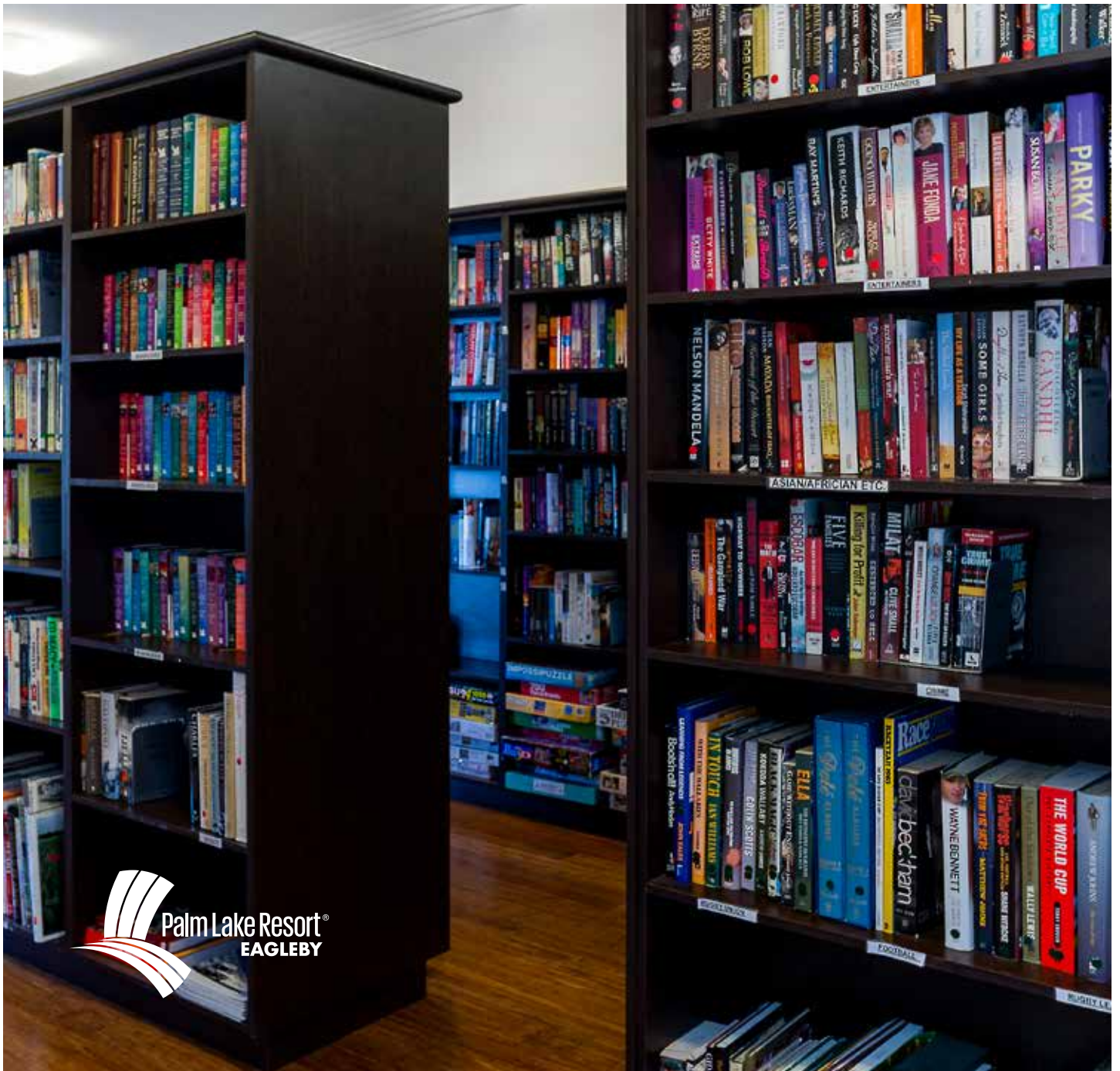


Eagleby Star.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022



Fill your diary

Our Weekly Activities program is full to the brim with things to keep you active and social.

Read all about it

You can find many books in our library - including some by resident and published author John Hickman.

Lots to report

Our resort is home to some thriving groups and committees - hear from them inside.



Welcome.



Hello to you all,

Welcome to the October/November edition of the Eagleby Star newsletter. Spring has finally arrived, and the weather is warming up a little – though hopefully not too much too soon. We also hope that there isn't too much wet weather on the horizon, though we're bracing for another rainy spring/summer season.

