

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025



# Bay Breeze



## Meet your neighbours

Check out our brand new regular series, uncovering the stories of the people we call neighbours

## 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:** Life is definitely sweet, here at Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay. Don't forget our 'Refer a Friend' promotion if you know someone interested in sharing our resort with you!



# Welcome.

With our winter hibernation over, we're ready to connect. As the days lengthen and nature bursts into vibrant life, we welcome the fresh energy of spring! We also welcome you to our spring edition of *Bay Breeze*.

Spring is the perfect time for catching up and enjoying the company of friends. Our Activities and Event organisers, and our special interest groups, have a great program lined up to help you make the most of the season.

At Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay, we have a diverse community with a mix of backgrounds, perspectives and experiences - groups of individuals who share a craft, or passion, or profession, where we can all learn from each other and develop new skills. Coming together and forming groups around a shared interest or hobby, such as sports teams, walking groups, book clubs and many more only works to strengthen our resort community.

Starting in this edition, and moving forward, we aim to include a regular feature called "Meet Your Neighbours" which will showcase our homeowners' stories. We look forward to hearing about and sharing your life experiences and perspectives through these pages.

Our aim as Caretakers, and with the positive input from you all in our community, is to continue to build trust and mutual support, fostering an even stronger sense of belonging so all our homeowners feel a sense of connection. Together, there is no stopping our resort from achieving even greater things!

We're not done yet. We're really just getting started on improving our resort, as we constantly strive ahead. Enjoy the read and keep enjoying the good things...

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

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## News in brief.

### Don't forget to check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community grounds is 10km/h. It is not hard to keep your foot off the accelerator so please keep an eye on your speedo as it is very easy for someone to have a mishap. Please slow down - and make sure to remind your visitors and/or invited tradespeople to do the same.



### Refer a friend

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home and enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you, right? Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase a Palm Lake Resort home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

Get social with us!



Are you on social media? Make sure you follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@palllakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@pall.lake.resort) to see what's happening right across our dozens of Palm Lake Resort locations. We also feature many warm-and-fuzzy stories from our seven Palm Lake Care aged caring communities on both social platforms (@pall.lake.care). With more than 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!



### This is Your Time

The latest edition of *This is Your Time* magazine harnesses the exciting energy of spring. We cover all the new 'growth' across our company, including the unveiling of Australia's (and arguably the world's) biggest and most opulent community facility at Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters: The Springs Country Club. We also reveal our teams' "local loves" across Palm Lake Resorts Yamba Cove, Paynesville and Foster Lakes areas. Among the lifestyle features, we urge readers to take their cues from spring and book a (literally) bloomin' great holiday or add a plant-based spring recipe to their menu repertoire. Palm Lake Resort homeowners will find a copy of the magazine in their letterbox and anyone can read the edition online at [palllakeresort.com.au](http://palllakeresort.com.au)



### Snakes alive!

Homeowner Carol Roberts (Home 184) spotted this impressive specimen on her daily walk, on the fence up near the service station. With the weather warming, we are entering snake season so we ask everyone to be vigilant.

# 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 Clark (Home 7) and Lillian Smilie (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) and 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) and 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) and Bronwyn Colgate (Home 200)
- Table Tennis** Sue Baumann (Home 40)
- Tai-Chi/stretching/strengthening class (no floor work)** Joan Staddon (Home 155), Shirley Brown (Home 84)
- Tennis** Peter Cooper (Home 110)
- Walking Aerobics** Denise McGrath (Home 143) and Pat Halliday (Home 123)
- Walking Group** David Halliday (Home 123)
- Workshop** Lindsay Forsyth (Home 93)

# 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-View 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



**Pictured above:** It might have been 'mini' golf but it was definitely 'maxi' fun for these 4F's Club members. Trish (Home 163, pictured at left) took out the day's trophy.



**Pictured above:** Our regular 4Fs birthday get together celebrated these homeowners who've just completed another lap around the sun: Graham Cheshire (Home 156), Verity Walker (Home 62), Anita Elshout (Home 47), Liz Morgan Jones (Home 159) and Merve Baxter (Home 6).



