

JULY - AUGUST 2025



Bay Breeze



The Humpback Highway

Our friends have returned!
Find out where - and when - to
see migrating whales

Over the back fence

Keep up to date with all the
good things your fellow Palm
Lake Resort family is up to

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking
to make the move here?
Refer them, for fast cash



Pictured here and on the cover: Turn your eyes to the sea for the next few months as we welcome the whales into their favourite playground - which just happens to be our backyard!



Welcome.

Welcome to another edition of *Bay Breeze*. Winter is definitely here now with those cooler mornings and nights really set in. But, while the nights are cool, the days here are glorious and July sees the start of our local whale watching season – the very thing that Hervey Bay is most famous for! It's a great reason to get out and about in the warmth of the day. Encourage your family and friends to visit from out of town and go searching for some of these incredible annual visitors. Check out our story on Page 6.

It is lovely to see our new homeowners getting out and about in the community and enjoying the facilities at Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay. We are so very proud of our established resort and send a warm and personal welcome to you all. You can meet some of these new faces on Pages 3 and 4.

There has been some work going on in the lakes, ahead of the warmer months. This area is such a beautiful spot to enjoy a stroll, have a chat with fellow homeowners or enjoy the tranquillity of your space. Our groundspeople have been busy over the past two months and we send a big congratulations to them for putting in a great team effort and getting the job done.

Volunteers really are the backbone of any community and we are lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers here at Hervey Bay. They put a lot of effort in to arrange activities for the resort's homeowners on a regular basis. We would like to thank all those people involved around the resort, who help with setting up activities/functions and more. We hear such positive feedback and we love to see the photos of everyone who attends these events, with their happy smiling (and grateful!) faces.

Until next edition, stay warm and keep your eye out for the whales!

**Bev and Fury,
Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay Caretakers**

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News in brief.



Welcome new neighbours

We have had some lovely new people join us here at Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay in recent weeks. Among them is Mary-Anne and Brendan (Home 35, pictured above left) and Steven and Lorraine (Home 99, on the right). You can also meet newbie Verity (Home 62) at the top of Page 4. Welcome to the Palm Lake Resort family to you all!



Grease lightning!

Susie Jay and Joe Ace stopped by to entertain us with a fab 1950-60s themed night. We had rock-n-rollers, Sandy and Danny, The T-Birds and Pink Ladies from Grease all in attendance. What a fantastic night!

IS IT
TIME TO
TRY A NEW
ACTIVITY?

Meet your homeowner experts.

If you're looking to join one of our special interest groups, or need more information about getting involved in a resort sport or hobby, here are the homeowners who can point you in the right direction:

- Anything Music** Col Miller (Home 73)
- Aqua Aerobics** Pat Wilson (Home 201)
- Art** Maureen Munro (Home 148)
- Bingo** Helen Jones (Home 203)
- Bowls (Indoor)** Gay & Dennis Alcoe (Home 101)
- Bowls (Outdoor)** Liz Kelly (Home 26)
- Card Making** Gai (Home 7), Lillian (Home 116)
- Cards** Shirley Brown (Home 84)
- Cards (Texas Hold' Em)** Bob Caldwell (Home 42)
- Cards (Hand & Foot)** Bev Goodall (Home 65)
- Community BBQ** Lindsay Forsyth (Home 93)
- Containers for Change** Malcolm Colegate (Home 200), Max Emery (Home 183)
- Golf** Ron Dupuy (Home 107), Steve Hart (Home 176)
- Gym** John Clough (Home 121)
- Health and Strengthening** Joan Staddon (Home 155)
- Jigsaws** Maureen Munro (Home 148)
- Line Dancing** Ron Henson (Home 6), Fran Shaw (Home 32)
- Library** Marion Myers (Home 162)
- Mahjong** Prue Lovell (Home 131)
- PLACES (Palm Lake Art & Cultural Events)** Ken & Wendy Beikoff (Home 60)
- Sewing/Craft** Yvonne Loughlin (Home 149), Bronwyn Colgate (Home 200)
- Table Tennis** Sue Baumann (Home 40)
- Tai-Chi** Jacqui Mulheran (Home 125), Shirley Brown (Home 84)
- Tennis** Peter Cooper (Home 110)
- Walking Aerobics** Suzanne Herrington (Home 119) and Denise McGrath (Home 143)
- Walking Group** David Halliday (Home 123)
- Workshop** Lindsay Forsyth (Home 93)



Pictured above: Another month, another set of birthday babes! From left, we have Gail (Home 127), Kay (Home 51), Kathy (Home 88), Andy (Home 90) and Vicki (Home 191).



