

The Lakes



September - October 2024



Award-winning home could be yours

Do you want to live an award-winning lifestyle? We've got 11 Carrabelles on the way...

Big Blue Bows

We love a 'Big Blue Bow' here at Forster Lakes because it means another home has been filled with more happy homeowners

What's happening over the back fence

Stay up to date with all the good news from your fellow Palm Lake Resort 'family' members



***Pictured:** Our resort green will proudly play host to four visiting Bowls Clubs in November.*

Welcome

Hello all - Welcome to another edition of *The Lakes* newsletter.

If you've been thinking about a move to Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes, did you know that we can get you in before Christmas? Imagine how special your Christmas celebration could be this year, with family and friends, as you unveil to them your brand new luxury over-50s lifestyle here at Palm Lake Resort? We have brand new Carrabelle home designs currently under construction with some ready for their new homeowners to move into now (and up to June 2025) but we also have some lovely established homes that are also available now and ready to move into. These homes are almost brand new - being just one to two years old. If you'd like to inspect our award-winning Carrabelle display home and find out more about what homes we have available in the lead up to Christmas, simply freecall our Sales Information Centre on 1800 577 542 and speak to our Sales Team. We also have our brand new Liberty and Palmetto displays open for inspection, so there are plenty of reasons to stop by!

On the topic of our Sales Team, we bid farewell to Shona since our last newsletter. Shona will be well known to many of you. She has moved on from her role to concentrate on her family - she's immersing herself in grandmother duties and we couldn't be happier for her! In Shona's place, we welcome Karina Gersbach to our team (pictured above). Make sure you stop by and say hi to Karina - she's keen to get to know everyone.

Our Sales Team, along with the rest of the resort, is looking forward to hosting the big lawn bowls "Roll up" event on November 8. It's going to be great to see our new green filled with local lawn bowls enthusiasts all keen to test out the playing surface. We're pretty sure that our Rhodes Sports Club is up to the challenge of keeping all 200-odd visitors' thirsts quenched!

In closing, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes was proud to be a major sponsor of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter event at Sporties, just before this newsletter went to print. It's nice to keep giving back our local community - and to such a worthwhile cause.

Jen, Jo and Karina
Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Team



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News briefs

Refer a friend, to share the fun

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.

Stay a night, on us

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.

Homeowners hit the water

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners have access to a wonderful world of watersports with thanks to our incredible physical waterfront location and also a very handy resort pontoon.

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Manager Jen Nichols says homeowners are currently going through the required inductions to learn how to safely access the pontoon and use the resort's provided watercraft.

"Our homeowners get to enjoy using the resort's 4.5m Quintrex

Fishabout aluminium tinnie as well as our resort pontoon boat - the 'party boat' we call it," she says.

Jen says among the weekly activities, the pontoon boat is enjoyed by homeowners and invited guests every Thursday, from 9.30am. It takes homeowners and guests out for a cruise around the local waterways before landing back at the resort pontoon so everyone can then join in a complimentary lunch at our resort's Belleair Country Club. What a lovely day out!

'Your Time' is here

In the Spring 2024 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, we celebrate our two recent Master Builders' Association Awards for Palm Lake Group projects on the Sunshine Coast, QLD. We've also got plenty of coverage of our most recent events and, in our popular Lifestyle section, you can become a 'pasta master' - yum! If you haven't received a copy in your mailbox, you can always catch up online at palllakeresort.com.au



Golf for charity

A group of eight Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners proudly represented our community in the Westpac Helicopter Charity Golf Day hosted by Tallwoods Golf Course. What a lovely reason to enjoy the game!

Chopper gets our cheque

Palm Lake Resort was pleased to be the major sponsor of a Westpac Rescue Helicopter charity lawn bowls event recently. Pictured above from left are Col Campbell (Palm Lake Resort homeowner and President of Sporties Tuncurry), Palm Lake Resort Sales Consultant Jo Jessop and Harold Astle, from Westpac Rescue Helicopters. Sporties Tuncurry raised more than \$10,000 on the day, for the Westpac chopper service, by auctioning prizes donated by local businesses. Did you know that every time the helicopter responds to an emergency call out, it costs \$700 - with no charge to any of the patients. This is a great service that allows us all to live, work and play safely in this fantastic area.