We all had very sad news in September with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. She was such an amazing woman and an inspiration to us all – what an impact she has left on the world.

On a happier note, our assistant caretaker Daguy married his lovely fiancé (now wife) Claudia at the end of August. Steve and I were invited to share in their special day alongside their family and friends, and it was a beautiful celebration. We wish Daguy and Claudia much love and all the best for their future together.

Now, onto the boring stuff... Please remember that our visitor parking spaces are for visitors only. Also, please only leave your caravan, motor home, boat or trailer outside your home for no longer than 48 hours – at all other times, they must be in the caravan storage area.

Another reminder that the speed limit on the resort is 10 kilometres per hour, for the safety of other drivers, pedestrians, pets and wildlife. Make sure you set a good example for visitors and trades.

Finally, please be sure to book in for meals on time. We cannot always accommodate late bookings and we would hate for you to miss out.

See you around the resort,

Michaela Gee
Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Caretaker

CONTACT US

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

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Eagleby QLD 4207

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News briefs.

HAIR SALON SPECIALS

Time for a pamper session? Our resort hair salon is offering the following specials in October and November...
October: Get a beautiful blow dry and hot towel massage treatment for just \$45. You will also take home a 100ml travel shampoo and conditioner.
November: Score a full colour (eight foils), a style cut and a blow dry for \$89.95.



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.



THEY DO!

Congratulations to our assistant caretaker Daguy and his wife Claudia on their recent marriage. The Palm Lake Resort Eagleby community wishes you all the best.

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

WASTE REMINDER

Green waste collection:
October 4, October 18,
November 1, November 15 and
November 29.

Hard waste collection:
October 10 and November 14



EXTRA! EXTRA!

If you haven't already received a copy of the Spring 2022 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, you should check it out at palmakeresort.com.au (click on the 'News & Events' tab).

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).

FIRE WARDENS

We are currently looking for more fire wardens. If you are keen to volunteer, please visit Micky in the Resort Office.

A chapter for the book.

FROM GROWING UP IN THE SHADOW OF HIS FATHER – A RELUCTANT WAR HERO – TO MIGRATING TO AUSTRALIA AS A ‘TEN-POUND POM’, YOU COULD WRITE A BOOK ABOUT PALM LAKE RESORT EAGLEBY RESIDENT JOHN HICKMAN’S LIFE STORY. SO, THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT HE DID... IN FACT, HE WROTE FOUR.

Retirement can mean different things for different people – for some, it’s a chance to wind down and relax after decades of hard work; others prefer to see the world or chase adventure.

For John, he and his wife Carole’s decision to retire and sell their businesses led to a new career as a published author. And it happened entirely by accident.

“We sold our businesses in 2003 to stop and smell the flowers,” says John. “I quickly realised how most of them smelled the same.”

Being unable to play golf and not one for telling a joke at dinner parties without forgetting the punchline, John set about finding a new hobby in retirement. Before long, he discovered a latent passion for writing. Only one question remained: what would he write about?

“My first book ‘Reluctant Hero’ tells the true story of my dad Bill’s involvement in the second World War,” says John. “He survived against all odds as an RAF Lancaster bomber pilot.”

The subsequent success of ‘Reluctant Hero’ led to encouragement from his editor – and his newfound friends at the recently-developed Palm Lake Resort Eagleby, where he and Carole had moved in February 2011 – to write another book. So, he did.

“The relaxed atmosphere of Palm Lake Resort Eagleby combined with the modern, comfortable facilities created the perfect environment for writing,” says John. “Our newly-adopted lifestyle was also conducive to furthering my writing.”

It was around this time that the Palm Lake Resort Eagleby Writing Circle was established. The group encouraged residents to pen anecdotes, poems and tales from their previous lives, and was all the encouragement John



needed to keep writing.

His second book ‘Tripping Over’ was another true story, a sequel of his dad’s life in post-war England in the 1950s and 60s. A comic foil to his first anti-war book, ‘Tripping Over’ also tells the story of John growing up in the shadow of his dad, a returned war hero. Poor judgement and clumsiness continue to dog his every move. Just take the time John’s parents visited the annual Earl’s Court Motor Show to buy a new car and returned with a boat instead. Turmoil follows.

