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## The best of the best

Palm Lake Resort has an almost 50-year history and these award-winning residences are proudly **THE BEST** we've ever constructed

## Golf on course for big year

There's so much buzz around Pelican Waters Golf Club ahead of the Pro Shop opening, club membership launch and extended hours for restaurant Cardón



# WELCOME

**IN MY ROLE**, there can be many ups and downs in any one day. We might be celebrating a major company milestone one minute, and then next minute I'll be on the phone with one of our long-time homeowners, helping solve a situation. When more than 12,000 people call a Palm Lake Resort address home, there's always someone who needs a hand. And I'm more than happy to be the person who helps another out, when required. It's that kind of attention to detail, and heart, that makes us stand out from other public brands in our industry - that ours is a proud private family company, and it has been for almost 50 years now. We never overlook the fact that we are in the business of people and community, first and foremost.

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On that topic of major milestones and supporting people, we have officially broken ground on Palm Lake Care Forster. We have built and currently operate seven Palm Lake Care sites across South-East Queensland. This one, Number 8, is our first aged caring community in New South Wales which is such a milestone for our family. We look forward to supporting the people of the Mid-North Coast area with our brand of aged care.

While we start one exciting new project in Forster, we are also coming to the conclusion of another. The last of the civils at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes are underway, for construction of our final stage. This represents the very last of the new homes available there, so if you've been contemplating a new chapter at Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes, you'll have to be quick to secure that dream, before our homes there are all sold out.

We've also officially broken ground on our extension of Palm Lake Resort Bargara, as you'll see by our photo of Palm Lake Works Civil Manager Matt Eddy and our ceremonial golden shovel on Page 23. This extension will make Palm Lake Resort Bargara the largest in our portfolio. Previously consisting of 524 homes, the extension will add another 138 sites to give Palm Lake Resort Bargara a total of 662

homes. For comparison, Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba is our second-largest community at 554 homes, followed by Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge at 409. When we talk about building thriving communities of people, these addresses are just that. Our homeowners there easily find likeminded neighbours to share social connections, creative hobbies and friendly sporting competition with.

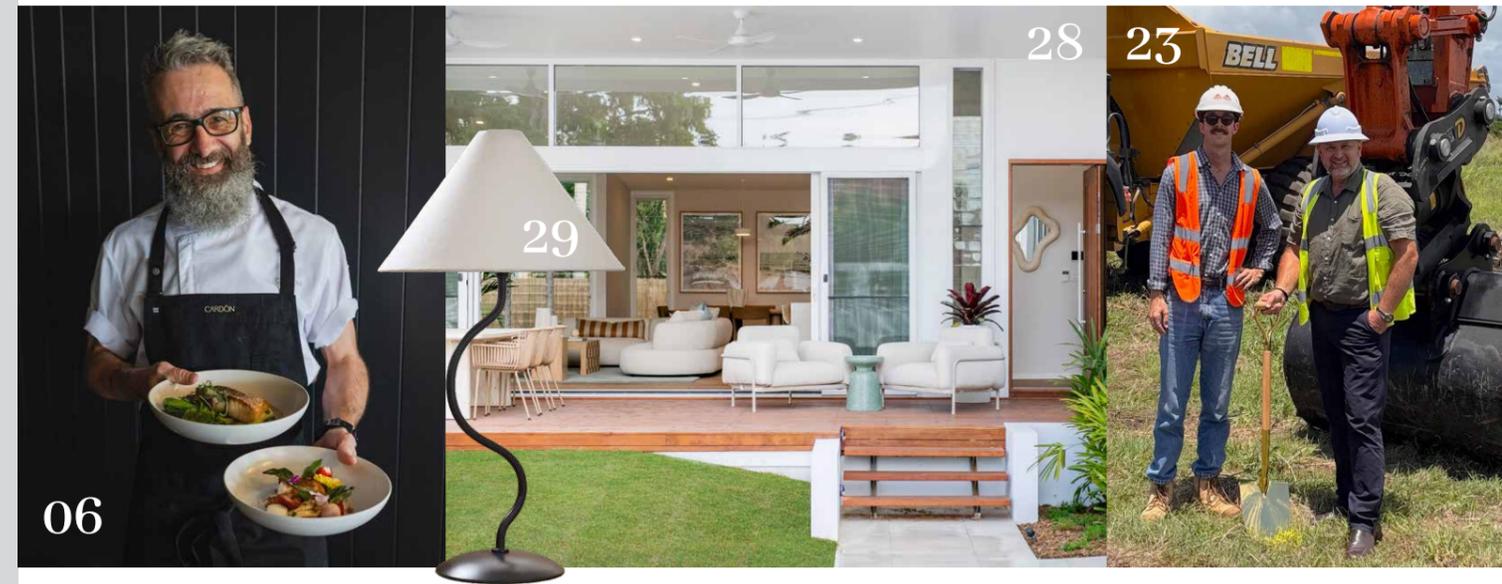
Bargara is, in fact, a great coastal place to call home when you're over 50. For starters, the weather is akin to Hawaii (there's a fun fact that Bargara and Hawaii share a very similar latitude, albeit on either side of the equator, hence their similarly idyllic tropical climates). And the area itself, besides its natural coastal beauty, is conveniently home to all the essential services and retail you need. In fact, Bargara Shopping Village is under construction within walking distance of our resort. It will be anchored by a Coles supermarket and include 18 other retail shops and services, with an expected opening date of early-2027. This is such a thriving pocket of Queensland's Bundaberg region and we're proud to be strengthening our presence there.

The other area of our portfolio that's really strengthening right now is Pelican Waters. When you talk about company milestones, this address is home to so many. With that almost-50 years of history and experience to call on, I can confidently and very proudly say that we've built the 'best of the best' Palm Lake Resort residences and facilities ever at this location. Check out Pages 8-11 for details. Pelican Waters Golf Club is also maturing well, with the opening of the Pro Shop and memberships launching on July 1. Our restaurant, Cardón, goes from strength to strength and we're serving up some really impressive meals with just as impressive prices. For example, our mains menu at lunch (seven days a week) ranges from \$25-\$39 and our mains menu for dinner (Friday nights only) ranges from \$26-\$39. I'm immensely proud of the entire Pelican Waters precinct - from the resort, to The Springs Country Club, to the golf course, to the golf club.

So, when it comes to building communities and supporting people, we are doing that in so many great locations, in such a variety of ways right now. Stay tuned to find out where we will be popping up next...

**Scott Elliott,**  
Palm Lake Group Managing Director

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Pelican Waters Golf

# ON COURSE FOR A BIG YEAR

Pelican Waters Golf Club has gone from strength to strength in 2025, setting up 2026 as a stellar year for the course and its associated world-class facilities with much to look forward to...

## Top 4 in Queensland

Pelican Waters Golf Course has seen incredible improvement with thanks to both its dedicated grounds team and operations team. Proof of this improvement was noted by GOLF Course Guide's review of leading Australian courses. Their recently released list of 2025's Top 100 public access courses across the country saw Pelican Waters Golf Course jump an incredible 20 places in overall ranking in 12 months, from No. 49 in 2024 to No. 29 in 2025. This overall ranking takes into account each course's design, current conditions and aesthetics.

From a purely Queensland perspective, GOLF Course Guide ranked Pelican Waters Golf Course an impressive fourth in our state, behind some quite prestigious and picturesque tracks including Hamilton Island Golf Course, Links Golf Hope Island and Brookwater Golf Course. The Pelican Waters Golf Club team is immensely proud to be named among this highly respected group of Queensland golf courses.

## An award-winning home, for golf

Supporting the players on course at Pelican Waters is the magnificent Pelican Waters Golf Club. The original decades-old clubhouse was completely reimaged by the Palm Lake Group back in 2023, expanding the dated 1124m<sup>2</sup> structure to the glorious 2820m<sup>2</sup> world-class facility that it is today. In fact, the Master Builders Association named this renovation project the Best Commercial Refurbishment of 2024.

## July 1: Pro Shop & memberships open

As this magazine goes to print, final touches are being put on the construction of the Pro Shop, which is scheduled to be officially unveiled on July 1 this year. To further enhance the player experience, a fleet of new golf cars has been purchased, with a new drinks cart now also circulating the course.