Weekly activities

MONDAY
9am Craft (see Lynne and Joan)
9.30am Bowls: 3-bowl triples, Rhodes Sports Club
10.30am Cardio, with PLR instructor Terri, Dance Floor
12noon Librarian in attendance (see Sue)
2pm Mah-jong (see Robyn)
7pm Canasta, in the Dining Room

TUESDAY
7.30-9.30am Bus trip to Main Beach. Meet in the foyer
9am Craft (see Lynne and Joan)
9.30am Bowls: Pairs 2-4-2, Rhodes Sports Club
10am Librarian in attendance (see Jan)
10.15am Cardio, with PLR instructor Terri, Dance Floor
1pm Cards (500), in the Dining Room
1.15pm Craft (see Lynne and Joan)
2pm Ukulele & other instruments, in the Meeting Room (see Peter)
6pm Homeowners' dinner, Belleair Country Club

WEDNESDAY
9.30am Craft: Card making (see Maureen)
11am-3pm Milon Gymnasium bookings for inductions and reviews, with PLR instructor Terri
12.30pm Aqua aerobics, with PLR instructor Terese
2.30pm Tap dancing (see Lynn)
3pm Librarian in attendance (see Jenny)
6pm Homeowners' dinner, Belleair Country Club
7.30pm Movie night, in the Theatre

THURSDAY
9am Art (see Barbara and Carol)
12pm Homeowners' lunch, Belleair Country Club
1.30pm Bowls: 3 bowl triples, Rhodes Sports Club
2pm Librarian in attendance (see Dianne)
3pm Tai chi, on the Dance Floor (see Lynda, Janette)
6.30pm Trivia in the Dining Room (see Jen, Carole)

FRIDAY
8.45am Yoga, with PLR instructor Bernie, Dance Floor
12.30pm Aqua aerobics, with PLR instructor Therese
3pm Librarians in attendance (see Cheryl and Liz)
4pm Happy Hour, Belleair Country Club

SATURDAY
1.30pm Bingo, Dining Room (see Sandra)
2pm Librarian in attendance (see Jen)

SUNDAY
2pm Librarian in attendance (see Gail)
3pm Friendship Group/Happy Hour, Belleair Country Club (see Robyn, Gail and Bruce)
5.30-7pm Community BBQ (see Alan and Debbie)
7pm Movie night, in the Theatre

Best in the state could be yours

OUR CARRABELLE DESIGN WAS A SHOWSTOPPING WINNER AT THE 2023 MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS - AND NOW IT CAN BE YOURS.

The 2023 Master Builders Association awards have just wrapped up and we're proud to say that our Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes' winning roll started when Carrabelle received the category win (display homes in the \$700,001-\$800,000 price bracket) at the regional Newcastle Excellence in Building Awards on September 8 last year.

"The Newcastle Regional Excellence in Building Awards holds a special place in our hearts as we come together to applaud the remarkable accomplishments of both companies and individuals in the construction industry," said MBA NSW president, Robert Black.

"It is a celebration of not only bricks and mortar, but also the profound influence the built environment exerts on the very fabric of our society. The shared sense of pride we feel towards our contributions is truly deserving."

Carrabelle's win at a regional level saw the popular design entered into the highly contested state competition. On September 16 last year, at a gala black tie event at The Star in Sydney attended by almost 1000 industry guests, our team was called to the stage to collect the state award!

"Master Builders Association of NSW receives hundreds of exceptional, unique and quality builds through the State Excellence Awards program annually. The Association is proud to present a magnificent level of construction from its nominees across the 2023 Excellence in Housing & Pool Awards," MBA Awards and Events Manager Amanda Kelly said.

"This year, the judges inspected hundreds of projects with a combined value of just under \$900 million.



"The Association would like to give special thanks to the award judges, who freely donate their time and expertise. This year they were truly impressed with the extraordinary level of skill displayed on these projects."