Pictured above: Check out a recent 4F's Club get together. We celebrated birthdays for Trish (Home 163, far left), Bruce (Home 127, second from right) and Ian (Home 106, far right). Verity, who is also pictured, is new to our resort (Home 62) and she received a warm welcome!



Pictured above: Our Social Committee organiser, Jan, ensured a lovely time was had during our visit to Brooklyn house. The Devonshire tea was a delight. Brooklyn House's claim to fame is that it's where Dame Edna Rankin lived. She was Australia's first female politician and was knighted by the Queen.



Pictured above and right: Margie, also known as "Cookie", is always serving up the goods for our very grateful tummies! We love her work always but especially on our recent Italian night where she cooked us her Nanna's lasagne! There was also a delicious panna cotta made with love. On a recent Indian night, her butter chicken was also well received with many happy homeowners saying it was the best curry they'd ever tasted.

Pictured right: A busy morning putting the finishing touches on the area outside the office. David and Andy assisted Fury with the job. We work as hard as possible to keep our grounds looking the part.



**WE LOVE
OUR RESORT
TEAM!**

Around the grounds.



Pictured above: A big 'Happy Anniversary' blessing goes to Margaret and Alan (Home 21) who just marked 57 years of wedded bliss! Well done, guys!



Pictured right and below: Our Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay tennis team recently took a bus trip to Palm Lake Resort Bargara to play against their team. Bargara might have won the event but a great day was had by all. We have to thank Peter Cooper for organising the day and our Caretaker, Fury, who not only drove the resort bus but played tennis too!



Pictured above: Check out the flock of local pelicans that we share our neighbourhood with. We're so lucky to live in such a wonderful natural environment. This photo was taken across the lake by Kay and Ken (Home 51)



Pictured above: Winners are definitely grinners!

Pictured left: Thank you to Brian Stumer from Ambulance Association for coming along to present our homeowners with an informative CPR awareness chat and AED demonstration.





Our friends return.

EACH YEAR FROM JUNE TO NOVEMBER, THOUSANDS OF HUMPBACK WHALES MAKE THEIR WAY ALONG AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST, MIGRATING BETWEEN THEIR ANTARCTIC FEEDING GROUNDS AND THE WARMER WATERS OF QUEENSLAND. IT'S A SPECTACULAR NATURAL EVENT – AND LIVING AT PALM LAKE RESORT HERVEY BAY MEANS WE ARE RIGHT ON THE HUMPBACK HIGHWAY.

Whether you're watching from a scenic headland or hopping aboard a whale-watching cruise, there's nothing quite like spotting the flick of a whale's tail or a mighty breach out at sea. It never gets old. And while you might be familiar with our local whale watching vantage points, why not get out and about this season and try a new spot? A little bit like a pub crawl, you could use the season to visit a bunch of different wonderful coastal locales with your binoculars, and take in the whales from a variety of great viewing destinations.

As we know, the best place to start your whale watching adventure is right here in Hervey Bay where our calm, protected waters offer rare opportunities to see whales up close as they rest and play with their calves. Peak viewing time here is from now until October with our town celebrating its annual Whale Festival on August 7, 9 and 10. Enjoy a vibrant festival of live music, food and community spirit. For more, visit herveybaywhalefestival.com.au

In New South Wales, the headland at Port Macquarie's Tacking Point Lighthouse provides excellent vantage points from May through November. Byron Bay, Australia's most easterly point, is another top spot – especially at sunrise or on still, clear mornings when the ocean surface is calm and whales are more active. Further south, Coffs Harbour's Muttonbird Island and the surrounding Solitary Islands Marine Park offer both land and boat-based viewing opportunities.