Along with the opening of the Pro Shop, Pelican Waters Golf Club membership applications will also be accepted from July 1. Membership numbers for this exclusive club will be strictly limited to ensure a premium experience and to preserve the integrity of the course. Full members will enjoy the kind of six-star membership experience found only in the world's most ultra-premium golf course communities. This includes unrestricted seven-days-per-week access to the championship course and associated practise facilities, including the short game area and driving range. Members will also receive \$1000 annual credit on food and beverages, while a limited number of the earliest members will also receive their own personalised private locker. Affiliate memberships will also be available for those players wanting flexibility without the full membership commitment.

And, of course, Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters homeowners will receive a discount on their annual membership fee and the entrance fee will be fully waived, while homeowners' guests will also receive discounted play rates. Full membership details can be found on the Pelican Waters Golf Club website.



## Fuel up, in style

While Pelican Waters Golf Club offers state-of-the-art golf facilities, it is also home to restaurant Cardón. Offering guests a stunning vista across the manicured greens and fairways of the golf course, Cardón presents an exquisite modern-Australian menu offering delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Cardón's Head Chef, Graeme Mair, believes food should do more than nourish, it should bring people together. Inspired by culture, driven by seasonality and grounded in simplicity, Graeme's approach is all about letting quality ingredients shine, with a focus on local produce. Another winning aspect is the pricing. Just \$39 will get you a 300g Rib Fillet meal with cherry tomatoes, broccolini and fries. Currently, the most popular dish is the Barramundi, with Tom Kha coconut chilli broth and prawn dumplings for just \$29. You can also get the Signature Cardón brioche bun burger, with smoked cheese, relish and lettuce, all served with fries, for only \$25.

Cardón is the perfect place for players to start and/or end their game, but the restaurant also supports a community of local Sunshine Coast gourmets who rate the

establishment at close to five stars via Google reviews. The Cardón team has worked diligently throughout 2025 to achieve this ranking and their dedication is obvious.

## Cardón, with convenience

Pelican Waters Golf Club's Sports Bar is the place to enjoy those more casual pre- or post-game refreshments. And Sports Bar guests will soon be able to enjoy the culinary delights of Cardón without having to leave the bar area. QR codes will soon allow Sports Bar guests to order from the Cardón menu and have their food delivered direct to them. In the same convenient fashion, QR codes are coming soon to all Pelican Waters Golf Club golf cars so players can order Cardón menu items while out on the course, and pick them up mid-game on their way through from the first nine to the back nine.

In all, Pelican Waters Golf Club and Course is a must-visit destination on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. Whether you're visiting for a game or tempted by the menu, we know once you've arrived, you'll definitely be back for more. This is a six-star golfing experience that you'll remember long after you sink your final putt.

Pelican Waters  
**COAST  
MEETS  
COURSE**



**Pictured:** Restaurant Cardón  
Head Chef, Graeme Mair

Serving up a refreshed, produce-driven menu and new extended trading hours, Cardón at Pelican Waters Golf Club is fast becoming one of Caloundra's favourite dining destinations – and it's right on our luckiest Palm Lake Resort homeowners' doorsteps.

**THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL** that happens when fine dining meets the fairway – just take Cardón. Only steps away from our Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters community, Pelican Waters Golf Club's on-site restaurant has been quietly gaining favour among Sunshine Coast locals.

The proof? An impressive 4.8-star rating on Google.

So positive has been the response from the greater Caloundra community in recent months, Cardón has recently expanded service hours. In addition to opening Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am-3pm, and Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am-5pm, guests can enjoy the Cardón menu from 8am-9pm on Fridays.

Friday's extended hours allows for the exciting addition of Cardón's first dinner service. And with these new trading hours comes a refreshed menu. Tailored by Cardón Head Chef Graeme Mair, the modern Australian dishes on offer feel distinctly South-East Queensland – fresh, vibrant and wonderfully uncomplicated.

"I have this amazing opportunity to promote sustainability and combat food waste, which I'm a huge advocate for," explains Graeme. "By working with local suppliers and being creative about the ingredients we use, we can cut down our carbon footprint and support our region's producers at the same time."

On the new Cardón menu, that approach is evident. One standout entrée is the Mooloolaba Prawns, a proud nod to the Sunshine Coast. Sourced just 20-minutes north of Pelican Waters, these sweet, succulent prawns have become something of a local icon. At Cardón, you'll find them lightly battered and served with mixed greens (hand-picked by local grower Blue Dog Farms) and tangy cocktail sauce, and lifted with a squeeze of lemon. Classic.

In fact, local seafood is celebrated throughout the new dinner menu, expertly balanced against flavours from all over the world. The Coral Coast Barramundi is another Queensland favourite, served here in a fragrant Tom Kha coconut chilli broth with prawn dumplings and gai lan (Chinese broccoli).

Meanwhile, the classic 'catch of the day' offers something unexpected – Pan Fried Market Fish paired with heirloom tomato, olive, feta, cucumber and organic leaves, ingredients best enjoyed in our subtropical climate.

But you don't need to choose seafood to experience the very best of our local produce. The Roasted Chicken Supreme brings together beetroot, pumpkin and capsicum – all sun-loving vegetables that South-East Queensland growers do so well – while, on the sides menu, native lemon myrtle brings citrus-y fragrance to an otherwise simple broccolini dish.

"The Roasted Chicken Supreme is currently my favourite dish on the new menu," says Graeme. "As a chef, it's my job to always be learning and adapting to new concepts, and I'm particularly interested in bold, punchy Middle Eastern flavours at the moment."

Graeme's love for quality ingredients is evident, even in the smaller details – a drizzle of quality extra virgin olive oil with warm ciabatta, a sprinkle of creamy feta from local supplier Little White Goat Cheese on salads, or the crunch of roasted almonds scattered across seasonal greens. But rest assured, Cardón pays as much respect to its immediate surroundings – the beautiful Pelican Waters Golf Club – as it does to the wider region. For those craving something hearty after a day on the green, the 300g Rib Fillet, served with cherry tomatoes, broccolini and fries, with your choice of red wine jus, green peppercorn or mustard sauce, delivers generously, especially considering its \$39 price tag (in fact, all the mains on the dinner menu currently range from a very affordable \$26-\$39). And to finish, there's Sticky Date Pudding – the ultimate crowd pleaser. Topped with butterscotch sauce and vanilla bean ice cream, it's a comforting classic that feels perfectly at home in a golf club setting.

"The first step in creating a new menu is to think of your clientele, and we welcome everyone – Palm Lake Resort homeowners, holidaymakers and local families. We know that they'll love the setting and the relaxed atmosphere, so it's my job to make sure they love the food," Graeme says.

And with live music now playing on Sunday afternoons, Cardón is the perfect place to close out your weekend. Whether you're booking a long lunch, planning an easy Friday evening dinner or simply dropping in for coffee overlooking the greens, this new local favourite (with the Google rating to prove it) is a destination of its own.

**To experience Cardón for yourself, book a table via OpenTable or visit [cardon.com.au](http://cardon.com.au)**



Pelican Waters

# OUR BEST HOMIES EVER

There's no doubt that Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters is home to the best residences we've ever built in the almost 50-year history of our company – but there's one home design, in one particularly commanding location, that's the most exquisite cherry on top.



The Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters masterplan offers highly coveted homesites immediately adjacent Pelican Waters Golf Course. There are other residences that benefit from sparkling water views. And then there are a select few ultra-premium addresses that offer both golf and water vistas – and they are our most prestigious residences ever designed and constructed.

### The inspired design

Three two-storey Zafiro designs are positioned at the top end of the Stage 2 'peninsula', facing the rolling fairways and immaculate greens of Pelican Waters Golf Course with a natural tributary of Moreton Bay immediately at their rear, as pictured on Pages 8-9. This exclusive enclave is considered the most premium of the positions on our Pelican Waters masterplan – an address impossible to duplicate and never to be repeated.

At 399.73m<sup>2</sup>, Zafiro's impressive size matches the wow-factor of this Palm Springs-inspired residence's many premium inclusions.

Zafiro's façade offers a considered blend of textural beauty from rendered Hebel, to Knotwood timber-look cladding and stacked natural stone cladding. A stylish curve in this façade greets visitors first and gently guides them into the welcoming porch and entrance. Flowing down the entrance hall, the first major architectural feature you'll come across inside this residence is the sculptural curved timber staircase. Your eye is instantly drawn up the graceful lines of this impressive staircase. This stairwell is bathed in inviting natural light and while in other homes you expect stairs to simply be functional, here in the Zafiro they are more so a sculptural masterpiece. But there's also a stylish internal lift, for your choice of convenience when it comes to accessing the upper level.

