The Lakes

October 2022



A Day on the Lake: Our biggest event yet!

We've got six new display homes to unveil at our huge music festival event - don't miss it!

The reel deal

Land yourself a prized catch when you buy a new Forster Lakes home: A Quintrex 430 Fishabout boat!

Picture yourself in Palmetto

Walk through our popular Palmetto home design, inside...



Hello all and welcome to the spring edition of your resort newsletter.

If you are reading this from afar, I'm so pleased to say that our Belleair Country Club is really taking shape now. Our interior designers were on-site recently, inspecting the progress and planning the finishing touches to their fit out and furnishings. Our homeowners are looking forward to sharing their new facilities with visiting family and friends over the summer holidays. I am sure that our tropical swimming pools, luxe movie cinema and tenpin bowling alley will all be hits with the visiting grandchildren. And I know that our homeowners will really enjoy meals and a few drinks with their neighbours in Belleair's sumptuous lounge or out on the deck, overlooking the water. Bliss.

Landscaping is also underway, paths have been installed and seating is being fitted along the canal to our marina precinct, ready for homeowners to enjoy in the coming months. The first slabs have been poured in Stage 11 with the frame up on the first house there. There are 47 homes in this stage, with deposits on quite a few already, so don't miss out on securing one. You could be moving into your new Forster Lakes home in 2023!

If you needed another reason to stop by, tour our resort grounds and take in all the exciting development that has been happening here in recent months, our next sales event promises to be BIG! On Saturday, November 12, we will host "A Day on the Lake". It will be a music festival event with a stage set up on the bridge and various bands/musicians performing. We'll also have six brand new display homes open for your inspection, gourmet food and refreshments, barista-made coffee and ice cream available on the day. Many of our current homeowners will also be attending 'A Day on the Lake' so it will give our visitors the perfect opportunity to chat to the locals about their community resort lifestyle and also meet our Sales Team to find out more about purchasing a home here. To give you an idea of that lifestyle, as I pen this column, I can see a couple of homeowners (through my office window) wheeling their kayaks down to the lake for a spot of fishing. Now, that's living.

See you here soon!

Jen Nichols, Regional Sales Manager Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes

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News briefs

Refer a **friend**

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home. Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase a new home here at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes, you'll receive \$500 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

This is your time (magazine)

If you haven't already received a copy of the Spring 2022 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, you should check it out online. Simply visit our website at palmlakeresort.com.au and click on the 'News & Events' tab in the menu



New displays on the way!

We have a host of new display homes on their way, that will be unveiled at our 'A Day on the Lake' event on November 12. If you would like to come along to be among the first to inspect our Sorrento, Clearwater, Miami, Sarasota, Carrabelle and new Palmetto displays, make sure you are signed up to our mailing list. FREECALL 1800 577 542 or see Page 9.

Social **butterflies**

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: @palmlakeresort
Instagram: @palm.lake.resort

Stay a night

Many of our enquiries come from people in distant locations right around Australia. If you are coming from out of town, simply FREECALL us on 1800 577 542 to arrange a resort tour and a complimentary night's accommodation on us. This offer is subject to availability and conditions apply, but there's never been a better excuse to indulge in a Forster stopover to properly inspect our expanding resort.

Award winners

Did you hear that our sister resort at Bargara recently won two of the highest Master Builders' Association awards for their brand new Horizons Country Club? The recently opened community facility was named Best Sporting Facility and also Project of the Year. Congrats must go to our designers and Palm Lake Works construction team. We can't wait to unveil an equally as impressive Country Club here at Forster Lakes!



Bring your **feline friends!**

Cat lovers, unite! We have some wonderful news. Up until recently, cats were not permitted at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes under a MidCoast Council condition but this condition has been lifted. We welcomed our very first resident cat here recently, Louie (pictured above with his human, Leone), and we look forward to welcoming more!









A Palmetto to call your own

OUR GORGEOUS DISPLAY HOMES
CAN HELP YOU PUT YOURSELF IN THE
PICTURE OF LIFE HERE AT FORSTER
LAKES - AND OUR PALMETTO DISPLAY
HOME IS NO EXCEPTION.

Palmetto is an architecturally designed abode offering a host of luxury home inclusions. In fact, all of our Florida Keys-inspired home designs have only the very best fixtures, fittings and design features to make every moment pure indulgence.

At just under 184sqm, this two-bedroom/two-bathroom home also has room for two cars. Here are some of the other key features:

 Colorbond custom-orb steel roof sheeting including Anticon blanket with Hebel external wall cladding for superior thermal and environmental efficiency.

- Ducted air conditioning to living areas, bedrooms and activity rooms
- 3.0 kW solar system with wall-mounted inverter
- Keyed locks to all opening windows and sliding doors as well as a designer glazed entry door.
 There's also flyscreens to windows and sliding doors and a security screen to the front entry door
- Heat pump hot water system
- Distress alarm

Want more info? Our floor plans are online at palmlakeresort.com.au or simply FREECALL our Sales Information Centre on 1800 577 542 to speak with one of our team members.