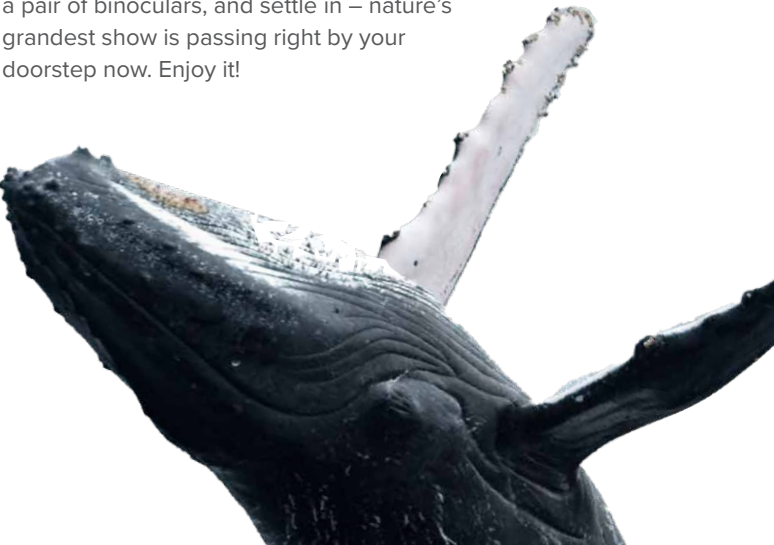
Even in Victoria, they don't miss out. Phillip Island, with lookouts at the Nobbies and Pyramid Rock, offers sightings during both legs of the migration, with June and July being the

best months for viewing down there.

When it comes to timing your whale watching session, mornings and early afternoons are ideal, particularly on calm, sunny days. Whales are often more active during these hours, so you may be lucky enough to spot a breach, a tail slap, or the telltale spout of air as they rise to the surface to breathe.

To stay updated on the latest whale sightings, keep an eye on our local Facebook groups and tour operator pages, many of which share daily updates and photos. The Wild About Whales website and app, run by NSW National Parks, is another great resource, offering real-time sighting reports and maps.

Whether you're a seasoned spotter or a first-time enthusiast, whale watching is a reminder of just how special it is to live by the sea. So fill your thermos, grab a pair of binoculars, and settle in – nature's grandest show is passing right by your doorstep now. Enjoy it!



Weekly activities.

MONDAY
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9 - 9.45am Aqua aerobics with Leslee
9am Lawn bowls
1 - 4pm Sewing/craft, Craft room
2.30 - 3.30pm Tai chi/Qigong, Dance floor
6pm Indoor bowls

TUESDAY
6.30 - 7.30am Gym class with Jordan, in the Gym
7.30am Tennis
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9 - 10am Chair yoga with Lesley, Dance floor
10-12 noon Art class with Robyn, Long Room
12.30pm Lunch
1.30 - 3.30pm Mah-jong, Dining Room
6-8pm Line dancing, Dance floor
6pm Lawn bowls (nominated pairs)

WEDNESDAY
7.30am Walking group, near Aqua-Vue Cafe
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9.30 - 11am Tai chi/Qigong, Dance floor
11am - 3pm Cards (Hand & Foot), Bistro
1 - 3.30pm Knitting, Craft Room
3.15 - 4.15pm Health & strengthening, Dance floor
6-7pm Line dancing (beginners), Dance floor

THURSDAY
6.30 - 7.30am Gym class with Jordan, in the Gym
7.30am Tennis
7.45am Lawn bowls (Scroungers + Kelly's)
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9am - 12noon Card making, Long Room
11.30am - 1.30pm Art class with Robyn, Long Room
1.30 - 4pm Bingo, Dining Room
5.30pm Homeowners' dinner

FRIDAY
6.30am for 7am Golf at Hervey Bay Golf Club
8.30 - 10.30am Table tennis, Pool alfresco area
9 - 9.45am Aqua class, with Leslee
9.30 - 10.30am Golf group, Bistro lounge area
3pm Lawn bowls

SATURDAY
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9.30am - 12.30pm Anything musical, Dining room
1pm Lawn bowls

SUNDAY
7 - 8am Gym class (homeowner instructor)
1 - 6pm Cards (various games), Dining room/bistro
4pm onwards Community barbecue on the last Sunday of the month, Pool barbecue area

CONGRATS
TO YOU!