The central kitchen/dining/living area is open-plan in nature with architectural features that strategically define the zones. The crisp clean lines of the galley-style kitchen hide an impressive butler's pantry. This huge, hidden workhorse makes kitchen preparation tasks a breeze. And this clever kitchen also offers all the high-end features you'd expect such as SMEG Dolce Stil Novo appliances, an integrated refrigerator and a 5-in-1 Billi Tap that was custom-designed and manufactured specifically for Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters residences. A stylish curve in the kitchen bench and the elegant curved pendant lights above it hark back to the façade curve and, of course, that staircase.

All three of Zafiro's bedrooms are located upstairs to capitalise on the commanding variety of views available on this level. The generous master suite unashamedly occupies half the upper level with its impressive 6.1m x 6.2m bedroom adjoining an additional retreat area, a full-size bathroom

ensuite, spacious walk-in robe and a breezy private balcony overlooking the waterway. A two-car garage and dedicated additional space for your complimentary golf car complete the floorplan.

It's important to note that these Zafiro residences are as smart as they are eye catching. A 5kW solar system meets a convenient home automation system, integrating AV, lighting and security while being linked to the Palm Lake Resort portal. Smart-controlled fully ducted reverse cycle air-con and energy efficient LED downlights add to the mix.

### The national award recognition

The Master Builders Association recently named our Zafiro design the best in its category in all of Queensland. The win saw Zafiro go on to be recognised at a national awards level, proving its standing among comparable residences across the whole of Australia.

### The complete lifestyle package

These three Zafiros, and the balance of our resort residences, benefit greatly from their serene Sunshine Coast location. Sunshine-filled days and balmy evenings are the norm for this coastal Queensland lifestyle destination. But it's not just golf enthusiasts who are flocking to secure their own piece of our masterplan. All the essential services you'll need are on your doorstep (including an airport and dual hospitals), alongside local retail and foodie havens. Caloundra is a mere 3.7km away, opening up the glorious white sand beaches of the Sunshine Coast to our homeowners, including the revered Kings Beach, Shelly Beach, Moffat Beach, Dicky Beach and Golden Beach.

Closer to home, our neighbour, Pelican Waters Golf Club, is a destination in itself. If you don't play the game, you'll still enjoy a meal at the highly regarded restaurant, Cardón – just a short ride away, in your complimentary golf car.

All things considered, Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters provides a lifestyle package that cannot be found anywhere else in the country. And there are only three Zafiros left on our incredible Stage 2 peninsula.

**If you can see yourself enjoying this level of unsurpassed beauty, we encourage you to phone 1800 490 626 to book a private inspection before these exceptional new residences and homesites are gone forever.**



Pelican Waters

# MEET NAT



With interest and sales stronger now than ever before, we've added an extra face to the team. Meet Natalie.

**NATALIE RASMUSSEN IS** the newest face to join our dedicated Pelican Waters Sales Team, in the role of Sales Manager. Natalie comes to Palm Lake Resort with an impressive residential real estate background, selling multi-million-dollar properties in blue chip inner-Brisbane suburbs such as Ascot, Hamilton, Clayfield, Hendra, Hawthorne, Wilston and New Farm for decades. Among her most prestigious listings to date, Natalie facilitated the sale of a \$10,500,000 residence in Ascot and another nearby for \$5,100,000. She's also sold a number of Clayfield homes in the \$4,300,000 - \$4,500,000 price bracket. Put simply, Natalie knows luxury real estate which makes her the perfect fit for a project the scale and opulence of Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters.

"I entered the real estate industry after a successful career in unit development," Natalie explains. "I pride myself on communicating effectively, and providing my clients and customers with sound, research-based advice and timely updates."

In fact, Natalie has the perfect skill set for real estate – attention to detail, a boundless appetite for hard work and an easy-going, approachable nature. Again, the perfect pre-requisites for Palm Lake Resort.

"What I love most about Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters is that it's an overall lifestyle destination. Homeowners here have not just purchased an elegant residence – they've invested in themselves and their future lifestyle given The Springs Country Club, Pelican Waters Golf Course, the golf club, Cardón, the Sunshine Coast area – the list goes on.

"Homeowners here enjoy an unparalleled combination of comfort, luxury and community," Nat smiles. "This is the kind of over-50s lifestyle not available anywhere else in Australia, and it excites me to be able to help people realise this type of dream life."

Away from the office, Natalie is mum to three adult children, aged 24-29. While her family and her career keep her busy, she is equally as active after hours, enjoying equestrian riding, golf, running, swimming and skiing. We warmly welcome Natalie to our Pelican Waters Sales Information Centre and know she'll make a wonderful impact on the Palm Lake Resort community there.



Yamba Cove

# IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL

Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove kitchens are as stylish as they are packed full of features including this one, that features in our popular double-storey Maclean design.

## DESIGNER INCLUSIONS

Designer laminate cabinetry features alongside premium SMEG appliances

## CLEVER BILLI

Your Billi Tap provides instant hot and cold water at the flick of a handle

## STYLE, ON TAP

High quality brushed nickel tapware makes an elegant, designer statement

## RIGHT LIGHTS

Feature pendants add wow factor while energy efficient LED strips put task lighting right where you need it

## GENTLY GENTLY

There are soft-close doors and drawers throughout all Yamba Cove kitchens

## SLICK SURFACES

Stone benchtops combined with stone and glass splashbacks provide clean lines while making the cleaning easy

## HIDE & SEEK

Integrated cabinetry keeps your SMEG dishwasher and bin drawer cleverly hidden

To put yourself in this very stylish picture and inspect our Yamba Cove display homes, phone 1800 960 946 to book a private inspection. Our Sales Information Centre is open seven days.

Yamba Cove

# THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

When you buy a Palm Lake Resort home, you get more than just Hebel bricks and mortar – you move into a ready-made community, too. And there are few Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove homeowners who know this better than most...

**IT'S BEEN LESS** than two years since the first Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove homeowner unlocked her front door and unloaded her moving boxes, but already, a thriving community has sprung up there. On any given day, you'll find homeowners heading out on group fishing trips, readying their bikes for a morning ride or playing Canasta in the sunshine.

"Friendships have formed quickly," says Yamba Cove Caretaker Kym Igglesden. "We're finding that it's a very welcoming community, and that things have really taken off here. That's the sign of a strong resort – as a Caretaker, I can initiate activities, but it's up to the homeowners to really make them their own."

And make them their own, they have. A recent Happy Hour – a staple on the Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove weekly calendar – turned into a 67th wedding anniversary party for homeowners, Geoff and Angela Gnapp. And it all started with a conversation between neighbours, Angela says.

"Geoff mentioned to another homeowner that we wanted to go out to a nice restaurant for our anniversary, and from there, word spread," she smiles. "The next thing we knew, Geoff and I were being told not to plan anything on that evening so that we could all celebrate together."

"I think 90 per cent of the resort showed up to Happy Hour that week! Everyone brought a plate – including delicious cakes and sweet treats – and came beautifully dressed. It was absolutely superb and very, very special. I'll never forget it."

"It was like being at a wedding," adds Kym.

That moment reiterated to Geoff and Angela just why they were drawn to the community resort lifestyle in the first place. They wanted a beautiful home with all the trimmings, in a peaceful location, with a busy social scene right on their doorstep – as well as the option to go away on holiday and know that their home and pets were well looked after. They found it all at Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove.

"We were so impressed with the whole place – no expense was spared," says Geoff. "It's been three months since we moved in, and we're thoroughly enjoying everything that's here. Walking into Vantage Country Club is like walking into a six-star hotel, but it's the people here who really make this resort special."

For fellow Yamba Cove homeowner Leanne Hallum, Vantage Country Club has provided a much-needed home away from home. Leanne and her husband, Peter, were the very first people to move into this resort in May 2024, from their previous home across the road at Palm Lake Resort Yamba. One month later, however, Peter passed away – leaving Leanne to reckon with her new life, in more ways than one.

"It was daunting, but looking back I can see how Pete made sure I would have everything I needed," Leanne says. "The Country Club really is an extension of your home, and in those early days I would go there to dance, do my art, swim or just read a book in the sunshine if I was having a bad day."

