

The Lakes



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Double delight

Elevate your lifestyle

With the unveiling of two new double-storey displays, see Pages 4-5 for the benefits of 'going up'

Big Blue Bows

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

Biggest morning tea - and hearts!

We raised an incredible amount for charity recently. Read just how much, inside...



Welcome

Hello and welcome to *The Lakes* newsletter: our latest update from Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

We're thrilled to be entering an exciting new season of growth here at our resort, and we'd love for you to be part of it. In the coming weeks, we'll be unveiling our stunning new double-storey display homes – the Malabar and Carrabelle. These homes provide the perfect opportunity for interested future homeowners to discover the (literally) elevated lifestyle they offer. Turn to Pages 4-5 to read more about the benefits of our modern double-storey home designs.

We're also preparing to release the final stage of homes later this year, and that's when you'll have the chance to place a deposit and secure your ideal homesite within our growing community. You don't want to miss that opportunity so make sure you're on our mailing list to be kept up to date.

As the days warm up, spring is the ideal time to enjoy the lake and what better way than onboard our very own Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes pontoon (party!) boat. We cruise the local waters every Thursday morning as part of our resort tours so if you're planning a visit, make it around a Thursday. Just on that note, for those of you travelling from further afield to visit us for a resort tour, we warmly invite you to experience the local Forster lifestyle firsthand with a complimentary night's accommodation (subject to availability). Simply phone our Sales Information Centre on 1800 577 542 to arrange your personalised resort tour and accommodation, to make the most of your Forster Lakes discovery trip. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you why life truly shines here at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

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

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News briefs

Let's be 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.

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Stay a night

Many of our enquiries come from people in distant locations right around Australia. If you're coming from out of town, phone 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 community.

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. How easy is that?! Ask one of our Sales Team members about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive or pop into the Sales Information Centre.



Community minded

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes sponsors the Great Lakes Pearl Dragons' Dragon Boat Club and recently, two members stopped by our Sales Information Centre to present us with a Certificate of Appreciation. We thoroughly enjoy being part of the community that continues to support us as well.

On the topic of sponsorships, over the October 3 long weekend, find us at Old Bar Beach Festival. Palm Lake Resort is sponsoring the event and will have a marquee set up there. Come and say hi, and check out the cool Kombi car show!



Black tie dining, for charity

Carol Galvin (Home 297) has been a busy bee of late. Not only did she, her husband and their friends organise an incredible flood relief effort (see their story on Page 6), she also contributed to our incredible Biggest Morning Tea result (see Page 7) by auctioning off a lovely black-tie Italian dinner, which was a great success. Not only did the Cancer Council reap the financial benefit of Carol's clever idea, so too did these lucky diners, pictured above. What a great idea, Carol!



It's Your Time

The winter edition of Your Time magazine is circulating the country right now. Among the features, we take a look at those Palm Lake Resorts under construction, including Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, and Paynesville. We also celebrate our Master Builders Association award recipients including our latest resort recipient: Yamba Cove. It's brand new Vantage Country Club and a display home were both named best in the competition. You can also explore the magazine's regular Lifestyle section where we look at all the ways "You're never too old to..." Find a copy online by visiting [palmakeresort.com.au](#)





Double delight

WHEN IT COMES TO DOWNSIZING, A DOUBLE-STOREY HOME MIGHT NOT SOUND LIKE THE OBVIOUS FIRST CHOICE BUT THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO TAKING LIFE UP A LEVEL.

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homes are known for their architectural design, premium inclusions, quality construction and gorgeous coastal styling. And when you choose a double-storey option, you can basically double that delight. While some over-50s might not think of a double-storey home as their first choice when downsizing into this next chapter of their lives, our homes have been strategically designed to increase their homeowners' lifestyle. Built with a chic internal lift as well as a staircase, these homes offer impressive potential. Here are our Top 6 reasons why the double-storey option takes living up a notch. Literally.

1. More living space on a smaller footprint

Let's start with the obvious. Double-storey homes maximise vertical space, offering more internal floor area without taking up extra land, perfect for over-50s who still want generous internal living areas on a low-maintenance block.

2. Design flexibility

With two levels, there's more freedom to customise the home's layout to your family's individual daily needs. Think: a quiet reading nook, home administration/computer workstation or a creative hobby zone – and whichever of those spaces you choose to additionally benefit from the outlook upstairs.

3. Privacy and relaxation

Double-storey layouts allow for separation between busy daily activities and quiet restful zones. For example, bedrooms can be located on a different level to entertaining areas. The same applies to guests. Whether you're frequently hosting the grandkids or friends, having two levels ensures everyone can find privacy when they need it.