**Pictured above:** What a lovely spread was put on by our kitchen whiz Margie ('Cookie') for the Hervey Bay Bowlers comp, "Armed and Armless". The event is called "Armed and Armless" as many of our bowlers now use mechanical arms. This was the second annual event of its kind, which was again won by the Armed team who were just too strong on the day. But, as pictured, everyone was a winner given the delicious morning team provided for the players. Thanks, Margie! Pictured above right, with Cookie, is Mike Frost, the winner of the donated hamper by sponsors Hervey Bay Screens & Blinds.



**Pictured above:** Les and Anita enjoyed celebrations at Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay for their 65th Wedding Anniversary. What a wonderful milestone!

# Around the grounds.



**Pictured above:** Our bowls group has had a very active few weeks. The annual rugby league challenge was held over four very competitive matches, with our Broncos trio taking out the honours, followed by the Warriors, with the Titans in third place. The 'sin bin' was in play for anyone who put a bowl out of bounds and everyone entered into the NRL spirit - poictured here are Dot and Chris showing their team colours.

The Triples Championship was also contested with some top-class matches. 2025 champions are Gayle, Liz and Chris, who defeated Tony, Roy and Vaughan by just two points. Extra bragging rights to the ladies - two of them are married to members of the beaten team!

# Meet your neighbours...

IN THIS NEW REGULAR SERIES, WE MEET THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THE RICH FABRIC OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY WE ALL CALL HOME...



**VAL SPENCER**  
(HOME 50)

I was born during WW2 and didn't meet my father until he returned from active service in 1946. I grew up in Wayville, Adelaide, and went to St Peters Girls school, just the other side of the city. I really enjoyed my school days and made some really good friends, with whom I am still in contact, although, sadly, some have passed on now.

I also began piano lessons around the same time as I began school. They continued for 10 years, but by the time I was 16, I had other interests and the piano was somewhat abandoned for a decade. I then began messing around playing pop tunes - all by ear. That has continued to the present day and I now play at a couple of aged care communities where the residents love it. They know the words and sing along, tap the beat or even dance.

As a 17 year old, I went to Wattle Park Teachers College and Adelaide Uni. I did three years of teaching to "pay back" my bond and then headed off on the *Castell Felice* to England, a most exciting ship filled with likeminded young Aussies and Kiwis. Instead of teaching in the UK, I got a job with the Australian Trade Publicity Department, along with nine other girls, promoting Australian products throughout the British Isles. Then I bought a Morris van, and with two other girls, we spent three months touring Europe. It was soon back to the UK but, after a few weeks of the English winter, I returned home and moved to Newcastle, where I taught for some years. I moved around a bit at that stage of my life, always managing to find work. I was offered a teaching job on KI where I met a farmer with similar interests, got married and spent 25 years as a farmer's wife, teacher, B&B and farmstay owner/manager.

When my husband died, I moved back to Adelaide and bought a motorhome, in which I travelled around Australia for 12 years. The people I met during this part of my life were great fun. My very dear friend, John, who has since died, was one of them. He also had a motorhome similar to mine and we spent a number of years enjoying life, seeing so much of Australia. During those years of motorhoming, I passed through Hervey Bay a few times and decided the weather here was ideal, it was not too heavily populated and the people were friendly. So in 2017, I decided to sell the motorhome and buy Home 50 here at Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay and I haven't looked back!



**GAIL AND BRUCE**  
**DAVIDSON (HOME 127)**

Bruce and I met as teenagers at our local church on the lower north shore of Sydney in 1970. I was 13 and he was 15. We quickly became a couple and only had eyes for each other. He would walk me to school and then pick me up after school when he got off the bus. We would talk for hours at the corner of my street and would often get a discerning eye and a wave of her finger from my school principal as she drove past on her way home. After one year, Bruce's mum concluded that I was too much of a distraction for him and his studies in Sydney, so she packed him off to boarding school for his senior years at The Southport School on the Gold Coast. We were devastated but were determined to make a long-distance romance work. We pined for each other, wrote endless lengthy letters and waited anxiously for school holidays to arrive. After he finished school, he came back to Sydney, and we continued to date until the end of 1973 when I finished school. He was, at that time attending the national Art School in Sydney. After that time, we went our separate ways.

