

DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026



# The Park Times



## Melbourne Cup Day fun

Find out what happened when we celebrated 'the race that stops the nation'

## Keep your eyes on the skies

How many of these nine elusive and iconic Australian birds have you seen?

## Palm Lake Resort homes for sale

Do you know someone looking to move? We might have the home for them...



# Welcome.

Welcome to the final edition of the Park Times for 2025 – and the first for 2026!

Firstly, we would like to welcome Dianne and Peter to our lovely resort and lifestyle. We trust you will be happy here and make many new friends.

It has been great to see people coming out to the social events. Although we are a small resort, there is always the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and have some fun. Thank you to the group of hard workers who organise and prepare for these events. They entail more time preparing than the functions themselves go for.

It is great to have the bowling green back in action while we wait for the arrival of the new, latest generation mat to arrive and be installed. If you don't bowl and would like too, ask one of the players – they are sure to welcome you.

The pool is also up and running again. Thank you for your patience and perseverance with the cooler water.

Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park activity classes will vary during the Christmas/New Year period, so please see the notice board and activity sheets for ending and re-starting dates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support around the resort and to us personally, in many and varied ways. We wish you all a very, very Merry Christmas and look forward to a united happy 2026 with positivity and activities.

*When they saw the Star they rejoiced with great Joy.*

Until next time,

**Rik and Trish**  
**Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park caretakers**

## Contact us.

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## News in brief.

### Bus trips

#### Hyperdome

Fridays, 9.15am – 11.30am

- December 12
- January 16 and 30
- February 13 and 27

#### Beenleigh Market Place

9am - 11.45am

#### Tuesdays:

- December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- January 6, 13 and 20
- February 3, 10, 17 and 24

#### Fridays:

- December 12
- January 2, 9 and 23
- February 6 and 20



### Waste reminder

Please ensure all household rubbish is placed inside your bin for Wednesday collection, and recycle what you can using the red bins. If you have bulky items, the local refuse facility is just three minutes away.

#### A quick note on green waste:

please place all palm fronds and garden clippings in the green waste bins provided around the resort, not on front lawns.

And finally, please flatten cardboard boxes before recycling to help make space for everyone. Thank you for helping keep our community tidy!

### On the menu...

Wednesday dinners start at 5.30pm. All meals are served with vegetables and followed with dessert. Coming up...

**December 3** Cottage Pie

**December 10** Beef Sausages

**December 17** Christmas Dinner

**December 24** No Meals

**January 14** Cottage Pie

**January 21** Roast Chicken

**January 28** Beef Sausages

**February 4** Silverside

**February 11** Roast Pork

**February 18** Chicken Thighs

**February 24** Roast Beef

Please ensure you are putting your order in via the portal system before the cut-off time (12pm on the Friday before the meal). As supplies for the meals are ordered on Friday afternoon, no further orders can be taken if you miss this cut-off time. If there are any cancellations, we may be able to add you to the list. Where for any 'unexpected reason' meals are cancelled, please ensure that you re-order for the next sitting. The list does not roll over.

### Fire wardens

In an event emergency, please call 000 first, then alert your caretakers (ph. 9081) or wardens.

- Dennis Douglas (Home 29)
- Keith Schloss (Home 31)
- Bob Spencer (Home 55)
- John Knell (Home 75)
- Jim Horan (Home 51)

### Car parking reminder

Please ensure anyone attending your home is not parking in the roadway or on the grass – there are visitor parks around the resort to accommodate this. Tradesmen can park for short periods, but one vehicle only. This is to ensure everyone's safety on shared roadways.

### Recycling

Guidelines for red recycle bins need to be followed for health and environmental reasons, especially in this hot weather.

#### DO:

- Place only recyclable items in the bin.
- Rinse/wash containers and cans before placing in recycle bins.
- Read the packaging to see if it can be recycled.

#### DON'T:

- Place items that are not recyclable in the bin.
- No used tissues - No dirty food containers - No clothing
- No rubbish that should go in the blue land-fill bins provided to you.

### Residents Committee

#### President

Denise Brown (Home 63)

#### Vice President

Patricia Burton (Home 46)

#### Secretary

Frances Scull (Home 24)

#### Committee Members:

- Rodney Elms (Home 45)
- Janice Hattan (Home 69)
- John Ramsden (Home 65)
- Rose Ruttle (Home 40)

### Social Committee

Welcome to our new Social Committee members, and thank you for your service.