4. Better views and natural light

Upper levels often enjoy enhanced views and more sunlight creating a bright, airy home. Did you know that natural light helps regulate sleep patterns, supports bone health through vitamin D, and has been shown to boost mood – an important factor in maintaining mental wellness as we age. Plus, enjoying an interesting outlook or sunset vistas, for example, from a second-storey balcony or sitting room can turn everyday moments into something special, encouraging relaxation, reflection and a deeper appreciation of the home.

5. Enhanced ventilation and breeze flow

With windows and openings on multiple levels, double-storey homes often have better natural airflow. This means a more comfortable living environment with less reliance on air conditioning. And that's not just good for reducing energy consumption, but also for reducing exposure to dry, artificial air, which can sometimes irritate eyes, skin and respiratory systems. A well-ventilated home also helps prevent the build-up of moisture and mould. Plus, homes that 'breathe' well often feel fresher, lighter and more enjoyable to live in all year round.

6. Improved resale appeal

Modern, elevator-equipped double-storey homes appeal to a wide range of buyers potentially adding long-term value to the investment. Right across the Palm Lake Group, they've also proven to be a chic talking point! Don't forget that the elevator itself is a handy way to move not just people, but also furniture, the vacuum, washing baskets, shopping, luggage and more between the levels. Easy!

New displays on the way

PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES' CARRABELLE AND MALABAR HOME DESIGNS WERE OUR FIRST DOUBLE-STOREY DESIGNS, AND SOON WILL ALSO FEATURE AS OUR NEWEST DISPLAY HOMES.

Spread across 279-282m², the floor plans of these homes each feature three bedrooms, a sleek kitchen/dining area that's perfectly connected to the outdoor entertaining area, a two-car garage and, of course, that chic elevator (along with internal stairs).

With the second storey comes the opportunity to create a sanctuary, separate from the primary living areas on the ground floor. Here, homeowners can relax away from the stresses of their day-to-day lives, enjoying the calm of the oversized master suite.

Contained within the master is a kitchenette, a handy study nook, a vast walk-in robe/dressing room and a light-filled oversized ensuite fitted with double vanities. If you choose the Malabar design, you'll also enjoy a luxury bath. These incredibly spacious master suites, with full spa-style ensuites, are proving one of the most popular selling points of these double-storey designs.

A huge attraction to these double-storey, three-bedroom designs is the opportunity for homeowners to host two sets of guests comfortably – or even the whole family at once! On the top floor, the retreat doubles as a second living area, with large glass sliding doors that allow you to enjoy the full benefits of the upstairs balcony, including lovely breezes. The dual living areas offer separate TVs to cater to different viewing requirements while also allowing occupants to relax alone, or together – the choice is theirs. Not to mention, with three bathrooms, there is plenty of privacy for a house filled with guests!

These double-storey homes are adorned with only the best finishes and fittings, including stone benchtops, high quality floor coverings and plantation shutters throughout. As a bonus with double-storey designs at Forster Lakes, homeowners enjoy an additional home automation package as standard. Add to that included features like ducted air conditioning, solar power and the integrated Sonos sound system and it is clear these double-storey abodes provide the perfect downsizer for homeowners still looking for ample space and maximum lifestyle.

Phone our Sales Information Centre on 1800 577 542 and let us book your private inspection of our new displays.



To book a private inspection contact us on 1800 577 542



Homeowners help out

WHAT STARTED OUT AS A SIMPLE LUNCH CONVERSATION BETWEEN PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNER FRIENDS HAS TURNED INTO AN ONGOING CHARITABLE RELATIONSHIP THAT BENEFITS THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

By Carol Galvin (Home 297)

Our Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes flood relief effort started over a lunch on May 23 when Dee Hamilton, myself and our husbands decided we wanted to help the many people affected by floods close by. We knew we couldn't be part of the 'Mud Army', but we could certainly start a collection drive.

I contacted the Pacific Palms Rural Fire Service (RFS) who gave us some information on what food supplies were needed. Dee put a call out on social media that Friday afternoon and we were soon inundated with food, nappies, toilet paper and animal food. We packaged like with like and on May 25, we took a Palm Lake Resort bus along with a full trailer to the Pacific Palms RFS (as pictured left). We spent the day sorting items with other volunteers and then delivered them to the Community Flood Relief Hub in Taree.

On May 29, we heard there was additional need for clothes and bedding. We used our previous experience and collected, sorted and labelled another trailerload that went to hubs in Taree and Wingham the following day.

We then went looking for two families that we could solely sponsor and continue to support with our charitable connections and efforts. The RFS found them for us. We had a lot of household items that we were able to give to one family, but our second family - a farming couple - had their house completely gutted. After the RFS spoke with them, it was decided that we could best help them by focussing on kitchen items after a makeshift kitchen was installed.

On June 22, word went out to our fellow Palm Lake Resort homeowners and by June 24 we had another load of donated kitchen appliances, saucepans and crockery ready for delivery. You name it, we had it! Our sponsored farmer is a big cook and everything she makes is homemade, including slices and cakes for her family and in support of community events. So we also made a monetary donation to help stock her pantry and fridge.

