

Eagleby Star.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2022

Meet your neighbour.

FROM EXPERIENCED DOG TRAINERS TO ESTABLISHED AUTHORS, THE RESIDENTS OF PALM LAKE RESORT EAGLEBY HAVE MANY COLOURFUL BACKGROUNDS. ON PAGES 4 & 5, MEET ONE SUCH RESIDENT EDDIE WHITAKER, WHO SPENT MUCH OF HER LIFE AT SEA WITH HER LATE HUSBAND JOHN FRANCIS.





Welcome.

A lot has been happening around the resort since our last edition of the Eagleby Star. One of the main things is the the new carpet in the Lakeview Clubhouse, which looks fantastic – I hope you all agree. The Summer House indoor pool chair has been installed and is a vast improvement on the old one. You should have all received a notice with regards to using the chair.

We have certainly had some cold mornings over the last month, and there will be a few more to come before it starts to warm up again. No complaints from me – I enjoy this cooler weather!

A final reminder: make sure you book your meals before the cut-off of midday on Friday. If you are not sure if you are booked in, check the lists that Lauren puts out on Friday afternoon.

Please also remember that, if you have any concerns or complaints, put them in writing to the resort office.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to our volunteers – we really appreciate all that you do.

See you around the resort,

Michaela Gee
Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Caretaker

CONTACT US

Looking for more info about Palm Lake Resort Eagleby?

Find us:

Online: palmakeresort.com.au

Social media: Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and Instagram to see what's happening right across the group.

Street address: 272 Fryar Road, Eagleby.

Freecall: 1800 781 101



News briefs.

WASTE REMINDER

General waste collection:
Monday August 18 and
September 12.

Green waste collection:
Tuesday August 9 and 23,
September 6 and 20.



DOCTORS' SURGERY HOURS

Dr Anthony Ting
Wednesday 8.30am – 9.30am

Dr Nicholas Ting
Friday 11.30am – 12.30pm

Please phone Mt Warren Park surgery for an appointment or home visit on 3807 8588.

Podiatrist is available Tuesday (bookings sheet is in the Lakeview Clubhouse).

SHOW YOU CARE

Do you have some spare time and would like to give back to the community, while also making a difference in someone's life? Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park are looking for volunteers to either visit the community or assist the Lifestyle Team in running activities. If this sounds like you, please call Lifestyle Coordinator Leona Counsell on 3444 6000 to discuss this further.

FIRE WARDENS

Residents, please familiarise yourselves with your fire plan and warden's details. Note your nearest fire warden in case of any emergency.

- Kath Tomlinson** H77 (ph. 7877)
- Joan Scott** H262 (ph. 1462)
- Hans Buckschun** H302 (ph. 1502)
- Ron Clibbon** H127 (ph. 7927)
- John Bowley** H7 (ph. 7807)
- Bob Beattie** H335 (ph. 1535)
- Bruce Tait** H339 (ph. 1539)
- Trevor Whelan** H6 (ph. 7806)
- Nigel Harvey** H166 (ph. 7966)

HOSING HOURS

Please make note of our hosing hours for recycled water:

Mornings: 7am - 8am
Afternoons: 4pm to 5pm

Please hose during these times from Monday to Friday only. Please do not use the recycled water on weekends.



READ ALL ABOUT IT

If you haven't already received a copy of the Winter 2022 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, you should check it out online. In the Winter edition, we have a special feature on the "Pets of Palm Lake" – a collection of stories on our amazing residents and their amazing pets. You'll also catch up on all the news from around our many Palm Lake Group locations, find tasty winter recipes and discover a few fun ways to spice up your life. To read the edition online, visit www.palmlakeresort.com.au and click on the 'News & Events' tab in the menu.

HAIR SALON SPECIALS

August: Top knot perm/body wave, perfect for giving extra body and hold. This deal includes a style cut and blow dry and is just \$69.95 total.

September: To celebrate Father's Day, enjoy a men's haircut and hot towel for just \$13.00. For the ladies, you can get a style cut and blow dry with an eyebrow wax or tint for \$39.95.



Our magic sailing days.

WHEN EDDIE WHITAKER MET HER LATE HUSBAND JOHN FRANCIS IN 1975, SHE NEVER IMAGINED A LIFE SPENT AT SEA FOR MONTHS, EVEN YEARS AT A TIME – BUT THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT SHE GOT. LOOKING BACK, SHE WOULDN’T HAVE HAD IT ANY OTHER WAY.