And before long, Leanne began to see the community building up around her. Her first neighbours, Geoff and Nola Doullman, moved in in February 2025, and the three became fast friends. You'll often find Leanne and Nola playing Mah-jong together or attending the resort's Pilates classes.

"Geoff and Nola will often invite me over for lunch or dinner and, on one such occasion, we were talking about travel," Leanne recalls. "I mentioned how Peter and I had always wanted to go to Ireland. A few days later, they invited me over for coffee – they had been planning a holiday, and they wanted me to join them."

As this edition of *Your Time* magazine goes to print, Leanne will be getting ready to travel with the Doullmans to Britain, Ireland, France, Spain and Portugal – and they'll be making a special trip to Paris so that Leanne can celebrate her birthday at the Moulin Rouge.

"When they first asked me, I just said, 'Are you for real?!'," says Leanne with a laugh. "I've never been to Europe



**Pictured top:** Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove homeowners love to spend time together. **Above:** Angela and Geoff were delighted that their Yamba Cove neighbours organised a surprise 67th wedding anniversary party for them.

before, and I can't tell you how much this trip means to me. Geoff and Nola are such kind, lovely people who have helped me so much. We have such a special bond.

"It's been a very trying few years, but this community has been incredible – they can't do enough for you. I keep as active as I can, and with everything from the bus trips to Happy Hours, that's easy to do here."

And that's what Geoff and Angela love most about Yamba Cove, too – the ability to be as involved as they want to be.

"We thoroughly enjoy everything that's on offer here," says Geoff. "You can do all, half or none. Living in an apartment or a house, as we did previously, we had to take initiative if we wanted to do anything. Here, it's all easy and right on our doorstep."

## LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

Life is good when you call Yamba Cove home. From award-winning homes, to friends galore, the area itself provides the perfect backdrop. Here are Caretaker Kym's local faves.

### YAMBA FARMERS & PRODUCERS MARKET

Join Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove Caretaker Kym every Wednesday morning at the farmers' market, where you can shop local and regional produce, as well as artisan and handmade goods. It's located right beside beautiful Whiting Beach.

### LUNCH AT THE PACIFIC HOTEL

With a rich history and bird's eye views of Yamba's Main Beach, the Pacific Hotel is an icon for a reason. What better place to enjoy a meal?

### BIKE RIDE TO ANGOURIE

A passionate group of Yamba Cove cyclists rides to Angourie for a coffee on a Saturday morning. Prefer to stay closer to home? You can also join them for a ride around town on Tuesdays.

### SWIM IN THE YAMBA OCEAN POOL

New South Wales' most northern pool of its kind, the Yamba Ocean Pool has provided a safe, picturesque swimming spot since the 1960s.

### WATCH THE HORSE RACES TRACKSIDE

Love going to the races? You're in good company. Bus trips to the Coffs Harbour races have been coordinated by Kym and always prove to be a great day out, with friends.

### EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY

From the Yamba Museum to the 100-year-old Yamba Lighthouse, there are plenty of opportunities around town to learn about Yamba's rich past.

### GO SHOPPING

Being local to the area, Kym knows all the good shopping spots – and she has coordinated many a bus trip for homeowners wanting to indulge in some quality retail therapy.

### SEE A MOVIE – AND STEP BACK IN TIME

A true relic, the Yamba Cinema has stood proud for decades, and is one of the few fully independent, family-run theatres in the country. Visiting it is almost as entertaining as the movie itself.



## Yamba Cove COASTING

FROM THE FAIRY floss-garnished wine glasses to the delightfully relaxed ambience, life really is sweet by the sea at Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove. Given this resort's boutique size, friendships and good times are easy to find.



### DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**TIME IS ALREADY** flying in 2026 for the Palm Lake Works team, with exciting momentum across all our regions.

We kicked off the year with a major milestone: the commencement of earthworks at Palm Lake Resort Bargara's final expansion project. These final stages include 138 new homes and additional recreational facilities, making this community the largest resort in the Palm Lake Group's portfolio. Home construction is on track to begin by mid-2026, marking a significant step toward bringing this vision to life.

Across Queensland, Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters continues to thrive. We are progressing steadily with home construction to meet strong ongoing demand for this outstanding community, and planning is well underway for the next civil stages. By the time this magazine reaches you, we expect the homeowners' workshop to be open and in use. Future growth is also advancing, with promising planning progress for our upcoming Queensland resorts at Dundowran (Hervey Bay) and Zilzie (east of Rockhampton).

In New South Wales, our focus at both Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes and Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove remains firmly on accelerating home construction. These efforts aim to keep pace with sales demand while staying ahead of anticipated industry-wide increases in construction costs. We have, unfortunately, experienced some early-year delays in commencing Palm Lake Care Forster due to third-party factors, but the team is ready to move quickly once the final approvals are received.

Also in the New South Wales Mid-Coast region, significant civil works will soon be underway at our newest resort at Old Bar Beach. This beachside location involves an extensive civils program, but it's nothing beyond the proven capability and determination of the Palm Lake Works team.

Further south, in Victoria, Palm Lake Resort Paynesville continues its smooth progression. With civil works now complete in Stage 3 and home construction underway there, this project is quickly approaching the halfway point of its overall build program.

With new team members joining us and multiple major projects moving forward, 2026 is shaping up to be both an exciting and challenging year for Palm Lake Works.

**Suzanne Jensen**  
General Manager, Development



### PALM LAKE PEOPLE

**WE OFTEN SPRUIK** about our award-winning home designs and incredible homeowner facilities when talking about Palm Lake Resort, but there's another important element when it comes to the success of every one of our resorts: the Caretakers.

Every Palm Lake Resort community has an onsite Caretaker (or two) at the helm, managing the day-to-day operations at that address. They oversee our local teams of groundspeople, cleaners, cooks and more. Many Caretakers in our established resort communities facilitate home sales, while also rolling up their sleeves when it comes to serving weekly dinners, for example. They are the first port of call for homeowner queries and oversee all the various local resort special interest groups. They are also an important conduit between Palm Lake Resort headquarters at Southport and their respective local address.

We are very grateful to have a wonderful group of dedicated and long-time Caretakers across our 27 resort addresses. For example, Lea Bryan has spent most of her 17+ years with our company in the Caretaker role across Victoria (but has moved into a sales role at Willow Lodge more recently). Michaela at Eagleby Heights is also coming up to 17 years with us. Caretakers at Mt Warren Park, Trish and Rik, will soon commemorate 14 years, while Wayne and Di (Banora Point) and Robyn and Bernie (Yamba) have all marked a decade or more.

With nine years in the company, current Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Caretakers Jo and Troy were married while caretaking at our Truganina resort some years back. Jo gave her beloved homeowners a glimpse into the highly anticipated wedding day by coming into work in her wedding dress! And we know that many of our long-time Caretakers are well respected by their communities based on the feedback we hear direct from those homeowners. At Palm Lake Resort Carindale for example, the homeowners got together last year and created a 'contract' that they presented to Caretakers Karen and Wayne stating that "The undersigned are committed to us at Palm Lake Resort Carindale and will never leave!". The pair were "so touched" by the gesture, that Karen said, "Of course we put our autographs on that document!"

Without doubt, Caretakers underpin the success of our Palm Lake Resort communities and while most of our resorts have long-term Caretakers at the helm, just like any important role, we find ourselves recruiting for the position now and then. If you think you have the people skills required in this role, the ability to effectively manage teams, as well as a knack for problem solving, we'd love to hear from you.

**Amanda Clements**  
Executive Manager, People & Operations

Paynesville  
*ESCAPE  
THE  
CITY*

When Sue and Terry Avery packed up their city home, they weren't just changing postcodes – they were starting a new, more relaxed chapter.

**HAVING LIVED IN** Mooroolbark, in Melbourne's outer east, for most of their lives, the decision to move was not a small one. It was where they'd grown up, worked, raised their daughters and welcomed grandchildren. But Terry and Sue were a decade into retirement, and found themselves looking for more.

"We'd done some trips away and a bit of caravanning," Terry says, "but we were starting to do less and become a bit insular. We figured, while we've got our health, we should do something different."