#### **Gail's story continues...**

After graduating high school in 1973, I obtained a scholarship to Wollongong Teachers College. South of Sydney. My girlfriend and I boarded down there during the week and came home on weekends. It was great. In early 1974, I met my husband to be, Paul, and married him at the ripe old age of 18. He was 22 and was working and studying accountancy in the evenings. I then attended Sydney Teachers College. It was a wonderful first year of marriage but, unfortunately, he passed away 13 months later after to a brief illness.

After some time, I then went back and finished my diploma and started teaching in 1977. My first school was Winston Hills Primary School in Northwest Sydney. In 1978, I married my second husband who had been the groomsman at my first wedding. I then resigned from teaching in 1979 to stay at home and look after my first child. My daughter was born in July of that year. My second child, a son, was born in July of 1982. After five years together that marriage ended. I moved out with

my two young children and started teaching casually in 1983 before regaining permanent employment again in 1987. I then went on to enjoy a very fruitful teaching career for the next 26 years until an injury forced me to retire in 2013.

This is where it gets good! Out of the blue in 1988, I received a phone call from Bruce who was working at Expo 88 as a sound engineer in Brisbane. Through his mum knowing my mum he had followed my path for all those years and decided to get in touch after finding out that I was on my own again. Long story short, he returned to Sydney after Expo and became a wonderful stepfather to my two children. We married at Nambucca Heads in January 1992, continued to live and work in Sydney for the next 21 years before retiring to beautiful Hervey Bay in 2013. We moved into Palm Lake Resort in 2021 and have never looked back. We love the community spirit and appreciate the caring attitude of all the homeowners here.

Fun fact: I had all three husbands at my first wedding! Bruce really did turn out to be the better man after all!

#### **Bruce's story continues...**

Gail has pretty much summed up our lives together. While being totally different personalities we are both team players by nature and that has worked very well for us. Gail is an avid fiction reader, loves the beach and enjoys immersing herself in Netflix mini-series. For myself, I'm more non-fictional - and spend way too much time watching YouTube, sports and docos when I'm not trying to golf! We both enjoy listening to other people's stories and how their journeys have led them to our local community. We feel most fortunate in this life to have shared the wondrous excitement of protracted 'first love' together, endured the unavoidable tortures of youthful long-distance romantic separation, and appreciate the serendipity of having a 'second chance' which is still going strong 30-odd years later.

While I admit to being a late maturer, I still sing like nobody is listening and dance like nobody is watching!



**GAIL KELLY AND DAVID**  
**GEOGHEGAN (HOME 100)**

After our first encounter in Uluru in 1988 (it was love at first sight!) we have enjoyed a very adventurous life together! With David being a National Parks Ranger, we lived together in the NT both in the desert and then the tropics in isolated Ranger stations. He also carried out regional patrols as a Ranger and spent time away training with 'Norforce' - a regiment of the Reserve Army specialising in remote area reconnaissance and survival. Gail had opportunities to work with Aboriginal children at a bush school and held various other unusual positions in several remote locations. We finally married in 1999 - at Uluru where we first met 11 years previously. A mad Irishman and his Aussie Gal sealed the deal!

We then took a huge leap of faith in 2000 for David to secure a Ranger's position in Liawenee in the Tasmanian Central Highlands. Wow! What a contrast to the NT's desert and tropics! Building a snowman in December was unique. After several more remote postings over 15 years we decided early retirement was a great option to get back to the warmth - so we chose Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay as our new home. And we're so glad we did!