John’s sailing story started when, at four years old, he crewed as ‘tea boy’ on his dad’s yacht Vanessa sailing beautiful Lake Macquarie.

“Before long John graduated to his own, very heavy, home-built V-Jay,” says Eddie. “He was frequently sopping wet in that boat, often in the drink – the dinghy had a tendency to upend!”

Despite a brief interlude, John’s love affair with sailing was rekindled in the late 1960s when he helped a RAAF friend relocate a 14-foot Arrow Catamaran through the Malacca Straits from Singapore to Penang, Malaysia. Feeling inspired, John simply built his own 14-foot Arrow Catamaran... in his lounge room, no less! Eddie says that, yet again, he was usually sopping wet in that little cat.

“John dreamt about owning a yacht like the luxurious monohulls that sped past him – invariably with an always dry crew on deck, sporting a chicken drumstick and a glass of champagne,” says Eddie.

Following his return to Oz, John underwent several RAAF postings: Richmond, Darwin (yes, during Cyclone Tracy!) and Amberley. Eddie came into the picture in 1975 when John was in Amberley’s 482 Squadron.

“He introduced me to sailing on yet another 14-foot Arrow Cat,” says Eddie. “It was marine ply and a tad flimsy (well, for some forms of sailing!), yet we sailed out to sea over the Clarence River bar, near Iluka and Yamba. It was a beautiful day.

“John’s adventurous streak begged him to surf the waves

on Iluka’s Main Beach. He’d seen cats surfing on TV, so what could go wrong? Disaster, of course. This time, we were both in the drink, amongst dangerously flailing rigging and sails. John repaired the damaged hull so professionally that there was no evidence of our surfing caper.”

Even after this mishap, John and Eddie married in 1977. Eddie says there were always those recurring conversations about John’s sailing adventures and his dream of owning a yacht. So, their search began in 1978.

“We were en route to my posting in Bowen,” says Eddie. “To this day, I remain convinced that we called into any and every little bay that just may have harboured our yacht!”

Finally, there was Dancer. John and Eddie found her in the Mackay Small Boat Harbour – there was no marina then. Dancer was a 38.5-foot Hedley Nicol Vagabond Mark 2 trimaran, stretched.

“Yep, the same design in which Hedley Nicol disappeared at sea!” laughs Eddie. “Why, oh why did I read that book about all those trimaran disasters? But she sported such beautiful lines, and John was in love with her. So was I.”

Three weeks later John and Eddie delivered Dancer to Bowen, and Eddie’s love affair with sailing grew even more. Together, the couple sailed around Edgumbe Bay, Gloucester Island, east to Hayman Island and south to other Whitsunday Islands.

“I had so much to remember. Every piece of equipment on board boasted an alien name, so I learnt an entirely foreign language,” says Eddie. “John’s knowledge was

formidable, my ignorance frustrating – especially for John. Divorce occasionally loomed inevitable. But I progressed to an adept deckie. I relished the deck work, charting our navigation courses and the sailing. John ensured I was capable of handling our beautiful trimaran under full sail should he fall overboard.”

In December 1979, John and Eddie set sail for two glorious years cruising Australia’s amazing east coast. From Bowen to the Clarence to Cairns in the north, as well as Brunswick Heads and the Tweed – where they almost lost their yacht – further south.

“Our coastline is littered with splendour and we explored much of it during our time,” says Eddie.

So many memories – most are wonderful, some less so. They crossed the dreaded Wide Bay Bar five times and navigated the crowds at Noosa. On Lady Musgrave Island, John and Eddie were the only people there. Christmas of 1980 was spent on Walkers’ Slipway repairing their skeg, while Shute Harbour was a less than ideal spot for their motor to break down. They discovered that Innisfail has the best malted milks, but too many crocs. They heard the curlews sing at Brampton, played cricket in the dinghies at Horseshoe Bay (using the oars as paddles) and rescued a yacht that had dragged anchor out to sea off Orpheus Island on a dark, turbulent night.

With so much experience under her belt, Eddie remembers the momentous day that John decreed she’d attained the lofty heights of ‘captain of our ship’.