After all of the above effort and success, our homeowners have decided to 'adopt' the Pacific Palms RFS and have been helping to stock their fridge with meals, cakes etc for when they are out and about looking out for the rest of us in the community. Helping these helpers makes us feel great!

Our homeowners are a giving bunch!



Cuppa raises big cash

THERE'S ONE CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENT THAT SEEMS TO PIQUE THE INTEREST OF PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS MORE THAN OTHERS, AND THAT'S AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA.

This annual fundraiser is hosted by the Cancer Council to help support people affected by cancer. Held each May, the event invites individuals, workplaces, schools and communities (like ours) across the country to come together over a cuppa and a bite to eat while raising vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding world-class research, running life-saving prevention programs and offering essential support for Australians impacted by cancer. One in two Aussies will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, making the Cancer Council's work so important.

At Forster Lakes, homeowner Lyn Wootten (Home 227, pictured right) brought together a funfilled, beach-themed event that saw an incredible \$10,250 raised by our community alone - the largest single total of all Palm Lake Resort addresses. Here's a snapshot of the results of Palm Lake Group fundraisers, totalling more than \$47,000!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Bargara: \$4215
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Eagleby: \$5000
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265





Our team's local loves

OUR PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES SALES TEAM LOVES BEING PART OF THE FORSTER COMMUNITY - AND IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY. FROM THE ABUNDANT WATERS OF WALLIS LAKE TO THE RELAXED, FRIENDLY VIBE IN TOWN, FORSTER TRULY OFFERS THE PERFECT COASTAL LIFESTYLE. AS LOCAL EXPERTS, WE ASKED OUR TEAM TO SPILL THE BEANS ON THEIR FAVE LOCAL LOVES...

Meet our team

As Palm Lake Resort Sales Team members, we get to meet and chat with people every day who are just as captivated by the Forster-Tuncurry area as we are. Whether we're grabbing a coffee by the water, enjoying a beachside walk or exploring the local markets, there's always something special going on here — and we thought we'd share some local insights with you. Let us each reveal to you some of our favourite spots and personal recommendations — places we love and know you'll fall in love with, too.



Jen



Jo



Karina

Where to eat

JEN: I love **The Dragon's Den** in Forster for its vibrant Asian fusion dishes and cozy atmosphere. Their yum cha and creative cocktails are always a treat and the waterfront setting makes every visit feel special. I also love **Café Toscano** for its warm vibe, great coffee and delicious Italian-style food. It's my favourite spot to unwind and enjoy a relaxed meal in the heart of Forster.

JO: I love **Si Señorita** in Forster for its vibrant Mexican flavours, stunning lake views and the lively, welcoming atmosphere. Their tacos and margaritas are top-notch, making it my go-to spot for a fun and delicious night out.

KARINA: I love **Thirty Three Degrees** across the bridge from Forster for the amazing lake views, fresh local oysters, and relaxed vibe. It's my go-to spot for a laid-back meal with a touch of something special.

Where to explore

JEN: **One Mile Beach** in Forster is my favourite spot to soak up the sun and sea breeze. With its long stretch of white sand and gentle waves, it's perfect for a relaxed swim or a peaceful walk. I also love spotting dolphins surfing the waves and I enjoy the laid-back, family-friendly vibe.

JO: I love **Burgess Beach** for its quiet, peaceful vibe and beautiful natural surroundings. It's a bit of a hidden treasure — perfect for relaxing, exploring the rocky spots, or just enjoying some calm away from the busier beaches.

KARINA: I love walking along the **Forster Breakwall** — it's my favourite way to start the day or wind down in the afternoon. The views across Wallis Lake and out to the Pacific are stunning — and if you're lucky, you'll spot dolphins playing in the channel or even whales breaching offshore during migration season. It's a peaceful, scenic walk that never gets old.



What to do

JEN: One of my favourite things to do is grab a **clear kayak** (pictured above) from Boat Shed Number 1 in Forster. There's something magical about gliding over the water, watching the marine life beneath you in full view. It's the perfect mix of relaxation and adventure — and the crystal-clear waters of Forster make it unforgettable every time.

JO: There's something truly special about **boating** in Forster. With its stunning coastline and the calm serenity of Wallis Lake, every trip feels like an escape into nature. Whether it's fishing, spotting dolphins or just cruising at sunset, Forster offers the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation on the water.

KARINA: I love spending time on the **Pebble Beach Bicentennial Walk**. There's something special about the mix of ocean breezes, crashing waves and the peaceful rhythm of the path along the coastline. It's one of those places that instantly clears your head and fills you with calm.



