
Come and view this tidy, easy-care property in a great location. Enjoy your morning 'cuppa' in the sun overlooking the croquet lawn. A short walk to all the wonderful facilities Palm Lake Resort has to offer, with all the clubs and groups to join there is always something to do.

The world is your oyster when you come and enjoy the lifestyle of this community. Make an appointment to view and see for yourself this gem of a property.

Features include air con and ceiling fans, electric sun screens and a garage with ramp access.



Home 17 - \$395,000



SOLD

Fairhaven I

This property has lots of potential to become something special. With a north-facing veranda to enjoy the afternoon sun and a large shaded deck perfect for BBQs on warm summer evenings, it offers plenty of outdoor living space.

If hobbies are your thing, there is a spacious room to spread out in, as well as a large garden shed. Palm Lake Resort provides a great lifestyle with clubs to join and facilities to use, making life easy and enjoyable. Situated close to shops, medical centers, and a walkway along the Esplanade, this home offers both convenience and leisure.





'Love' these milestones!

Celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary recently, Kevin and Helen of Palm Lake Resort Carindale (QLD, pictured above) were congratulated with cheers and acclamation by all at the resort's Wednesday dinner. The pair met at a tennis night in Sydney on July 10, 1959. Both are keen gardeners who have been living at Palm Lake Resort for 16 years where they have graciously endeared themselves to fellow homeowners and our management team. Congratulations to you both!

Over at our sister company, Palm Lake Care, another incredible milestone anniversary was recently noted. Max and Joan of Palm Lake Care Caloundra (QLD, below) just clocked up 73 years of wedded bliss! What an incredible achievement!



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 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 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 OUR PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!

'Big O' bash at Beachmere Sands.

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands (QLD) residents recently came together to celebrate a very big milestone - several of them, in fact. The resort's annual 'Big O' party is held for those celebrating a milestone birthday that year. This year's 'Big O' event was another fantastic night. There have been whispers around the resort that it was the 'best one yet!' The most impressive 'Big O' of them all was Agnes (right), who turns 100 this year!



Award winners, five years in a row.

The Master Builders Association Queensland's independent judges recently named a Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters' display residence the best in its category on the Sunshine Coast.

At the same glittering awards ceremony, the renovation of Pelican Waters Golf Club (also owned and operated by the Palm Lake Group) was named best Commercial Refurbishment/ Renovation project.

These two recent wins see Palm Lake Group's award-winning streak stretch to five consecutive years - a proud achievement for all those involved and for anyone who calls a Palm Lake Resort address home!

Tell us what's happening over your back fence.

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the whole Palm Lake Resort group? Are you and/or your neighbours doing something special that you're proud of - and you know we'd be proud of too?

We'd love to hear from you and include your story in these pages in the next editions of all our resort newsletters.

Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

- 8am** Group Fitness - Beach House, Weight Group - Craft Room
- 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

- 8am** Dance Fitness - Beach House
- 9am** Mah Jong - Sports Club, Garden Group (first Tuesday 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

- 12noon** Residents Meal - Beach House
- 1pm** Cards - Sports Club (5 Crowns)
- 1.30pm** Round Dancing - Beach House
- 4pm** Croquet - Croquet Park
- 6pm** Summer Bowls

THURSDAY

- 9am** Tai Chi - Beach House
- 10am** Red Hatters meeting (third Thur of the month) - Sports Club, Painting (Artist) Group - Craft Room
- 10.30am** Smart Moves - Beach House
- 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
- 10am** Legacy Morning Tea - Beach House (2nd Friday of the month)
- 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

SUNDAY

- 6pm** Cards (500) - Beach House

DAILY

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

Important contact numbers.

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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 - Brisbane & Bayside Garage Doors: '0' 3888 1577

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

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