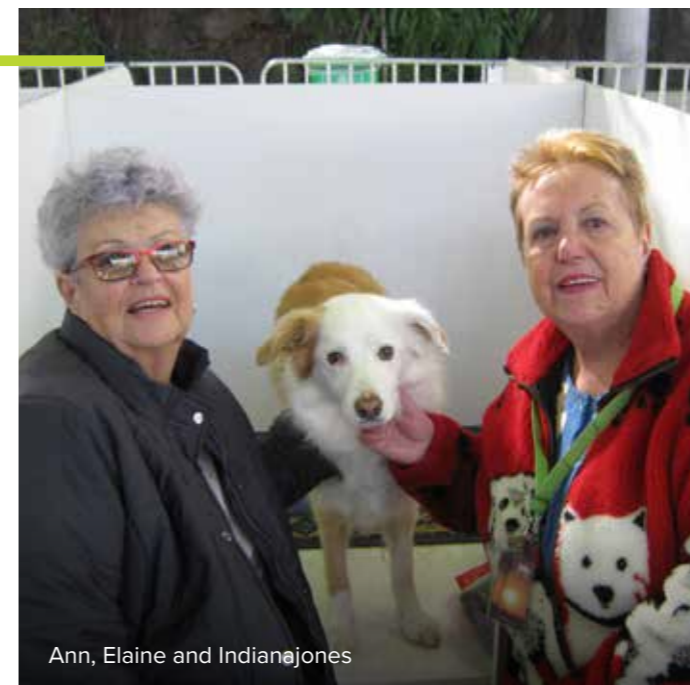
John’s third book ‘Sex, Lies & Crazy People’ is the bittersweet true story of his family’s involvement in the Harewood Hotel in Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent during the 1960s. The book is packed with English charm – it’s best described as a true life Fawlty Towers, without Basil. The story is bitter because the business failed but sweet because, after falling in love for all the wrong reasons, John meets Carole. But will their love last?

Breaking from tradition, John’s fourth book ‘Living Upside Down’ – which was released prior to COVID-19 – was fictionalised to avoid any legal issues. It tells the story of a young family (very similar to John’s) that attempts to resolve household conflicts and improve their living standards by migrating from England to the Great Southern Land. Follow the ‘ten-pound Poms’ as they become ‘fair dinkum Aussies’. The book is a rollercoaster ride of inspirational and, at times, laugh-out-loud stories, all centred on one small family’s triumph over unbelievable odds – and all told with self-deprecating humour.

Keen to see what all of the fuss is about? Palm Lake Resort Eagleby boasts two well-equipped libraries – with the support of senior head office staff over the years, copies of John’s published books have been made available for resort residents. John is hopeful that, with the expansion of the Palm Lake Group, his books might be provided in other libraries further afield.

A day out at the Ekka.

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby residents Ann Shannon and Elaine Martin had a great day out at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) on Sunday August 14. Ann was judging the ‘Heel Work to Music’ at the dog section and had her red and white border collie Indianajones competing in the Trick Dog section.



Ann, Elaine and Indianajones



The only way to enjoy the Ekka – with a delicious dagwood dog!



Ann with her co-judges



Sunday September 11 saw the culmination of this year’s tipping competition, with a wonderful lunch and awarding of prizes. We finished the season with 60 players who all spent countless hours trying to decide between form, the favourite team, or whether to toss a coin. During the season, I noticed many occasions where conversations turned to who picked who, the refs, the bunker, favourite teams or just good-natured sledging. If you were not in it this year, please join us next year. The lunch and prizes handed out are worth the frustration when your teams fail to live up to expectations. The winner this year was friend and master chef Tony Say (the person we turn to when discussing the menu for the lunch), who picked up a cool \$900 for his ‘guess work’. Minor prizes went to Lorraine Swile, Sue Shortt, Ron Swain, John Edmondson, Carol Kent, Neil Stagg and Jim Woodcock. All other contestants picked up a bottle of wine.

Bowls Club.

We are coming to the end of our bowls calendar, which will conclude with our Annual Presentation Night on Saturday November 26. While there is much to look forward to, we also have a lot to report on from the last couple of months...

The Mens B Singles Championship were played with Jim Simpson prevailing over Bob Baxter. The Mens Open Singles commenced on the September 11 with the final to be played on Sunday October 6. The Ladies Open Singles will then commence on October 23, with the final to be played on Sunday November 6.

The return away game against Palm Lake Resort Beachmere was played on August 10, with Beachmere prevailing. Whilst Eagleby won the opening game on a combined countback, Beachmere were declared the winners of the 2022 Eagleby/Beachmere Cup.