And make a note: We will host a street party in November to unveil a swag of exciting new displays including Sorrento, Clearwater, Miami, Sarasota, Carrabelle and a new Palmetto. FREECALL the number above to get your name added to our mailing list for the event.







Welcome home

More shiny new homes are popping up right across Forster Lakes which means more and more fabulous people are unpacking their boxes. Check out all these big blue bows!



Margaret & Ken Rooks



Dianne & Dave Ison



Jan Whitfield



Jill & Dennis Lyons



Maureen Gaffney & John Mead



lan & Carolyn Hampson



Avril & Wayne Lever



Leone & Alan Niddrie



Bernie & Lynne Johnson



Debbie & Shane Davis



Robert & Cheryl Paul



John & Anne Meyn



Linda & Alan Joy

The **cruisy life**

There's no better place to be at this time of the year than out on the water, enjoying the natural beauty that is our local backyard. Each Thursday, from 12-3pm, join some of our wonderful homeowners on our resort pontoon boat for a relaxed cruise, complimentary lunch and drinks, too. RSVP essential, on the Thursday of your choice. To book, FREECALL 1800 577 542.



Pictured above and below: When a surge of storm water flowed through our resort in recent months, our Palm Lake Resort family was immediately on board to help with the clean up. These "angels without wings" (who happen to call Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens home) filled their resort bus and were on our doorsteps within hours. Our local tradies were also brillliant in helping with the mop up - downing their tools and picking up squeegees, mops and rakes instead. Our incredibly grateful homeowners hosted the tradies at a thank-you barbecue recently. They sure do know the way to our tradies' hearts!







Caretakers' note

Hello again - Our resort community continues to grow and grow. At the end of September, we had 77 homes occupied. We even welcomed our first resort cat Louie in recent weeks!

The spirit of Palm Lake Resort was well highlighted during the recent storm surge event. Not only did our new homeowners here prove their resilience and their community spirit, they were given a masterclass in what Palm Lake Resort is all about when they witnessed a busload of their Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens neighbours turn upon our doorsteps - within hours - to help with the clean up. Armed with squeegees, mops, buckets, brooms and cheerful dispositions, our Tea Gardens 'family members' showed just how wonderful this greater Palm Lake community really is. And we were so pleased to see our residents show their gratitude in the weeks that followed - the mega barbecue that the Residents' Committee hosted for our local tradies (who also downed their power tools and picked up the cleaning tools to help out) was a huge success, as the photos on this page show. Every cloud has a silver lining

Don't forget to join in our organised weekly activities, especially now that spring is here and the weather is warming up. Here's where you can find our residents:

- Monday, 12.30pm (fortnightly): Lunch at Forster
- Tuesday, 9.40am: Craft at Club Forster
- Thursday, 11.30am: Resort pontoon boat cruise
- Friday, 10.10am: Gentle movement class at Yoga
- Saturday, 8.15am: Lawn bowls at Sporties, Tuncurry

Tina and Peter Daunt, Caretakers
Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes



Festival fever hits Forster!

JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST AND MOST EXCLUSIVE EVENT WE'VE EVER HOSTED AT PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES!

'A Day on the Lake' will see a legion of brilliant live local bands and talented musicians descend on our huge festival stage for your listening (and dancing) delight! Headlining the event will be The Quiet Ones, with Jake Davey and Jade Gibson, as well as Jack and Joanne Van Der Linden all part of the musical line up. Plus, you will be among the first to walk through the six brand new luxury display homes that we will officially unveil on the day.

We invite you to soak up the sounds from our festival stage, dance up a storm, indulge in a complimentary picnic lunch and refreshments, and explore the impressive abodes that you could one day call home. Join us for 'A Day on the Lake' and experience just how sweet life could be for you at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

PS. Don't forget to pack your hat, sunscreen and your dancing shoes. A Day on the Lake will be a day to remember...

RSVP by Friday, October 28, as numbers are limited. Email salesforster@palmlake.com.au or FREECALL 1800 577 542.



The **Quiet Ones**

Catch headline act, The Quiet Ones, on our festival stage at 'A Day on the Lake'.

The Quiet Ones originally formed as a group of teenagers in Hornsby, Sydney in 1964. They played '60s rock music at dances, surf clubs, football clubs and the normal range of parties around Sydney's North Shore and Northern beaches, as well as various country B&S balls, for six years until the band broke up in 1970. Almost four decades on, The Quiet Ones reformed to play with the Aztecs and have been playing music to raise money for charities since then. As well as helping other organisations to raise funds, they have themselves raised \$30,000 for a children's hospital in Sierra Leone.

The band has a large repertoire of classic 1960s songs as well as foot-tapping newer songs. The band says their aim is always to have fun while helping others along the way. They look forward to hitting the stage for 'A Day on the Lake'!

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DO YOU LIKE TO READ? ARE YOU PART OF A BOOK CLUB? READING OFFERS SO MANY HIDDEN HEALTH AND SOCIAL BENEFITS, ON TOP OF THE LEARNING YOU GET FROM DEVOURING A GREAT BOOK. WE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL OUR RESORT LIBRARY IS UNVEILED, ON COMPLETION OF OUR COUNTRY CLUB!