“Oh, I was so chuffed. I stood noticeably taller and puffed out my chest,” she says. “My deflation was profound when John announced that he was the ‘admiral of our fleet’ – Dancer and Dasher, our tender. He sassily quipped, ‘Remember, the Captain goes down with the ship!’”

John and Eddie lived aboard their beautiful Dancer for five years. Then, in late December of 1983, they so, so regrettably watched her sail out of Gladstone and up the Narrows. She had been their home, their haven, affording them safe passage through amazing expeditions.

“We both accepted that our sailing adventures were over and settled into life on land,” says Eddie. “We bought our



Pictured: Dancer under sail near Dunk Island.

much loved 42 acres – but that’s another story.”

But John and Eddie’s reminiscing about their ‘Dancer Daze’ became more frequent. Then, a 2002 TV documentary featuring Whitehaven Beach instigated their search for a second yacht – one that was smaller, easier to handle and boasted an inboard motor. Twelve months later, they found her in Mooloolaba: their ‘Don Quixote’, a John Gross, 32-foot Fastback Catamaran.

“Because we both still worked full-time in education, we explored beautiful Moreton Bay during the next three years,” says Eddie. “How incredibly fortunate we were to have that stunning waterway on our doorstep.

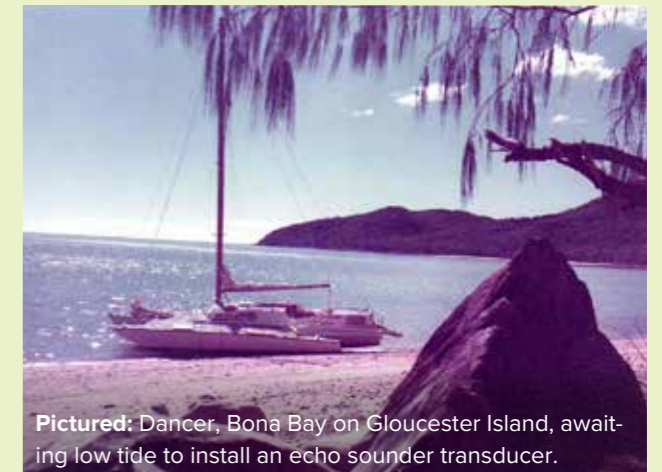
“We discovered many gems that we had sailed past in Dancer: the two Stradbroke Islands, Russell Island, Macleay Island, Slipping Sands and Blaksleys,” says Eddie. “Of course, there was Peel Island – a mid-19th century quarantine station and later an asylum for Brisbane vagrants, not to mention a leper colony from 1907 to 1959. Also, St Helena Island and stunning Tangalooma; we revelled in uncovering so much history.”

Following their 2006 retirement, John and Eddie returned to the cruising lifestyle with gusto. They spent thirteen awesome weeks whale watching in the Sandy Straits – Eddie recalls admiring those ‘beautiful, knowing, gentle giants’, although one gliding along beside the boat had them a little concerned.

“For ten years after we retired, we lived aboard our Don whenever our hearts yearned for the sea, revelling in our safe haven often,” says Eddie. “Depending on the season we’d head north, south, or east, for however long we fancied.

“We sailed north in 2008, revisiting so many of those beautiful, secluded anchorages – they’re very different now. Our coastline is so much busier than in the 70s and 80s, and I counted 96 boats anchored in Cid Harbour where we once embraced absolute solitude.”

John and Eddie finally sold their Don in 2016 after eighteen and a half years sailing. It was time. But John’s words still echo in Eddie’s ears: “Stick with me, kid. I’ll take you places.” He certainly did that.



Pictured: Dancer, Bona Bay on Gloucester Island, awaiting low tide to install an echo sounder transducer.

Bowls Club.

There has been a lot of activity on the greens over the last two months. One of the highlights was our Inter-Resort Challenge in which five South East Queensland lifestyle resorts played off for the championship. After a slow start due to adverse weather, the Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Gold Team did us proud. We prevailed in a very close final to be the 2022 Champions. Our Silver Team came up against some very strong competition, but still managed to place third. Congratulations to all who played, including the replacements and reserves. Our Club Championships are now halfway through and have produced some very close and exciting games. The results to date: Triples Championship Winners were Trevor Haines, Lois Heller, Don Spencer and Lorna Towers (Sub); Pairs Championship Winners were Richard Goodman, John Wilson and Ross Reeves (Sub); Ladies B Grade Championship Winner was Bev Lee. The results of the remaining games will be reported in the next edition of the Eagleby Star.