Now, with David being 70 and Gail aged 74, we can honestly say the past 10 years here have been fantastic. Admittedly, our first year was a tad rocky as we adjusted to this 24/7 living together business - until David started going bush to hunt and fish on a regular basis and do part time stints as a relief 'live-on-site' Ranger at nearby Lenthalls Dam (Hervey Bay water supply). David also joined Volunteer Marine Rescue as a crew member and really enjoys helping boaties on the water and the camaraderie with other crew members. These times are relished by Gail as she pursues more 'me' time at yoga retreats, reading and relaxing, in between exercise pursuits. Marriage saved!

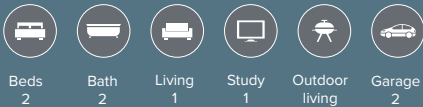
Apart from several overseas sojourns these past 10 years, we love house/pet sitting around Queensland and have even spent three months on Norfolk Island where we became honorary community members volunteering in two locally run projects.

The facilities provided here in our lifestyle community are so appreciated. Keeping active is uppermost in our minds as we attend the gym and aerobics classes, while also enjoy kayaking on Lake Condor (getting up close to the wildlife), walking and gardening. Socialising with likeminded homeowners has also been a huge part of the pleasures derived from living here. Our mantra is: "Life is a journey and love makes the trip worthwhile".

# Homes for sale.

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## 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 83 - \$745,000



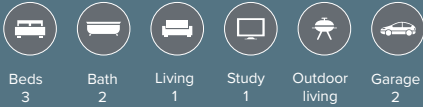
UNDER CONTRACT

### 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.



## Home 104 - \$725,000



UNDER CONTRACT

### 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.



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# Over the back fence.

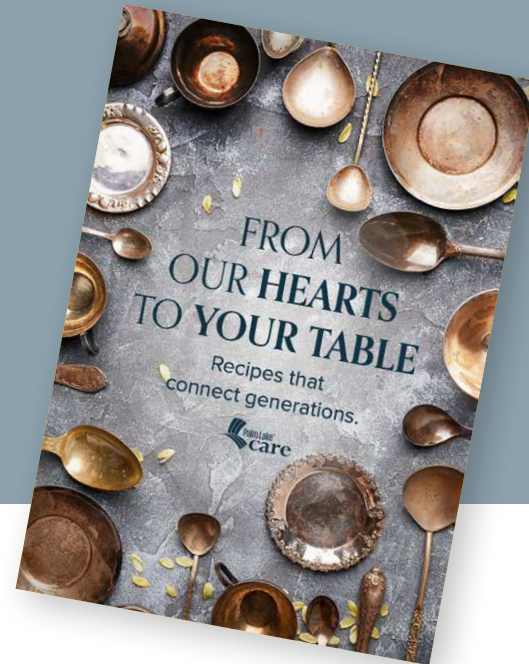
THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 12,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

## Care cookbook shares the culinary love

Palm Lake Resort's sister company, Palm Lake Care, has just published a lovely commemorative cookbook, "From our hearts to your table", filled with special family recipes gratefully shared by residents and various team members. It was quite a lengthy process collecting all the special 'ingredients' for the 52-page cookbook, but now it's time for this highly anticipated project to be plated up and served to our excited community.

"Here we share a passion for food and use it as a bridge to connect generations, cultures and cherished moments," the book's production team members state, in the Foreword. "We're engaging residents and employees by celebrating their culinary memories, personal tastes and shared traditions. This cookbook turns mealtime into a meaningful experience, filled with flavours that comfort, inspire and bring back fond memories of home and childhood."

Every recipe reproduced in the book comes complete with a photo of the recipe's owner and the story as to why their particular recipe is so meaningful to them. For example, Palm Lake Care Deception Bay resident Johanne Visser shared his recipe for Traditional African Oxtail Stew. Johanne says this recipe was passed through three generations of his family. Children within the village where he lived would all bring the ingredients to his door and beg Johanne's wife to make this stew for them - and she'd happily oblige. Palm Lake Care Bethania resident Helen Jutte also shared a recipe that took her back to her childhood. She described her 'Dutch Stampot with Rookworst' as "One dish and a thousand memories".



"When I was 13, I moved to Holland to live with my grandmother on a farm filled with animals - even a cow that lived inside the house!" Helen recalls.