Penny & David



Graham & Karen (with Eddie)



Steve & Marie



Phillp & Kerry



Deb & Ray



Paul & Belinda (with Ruby)



Wendy



Robyn & Keith



Chris & Noel



John & Venita



Elaine & John



Martin & Sharon



Bob & Jess



Gary & Sue-Ellen (with Stormy)

Welcome neighbours!

MORE SHINY NEW HOMES ARE POPPING UP RIGHT ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES. CHECK OUT ALL THESE BIG BLUE BOWS! WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

Weekly activities

MONDAY

- 9am Craft: Sewing/patchwork/crochet, Craft room
- 9.30am Bowls: 3-bowl triples, Rhodes Bowls Green
- 10.30am Cardio with PLR instructor Terri, Dance Floor
- 12noon Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 1pm Cards - Hand & Foot, Reception Centre
- 1.15pm Mah-jong, Rhodes Sports Club
- 2.30pm Line dancing practise with Val, Belleair
- 3pm Social pickleball, Pickleball courts

TUESDAY

- 7.15-9am Bus trip to Main Beach. Meet in the foyer
- 9am Craft/Workshop projects, Craft room
- 9am Aqua Zumba with PLR instructor Lauren, indoor pool
- 10am Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 10.15am Cardio with PLR instructor Terri, Dance Floor
- 11.15am Line dancing practise with Val, Belleair
- 1pm Cards (500), Belleair Dining Room
- 1pm Cards (Mixed), Reception Centre
- 2pm Ukulele and other instruments, Meeting Room
- 2pm Chess, Rhodes Sports Club
- 2-4pm Art Group, Belleair Craft Room
- 6pm Homeowners' dinner, Belleair Dining Room

WEDNESDAY

- 9.30am Craft: Card making, Belleair Craft room
- 10am Line dancing with PLR instructor Linda, Belleair
- 11am-3pm Milon Gymnasium bookings for inductions and reviews, with PLR instructor Terri
- 2pm Mah-jong, Belleair Country Club
- 3pm Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 6pm Homeowners' dinner, Belleair Dining Room
- 7.30pm Movie night, Belleair Theatre

THURSDAY

- 9am Art, Belleair Craft room
- 9.30am Aqua Zumba with instructor Lauren, indoor pool
- 12pm Homeowners' lunch, Belleair Country Club
- 1pm Mah-jong, Reception Centre
- 1.30pm Bowls: 3 bowl triples, Rhodes Bowls Green
- 2pm Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 2.30pm Tap dancing, Belleair Dance Floor
- 6.30pm Trivia Night, Belleair Dining Room

FRIDAY

- 8.45am Yoga with PLR instructor Bernie, Reception Centre
- 9am Social pickleball, Pickleball courts
- 3pm Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 3.30pm Twilight Bowls, Rhodes Bowls Green
- 4pm Happy Hour, Belleair and Rhodes bars

SATURDAY

- 9am Social pickleball, Pickleball courts
- 1.30pm Bingo, Belleair Dining Room
- 2pm Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library

SUNDAY

- 12.45pm Canasta/Hand & Foot, Belleair Dining Room
- 12.45pm Lawn bowls Scroungers
- 2pm Librarian in attendance, Belleair Library
- 3pm Friendship Group/Happy Hour, Belleair
- 5.30-7pm Community BBQ, Belleair BBQ
- 7pm Movie night, Belleair Theatre

Resort Caretakers' update

Welcome to a new edition of our Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes newsletter, *The Lakes*.

What a whirlwind these past few months have been. Our Sales Team has been super busy which in turn makes us super busy with all the new homeowners coming in, and then their handovers and inductions taking place. Our community is growing so rapidly it's hard to keep up with all the new faces. Thank goodness everyone wears a name badge in and around the resort! With new homes popping up so fast, the whole area over towards Rhodes Sports Club is changing shape weekly. If you weren't aware, Stage 12 is also underway. There's been some movement with diggers and trucks down there. It will be interesting to watch this space develop with a Palm Lake Care aged caring community in the not too distant future.

Back to news from our Caretakers' office, we have our new chef, Andrea, starting this month. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome and enjoy her delicious meals. She comes with a wealth of kitchen experience and we are sure you will love her.

Our pontoon boat is also getting refurbished with new upholstery throughout, so it will present as a whole new boat just in time for spring.

And we should also mention our 'Biggest Morning Tea' event which was such a huge success. Homeowner Lyn Wootten and her team did a fantastic job, as is proven by the incredible amount raised (more than \$10,000! See Page 7 for more). Our community keeps raising the bar with this event each year - what a great feat! The decorations were great and the costumes were so funny - you guys are the reason that communities like ours have such a great reputation! It's so good to see everyone enjoying themselves.

We love what we do and we love seeing the place grow and our community coming together.



Bryce Fellows and Tracey Bekkers, Resort Caretakers



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to **embrace more**



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