Remember that Happy Hour at the Bowls Club is every Saturday night at 4pm. Come along and socialise with fellow members and enjoy trivia and raffles – there are cash prizes of \$25, plus our weekly Members' Draw which jackpots by \$25 if not won (but you must be there to claim it!). A reminder that new bowlers are always welcome; we have free coaching and loan bowls available. For enquiries, contact Dave Lewis (1571) or Pom Bailey (7823). Please make note of these upcoming events:

- **Wednesday August 3:** Palm Lake Resort Eagleby/Waterford Shield home game
- **Wednesday August 10:** Palm Lake Resort Beachmere away game
- **Saturday August 20:** Palm Lake Resort Ballina/Eagleby Shield home game
- **Sunday August 21:** Services vs Non-Services Triples
- **Wednesday September 7:** Halcyon Greens away game
- **Sunday September 11:** Mens Singles Championships
- **Saturday September 17:** Happy Hour Pizza Night at the Clubhouse
- **Wednesday September 21:** Opal Gardens away game
- **Saturday September 24:** Palm Lake Resort Ballina/Eagleby Shield away game
- **Friday September 30:** Ladies Open Singles Championship

John Colless
Vice President

Pictured left: 2022 Inter Resort Challenge Winners

Pool Club.

A lot has happened in our pool group since our last report in the June-July edition of the 'Eagleby Star'...

May 14: We had 26 players and the winners on the day were Ron Clibbon and Kevin Swiles.

May 21: We had 22 players and the winners were Ross Reeves and Peter (Pom) Bailey in a three-way draw.

May 28: The winners on the day were Mario Mifsud and Baz Moreland.

June 4: It was raining men as we had 32 players. A big welcome to new arrival Keith Johnson. Winners on the day were Kevin Swords and John Edmondson, a six-way draw. A very exciting afternoon.

June 11: We had 26 players. Winners of the day were Roly Fahrenhorst and Ron Swain. Great afternoon having a few drinks and even more laughs – what more could anyone ask for?

June 18: We had 24 players and winners were Karl Voorhauser and Don Spencer.

June 25: We had 28 players. A big welcome to new player Bob Clark. It was also good to see John Palmer and Gerry Swan on a visit – get well soon guys. The winners of the day were Peter Emerson and Peter Bailey.

July 2: A big afternoon turned into a five-way draw and the winners were Frank Buckley and Bob Clark.

July 9: We had 10 teams of two players. It was great to see Keith Johnson, who turns up week after week regardless of his disability. Keith played an amazing shot to sink the black and win the game. Keep that smile on your face Keith, it's great to see. Winners of the day were Boyd Everett and Baz Moreland.

The past two months have been very well received, and our meetings continue to make for a great social afternoon. Thanks to all who attend and make our group such a great one to be a part of.

Roly Fahrenhorst
President



HOC report.

Let's get the heavy stuff out of the way first. The speed limit in this complex for cars, electric bikes and scooters is 10kmph. Some people travel way too fast and it's dangerous – there are even some on mobility scooters in that group. It's up to all of us to manage our own behaviour and be aware of putting others at risk. Please slow down!

I thought I'd take this opportunity to share with you some changes your Home Owners Committee (HOC) has introduced to manage the social activities here at our resort. The organisation of activities seemed to always fall to just a few people, and it was becoming hard and time-consuming work. We've always known that we have many willing volunteers in the resort who like to help but don't necessarily want to be on committees. So, your HOC has decided to disband the formal Social Committee, split things up and offer the opportunity for volunteers to take on specific roles without being committee members. The HOC then oversees and supports those who have volunteered, and it's been working brilliantly. So that you know who's doing what this year:

- **Villa Draw:** Isobel Baker
- **Happy Hour Food Nights:** Suzanne Gurney and Pat Smith
- **Happy Hour Music Nights:** Diane Fahrenhorst
- **Summer House Show Nights:** Ann Shannon and Linda Eland
- **Big Morning Tea and Fashion Parade:** Grace Currie
- **Melbourne Cup Lunch:** Home Owners Committee

All these activities require the support of others and, while there are those who always put their hand up, there is always room for more volunteers. We've also had quite an influx of new residents who may like to help but are unsure where to start. Maybe this will give you some ideas? Contact the people involved or a committee member if you're interested. We hope that our new residents are settling in well (it can take time) and are beginning to learn about the very many opportunities we have here to enrich your lives. We are happy to have you as part of this great community.