At just over 277sqm, Carrabelle offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms and so much living space across its two storeys. In fact, the first floor master bedroom is more of a sanctuary than a "bedroom" with its own retreat/living area, hidden kitchenette, expansive walk-through robe, study nook and ensuite. And, of course, there are a host of additional features that come standard:

- Internal elevator on all two-storey homes,
- 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 and more.

The Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Team is excited to reveal that we have 11 new Carrabelle homes at various stages of construction right now, with completion dates scheduled throughout the remainder of 2024 and up to June 2025.

If you were interested in living in an award-winning home, as voted by the country's most experienced construction industry judges, freecall our Sales Information Centre to discuss which Carrabelle homesite suits you. An amazing opportunity awaits - secure your award-winner now!





Local clubs roll up

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES IS HOSTING A FIVE-CLUB LAWN BOWLS EVENT IN THE COMING WEEKS WHERE COMPETITION WILL (NO DOUBT) MEET FUN.

Want to play bowls? See our Weekly Activities list on Page 4 for days/times

Since the opening of our impressive eight rink lawn bowls green and associated Rhodes Sports Club, lawn bowls has become the game on most homeowners' lips. Whether a seasoned professional player with decades of experience or a complete beginner, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Manager Jen Nichols says the resort's green is proving to be a magnet for healthy activity – and fun – for all.

"On more days that not each week, you'll see our bowls green fill with homeowners all eager to stay active and have fun while they're at it," Jen says.

"We're told all the time by our homeowners that they're so grateful to have such an impressive championship-style green right on their doorsteps."

With our homeowner bowling community growing significantly since the opening of the green earlier this year, our resort is hosting its first big inter-club community competition day on November 8.

Jen says four local clubs will converge on our green for the event, including Forster Bowling Club, Pacific Palms Bowling Club, Sporties Tuncurry and Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club.

"We've got around 200 people attending, including players and spectators from the various local clubs," Jen explains.

Among the day's planned games, there will be morning and afternoon competitive sessions (three bowl triples of 16 ends) but there will also be some fun events as well, including several rounds of 'spider'.

"A spider is a really quick lawn bowls game where the jack is placed in the centre of the green and all players stand around the edges of the green. On command, every

player delivers one bowl simultaneously and closest to the jack wins," Jen says. "And of course, there will be a lovely complimentary lunch and tea/coffee provided on the day, for our players and guests."

Palm Lake Works Construction Manager Jeff Foster says the lawn bowls green at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes is one of the most striking lawn bowls facilities ever built in the more than 47-years' history of Palm Lake Group.

It offers an expertly engineered Sportscrete base, with a world-class, Olympic-standard Greengauge woven surface. The green features eight playing rinks, all fully undercover and floodlit for championship play in all weather conditions and at any time of the day or night. It has been impressing even the most competitive and experienced Palm Lake Resort bowlers.

"We've also fully enclosed the ceiling for the first time ever, to make the playing area even more comfortable for our homeowners and their invited guests," Jeff explains. "With privacy screening and the fact that the facility also backs on to bushland, there's a lovely ambience for bowlers and spectators there."

To take full advantage of this facility, as well as hosting competition days, our Bowls Club has just started regular Friday night twilight bowls games. The best part is that these Friday games are followed by a vibrant shared barbecue meal at Rhodes Sports Club and the bar is open for all the important post-match 'debriefing'!

If you're keen to get involved in bowls, the club is always welcoming new players. Simply pop along whenever you see action on the green and speak to a committee member.

Welcome home!

MORE SHINY NEW HOMES ARE POPPING UP RIGHT ACROSS FORSTER LAKES. CHECK OUT ALL THESE BIG BLUE BOWS! WE WELCOME YOU ALL.



Brian & Kath



Ross & Heather



Derek & Joan



Ros



Cheryl & Stephen



Gail



Lorraine



Jim & Sue

Refer a friend, share the fun

We know your friends love visiting your Palm Lake Resort home and sharing our resort facilities with you. 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.