They soon realised that 'something different' was Palm Lake Resort Paynesville. Initially, it felt like a leap. Melbourne was home. Family was there. Life was familiar. But friends who had previously lived at Palm Lake Resort Forster were considering a move back to Victoria, and asked Terry and Sue to meet them in Paynesville to find out more about the Group's newest location.

"We all fell in love with the place," Terry says. "They bought their home on the day, and we put a deposit down. It instantly felt right."

Part of the reason was the scale. With fewer than 200 homes, Terry and Sue would find the small, village-like feel they once loved about Mooroolbark. After decades of watching their home transform from a country town into a bustling suburb, they were both ready for a slower pace.

"I was over the traffic," Terry says simply. "It's so overdeveloped now. Here, in the early hours of the morning, I might see four or five cars when I go for a bike ride – something I wouldn't even dream of doing back in Melbourne. It's such a relaxed lifestyle."

Relaxed, yes. But boring? Absolutely not.



"We're socialising more than we were back home," Terry says. "Meet-ups at the bar, snooker challenges, a rummikub group – you can be as involved as you like."

Terry especially loves having world-class wellness facilities quite literally on his doorstep, and frequently visits the resort gym, pool, spa and sauna across the road. Both he and Sue have taken up pickleball for the first time and, like all good Palm Lake Resort homeowners, they are getting involved in lawn bowls. Sue has thrown herself into the arts and crafts group, while Terry has also dusted off his guitar and found other musicians to jam with. He has even completed his RSA so he can serve on the bar committee.

"It's like a cruise ship, with more freedom," Terry laughs.

Beyond the gates, the Gippsland region offers everything Terry and Sue were looking for – from the convenience of Bairnsdale's major retail and services, to all the beaches, rivers and waterfalls waiting to be explored. Already, they've taken the ferry to Raymond Island for a caravanning adventure. And 'Teddy Bear', the pair's Mini Schnauzer, is also living his best life – daily dog park runs, new friends and a sunny spot to sleep on the back patio tick all his boxes. But Melbourne hasn't disappeared. Terry and Sue have already been back for Christmas and family visits, staying up to 10 days at a time.

"That's par for the course – we'll always visit," Terry says. "It was a hard decision leaving our lives behind, but the next 10 years are crucial for us. Back home, we'd be doing the same things. Being here opens a whole new life of opportunity."

Hesitating about moving from Melbourne? If you enjoy being social and making the most of your over-50s era, this is the place to be, Terry says. Everything you need is here – even things you didn't realise you were missing...

Paynesville

*FUTURE IS BRIGHT  
THANKS TO DONATION*

A Gippsland environmental management consultancy has been "totally surprised" and "absolutely delighted" by the scale of the charitable donation recently made by Palm Lake Resort Paynesville owners, Walter and Scott Elliott.

**ECOLOGIC NRM IS** a Bairnsdale-based professional environmental assessment and planning consultancy. Their "profit for purpose" approach supports environmental projects and nature-positive programs that focus on restoring and protecting Gippsland for future generations. Ecologic NRM Director Dr Trish Fox says their work includes, for example, assisting local Landcare groups, supporting threatened species across Gippsland and – importantly – supporting the next generation of conservation leaders and providing pathways for young people to build environmental careers in the Gippsland region and beyond.

Part of the site where Palm Lake Resort Paynesville is currently being constructed was once a retail garden centre. Trish explains that when she approached Palm Lake Resort about the possibility of buying the nursery stock and equipment before it was removed for the resort development to proceed, she was "overwhelmed" to learn that the Elliotts would be donating it all to her organisation.

"We found out four days before Christmas that it was all ours," Trish smiles. "We had to mobilise a little Landcare army to move all the plants to a site where we could continue to water and care for them over the holidays – there were thousands upon thousands. We received everything from little seedlings through to more mature trees – there would be more than 100,000 tube stock and trays alone."

"The value is so huge."

But the donation went well beyond just plant stock – Ecologic NRM received all the nursery shelving, pots, display bins, plant racking, a shade house, a green house, tables and office equipment, and even two large sheds.

"We will use all the stock and equipment to set up our own nursery that will go on to support local Landcare groups and agencies into the future," Trish explains.

While their proposed nursery won't be a retail outlet for the general public, Trish says it will be positioned to directly support, for example, the restoration and revegetation of local areas affected by fire, while also supporting Gippsland's endemic flora. She hopes that, in the future, Landcare volunteers can help out at the nursery

and earn 'tokens' for their groups. Trish says the original nursery's former owner was "delighted" to learn of Palm Lake Resort's donation in support of Gippsland's future and she is now also helping out as a volunteer too.

Ecologic NRM has been operating for 18 months and in their first year of business alone, Trish says they saw \$100,000 worth of profit that is now being reinvested, ultimately, into Gippsland's environment.

"We're all about transparency and we are really walking the talk here," Trish says. "Palm Lake Resort has done something totally amazing for our community. The Palm Lake Group staff have been great as well – it's a brilliant partnership."





Forster Lakes

# WHAT'S YOUR STOREY?

Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homes are admired for their thoughtful design, premium inclusions and quality craftsmanship – and when you choose a double-storey design, the lifestyle benefits rise to a whole new level.

**WHILE SOME OVER-50s** may not initially consider a double-storey abode when downsizing, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes homes have been carefully conceived to enhance everyday living rather than complicate it.

Complete with both a staircase and a luxury hotel-inspired internal lift, they make moving between floors seamless and convenient, while opening up exciting design possibilities.

By building upwards, these homes deliver expansive interiors without increasing the land footprint – ideal for those who want generous living zones while maintaining a low-maintenance block. The additional level also creates flexibility in how the home is enjoyed. A quiet reading retreat, dedicated study nook or creative hobby space can sit comfortably away from main living areas, while visiting family and friends can spread out and still enjoy privacy.

The elevated level naturally captures more light and better views, filling the home with brightness and warmth. Natural sunlight not only enhances ambience but also supports healthy sleep cycles, vitamin D absorption and overall mood – important elements of wellbeing as we age. An upstairs balcony or sitting room becomes the perfect place to unwind with a sunset outlook, transforming simple daily rituals into special moments of reflection.

With windows positioned on all sides and across both levels, airflow is enhanced, encouraging cross-ventilation and a fresher indoor environment. The result is a home

that feels lighter and more comfortable all year round, with less reliance on air conditioning and improved resistance to moisture and mould.

There is also long-term value to consider. Contemporary double-storey homes equipped with private lifts appeal to a broad range of buyers, strengthening resale potential. The lift itself adds everyday practicality, making it easy to move groceries, luggage, washing baskets, the vacuum or even furniture between floors.

Beyond the inherent advantages of double-storey living, Forster Lakes' homes offer an impressive suite of inclusions. Homeowners enjoy a luxurious master retreat complete with wet bar, spacious walk-in robe, ensuite and study or craft space, along with three additional bedrooms – each with its own ensuite. Two separate living areas, an upstairs retreat with balcony, Sonos sound system, ducted air conditioning, wine storage cellar, plantation shutters, floor-to-ceiling sheers, security cameras and smart-home upgrades – including a Google Hub to control lighting, ceiling fans and power points – complete the picture. The result is a home that doesn't simply add another storey but truly elevates the way you live.

Did you know our Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes project is almost completely sold out? We have limited homes left in Precinct 2, offering easy access to The Recreation Centre, Rhodes Sports Club and Belleair Country Club. Once these homes are gone, there will be one final release left, located on the other side of the resort.



**Pictured this page:** Forster Lakes' two-storey Carrabelle home design was awarded a prestigious Master Builders' Association Award.



**To best understand the benefits of our double-storey designs, we encourage you to stop by our Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes Sales Information Centre, which is open seven days a week, and enjoy a private inspection of our displays. Phone 1800 577 542.**





Palm Lake Resort

# YOUR LOCAL SALES EXPERTS

We understand that our homeowners' situations change and that they might need to move on. We also know that they will receive the best result for their home with thanks to our local Palm Lake Resort sales experts. Here's why...

**THERE ARE MYRIAD** benefits of buying and selling a Palm Lake Resort home via our local Palm Lake Resort sales experts. There's little doubt that these team members are best placed to help you move into and, when the time comes, out of your Palm Lake Resort abode.