Bowls report.

2025 Pairs Championships

Pictured above, there were some great matches in this year's Pairs Championships, none more so than the final that saw Ian Coe and David Matley take a strong lead over Col Goodall and Malcolm Colegate, only to be taken to an extra end play-off when the scores were 18-all after 16 ends, finally winning 20-18. Congratulations to all who competed, especially the newer bowlers who gave it a go and played exceptionally well.

Player of the Year: Will it be you?

Who will be our inaugural Player of the Year? From June 1 until the end of November, every bowler will receive a point for each game they play in the regular weekly matches, Lightning Challenge and Championships. The more you play, the more points you'll get. Winners and runners-up will receive additional points. The overall winner and runner-up will win great prizes, to be awarded at our end-of-year celebration and presentation night on December 6. Full details of our 'Player of the Year' competition are on the bowls noticeboard.

Report on events

Our Easter Gala was a great success, with a fun morning of bowls following by a sausage sizzle. Special thanks to our sponsors, Chris and Margie from Hervey Bay Screens & Blinds. Their support provided the free sausage sizzle and prizes, including our raffle baskets. As always, the day was only possible with thanks to the work done by our volunteers.

On April 30, we welcomed a full complement of bowlers from Doon Villa for a competitive morning of bowls, followed by a BBQ lunch. Our visitors took the glory, with an overall score of 69 points, to Palm Lake's 65 points. We look forward to the chance of reversing that result on our return visit later in the year. Everyone enjoyed the bowls and lunch - and thanks to our cook, Margie, who brought down some goodies for morning tea before the game. Thanks again to the volunteers who made the day run so well.

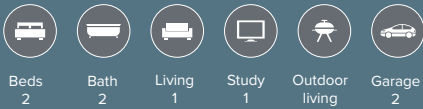
Upcoming events

- **July 21:** Triples Championships commence
- **September 7-10:** Palm Lake Resort inter-resort bowls tournament, at Roma
- **December 6:** End-of-year celebration/presentation night

Homes for sale.

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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU

Home 76 - \$649,000



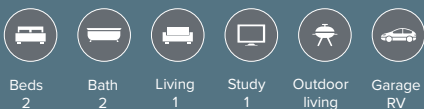
Hidden secret...

This beautifully presented, well secluded unique designed home is sure to impress with its large kitchen, open-plan living and dining, immaculate presentation and expansive easy care gardens. Tucked away in a peaceful cul-de-sac close to resort facilities. The best way to appreciate this lovely home is to see it for yourself.

- Exclusive one-of-a-kind design, comfortable, spacious living
- Desirable location with two street frontages
- Front and rear decks
- Solar panels
- Light, bright and appealing
- Well maintained
- Special touches



Home 3 - \$699,000

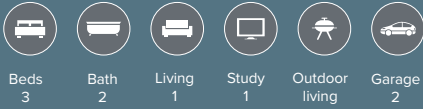


Room for your van and a bonus workshop

This spacious two-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a study offers relaxed, modern living. The professionally built-in outdoor area adds extra living space, and the 65m² RV garage features epoxy flooring and an insulated roller door. Enjoy abundant natural light, privacy and a short walk to community facilities. The well-appointed galley kitchen boasts quality finishes and ample storage. Designed for comfort, the home features open spaces, air-conditioning and master bedroom access to the sunroom. Key features: Large backyard, more than 200m² living space, 10x6m RV garage, bonus 3x3m outdoor workshop.