***Pictured above:** Our cocktails and canapes afternoons are always fun. **Pictured left, from top down:** One of the friendship groups going out on the resort bus, our craft group getting busy, our rock 'n roll night and trivia night.*



Caretakers' note

A lot has been happening in our resort since our last edition of *The Lakes* newsletter. So many new homeowners have moved into Stage 7 and we have Stage 8 opening. Welcome to you all! It's also great to see the pickleball courts operational. Pickleball is a very popular past time and we are sure that, as the resort grows, there will be more and more homeowners enjoying the game and that space.

The Bowls Club is also up and running with members equally enjoying games and social get togethers. If you have friends or family staying with you, you can now invite them to join you in a 'roll up' courtesy of the resort's spare bowls, which we hear come highly recommended.

With summer coming and these longer days, the barbecues are definitely getting a workout. We have lots of bookings for them. Browns Corner now also offers hot water which makes it an even more usable space for gatherings - the gas firepit is always a hit. As you know, the ERIN app is on trial now, providing homeowners with the ability to book these facilities and more, as well as activities. Once we have the app up and running smoothly, it will get rolled out to all. Exciting things to come, watch this space.

On the topic of exciting times ahead, how good is the Reception Centre looking, over at the new entrance? What a grand building! We're all very excited to see it open. With the lovely outdoor bar area up top, it's going to be a really nice space for functions, birthdays etc.

With Melbourne Cup just around the corner we look forward to seeing all the fancy dresses, suits and fascinators. And with Christmas fast approaching, we look forward to homes being decorated, the resort Christmas tree being erected and our tap dancing group performing the routine they have been practising all year!

Until next time,

**Bryce Fellows and
Tracey Bekkers,
Caretakers**



Jurassic discovery in our bushland

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME UNEXPECTED DISCOVERIES IN THE GROUNDS OF PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES IN RECENT MONTHS AND OUR HOMEOWNERS COULDN'T BE MORE SURPRISED – OR DELIGHTED!

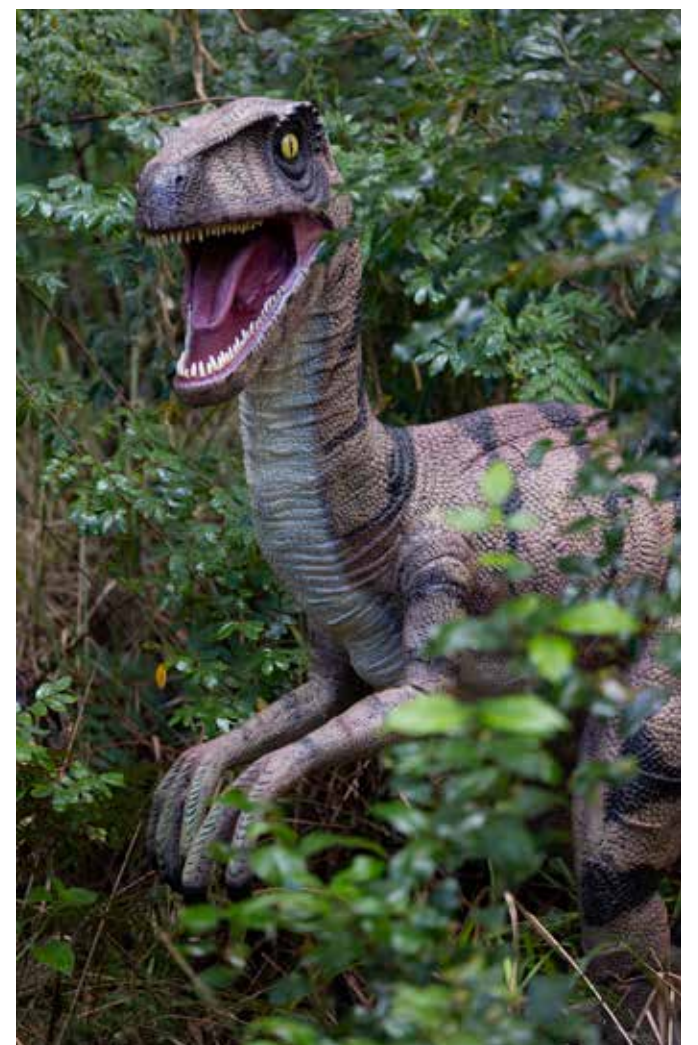
Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners awoke to find some unexpected delights in our resort grounds in recent months. Two dinosaurs were recently 'uncovered' in Precinct 2 – velociraptors, no less! But now, a third dinosaur has just been spotted roaming in bushland near the lawn bowls green. It seems our Jurassic friends are breeding!