On August 11 we played Palm Lake Resort Ballina at home for the Ballina Shield. Eagleby won, with the return match to be held in Ballina on September 24. Stay tuned for the results in our next newsletter.

The annual Eagleby Waterford Shield game was played on the August 31, with Eagleby coming out the winners – Waterford came in second, and Toowoomba third. Our trophy cabinet is overflowing! Congratulations to the winning team.

Looking ahead, we have the Lewani Palms Home Game on Wednesday October 12.

We will also have our very popular Presentation Night will be held on Saturday November 26. Tickets will go on sale in early November. Members will enjoy a fully catered three-course meal plus welcoming drinks, raffles and a few other surprises. The ReZident Band will be in attendance.

Our annual AGM will be held on Monday November 28. Committee nomination forms will be available from our Secretary or from the Club House in early November, so keep an eye out.

Remember that Happy Hour is on at the Bowls Club every Saturday night, commencing at 4pm. Come along and socialize with fellow bowls club members and enjoy trivia and raffles, with cash prizes of \$25 plus our weekly Members Draw which jackpots by \$25 if not won – but you must be there to claim it!

Finally, a reminder that new bowlers are always welcome with free coaching and loan bowls available during training. For all enquiries, please contact Dave Lewis (ph. 1571) or Pom Bailey (ph. 7823).

John Colless
Vice President

Pool Club.

The past few months have been exciting for our pool group – here's what has been happening since our last report.

July 14: We had 26 players and the winners on the day were Peter Bailey and Peter Miller.

July 23: We had 22 players, and the winners were Boyd Everret and Hugh Wilkins in a three-way draw.

July 30: The winners on the day were Peter Emerson and Ian Broadfoot.

August 6: Welcome to new player Angus Walker. Good to see John palmer back on his feet. We had 20 players, the numbers were down, those who came had a great afternoon. The winners were Frank Buckley and Alan Higgins in a four-way draw.

August 13: We had 26 players. Winners of the day were Mario Mifsud and Angus Walker. Big thank you to John Palmer for helping to make up the numbers. Great afternoon.

August 20: We had 24 players and winners were Peter White and Peter Miller.

August 27: We had 26 players. Winners with five straight wins Peter Emerson and Bob Greenleaf.

September 3: A big afternoon 32 players. Winners: Harry Creevey and Roly Fahrenhorst.

Though there have been many highs, the past two months have also been quite sad as we lost four of our regulars: Gerry Swan, Ray Haylock, Rob Bungay, and Brian Townsend. May they rest in peace.

Thanks to all who attend and make it such a great place to go to and be a part of.

Roly Fahrenhorst
President



HOC report.

I write this on the morning we have learned of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and it leads me to reflect a little. Like some of us, I am old enough to recall the death of her father, King George IV in 1952. It was a school day at Coburg High School in Melbourne. There seemed to be many newspapers to share among us students. The headline read in large black letters – ‘THE KING IS DEAD’ – and the day was filled with gloom.

Today, I am struck by the many changes we have seen and the enormous difference in how we have received the news. We have lost someone who is familiar to us, not a stranger in a far-off land, and most of us are grateful that she stayed with us for so long. Whether we prefer that Australia becomes a republic or not, there has always been a sense of gratitude for the stability the Queen brought to our world as Head of the Commonwealth.

Change, whether it be on a large or small scale, can be difficult to deal with and our world will certainly change as a result of her death. I was struck by the response of the man in the Adelaide Street who, when asked about Prince Charles now being King Charles III, said, “Let’s give him a go.” A very Australian response, I think.

There may be other changes on the way with talks happening between two homeowner support organisations, ARPQ and MHOA, with a view to amalgamating. This makes a great deal of sense as both organisations can bring higher value to their services by acting as one. This will create greater bargaining power as they discuss the need for legislative changes to the Manufactured Homes Act. It is important that, as more and more people adopt this style of living, there is a fair and reasonable process to protect the interests of homeowners and allow providers a reasonable return on their investments.

Once again, I’d like to remind you of our great community here at Palm Lake Resort Eagleby. There have been major life changes for quite a few of our residents recently, and friends and neighbours have shown the sense of caring and community that seems to be our special quality. We should all feel grateful for that.

Keep on enjoying the good things,

Marilyn Goodwin
President

“Gratitude turns what we
have into enough.”