## Highest possible sales price

Unlike traditional real estate, the sales history of our Palm Lake Resort homes is not published publicly. This means external real estate agents don't have the tools they need to appraise homes accurately within the unique Palm Lake Resort market, under our manufactured home estate structure. They are not aware of the true value of homes within our resorts which has, in the past, resulted in homes being under-valued and under-sold by external agents. Our Caretakers and Sales Consultants work hard to ensure the highest possible return for Palm Lake Resort homes.

## Constant demand

The first place that buyers go when looking for a community lifestyle resort within the Palm Lake Group is the Sales Information Centre or Caretakers' office in their chosen resort location. Our Sales Consultants and Caretakers are currently receiving new enquiries daily and always have a wait list of qualified buyers ready to inspect your home.

## Fast and easy process

There's little doubt that the market for over-50s homes across our Palm Lake Resort network is hot right now! In some established Palm Lake Resort addresses, our teams are currently selling many homes off market, within days of them being listed.

For Palm Lake Resort homeowners looking to move on, this eliminates the long timeframes, open homes,

stress and increased costs associated with listing your property with an external agent. This also provides homeowners with greater privacy and less disruption to your routine, giving you more time to focus on your exciting next move.

## Wealth of expertise

Considering the Palm Lake Resort brand will celebrate 50 years of history in 2027, the majority of our Palm Lake Resort Sales Team members are very experienced in our product. Newer Sales Consultants are well supported by our network of expert Palm Lake Group real estate professionals right across the country. And, of course, everyone has the complete support of our experienced management team and the Elliott family company owners themselves.

There really isn't anyone better positioned to sell a Palm Lake Resort home and the benefits of our over-50s community lifestyle resorts than one of our own.

## Commission-free transition

Did you know that if you are a homeowner in any Palm Lake Resort and relocate to a brand new home in a different Palm Lake Resort location, you won't pay any agent's commission on the sale of your original Palm Lake Resort home?

Maybe a move within the Palm Lake Group is calling your name? Either way, when the time comes for our homeowners to sell their Palm Lake Resort home, our local Sales Consultants make the process easy.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bargara becomes our biggest!

Earthworks have officially commenced on Palm Lake Resort Bargara's final expansion project. Palm Lake Group's General Manager, Development, Suzanne Jensen says the new site will soon be transformed into an additional 138 modern over-50s homes with extra recreational facilities completing the project and bolstering the already-hefty lifestyle offering at this location. This expansion makes Palm Lake Resort Bargara the largest in the Palm Lake Group portfolio.

Palm Lake Resort Sales Manager Alysia Nechvoglod says homes in the extension will be available for purchase towards the middle of 2026 with first homes due to be completed by January 2027 (weather dependent). Pictured above, turning the first sod last month are Hadyn Cliff from SEE Civil and Palm Lake Works' Civil Manager Matt Eddy, with the ceremonial gold shovel.

### Get social with us

Are you on social media? Make sure you follow us to see what's happening right across our dozens of Palm Lake Resort locations. Palm Lake Resort is on Facebook (@palm.lakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@palm.lake.resort). We also feature many warm-and-fuzzy stories from our seven Palm Lake Care aged caring communities on both social platforms (@palm.lake.care). With more than 12,000 people calling a Palm Lake Group address home, there's always loads going on!

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# THE BRIGHT SIDE

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In a world that often feels complicated, it helps to remember that the secret to happiness might be far simpler than we think. Just like the plants in our garden, we humans need sunlight to grow, fresh air to thrive and connection to truly flourish. And it all starts with getting outside.

**THERE'S A REASON** houseplants lean towards the window. They instinctively seek out the light – and in many ways, so do we. Like plants, our bodies and minds respond to sunshine, fresh air and open space.

Yet modern life has a way of drawing us indoors. Screens glow, schedules fill and days can pass without much time spent outside at all. The irony? Some of the most powerful contributors to our wellbeing are wonderfully simple – natural light, gentle movement and meaningful connection.

Throwing open the doors and letting the day in isn't just a pleasant ritual. It's a small act with big benefits, supporting bone health, boosting our mood, improving sleep and encouraging us to engage with the world around us.

Science tells us that seeking out the bright side of life – quite literally – can support everything from bone strength to mood. Sunshine is our most natural source of vitamin D, essential for maintaining healthy bones and supporting immune function. In Australia's climate, health experts generally recommend short bursts of sun exposure on most days of the week – often around 10–30 minutes, depending on the season and your skin type. Even enjoying your morning cuppa outdoors or tending to the garden can be all you need to maintain healthy levels.

Natural light also helps regulate our circadian rhythm, improving sleep quality and boosting daytime energy. Time spent outdoors has been linked to reduced stress, sharper thinking and improved mental wellbeing. It's no wonder a simple stroll around the grounds of your Palm Lake Resort can leave you feeling clearer and more refreshed.

*Pictured: Pelican  
Waters Golf Club.*

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## Lessons from the world's longest-living communities

Researchers studying the world's Blue Zones – the five regions where people consistently live longer, healthier lives – have uncovered a powerful common thread. In places like Okinawa, Sardinia and Ikaria, longevity isn't built on strict routines or intense gym sessions. Instead, it's shaped by everyday habits: natural movement, time outdoors and strong social connections.

Residents in these communities garden, walk to visit friends, share meals outside and remain actively engaged with one another. This incidental exercise – the movement that fits seamlessly into your day-to-day routine – plays a significant role in long-term health, with fresh air, sunshine and community connection all working together to produce amazing results. It's a reminder that wellbeing doesn't have to be complicated. Often, it begins with simply stepping outside.

## Designed to embrace the outdoors

At Palm Lake Resort, this philosophy is thoughtfully reflected in both design and lifestyle. Open-plan homes extend seamlessly to covered alfresco areas, creating a natural flow between kitchen, living space and outdoor living areas. Large glass sliding doors welcome in light and fresh air, while generous windows frame landscaped gardens and allow sunshine to pour through.

When indoor and outdoor spaces feel like one continuous environment, like you find in all modern Palm Lake Resort homes, spending time outside becomes second nature. Morning coffee outdoors, a sunset drink with neighbours in the street or an afternoon pottering in your garden are just a part of life.

Beyond the front door at Palm Lake Resort, the opportunities to enjoy the 'bright side' multiply. Homeowners come together for friendly pickleball matches under blue skies, while lawn bowls, swimming sessions and invigorating aqua aerobics classes (for example) bring our homeowners together. Walking groups tread the resort pathways, social clubs gather outdoors and impromptu catch-ups happen on shaded benches across resort dog off-leash areas most afternoons.

These activities do more than just fill your social calendar. They provide gentle cardiovascular exercise, build strength and balance, while also fostering social connection – all in the fresh air – just like in the Blue Zones.

## Make the most of every day

Embracing alfresco living can be as simple as shifting a few daily habits outdoors:

- Take your newspaper to your outdoor living area instead of reading it at the kitchen table
- Join a morning walking group (or at the least, simply invite your nextdoor neighbour to walk with you) or try a resort class like aqua aerobics
- Invite your friends to eat lunch with you outdoors
- Spend time in the garden, even just short trips outside to sprinkle some water around or remove the weeds.

Across our Palm Lake Resort addresses, the bright side isn't just about beautiful weather – it's about homes designed to let the outside in, and a community that makes the most of every sunny opportunity. So open your doors, step into the light and see where the day takes you.



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# WHITE HOT

Each year, Pantone's 'Color of the Year' quite literally sets the tone for what's to come in fashion and interiors alike. This year, that tone is refreshingly light, bright and elegantly understated – and very Palm Lake Resort.

**ENTER: CLOUD DANCER.** It's a soft, contemporary off-white with subtle warmth – less clinical than pure white, more refined than cream. It's a shade that shifts beautifully throughout the day, catching morning light, glowing softly at dusk and allowing architectural details to take centre stage. For Palm Lake Resort, it feels right on brand.

Our homes are designed to embrace light. Generous glazing, open-plan living and seamless connections to alfresco spaces ensure interiors feel expansive and breathable. In many of our coastal and hinterland locations, the outdoors are as much a feature as any other fixture – blue skies, greenery and water glimpses become part of the backdrop. White surfaces help to enhance that relationship, reflecting natural light and creating a harmonious flow between inside and out.

Unlike cooler whites, Cloud Dancer has enough depth to feel considered. It pairs effortlessly with pale timber floors, stone surfaces and textural layers such as linen, jute and brushed brass. For those wanting to introduce contrast, think muted eucalyptus greens, warm sand tones or soft ocean blues – colours that echo the Australian landscape without overpowering it.