The installation of these sculptures has been completed without the homeowners' knowledge and the project was the brainchild of Palm Lake Group owner Walter Elliott. Aged in his 80s and still playing a significant role in the design and delivery of his company's 27 over-50s resorts up and down Australia's east coast, Wal is always on the hunt for ways to surprise and delight not only the homeowners of his resort addresses, but also their visiting families.

Right from the conception of the Palm Lake Resort brand back in 1977, Wal knew that engaging community facilities were at the core of what he wanted to deliver at his resorts, to give homeowners a chance to connect with each other (and enjoy the inherent social benefits of this) while also enjoying a rewarding lifestyle in this next chapter of their lives.

The modern iteration of Wal's original thinking can be seen in our \$18 million Belleair Country Club and Rhodes Sports Club. These two incredible community facilities have been warmly welcomed by resort homeowners while Belleair Country Club has also received highest praise from the NSW Master Builders' Association – named the state's Best Sporting Facility in its category at their most recent awards event.

Now, three unassuming dinosaurs have added to the mix here at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes, giving our the homeowners a delightful surprise when they simply showed up in bushland. Standing 1.6m tall and almost 3m long, it's been heart-warming to hear stories about our homeowners' smallest visiting family members delighting in their unexpected Jurassic discoveries!



Over the back fence

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT COMMUNITIES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS.



Community helping community

We hear so many lovely stories of our craftiest homeowners donating their time and talents to support the less fortunate in their community.

At Palm Lake Resort Upper Coomera (QLD), the lovely ladies from the Monday Craft Group have been busy knitting trauma teddies for donation to their local doctors' rooms. Pictured above left, the teddies are kept with the pathology nurses to give to any tearful visiting children, to help cheer them up on a sad day.

Down at Truganina (Victoria) on Wednesday afternoons, a group of homeowners gets together to handcraft the most beautiful items for the greater good. The Craft Group ladies have been working hard getting beautifully handmade crafts ready for delivery to vulnerable children in war-affected Syria. It is no understatement to say that these pretty little bags filled with haircare

accessories for the dear children in war-affected Syria will make such a huge difference in their lives (pictured above, middle). You can imagine just how special these children will feel when they open their packs to reveal their beautiful handmade bag with goodies inside.

The group also makes and donates other goodies to Victoria's most loved family charities including St Kilda Mums, Geelong Mums and Eureka Mums. Items they create for donation include knitted jumper, beanie and mitten sets, beautiful baby cardigans, blankets and toys.

The Truganina Craft Group ladies all say it's rewarding to knit for such wonderful causes. They know there will be such joy among the children when they receive a handmade gift.

At Palm Lake Resort Bethania (QLD), the wonderful Tuesday morning

ladies' Craft Group (pictured below) has also been giving back to their local community knitting beanies, scarves and gloves for the homeless as well as dolls for the children's hospital. These ladies are always seeking donations of wool to continue their great work. You can also purchase one of their handmade beanies for just \$10 with all funds raised going towards the purchase of more wool for knitting and stuffing for the dolls.



'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!



Organ brings back yesteryear



There's a beautifully restored original cinema theatre organ that can be heard right across Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay (QLD). Homeowner/musician Barry Moore painstakingly restored the organ himself. On completion, the organ looked perfect on display in its rightful place, at the resort's plush Hamptons Country Club cinema, akin to the days of yore when all the prestigious cinemas featured a similar organ. Of course, Barry is more than happy to play a tune whenever asked.

'Big O' bash at Beachmere

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



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