"She introduced me to new foods like Stampot Boerenkool, which we'd enjoy in winter with sausage, always saying 'Eet lekker!' which translated to 'eat well'. This dish still brings back warm memories of my time on the farm."

Palm Lake Care Bethania Service Manager Bernice Cowley shared her recipe for Malva Pudding - a beloved South African dessert, rich in nostalgia and flavour served warm and best enjoyed with custard, cream or ice cream. And our Chief Operating Officer Trish Heke's humble Cheesy Scones also got the call up!

"Making a fresh batch of scones is a tradition in my family, and while the recipe has had a modern twist put on it, the meaning remains - they are a treat from the heart," Trish smiles.

"My great grandmother made fresh scones for family when they visited. It was viewed as an honour to both serve and be served, always with a pot of tea. Naturally, I have taught my family to make them but... it still seems to fall to me to produce a batch. The team at Central Support Office don't mind when I bring some in either!"

**Copies of the "From our hearts to your table" recipe book are just \$20 each. To purchase your copy, simply stop by the Reception desk of your closest Palm Lake Care community (see [palllakecare.com.au](http://palllakecare.com.au) for contact details).**

## Ian walks for charity



Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowner Ian Bates has collected close to \$5000 and walked 114km for the 'Walk For Him' campaign, in support of prostate cancer research. "Many of us in the resort have been affected by the scourge of prostate cancer and we have lost too many good friends to it in the few years the resort has been open," Ian says. "By the end of the fundraiser, the donations I had received - both in cash and online - totalled \$4734, placing me eighth out of 1215 participants on the national leader board." Nice work, Ian!



## Inter-resort good sports

Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens homeowners joined Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay recently, to slug it out on the tennis court all in the name of good sports. As is always the case when we bring multiple resorts together for 'sport', there was an equal amount of fun reported on the sidelines as was had on the courts. The event's hosts went above and beyond for their Palm Lake Resort 'cousins' - purchasing a heater and lots of blankets to keep the crowds warm on what shaped up to be one of the area's coldest days on record! After a few games, some of the tennis players decided it was warmer to go inside and play table tennis - luckily, Forster Lakes had four table tennis players in their midst! With a delicious soup lunch enjoyed, no one really cared what the scores on the courts ended up being! The next matches will be played at Tea Gardens at the end of October.

## What's 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? We'd love to include it in the next editions of our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at [belinda@bellepr.com](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)**

## Merran is an Aussie champ!



Palm Lake Resort Yamba homeowner Merran is the Australian Three-Day Orienteering Champion (Women's 85A). While not competing for four years due to a hip replacement and recovery from a fractured pelvis, Merran came second on Day One, first on Day Two and second on Day Three but she was ultimately fastest over the three days and took out the Australian championship. Well done, Merran!



## Kindness grows, and grows

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners have rallied behind their local area's flood relief effort with thanks to two key charitable neighbours, Dee and Carol. The pair wanted to help via a collection drive and with the guidance of the Pacific Palms Rural Fire Service, the social media-savvy ladies put a call out to their fellow resort neighbours and were soon inundated with donations of things like food, nappies, toilet paper and animal food. With all hands on deck, they loaded up the resort bus as well as a car trailer and headed to Pacific Palms RFS (as pictured above) to sort and then deliver the haul to the Community Flood Relief Hub in Taree. Still on their charitable high some weeks later, the group heard there was additional need for clothes and bedding. They collected, sorted and labelled another trailerload that went to hubs in Taree and Wingham the following day.

Knowing their charitable efforts were really making a difference, the Forster Lakes homeowners looked for further ways to continue spreading the love. Through Pacific Palms RFS they met two families to sponsor. They worked directly with the family members to find out what exactly they needed to get their homes and even a farm back up and running - and happily obliged with more donated kitchen and household items as well as a monetary donation. After all of the effort and success, the 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 the local community. As Dee and Carol say, "Helping these helpers makes us feel great!". Well done to all the selfless Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homeowners who contributed in some way.

# Home to your best years.



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