Why are books wonderful, you ask? From social benefits IMPROVE YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH to mental and even physical ones, there are so many reasons to read consistently – and a book club helps you do exactly that. Read on for just some reasons why you need a book club in your life...

YOU'LL READ MORE

Do you find it difficult to read regularly? It's not exactly surprising – with so much going on around your resort, carving out time to read on a regular basis can be hard. By joining a book club, you'll be more motivated to finish the books you start so that you can participate in the conversation at your next meeting.

YOU'LL GET MORE OUT OF EACH BOOK

It's rare to have the opportunity to sit down and talk about a book you've just read, with people who have also just read it. By joining or starting a book club, you can do that on a regular basis. You'll be amazed at how different a book can feel after you've spoken about it with others and will love discovering their interpreta-

IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Reading really is magical, and not just for its ability to transport you to other worlds. Following a story and remembering different characters and plot points exercises your brain, improving memory function. It also improves your literacy, increases your general knowledge and teaches you empathy.

The imaginative powers of reading can be a great form of stress relief, which can positively impact everything from heart health to blood pressure. It can also help you get a better night's sleep, especially if you make reading part of your bedtime routine. Tucking in with a book tells your brain that it's time for rest and helps you de-stress before going to sleep.

YOU'LL BE MORE SOCIAL

Beyond the benefits of reading itself, book clubs offer so many great social benefits. For one, it's a regular social get-together to look forward to – even if it needs to take place on Zoom. After all the book talk, you can linger and enjoy more casual conversation over tea and treats.

HOW TO BEGIN?

You know why you should start a book club – now, it's time for the how. Who better to get advice on starting a book club from than major publisher, Penguin Random House? Here are their five best tips:

1. Decide what kind of book club you want to start: Are you looking for a place to discuss books in-depth, or it is a bit more casual? Are you planning on reading a specific genre, be it best sellers, memoirs, classics or romance? The purpose of your book club will dictate everything from who joins it to how you select the books, so it's a good idea to decide this first.

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- 2. Choose a setting: You need a place to meet and our Palm Lake Resort locations have plenty of options. Why not meet up in your resort clubhouse or the on-site library? Or, for something a bit more casual, you could take turns hosting the meetings in your own homes and even 'bring a plate' to each
- **3.** Invite your members: Penguin Random House says the ideal size of a book club is between eight and 16 members, but three to five is a great place to start. From there, members can invite a friend or two themselves, if they like.
- **4.** Set up a pre-book club meeting: Before you get your book club underway, you might want to meet up with a fellow club leader or two and discuss the technicalities. How will you choose which book the club reads? Where will the first meeting be, and often will you meet? If you cover off some of these questions in your mind before the big day, it will be smoother sailing moving forward.
- **5.** Get started: You've gathered a group, found a location and planned a few dates – you're officially ready to get your book club going. The only question that remains is, what will you read?

Choosing a book? Here's the hot tip!

Choosing a book can sometimes be a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. Why not start with one of the classics? We've done the leg work for you and narrowed down 10 titles that are widely considered to be the 'greatest books of all time'. Here they are, in no particular order. How many of these titles have you already read? And what's next on your reading list?

- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 1984 by George Orwell
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- The Catcher in the Rye by JD Sallinger
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
- The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkein
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
- Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes

The reel deal

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR AWESOME SALES PROMOTION! WHEN BUYING A NEW HOME HERE AT FORSTER LAKES, HOMEOWNERS WILL LAND QUITE THE PRIZED CATCH...

When buying a brand new home here at Palm Lake Resort, homeowners will land a \$30,000 boat package completely FREE!

Among the details of this 'reel deal', homeowners will enjoy their very own 4.57m Quintrex 430 'Fishabout' model complete with a 40hp Mercury 4-stroke on the back, all packaged up on a Telway alloy trailer.

Here are some of the further inclusions in this great boating package:

- Bimini top
- 12 months' registration (boat and trailer)
- 12 months' insurance
- Marine M50 battery and switch
- Navigation lights, bilge pump
- · Rear boarding step, anchor well
- Standard inshore safety gear package
- White painted finish, with decals

Quintrex says the interior of their Fishabout boats is designed with a car-like layout and dash with "maximum space for days of fishing, cruising, skiing and diving or everything combined".

"Their large open deck area is perfect for family boating and the wrap around windscreen keeps out the weather. Get set for fun and adventure aboard your Quintrex runabout!" Quintrex says.

This package is worth \$30,000 and is yours for a limited time with your new home purchase. T&Cs apply.

To find out more about how to score your free boat, contact our Sales Information Centre on FREECALL 1800 577 542.

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With so many of our resorts located near wonderful waterways, it's only fitting that we'd cast the net a little wider for a 'Welcome home' gift for our newest homeowners. For a limited time, Palm Lake Resort is giving away a Quintrex aluminium boat, valued at over \$30,000, FREE with any new home purchased! To find out more about how to land this prized catch, FREECALL 1800 577 542.

\$30,000 Quintrex boat, free with your new home!

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