**President** John Knell

**Secretary** Jan Hatton

**Treasurer** Jan Watts

#### Committee Members:

- Sue Stagg
- Kerrie Saunders
- Shirley Knell
- Yvonne Killin

# And they're off!

AS THE SUN ROSE OVER PALM LAKE RESORT MT WARREN PARK ON MELBOURNE CUP DAY, THE RACE WAS ALREADY ON TO PREPARE FOR AN EXCITING DAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE...

Members of the Social Committee were busy collecting and preparing the last of the food, ensuring everything was ready for a day full of fun, fashion, and friendly competition.

The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation as the “horses” were readied for the races, and guests added the finishing touches to their outfits and accessories.

Once the crowd gathered in the clubhouse, the games began — bets were placed, cheers echoed, and the first race was underway.

Six races took place in total, each one featuring enthusiastic jockeys ready for the dice to be thrown. With every roll, the lucky horse advanced along the track — some bolting out of the gate early, others waiting patiently before making their move near the finish line.

After a series of exciting races, Nola emerged as the overall winner, taking home a generous stash of cash. Last year’s winner, Robina, had the honour of presenting Nola with the 2025 Palm Lake Melbourne Cup, which she’ll proudly hold until next year’s event.

Lunch was then served — a delicious spread featuring roasted chicken, a variety of salads, and a fresh bread roll, followed by a choice of pavlova, cheesecake, or hummingbird cake. Liquid refreshments were available and very much appreciated!

Next on the program were the ‘Best Dressed’ awards. Yvonne won ‘Ladies Best Dressed’, while John took home the title of ‘Best Dressed Gentleman’ — both receiving well-deserved prizes.

Finally, it was time for the main race of the day. Guests took their seats, tickets in hand, and watched eagerly as the horses thundered down the track, each hoping for a win.

A fantastic day was had by all — with some heading home a little lighter in the pocket, and others a bit heavier!

A big thank you to the Social Committee for yet another successful and exciting Melbourne Cup celebration at Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park.



## Weekly activities.

|                   |                                                                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TUESDAY</b>    |                                                                                              |
| 9.15am – 11.30am  | Bus trip to Beenleigh Market Place                                                           |
| 9.30am – 10.30am  | Tai Chi with Shane                                                                           |
| 6.30pm            | Bowls                                                                                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  |                                                                                              |
| 5.30pm            | Dinner in the Hall (remember your password to order on the computer)                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>   |                                                                                              |
| 7.30am            | Aqua aerobics with Julie                                                                     |
| 10.30am – 11.30am | Yoga with Anand                                                                              |
| 2.30pm            | Bingo (every second week)                                                                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>     |                                                                                              |
| 9.15am – 11.30am  | Bus trip to Beenleigh Market Place or Hyperdome (alternates weekly - see Page 3 for details) |
| 3.30pm – 6pm      | Happy Hour (BYO drinks)                                                                      |
| 5pm – 6pm         | Trivia (last Friday of the month)                                                            |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>   |                                                                                              |
| 1pm – 4pm         | Mah Jong (new players are always welcome!)                                                   |

*\*Please note: Times subject to change. Please refer to this list and consult with your Caretakers and class facilitator.*

## Happy birthday!

We have some exciting birthdays coming up in the next few months. Happy birthday to all! We look forward to celebrating you on your special day.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>DECEMBER</b>         | <b>Home 31</b> Keith      |
| <b>Home 2</b> Kata      | <b>Home 51</b> Jenny      |
| <b>Home 12</b> Kay      | <b>Home 60</b> Wendy      |
| <b>Home 34</b> Mike     | <b>Home 70</b> Phyllis    |
| <b>Home 38</b> Gerry    | <b>Home 79</b> Marguerite |
| <b>Home 42</b> Penny    |                           |
| <b>Home 45</b> Rod      | <b>FEBRUARY</b>           |
| <b>Home 48</b> Wayne    | <b>Home 1</b> Brian       |
| <b>Home 53</b> John B   | <b>Home 5</b> Gwen        |
| <b>Home 59</b> John S   | <b>Home 10</b> Lyn H      |
| <b>Home 66</b> Kevin    | <b>Home 44</b> Aileen     |
| <b>Home 80</b> Brenda   | <b>Home 51</b> Jim        |
|                         | <b>Home 54</b> Denise     |
| <b>JANUARY</b>          | <b>Home 68</b> Warren     |
| <b>Home 2</b> Stipo     | <b>Home 76</b> Chris      |
| <b>Home 23</b> Margaret |                           |