Anonymous

Road Runners.

We had our annual trip up to Murgon from August 26 to September 3 and stayed at the Yallakool Caravan Park on the Bjelke Petersen Dam. During our week-long visit, we played 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 headed to the Nanango Country Music Muster for ten days of entertainment from September 2 to 12. I think this is our eighth year there – we missed one with COVID. Last year Allan Fitzgerald was one of the sixteen walk-up artists selected from about thirty-six to appear on the Thursday night and therefore, he had free entry this year. The year before it was John Lee who was selected to be in the final sixteen to perform on the stage, and he also won a free ticket to the next event.

Looking ahead to October, our RV Group have a trip to Milmerran planned from October 15 to 22. Hopefully we will get quite a few going up for it as there was a lot of interest generated when it was first discussed last year. Unfortunately, Sherril and I will miss this one as we will be going to our Lions District Convention at Port Macquarie. Then, when that finishes on October 24, we will head up to Ulmurra for a week at the Clarence Valley Country Music Muster with one of my brothers, his wife and a couple from our resort.

A big thank you to Micky and her team for mowing the grass in the compound after all the RVs were removed. This meant the mowing could be done without damaging any vans or motorhomes with flying rocks. It looks like a nice, tidy compound now, especially after our members cleaned it up after the flooding. If you would like to know more about our group, please email jandslions@bigpond.com.

John Matheson
Facilitator



Social calendar.

OCTOBER

Friday October 7 Happy hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview.
Friday October 14 Happy Hour and music night at Lakeview. Celebrate Oktoberfest with Brett Patman.
Sunday October 16 Glen Miller Band at Summerhouse. See notice boards for details.
Friday October 21 Happy hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview.
Friday October 28 Happy Hour and snack night at Lakeview.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday November 1 Melbourne Cup Lunch at. Both clubhouses. Bookings essential. See notices in both clubhouses.
Friday November 4 Happy hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview.
Friday November 11 Happy hour & Music Night. Celebrate Halloween with back-to-back at Lakeview.
Friday November 18 Happy hour & Villa Draw at Lakeview. BYO nibbles.
Friday November 25 Happy hour & Snack Night at Lakeview.

Library Club.

Once again, I have to thank our residents for the many donations we have received over the past few weeks. I shall be updating the catalogues in the next few days.

I am also putting out a small survey, asking for input on the use of jigsaw puzzles and large print books. We would like to know about the jigsaws because we have a huge collection taking up a lot of room, which could be culled if they are not used. As for the large print books – if many people use them, we could use the money we receive from the Homeowners Committee to purchase more this time.

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

Weekly activities.

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 0 420 363 752
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 0 434 146 109
JP Dave Murphy (H334) 1534
Michelle Tavli – Travel Agent 0414 716 443



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For more info or to refer your friend,
 FREECALL
 1800 781 101.
 *T&Cs apply



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Homes for sale.

Home 265 - \$400,000



Great presentation.

This Bottlebrush design home features two bedroom including a main with a two-way bathroom plus an additional large study, and open plan living, dining and kitchen. The well designed kitchen comes with a practical corner pantry. The home also has a 1.5 tandem length garage with room for a vehicle and extra space to customise as you need. Enjoy low-maintenance front and rear gardens and a location close to the Summer House Country Club and swimming pools.

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 364 - \$430,000



Fresh and clean.

This lovely home boasts two bedrooms with built-in storage, a large living area with a separate dining and kitchen, and plantation shutters on all windows. The home also has a convenient bathroom and separate additional toilet along with a one and a half tandem length garage. Enjoy an undercover entertainment area that leads to a large, low-maintenance garden with artificial grass, planter boxes, water tank and shed.

CASH BUYERS AWAIT.

There has been an unprecedented level of enquiry on homes at Palm Lake Resort Eagleby in recent months - so much so that we are short on properties to sell! It seems our secure resort grounds, the low-maintenance/high-quality homes, world-class facilities, myriad weekly activities and our welcoming coastal community have made Palm Lake Resort Eagleby a very sought-after local neighbourhood.

If you're a resident here and your situation has changed so you are contemplating a move, please let our Sales and Information Centre know. Our Sales Consultant can inspect your home and give you an appraisal to help you make up your mind. We have qualified buyers waiting to hear about any new homes as they hit the market.

To find out more, FREECALL 1800 781 101 or stop by the Sales and Information Centre anytime.

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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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