Marilyn Goodwin
President

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other.”

Millard Fuller

Road Runners.

By the time you get to read this, Sherril and I will have been down to South West Rocks (for our annual Lions Clubs change-over of the board of directors), come back home and then headed off to Innisfail – where we will most likely be when this newsletter comes out.

The dates for the group's trip up to the Kandanga Bowls Club are July 8-16, with some staying on a bit longer. This will be the first year that Sherril and I have missed the trip since the group made it an annual event. I think we have about 11 or 12 RVs going up there for at least a week. It is one trip that we all look forward to each year.

In August we have our annual trip up to Murgon, from August 26 to September 2. We will be staying at the Yallakool Caravan Park on the Bielke Petersen Dam for a week and playing several games of bowls at the Murgon Bowls Club, a small club that always welcomes us with open arms. After leaving Murgon, several of us will head to the Nanango Country Music Muster for ten days of entertainment from September 2-12. I think this will be our eighth year there as we missed due to COVID. Last year, Allan Fitzgerald was one of the sixteen walk-up artists selected from about thirty-six to appear on the Thursday night. Allan wins free entry to the event this year as a result. The year before it was John Lee who made the final sixteen to perform on the stage – he also won a free ticket to the next event.

Just a reminder to all RV owners parking in the Eagleby Road Compound to please reverse in with the driver's side on the line of the bay. This will leave a 900mm gap between you and the RV beside you, reducing the chance of the swing collecting the van beside you.

Can I also ask that you take extra care when parking or removing your RVs? Someone has backed into our van and knocked it off the stand, dropping it to the ground and pushing our van sideways in the parking bay. Please only use bays to suit to size of your RV. Please email me at jandslions@bigpond.com if you would like to know more about our group.

John Matheson
Facilitator

Social calendar.

AUGUST

Friday August 5 Happy Hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview

Sunday August 7 Ivory St Band at Summer House. (Details on flyer on noticeboards)

Friday August 12 Happy Hour and music night @ Lakeview. Mexican costume theme with "Boom Baby" - Cliff & Jim

Friday August 19 Happy Hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview

Friday August 26 Happy Hour and snack night at Lakeview

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 2 Happy Hour at Lakeview. BYO nibbles

Friday September 9 Happy Hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview

Friday September 16 Celebrate Father's Day with a music night with Peter Fitz & Brian R at Lakeview

Friday September 23 Happy Hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview

Friday September 30 Portofino Fashion Parade at Summerhouse (details on noticeboards); Happy Hour and snack night at Lakeview



Library Club.

Books in both libraries have been flying out the door – maybe because winter is upon us and folks are curling up with a good book instead of outdoor pursuits. Here's another idea: how about a jigsaw puzzle? We have a huge collection in both libraries, plus lots of games for you to enjoy with visiting friends/family. Remember: by the time the next magazine drops in your letterbox we will have said goodbye to winter for another year!

**Happy reading,
Jone (Home 57)**

Weekly activities list.

MONDAY

8.30am Mixed Bowls

9am Gentle Exercise LV, Knitting/Crocheting SH

1pm Cards, Paper Craft, Club Bowls

3pm – 4pm Ukulele LV cinema

4.30pm Happy Hour LV

TUESDAY

8am Tennis

8.30am – 11.30pm Line Dancing LV

9am Patchwork Quilting, Aqua Aerobics

9.30am Mah-jong SH, Ukulele LV cinema

10am Aqua Aerobics

1pm Ladies Bowls

6.45pm Trivia SH

WEDNESDAY

8.30am Mixed Pool LV

8.30am – 9.30am Zumba SH

9.30am Sewing/Craft SH

9.30am – 11.30am Colouring in SH

1pm Cards SH, Mixed Bowls

1pm – 4.30pm Gym with Aubrey

THURSDAY

9am Aqua Aerobics

10.30am Tai Chi SH

12pm – 3pm Art Group workshop SH Craft

1pm Mens Bowls

2pm Bingo LV

6.45pm Movie Cinema SH

7pm Indoor Bowls LV

FRIDAY

7am – 1pm Gym with Aubrey

8.30am Table Tennis LV

9am – 2.30pm Embroidery

10am Garden club (first Friday, SH)

