

# The Lakes



May - June 2025



## Live the high life in our two-storey homes

Carrabelle is a two-storey beauty that allows you to live large in a luxury low-maintenance home

## 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

## Around the grounds

Meet some of the people who make up the rich fabric that is our likeminded community



# Welcome

Hello all - Welcome to our May-June edition of *The Lakes* newsletter.

We would also like to welcome you all to our newest team member. Lillian Bruce has recently joined our Sales Team as a Sales Administrator. If you're yet to meet Lillian, make sure you stop by our new Sales Information Centre and say G'day while also checking out our wonderful new space. On the topic of sales, there has been plenty of interest in both brand-new and pre-owned homes recently. We have sold all our display homes, so our interior design team will, no doubt, be busy moving our styling packs into shiny new display homes in the coming weeks.

We've also had a busy calendar in recent months with thanks to all the many Palm Lake Resort sponsorships of various community and charitable events and organisations. Among them, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes sponsored a Police Charity Bowls Day at Forster Bowling Club, we also sponsor the Pearl Dragons' Dragon Boat Club and we were also sponsors of one of Forster Art Gallery's recent Art Prizes. You can read more about this one on Page 11 - it was a lovely night.

The highlight social event of the season so far was held in our Belleair Country Club on April 2. A sophisticated evening affair was promised and, boy, did it deliver! Guests enjoyed oysters, caviar, martinis and bubbles - and that was just for starters! A five-course degustation meal was then presented, complete with wine pairings. To top it off, entertainment on the night was provided by Pepa Milina Flamenco Dance and they really set the tone. One hundred guests attended the evening, which included a mix of homeowners and other VIPs. Events like this really show just what our world-class facilities are capable of.

We look forward to welcoming many more new homeowners over the next few months into both two-storey and single-level homes. Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes is really coming together now.

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

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## News briefs



### Party time!

Our newly opened Reception Centre has been a magnet for memorable community gatherings, weekly classes and other group activities. Just recently, the facility hosted homeowner John's 90th birthday party, which was organised by his friends at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes. We wish John the best for his birthday and hope he enjoyed the party!

## Share the holiday-everyday lifestyle

While our homeowners will tell you that they enjoy a holiday-everyday lifestyle, it's when they have visiting family come and stay, that it really becomes a holiday for all. Make the most of these resort facilities when your family come to stay (and play) this winter school holiday season:

- **Belleair Country Club:** For tenpin bowling, the movie cinema, swimming, café treats, the library (reading and board games), snooker/pool and table tennis
- **Rhodes Sports Club:** For a game of barefoot bowls. You can also try out the sport of pickleball on our new courts
- **Resort pontoon:** For fishing, launching kayaks, accessing the resort boats for outings on the lake
- **The resort pathways:** For relaxing strolls, doggie walks and bike rides
- **The golf simulator rooms:** Learn to hit golf balls without losing them!

## 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.

## Lest we forget

Anzac Day commemorations here at our resort were solemn and well attended. Thanks to all involved in bringing this day together in such a meaningful and memorable way.



## 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.



# Living the high life



WHILE ALL OUR FORSTER LAKES FLORIDA KEYS-INSPIRED HOME DESIGNS OFFER RELAXED OPEN-PLAN LIVING, THE AWARD-WINNING CARRABELLE DESIGN TAKES THINGS ONE STEP FURTHER - AND ONE LEVEL UP.

At 280.56m<sup>2</sup> (or 30.19 squares), the Carrabelle offers two bedrooms, an activity room, two bathrooms and ample living space across its two storeys. In fact, the first-floor master suite is more of a sanctuary than a 'bedroom'. With its own adjacent retreat/living area, hidden kitchenette, expansive walk-through robe, study nook and ensuite, homeowners can live large here.

An internal elevator comes as standard on all two-storey Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homes, including Carrabelle. These lifts provide safety and convenience for over-50s homeowners, as well as proving to be a chic point of difference and talking point.