As with previous years, Pantone's 2026 choice does more than predict future design trends – it reflects our current circumstances, too.

As Leatrice Eiseman, Executive Director of the Pantone Color Institute, says, "The cacophony that surrounds us has become overwhelming, making it harder to hear the voices of our inner selves. A conscious statement of simplification, Cloud Dancer enhances our focus, providing release from the distraction of external influences."

To us, Cloud Dancer speaks to a shift in how we view home – less like a residence, more like a sanctuary – and how we want to exist there. Modern Palm Lake Resorts have redefined what over-50s living looks like, replacing outdated perceptions with architecturally designed residences and resort-style amenities that prioritise lifestyle and design. In that sense, Cloud Dancer offers the perfect clean canvas. A blank page on which to write your next chapter.

Blank doesn't have to be boring...

### 1. Flip the script on your bookshelf

For an instant, design-forward moment, turn your books so the pages face outward instead of the spines. The creamy paper tones create a layered, sculptural effect that works beautifully against soft whites like Cloud Dancer. It's an easy, reversible styling trick that adds texture without introducing new colour – perfect for open shelving in living areas or studies. Style with a ceramic vase or coral-inspired object for a curated finish.

### 2. Layer whites through texture, not tone

The key to decorating with white is contrast in material. Pair painted walls with sheer linen curtains, a boucle armchair, a woven jute rug or a ribbed ceramic lamp base. Keeping the palette tonal while varying the textures prevents the space from feeling flat.

### 3. Anchor the room with natural timber

Soft whites truly sing when grounded with pale oak or warm timber finishes. A light timber console, dining table or occasional chair introduces depth and ensures the space feels inviting rather than stark. In homes designed to flow seamlessly indoors and out, timber also echoes the natural landscape beyond your windows – reinforcing that relaxed, resort-style atmosphere.

'For the Love of White' by Chrissie Rucker, \$55, qbd.com.au



Artiss boucle accent chair,  
\$184, brosa.com.au



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# HOLIDAY, THE PALM LAKE WAY

While we know Palm Lake Resort homeowners live a holiday-everyday lifestyle with thanks to their facility-laden communities and loads of resort-based activities, we also know that a change of scenery never goes astray.

**PALM LAKE GROUP** has just completed a gorgeous holiday home in the tranquil seaside town of Hastings Point, and it's available to homeowners and the general public for short-term rental. Designed, constructed and styled by the same Palm Lake Group teams that have been winning construction industry awards for years, this stunning five-bedroom masterpiece is the perfect setting for a grand coastal escape or a relaxed weekend away with family and friends.

Beautifully furnished and generously proportioned, this light-filled home features spacious living areas with comfortable lounging for relaxation. The dining area is adjacent a fully equipped kitchen with butler's pantry, including stove, oven, microwave and fridge, perfect for preparing home-cooked meals.

The five bedrooms are thoughtfully designed, offering a king bed, a queen bed, and three double beds. The master bedroom includes an ensuite bathroom, while the other bedrooms share two modern, well-equipped bathrooms. A full laundry caters to all your needs. With air conditioning throughout and fans in every room, the house ensures comfort year-round. Outside, enjoy the peaceful private garden, ideal for outdoor dining or unwinding. The property also offers secure parking for one vehicle, ensuring

convenience during your stay. Seamless self check-in makes the whole process a breeze.

If you're unfamiliar with the Hastings Point area, it's a peaceful seaside village not too far south of the Queensland/New South Wales border (around 30 minutes' drive south of Gold Coast Airport). A long-time holiday favourite, this hidden gem offers the perfect blend of natural beauty and family-friendly fun, where crystal-clear creeks meet calm beaches and old-school coastal charm. Spend your days kayaking on Cudgera Creek, surfing gentle waves or whale watching from the lookout. Explore nearby Tropical Fruit World, savour local bites at Ripples Cafe and The Nook, or cycle the coastal path.

With its relaxed pace and timeless appeal, Hastings Point is a place you'll want to return to year after year. And in a house like this, rich and life-long holiday memories are guaranteed.

**The home can be found at 6 Creek Street, Hastings Point. For more information or to make a booking, visit [www.book.madecomfy.com](http://www.book.madecomfy.com) and search the "Hastings Point" location (note: Palm Lake Resort homeowners receive a discounted rate on stays - ask your Caretaker for details).**

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# LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The sun is clocking off earlier, so it's time for our lighting to turn it up. Choose lamps that do more than brighten a room, but set the mood, too.



1. Nau Nola glass lamp, \$950, davidjones.com
2. Rachel Donath Marquis lamp, \$400, rachelonath.com.au
3. Bright Sea Izar lamp, \$100, templeandwebster.com.au
4. Pop and Scott Venus lamp, \$980, popandscott.com
5. Lexi Lighting Penelope lamp, \$63.80, myer.com.au
6. Kip & Co. Portofino floor lamp, \$722, kipandco.com.au
7. Fenton&Fenton Florence lamp, \$180, fentonandfenton.com.au
8. Ellison Studios La Bobine lamp, \$499, ellisonstudios.com
9. St Barts pendant, \$695, st-barts.com.au
10. West Elm Zigzag lamp, \$229, westelm.com.au



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**IN  
 CITRUS  
 AND IN  
 HEALTH**

Keep the bright summer energy going – and winter sickness at bay – with a squeeze of fresh citrus, courtesy of these recipes from Citrus Australia.

### Orange and fennel pulled pork

#### Ingredients

- 1 pork shoulder, skinless and boneless (about 2kg)
- 1 cup water
- 3 oranges
- 2 tablespoon fennel seeds, lightly toasted
- 2 ½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 ½ tablespoons chopped garlic (fresh or jar is fine)
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- 1 large red onion, peeled, diced 1-2cm pieces
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar (optional, will depend on the sweetness of your oranges)
- 4 tablespoons olive oil

#### Method

Zest oranges and put aside. Peel oranges, cut into wedges and remove seeds.

In a small bowl mix garlic, orange zest, dijon mustard, fennel seeds, salt and pepper. Spread all over the pork and place pork into slow cooker with the fattier side facing upwards. Add water, orange wedges, any orange juice that came out when cutting and diced onion into the slow cooker.

Cook on low for 6-7 hours or high for 4-5 hours, turning the shoulder every 2-3 hours until the meat falls apart easily. Remove pork from slow cooker and cool slightly. Remove and discard any visible chunks of fat. Shred remaining pork. Skim fat from top of cooking liquid and discard.

Place the cooking liquid into a saucepan (no need to strain – the orange, onion and fennel seeds will all be soft). Add in the brown sugar (if using), bring to a boil and simmer until reduced by about half. Stir cooking liquid through the shredded pork, adjust seasoning if needed.

Before serving, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large non-stick fry pan over high heat. Add a layer of pork to the pan (do not overcrowd), cook until any juices evaporate and the bottom is golden brown and crispy. Turn and cook on the other side until warmed through. No need to get it crispy on both sides, it will become too dry. Remove pork from pan and repeat in batches with remaining pork.

Great served as is with a side of mash or roasted potatoes and vegetables, on a pizza or in tacos and burritos.

### Citrus salad with ginger and chilli dressing

#### Ingredients

- ¼ cup (60ml) fresh lime juice
- ¼ cup (60ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely grated ginger
- 1 small red chilli, finely chopped (deseeded for less heat)
- 1 ½ teaspoons caster sugar
- ½ teaspoon fish sauce
- 1 red grapefruit
- 3 oranges
- 3 mandarins
- 1 shallot, finely sliced
- ½ cup mint leaves
- ½ cup coriander leaves
- ½ cup parsley leaves
- ⅓ cup unsalted roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped

#### Method

Combine the lime juice, olive oil, ginger, chilli, sugar and fish sauce in a small bowl. Set aside for at least 15 minutes to help infuse the flavours. Can be made one day ahead and stored in the fridge.

Cut off the peel and white pith from the grapefruit, cut in between each membrane to release the segments. Do this over a bowl to catch any juice. Once all segments are removed, squeeze the remaining membrane to release all the juices. Note: If you are unsure how to do this, search the web for a 'how to segment an orange' video for some more tips.