1pm Club Bowls

4.30pm Happy Hour LV

5pm Darts LV

8.30pm – 9.30pm Relaxation SH, Cinema (first & second Friday)

SATURDAY

8am Tennis, Mixed Bowls

10am – 12pm Trevor on Keys SH

12.45pm HOY at the Bowls Club, Pool Players Comp LV

1pm Cards SH

2pm Movie SH

4.30pm Happy Hour Bowls Club

SUNDAY

2.30pm – 4.30pm Christian group SH (fourth Sunday)

Important contact numbers.

Ambulance/Police/Fire (Emergency) 0 000

State Emergency Service 0 132 500

Poisons Information Line 0 131 126

Beenleigh Police 0 3801 0777

BCP Electrical 0 0420 363 752

Communications Co 0 5559 7988

Doctors Room 0 3489 7983 or 7983

Alfords Plumbing and Gas Services 0411 109 806

Logan City Council 0 3412 3412

Logan Hyperdome Library 0 3209 6133

Locksmith (Blacks Mobile) 0 3382 0755

Logan Hospital 0 3299 8899

Logan Animal Pound 0 3286 5397

RSPCA 0 3462 9999

Air Train 0 3216 3308

QR City Train 0 131 230

RACQ Breakdown Service 0 131 111

Newspaper Delivery 0 1800 630 130

Palm Lake Resort Hair Salon 7988 or 3489 7988

Kitchen (Summer House) 1592 or 3489 1592

Kitchen (Lakeview Clubhouse) 7998 or 3489 7998

Caretakers Office (Micky) 1590 or 3489 1590

Workshop 1594 or 3489 1594

Resort Gym 7993

Bowls Club 7987 or 3489 7987

Local Snake Catcher 0 0434 146 109

JP Dave Murphy (H334) 1534

Michelle Tavli – Travel Agent 0414 716 443

Eagleby's got talent.

On Saturday May 21, Palm Lake Resort Eagleby played host to its very own talent show – and what a show it was! Over 200 residents came to watch the performance, which featured singing, dancing and a lot of laughs (both on the stage and off). Well done to the many performers who participated, and to the organisers for putting on such a fun event. We look forward to seeing the next one.



Homes for sale.

Home 52 - \$330,000



Beautifully appointed.

At the heart of this lovely two-bedroom, Bottlebrush design home is a large open-plan living and dining area, complete with a 2-pac kitchen with stone benches. There is also a large study, a master bedroom with a two-way bathroom and a separate second toilet, just off the laundry. You'll love the extra long garage, ideal for your car and plenty of storage space. Low maintenance gardens to front and rear complete the home.



Home 110 - \$430,000

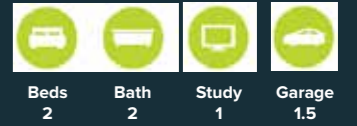


Spacious home.

This lovely two bedroom + study Bottlebrush design home has huge open plan living and dining and a two-pac kitchen with stone benches. This home also features a large study, a main bedroom with a two-way bathroom and separate toilet and a separate second toilet off the laundry. Extra long garage for car plus plenty of storage space. An undercover entertainment area is situated at the larger than average rear yard with extra space to the side for small caravan or boat. Low maintenance gardens to front and rear.



Home 138 - \$435,000



Home with a view.

Corner property located opposite one of the club houses and swimming pool. Well presented two bedroom plus large study. Main bedroom with ensuite and doors leading to front verandah. Tiled kitchen and dining area. Large living area with views of swimming pool and sugar cane farm. One and a half tandem garage with space at rear for storage or workshop.



Helping friends become neighbours.

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 Palm Lake Resort homes (or a new home from elsewhere in the group, for that matter), you'll receive up to \$500* cash. Easy! For more info, Freecall 1800 781 101.

Life is cruisy

at Palm Lake Resort.

Living at Palm Lake Resort has been compared to living the cruise ship lifestyle everyday. Just like cruising, our homeowners have everything they need, right on their doorstep. Think resort-style pools, gymnasiums, a wealth of activities and entertainment, social gatherings, food and drink, and more. But you can captain your own ship, here at Palm Lake Resort.

This is your time.



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