Palm Lake Resort homes have been awarded for their layout and design but it's the little details that count immensely for us, when it comes to presenting potential homeowners with their dream retirement abode. Our homes offer only the very best fixtures, fittings and materials help make every moment pure indulgence for homeowners.

From a construction perspective, Carrabelle features Hebel Power Wall Panel with a rendered finish (bringing both acoustic and climatic insulation properties) alongside ExpressPanel Cemintel external cladding and a Colorbond roof. Step inside and you are greeted by slick 2 Pac cabinetry and Caesarstone throughout. Tasmanian oak timber feature screens add warmth to the colour palette. High-end SMEG appliances are the preferred choice for all

Palm Lake Resort kitchens and here at Forster Lakes we take it a step further by semi-integrating the dishwasher for an even sleeker look. A Billi Tap adds utility and further style to the kitchen alongside other Phoenix tapware.

Other construction choices making our Carrabelle design so memorable include floor-to-ceiling tiling in bathrooms, frameless shower screens and a semi recessed shaving cabinet, as well as plantation shutters throughout.

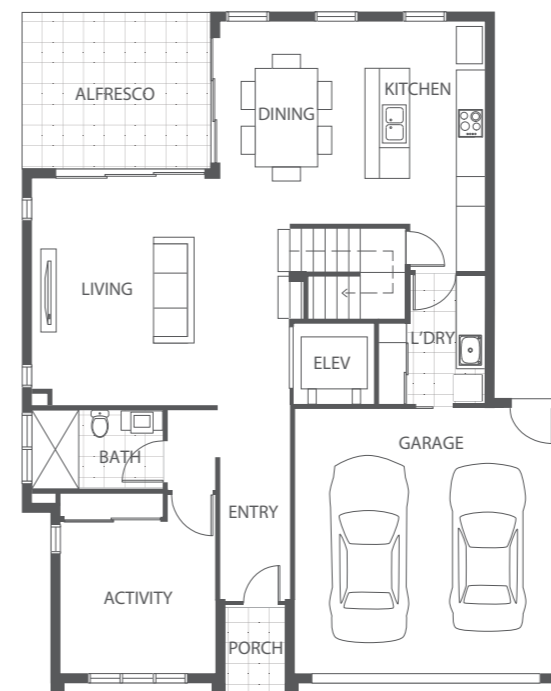
Outside, PVC fencing and Modwood decking are two strategic inclusions for our over-50s homeowners who are too busy enjoying the retirement years to think about home maintenance. Exposed aggregate paths and driveway and a tiled patio, finish the picture. And, of course, there are a host of additional features that come standard in our Carrabelle, and every other Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes home:

- Ducted air con (living areas, bedrooms, activity room)
- 3.0kW 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

We're proud to note that Carrabelle also received the Master Builders Association award for best display home in its category in 2023. A true winner!



FIRST FLOOR



GROUND LEVEL



The best way to picture your Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes lifestyle in our Carrabelle design is by walking through one. And we have a Carrabelle display residence available for your private inspection now. Freecall our Sales Information Centre on 1800 577 542 and book your tour and let us show you around.



Cheryl



Jenny & Max



Coral & Mick



Claire & Colin



Susan & Andrew



Kerry & Bruce



Mike & Linda



Lorraine & Ken



Mary (with Bella)



Rob & Colleen



Marny & Steve

## Welcome home!

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



## Her life is one colourful ride

**GAIL SUE WILL TELL YOU THAT HER LIFE, SO FAR, HAS BEEN A ONE COLOURFUL RIDE. AND THERE'S NO CHANCE OF THAT CHANGING, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT SHE'S FOUND HER TRIBE HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT FORSTER LAKES.**

Gail Sue is an artist at heart and her life has been one colourful – and somewhat abstract – journey through love, laughter and loss. While she admits that there have been a few curveballs and “happy little mistakes” along the way, Gail says she wouldn’t have it any other way, as all those experiences have led her to this bright new chapter at Forster Lakes, which began in August 2024.