Cut the peel and pith off the oranges and cut cross ways into round slices about 5mm thick. Peel the mandarins and cut in the same way as the oranges.

Arrange the grapefruit, oranges, mandarins on a serving dish with the shallot, mint, coriander, parsley.

Drizzle the ginger and chilli dressing on top, then finish off with the peanuts.

### Lime, mandarin and olive oil cake

#### Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 300g caster sugar
- 275g plain flour
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 100g extra virgin olive oil
- 100g plain greek yoghurt
- 1 large or 2 small mandarins, about 150g total, washed, cut into pieces with rind on and seeds removed
- 1 large or 2 small limes, about 150g total, washed, cut into pieces with rind on and seeds removed
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- For the glaze:* 30ml lime juice, 30ml water, 35g caster sugar

#### Method

Preheat oven to 175°C. Prepare a 20cm springform cake tin by spraying with oil (or butter) and line base and sides with baking paper.

Place the sugar and eggs in a large bowl and beat with a mixer until light and fluffy. About 2-3 minutes.

Sift the flour and baking powder, slowly add to the bowl a little at a time along with the extra virgin olive oil. Mix until completely blended, then stir in the yoghurt and vanilla.

In a food processor, chop the mandarins and limes until it is almost pureed. Add the mandarin/lime puree to the cake mixture and stir until evenly combined, put the mixture into the prepared cake tin.

Bake for 50-60 minutes, before removing from the oven, test with a skewer to make sure the cake is done, the skewer should come out clean.

Allow to cool for about 10 minutes, then remove the side of the springform pan.

*For the glaze:*

Melt the sugar in the lime juice and water, allow to simmer for a few minutes, until the liquid has thickened to a syrupy consistency.

Spoon and brush over the top of the cake once sides are removed. Allow to cool completely before cutting.

Garnish with some freshly dusted icing sugar, serve with a dollop of yoghurt and drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.

# PALM LAKE RESORT



## Palm Lake Resort Pelican Waters

**NEW HOMES NOW SELLING!** The epitome of opulence in over-50s living and our most exclusive address yet. This resort neighbours our Greg Norman-design Pelican Waters Golf Course. Some residences enjoy water frontage, some have direct golf course access and some Master Builders Association award winners offer both. All homes enjoy a complimentary golf car. Displays open seven days.



**1800 490 626**  
40 Mahogany Drive, Pelican Waters QLD 4551



## Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes

**NEW HOMES NOW SELLING!** Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes is situated right on the edge of Wallis Lake and takes its inspiration from the Florida coast. The best of the 300+ homesites enjoy coveted lakefront positions. Our \$18 million Belleair Country Club was named New South Wales' Best Sporting Facility by the Master Builders Association. Displays open seven days.

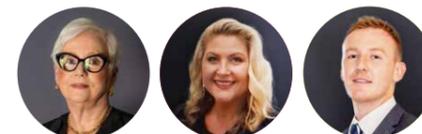


**1800 577 542**  
223 The Lakes Way, Forster NSW 2428



## Palm Lake Resort Paynesville

**NEW HOMES NOW SELLING!** With close to 200 ultra-modern homes planned, we have already sold 25 per cent of this resort masterplan. Homeowners are thoroughly enjoying their outstanding Latitude Country Club. The rich maritime history of the region has been captured in this project that offers the best in affordable luxury. Displays open seven days.



**1800 960 943**  
78 Ashley Street, Paynesville VIC 3880



## Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove

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120 North Creek Road,  
Ballina NSW 2478

**BANORA POINT**  
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67 Winders Place,  
Banora Point NSW 2486

**BARGARA**  
1800 501 119  
39 Wearing Road,  
Bargara QLD 4670

**BEACHMERE BAY**  
1800 338 382  
194 Bishop Road,  
Beachmere QLD 4510

**BEACHMERE SANDS**  
1800 338 333  
218 Bishop Road,  
Beachmere QLD 4510

**BETHANIA**  
1800 774 866  
43 Goodooga Drive,  
Bethania QLD 4205

**CALOUNDRA CAY**  
1800 556 677  
96 Village Way,  
Little Mountain QLD 4551

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Carindale QLD 4152

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Cooroy QLD 4563

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Mt Warren Park QLD 4207

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Cowes VIC 3922

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1800 756 740  
50 Spinifex Avenue,  
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1800 280 129  
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Cranley QLD 4350

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Upper Coomera QLD 4209

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29-71 High Road,  
Waterford QLD 4133

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Bangholme VIC 3175

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# PALM LAKE CARE

Our aged caring communities pride themselves on offering personalised care and fostering a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere where every individual feels valued.

**OUR SINGLE PRIVATE** suites each feature a private ensuite bathroom and some additionally offer courtyard or balcony access. They have been designed to provide ample space and comfort for both couples and singles.

Our Palm Lake Care Customer Experience Specialists are waiting for your call, eager to assist with a transition to residential aged care when it is needed. All enquiries can be directed to 1800 246 677 or you can learn more at our Palm Lake Care website: [palllakecare.com.au](http://palllakecare.com.au)

## Palm Lake Care Bargara

Co-located alongside Palm Lake Resort Bargara, this community is our group's largest, assisting 160 residents to live their life to the fullest. Bargara's warm tropical climate matches the warm welcome our residents receive here.

**55 Wearing Road, Bargara QLD 4670**

## Palm Lake Care Beachmere

Nestled at the water's edge of Moreton Bay, this 102-bed community offers a quiet location in the beautiful Beachmere area. Some rooms feature absolute water frontage, while everyone enjoys the seabreeze and bay view from the extensive deck and rear lawns. You can find Palm Lake Care Beachmere across the road from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands.

**145 Bishop Road, Beachmere QLD 4510**

## Palm Lake Care Bethania

Relaxing lakeside views and birdlife are a highlight of this southside community's location. Palm Lake Resort Bethania is at the end of the drive, creating a great opportunity to remain close to loved ones, when aged care is required. Couple's suites available.

**1 Goodooga Drive, Bethania QLD 4207**

## Palm Lake Care Caloundra

Some 122 residents call this Caribbean-inspired aged caring community home. Its design celebrates the holiday-everyday Sunshine Coast lifestyle. Situated conveniently alongside Palm Lake Resort Caloundra

Cay, this luxury aged caring community was named best Aged Care Facility at the Sunshine Coast Master Builders Association's 2023 Housing and Construction Awards. Couple's suites available.

**95 Village Way, Little Mountain QLD 4551**

## Palm Lake Care Deception Bay

This boutique-sized community is located within walking distance of Deception Bay. The on-site café is a central social hub for residents and their visitors and, being close to shops, our residents enjoy being connected to and involved in their local community.

**42-46 Bay Avenue, Deception Bay QLD 4508**

## Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park

Co-located with Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park, this 110-bed community offers a vibrant lifestyle calendar. Residents engage with their local community through regular excursions and they also enjoy visiting entertainers on a regular basis. Through clever design, there are a variety of room options with different views and aspects.

**33 Mt Warren Boulevard, Mt Warren Park QLD 4207**

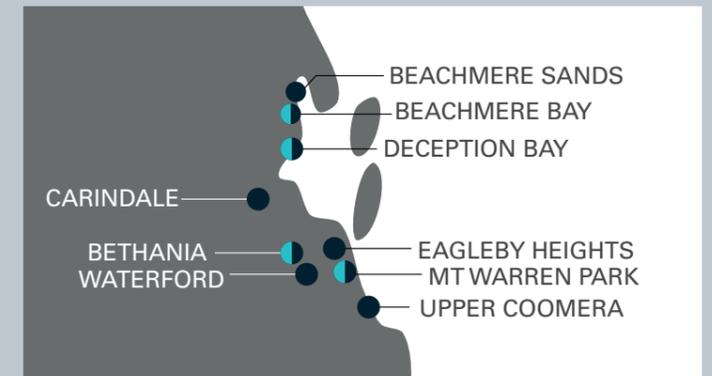
## Palm Lake Care Toowoomba

This beautiful community's interior design reflects its semi-rural location within the Darling Downs, offering a lovely mix of people from the land and urban areas. Co-located alongside Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba, independent construction industry judges from the Master Builders Association were so impressed, they awarded Palm Lake Care Toowoomba 'Best Community Accommodation' in 2021. Couple's suites available.

**97-161 Hogg Street, Toowoomba QLD 4305**



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