Home 104 - \$725,000

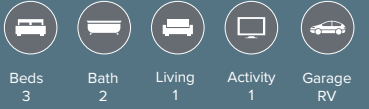


Everything you need

Attractively painted home with a welcoming entrance and established front garden. Front and back door sensor security lights, electronic front doorbell, camera and an emergency alarm above front porch. Back barbecue area is under large shade sail. The attractive side and rear gardens feature established shrubs and artificial grass. The sides and back of the house are low maintenance. There is also a garden shed and watering system. Living area has been increased by 19.9 sqm to include craft/sewing room with a coffee area and a second TV viewing area. There are fans, LED downlights, plus extra power points. The kitchen appliances have all been replaced in the last three years as have all fans and LED downlights.



Home 83 - \$745,000



Lilly Pilly lakeside

This beautifully renovated Lilly Pilly design home offers breathtaking lake views and a host of impressive upgrades. Recently painted inside and out, the home features a sunroom with a private spa — perfect for unwinding while enjoying the tranquil outlook. The freshly carpeted bedrooms are fitted with air-conditioning, ensuring year-round comfort. Additional features include skylights in the garage and laundry, enhancing natural light, and a secure space to store a trailer or golf cart behind the gate. With its sought-after location and thoughtful renovations, this home truly needs to be seen to be fully appreciated.



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

Cheers to the success of caffeinated charity event

There's one charitable fundraising event that seems to pique the interest of our 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 more important than ever.

Pictured right, from top down, our Carindale Caretaker, Wayne raised \$200 by 'raffling' his beard! Yamba resort hosted a vibrant Madhatters' Tea Party with some great costumes. Waterford's event saw a fashion parade combined with a lovely spread of delicious goodies. And down at Willow Lodge, The Lodge Country Club hosted a great event with many donated prizes raffled to add to the final tally. Here's a little snapshot of some of the results of Palm Lake Resort fundraisers across our group, totalling almost \$38,000 so far!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250 (an incredible result for an event organised by homeowner, Lyn Wootten!)
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265



Caloundra: \$8K for The Salvos

Following two outstanding fundraisers in recent months, Caloundra Cay homeowners have seemingly, and resoundingly, adopted The Salvation Army as their charity of choice. Their most recent event, tagged the 'Give Back Dinner', raised \$8050 for the Salvos, with the funds to stay on the Sunshine Coast in support of a project named 'Family Pathways'. This epic result followed the donation of 81 Christmas hampers by Caloundra Cay residents back in December, which were distributed to needy Sunshine Coast families. Chief organiser of the Give Back Dinner, homeowner Bernie, described the event as "an outstanding success". "We had 63 attendees, and our goal was to raise \$5000," he said. "The end result was \$8050, an amount which was far beyond our expectations. And while the fundraiser, as such, was a huge success, the night of entertainment was also incredible."



THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS

We heart resort helpers

Palm Lake Resort Ballina recently celebrated three remarkable people whose dedication and community spirit have changed this resort for the better. Beryl Boness, Stan Peck and Keith Johnson have each contributed more than 10 years of volunteer service, as part of the resort's beloved Cinema Group. Beryl and Stan were among the founding members of the group, which has spread the joy of the silver screen through its regular 'Movie Wednesdays' and 'Saturday Night at the Movies' events. Their vision and commitment helped shape a much-loved tradition at the resort. Beyond their cinematic contributions, all three have supported fellow community members in creating and sustaining a variety of other special interest groups. Their efforts have helped create connection, creativity and countless memorable evenings for all who call this resort home. The resort wouldn't be the same without you three!

Carindale marks 25 years

Palm Lake Resort Carindale is hosting a lovely celebration in July - the 25th anniversary of its ownership under the Palm Lake Resort banner. Many nostalgic photos have been dug up out of the archives for the planned event, by a very engaged group of homeowner history buffs. Among them are the two photos pictured right featuring a young Palm Lake Group MD Scott Elliott from the early 2000s! We wish the homeowners and resort management team the best for a lovely event.



Yamba homeowner quilter named best in show

The recent Maclean Show saw the crowning of our very own Palm Lake Resort Yamba homeowner, Wendy Flitcroft, as Champion Overall. It's a prestigious title for Wendy who received the commendation based on her creative handicraft. Wendy's work is known for its intricacy and striking detail. Congratulations Wendy. Given the high number of creative crafters and fellow artisans across our Palm Lake Resort network, we are all very proud of you!

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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