At 78 years young, Gail says she has spent the best part of 45 years honing her artistic streak. Initially trained in traditional oil painting, she mistakenly signed herself up to a class in abstract painting, but it would be one of those “happy little mistakes” that would ultimately shape the artist she is today.

“What I found was that I was able to express myself so much better through abstract art,” Gail explains.

She traded her oils for acrylics in 1992 and that was the other catalyst for the success she’s seen to date. Previously living in the Sutherland Shire, Gail and her (late) partner Lawrence spent three years in the United States from 2007-2010 before coming back to Australia and landing on five acres at Gum Scrub, along the Wilson River, north-east of Port Macquarie. It was at Gum Scrub, in her very own studio, that Gail would fully indulge her artistic streak – producing many impressive pieces, showing them in various exhibitions and also (for five years) teaching others the art of art. Gail’s work features on walls across Singapore, the Netherlands, Canada, the United States and here in Australia, of course.

“With art, I get an urge to produce something – it’s like a compulsion – I just have to do it.”

With the sudden and unexpected passing of Lawrence not long before the pair were due to move into Forster Lakes, Gail says she’s been so grateful to have our likeminded Palm Lake Resort community around her to get her through the past nine months. The pair had been together for 38 years, after Gail’s first marriage.

“My neighbours are just beautiful,” Gail smiles. “I really couldn’t have done all this without them. It’s very comforting to have people around you who understand what you’re going through.”

Gail says she has thrown herself at as many group activities as possible since arriving at Forster Lakes. She doesn’t miss Mah-jong on Wednesdays, for example, and is quite partial to our resort trivia sessions (“to keep my brain active!”). Homeowner meals and catch ups with her Palm Lake Resort neighbourhood friends are the other big part of her social diary – as is keeping up with her fellow Mustang Owners’ Club members (Gail drove a 2006 V8 GT Convertible in her time in the United States and was so attached to the ride that she brought it home to Australia with her!).

“There’s honestly just so much to do here,” Gail says. “It’s very easy for me to mingle with others.”

While Gail is familiar with the resort’s Art Room, she says she’s more inclined to “work” from home given just how messy she likes to get when producing her pieces! While she’s still unpacking boxes and learning to navigate her brave new life, Gail says art is high on her agenda once again. You never know – she may just pop up as an art class facilitator here at Forster Lakes one day... and we can’t wait!

For more, visit [www.gailsueart.com](http://www.gailsueart.com)



Oh, what a night!



# An elegant evening

OUR BELLEAIR COUNTRY CLUB WAS TRANSFORMED FOR A SOPHISTICATED EVENING EVENT LAST MONTH. THINK OYSTERS, CAVIAR, MARTINIS AND BUBBLES FOR STARTERS, FOLLOWED BY A FIVE-COURSE DEGUSTATION WITH WINE PAIRINGS. PEPA MILINA FLAMENCO DANCE KEPT OUR 100 GUESTS ENTERTAINED. OH, WHAT A NIGHT!



What an impressive line up!



# Resort Caretakers' update

Welcome to a new edition of our resort newsletter, *The Lakes*. It's been another busy few months here at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes with plenty of Weekly Activities on the calendar and other social events keeping everyone's diaries full.

There's a real buzz about the grounds now that resort construction is nearing completion. While our physical surrounds are almost done, what that also means is that our homeowner community is also nearly complete. While your Palm Lake Resort purchase is initially all about buying one of our low-maintenance designer homes, the other (probably most important!) thing is the community that our homeowners 'buy into'. We have worked in other Palm Lake Resort locations and I can tell you that we have a lovely, welcoming, likeminded community of neighbours here at Forster Lakes. For any new homeowners coming into our resort, this community really is the cherry on top.

Next week, our Resident Liaison Officer (and fellow homeowner) Gail Maier has put up her hand to organise our first new homeowners 'Meet and greet' event, to bring together all our newbies and help them get to know each other. This will no doubt become a regular event for our resort that serves to welcome new homeowners into our 'hood, while also cementing those new friendships that are forming.