# Eyes to the skies.

AUSTRALIA IS A BIRDWATCHER'S PARADISE, HOME TO MORE THAN 800 SPECIES. HERE ARE NINE OF THE MOST ELUSIVE AND ICONIC TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WHILE YOU'RE ON YOUR NEXT TRAVEL ADVENTURE - OR FOR SOME LUCKY PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS YOU JUST MIGHT SPY ONE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

**SUPERB LYREBIRD:** Australia's ultimate mimic, the Superb Lyrebird can imitate everything from chainsaws to car alarms. Look (and listen) for them in the temperate rainforests where males fan their ornate tails in dazzling displays – particularly the Blue Mountains and Dandenong Ranges.

**GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO:** Smaller and rarer than their rowdy yellow-tailed cousins, these shy seed-crackers feed almost exclusively on casuarina cones. They're usually seen in pairs or small family groups among the coastal forests of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia – including Noosa National Park and Kangaroo Island.

**REGENT HONEYEATER:** Once common across eastern woodlands, this critically endangered beauty now numbers fewer than 300. Its bold yellow-and-black plumage makes it a breathtaking sight when it appears among the eucalypts of the Capertee Valley and Chiltern–Mt Pilot National Park.

**RAINBOW LORIKEET:** Vibrant, noisy and impossible to ignore, Rainbow Lorikeets might be common along the coast, but their riot of colour and constant chatter make them one of Australia's most recognisable icons.

**AUSTRALIAN KING PARROT:** With their striking scarlet chests and emerald wings, King Parrots frequent forested areas and mountain trails and often appear in pairs or small flocks. Keep an eye out in eastern Australia, from Cooktown to Melbourne – especially Lamington National Park and the Otways.

**PINK ROBIN:** Small, shy and perfectly pastel, the Pink Robin is a cold-climate dweller best found flitting through the shadows of temperate rainforests. When in Tasmania, Victoria and the NSW highlands (including Wilsons Promontory), look up!

**BLACK-BREASTED BUTTONQUAIL:** A ground-dwelling phantom of the subtropics, this elusive bird leaves its tell-tale feeding "platelets" on the forest floor. Spot them in the vine scrub near Gympie and the Scenic Rim.

**PALM COCKATOO:** Among the world's largest and most charismatic parrots, the Palm Cockatoo uses sticks as drumsticks to court a mate, making it one of nature's great performers. They mostly reside throughout Cape York Peninsula.

**AUSTRALIAN FAIRY TERN:** Australia's smallest tern is a rare beach-nesting species that breeds along the southern coastline, its delicate form darting over the turquoise shallows of Western Australia and South Australia.



## Not just another average Monday...

**FAR FROM AN ORDINARY START TO THE WEEK, THIS MONDAY SAW A LARGE GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS GATHER AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR A DAY OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION...**

Mini golf, indoor bowling, pool, darts and quoits kept everyone entertained, with plenty of excitement from both players and the enthusiastic spectators cheering them on.

After the morning's fun and friendly rivalry, residents enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring tender spit-roasted meats, roasted potatoes, fresh salads and a generous serving of Pavlova with whipped cream to finish.

Whether taking part or simply watching from the sidelines, the games offered a wonderful opportunity for everyone to mingle, connect and enjoy a memorable day of fun and good food.



# Homes for sale.

WANT TO BOOK A PRIVATE TOUR AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR RESORT? PHONE  
1800 282 314 OR EMAIL [MTWARRENPARK@PALMLAKE.COM.AU](mailto:MTWARRENPARK@PALMLAKE.COM.AU)  
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT [PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU](http://PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU)

## Home 77 - \$499,000



### Low-maintenance living.

This elevated corner-site home offers bright, open-plan living and a welcoming sense of space. The large kitchen features an electric oven and cooktop, breakfast bar, and abundant storage – perfect for everyday cooking and entertaining. Off the main living area are two spacious bedrooms, including a master with a two-way bathroom. The home also includes a separate laundry and toilet for convenience. Raked ceilings enhance the sense of openness and help maintain a comfortable temperature year-round. Recent upgrades include new carpets, air-conditioner, and a gas continuous-flow hot water system.