For those homeowners new to our resort, we encourage you to fill your social calendar with all those things you've been wanting to do for years but never found the time to do. Maybe you'd like to have a crack at line dancing (we're taking bookings now via the resort app) or maybe a regular social game of pickleball will keep you active while also providing a few on-court giggles? Hot tip: For many of our social sporting groups, the post-match drinks can be the best part! However you choose to spend your time here at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes, we know it'll be engaging, rewarding and FUN! Get amongst it!

**Bryce Fellows and Tracey Bekkers, Resort Caretakers**



Pictured left: The Port Macquarie Mustang Club came to our resort for a visit and BBQ, courtesy of one of our own very cool Mustang-driving homeowners!

# 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  
**1pm** Mah-jong, Rhodes Sports Club  
**2.30pm** Line dancing practise with Val, Belleair  
**7pm** Canasta, Belleair Dining Room

**TUESDAY**  
**7.30-9.30am** Bus trip to Main Beach. Meet in the foyer  
**8.45am** Stretch and Relax class, Reception Centre  
**9am** Craft: Workshop projects, Craft room  
**9am** Aqua Zumba with PLR instructor Lauren, indoor pool  
**10am** Librarian in attendance  
**10.15am** Cardio with PLR instructor Terri, Dance Floor  
**12-3pm** Radio sailing, Tuncurry Racecourse  
**1pm** Cards (500), Belleair Dining Room  
**1.15pm** Craft: Various, Craft room  
**2pm** Ukulele & other instruments, Meeting Room  
**2pm** Chess, Belleair Dining Room  
**6pm** Homeowners' dinner, Belleair Dining Room

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

**THURSDAY**  
**9am** Art, Craft room  
**9.30am** Aqua Zumba with PLR instructor Lauren, indoor pool  
**12pm** Homeowners' lunch, Belleair Country Club  
**1.30pm** Bowls: 3 bowl triples, Rhodes Bowls Green  
**2pm** Librarian in attendance  
**2.30pm** Tap dancing, Belleair dance floor  
**6.30pm** Trivia, Belleair Dining Room

**FRIDAY**  
**8.45am** Yoga with PLR instructor Bernie, Reception Centre  
**9am** Pickleball (social games)  
**3pm** Librarian in attendance  
**4pm** Happy Hour, Belleair Country Club  
**4.30pm** Bowls: Twilight, Rhodes Bowls Green

**SATURDAY**  
**12-3pm** Radio sailing, Tuncurry Racecourse  
**1.30pm** Bingo, Belleair Dining Room  
**2pm** Librarian in attendance

**SUNDAY**  
**1pm** Canasta, Belleair Dining Room  
**2pm** Librarian in attendance  
**3pm** Friendship Group/Happy Hour, Belleair  
**5.30-7pm** Community BBQ, Belleair BBQ  
**7pm** Movie night, Belleair Theatre



# Drawing inspiration

## DID YOU GET ALONG TO FORSTER GALLERY DURING APRIL TO TAKE IN THE 43RD ANNUAL GREAT LAKES ART SOCIETY COMPETITION EXHIBITION?

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes was proud to sponsor the 'Best Drawing' section – one of eight sections in The Forster Art Prize that offered more than \$10,000 in total prizemoney to competing artists. Great Lakes Art Society President Christine Rands says The Forster Art Prize saw a total of 249 entries from 111 artists – 71 of them from local artists with 40 entries from as far away as Brisbane.

"More than 1200 people – both locals and tourists – visited the exhibition, which opened on March 29 with the awards presentation event, and ran until April 27," Christine says.

Old Bar abstract landscape artist Jessie Beard was tasked with judging the competition sections and Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Manager Jen Nichols was on hand at the awards evening to present the Palm Lake Resort-sponsored section, "Best Drawings", to the following three very deserving winners:

- First prize (\$700, pictured at top): Christine Rands with "Compare the pear"
- Second prize (\$300, pictured above): Kellie Lamacraft with "Survivor"
- Highly commended: Sandra Clarke "Generations of love"

# You're always warmly welcomed



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