## Home 64 - \$499,000



**SOLD**

### Charisma.

This two bedroom home with spacious living is ready for you to move into immediately - tiled floors throughout, well-presented kitchen with soft close draw storage, dishwasher, room for a large fridge. The spacious living area leads out to the master bedroom, with wall-to-wall storage and air conditioning. The second bedroom has built-in wardrobe and located close to bathroom. Security screens on all windows and doors, externally adjustable sun shading for comfort and privacy all round. The extended garage space will take 2 cars and more, leading out to the low maintenance, paved rear garden.



# 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!

## Our Bargara homeowners prove themselves charity champions

BARGARA  
RAISES  
\$250,000 FOR  
CHARITY!

Palm Lake Resort Bargara again this year proved their passion for worthy charitable causes, raising another \$28,500 for Relay for Life. This effort takes the resort's total figure raised for the annual Cancer Council Queensland event to an incredible \$250,000!

Palm Lake Resort Bargara's team, "Young at Heart", was proud to see previous team member Ron Myler named the 2025 Relay For Life Patron. Ron was the driving force behind this resort's involvement with the Cancer Council after himself suffering cancer. Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Relay for Life chair Harrison Titmarsh said having such dedicated team return year after year was really meaningful.

"It shows an incredible level of commitment and passion, not only for the event but also for the purpose as to why we Relay For Life," Harrison said.

"As Chair, I am incredibly grateful to have them join us year after year, they are simply amazing at what they do."

Harrison said our resort's passion, commitment, dedication and determination for raising funds for Cancer Council was simply incredible.

"This team inspires myself to do even more fundraisers to raise vital funds for Cancer Council Queensland," he said. "As someone who has been touched by cancer twice in their life. I've seen firsthand the strength it takes to keep fighting. It's so important to raise much needed funds

for Cancer Council Queensland so they can continue research, early prevention and cancer support services.

As Harrison pointed out, and Palm Lake Resort Bargara homeowners agree, Relay For Life injects fun into what we all know as "an evil disease".

"(Our team) certainly give everyone a run for their money with how well they do and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. The Young at Heart team fundraises 365 days of the year, they have turned fundraising into a full-time sport and trust us, they're in 'relay' good shape!"



**Pictured above:** Ron Myler, Relay for Life team member Bernice Davis and Relay for Life chair Harrison Titmarsh, as they appeared in the Bundaberg Today newspaper.



## Bowlers converge on Roma

A long-standing tradition among a group of dedicated Palm Lake Resort bowlers sees teams converge on a regional town for a few days of greens action. This year, the inter-resort bowling competition hit Roma, which is about 5.5 hours west of Brisbane along the Warrego Highway. Players travelled from Palm Lake Resorts Upper Coomera, Hervey Bay, Bargara and Beachmere Bay for the event. While the point of the event is a bowls tournament, we can tell you that the main attraction is the social connection, with bowlers (and many tag-along non-bowling friends) meeting up with homeowners from fellow Palm Lake Resorts.



## The Cup stops by

Check out the special visitor that stopped by Palm Lake Resort Truganina recently - the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup! It's an iconic piece of Aussie sporting history and our team was thrilled to have it in their (gloved) hands while it was on its annual Melbourne Cup tour. Giddyup!

## 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)**

## Tasty Tea Gardens tradition

Each year, as the resort cumquats ripen, a group of dedicated Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens residents roll up their sleeves, gather in the resort kitchen and turn baskets of fruit into jars of golden jam. Jam making has become more than just a seasonal event; it's a highlight on the Palm Lake Resort calendar! There's always laughter, plenty of taste-testing and, of course, a delicious reward at the end. Best of all, the jars are shared far and wide, bringing a little homemade joy to residents and visitors alike. Such a special resort tradition that we all think is fab!



## Collection makes cents

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay homeowners Pete and Jenny report that they've collected 23,689 containers for recycling so far this year! That means \$2328.90 has gone to Farm Angels, their chosen charity. Farm Angels provides support to outback communities facing fire, flood, plagues, droughts and other calamities. Pete and Jenny say it's surprising how much their collections vary month to month. "In the warmer months, December to March, we get \$75 to \$80 a week - sometimes over \$100," they say. "It's a good job we have a large SUV to squeeze all the bags in!" Last year the pair raised \$4000 for the year by collecting and recycling cans. Let's hope the Deception Bay community helps to get this very dedicated pair to their same target again this year.



## 65 years of love!

Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay homeowners Les and Anita enjoyed a lovely resort celebration to mark their 65th Wedding Anniversary recently. What a wonderful milestone!

# Connections, for life.



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