

The Gatsby

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021



Seasons greetings

CANAL-FRONT

Our premium canal-front homes are the last available before our resort is completely sold out. Step inside our displays on Pages 4-5

BRING A PLATE

It's officially party season! When you've got a party to attend and you don't want to arrive empty handed, try these foodie ideas

SPORTS STARS

Our residents definitely have a competitive spirit. Check out their most recent achievements on the bowls and golfing greens



Welcome

Welcome to our November-December edition of *The Gatsby* newsletter. Well, we're definitely into the final countdown now, with the last Beachmere Bay homes to be completed by April 2022. If you're thinking about a seachange by the bay, don't delay. The real estate market is running hot and Beachmere is no different. Just a \$1000 deposit will secure your new home.

Our 'Free wheels' are appearing all over the resort with happy new homeowners now behind the wheel of their very own luxury golf cars (see Page 3). We have been giving away a four-seat Club Car 'Tempo' golf car with every new home purchased and continue to do so for a limited time. That's another reason why, if you are thinking about moving to Beachmere Bay, you should act quickly. Free wheels in your garage would be a great Christmas present!

Construction has commenced on our premium canal homes in the final release of Stage 3A. They offer a relaxed style of living with an outlook. Check out Pages 4-5 to walk through our canal-front display homes before you take a physical tour with us - we look forward to welcoming you.

Back to *The Gatsby* - we've really got something for everyone in this edition. Our homeowners' sporting prowess has been on display in recent months and their competitive urge has taken hold. Meet Ron and Nanette Miller - new arrivals who have really made their mark. Plus we've got some great inspiration for your festive season entertaining.

Wishing everyone a safe and festive holiday season. See you in 2022!

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Contact us

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Online: Visit our website beachmerebay.com.au

Social media: Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@palm_lakeresort) and Instagram (@palm_lake_resort) to see what's happening right across all our Palm Lake Group locations.

Street address: Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay can be found at: 194 Bishop Rd, Beachmere.

Freecall: 1800 338 382. There's no cost to you and you'll have our experienced Sales Team at the other end of the line. Easy.

News briefs

Country Music Festival

Groundwater Country Music Festival is an annual free-to-attend festival hosted in Broadbeach from Nov 12-14. The three-day beachside event showcases premier country music performers throughout the streets, bars, parks, venues and restaurants of Broadbeach. In 2019, Groundwater saw more than 70,000 people in attendance with 130+ hours of entertainment. Did you know, the much-loved Groundwater Country Music Festival took out first prize in the Festivals and Events category at the 2019 Australian Tourism Awards. Visit www.groundwatercmf.com

Refer your friends

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home and enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you, right? Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase a new or established Palm Lake Resort home, you'll receive up to \$500 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.



Get your free golf car here!

So popular has our FREE golf car promotion been, we are continuing it! When you buy a brand new home here at Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay you'll receive a \$20,000 Club Car 'Tempo' model absolutely free. It's a luxury ride, with all the best features to keep you on the course longer. Find out more about our free Club Cars at the Sales Information Centre. **Pictured below:** Check out who's enjoying their 'free wheels' already. At left is Robert Pepper (Villa 224) and, right, is Paul Wright (Villa 244).



Christmas is here!

The Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties are an annual tradition inviting Brisbane seniors to celebrate the festive season at Brisbane City Hall. There will be 13 shows across five days. Enjoy some light refreshments before taking your seats for some quality entertainment. This much-loved event features a new line up every year with a range of entertainers performing traditional and contemporary Christmas songs at Brisbane City Hall from December 6-10. Tickets are just \$5 and available online at www.oztix.com.au





Last chance!

Get your premium canal home before they're gone

WE'RE ON THE DOWNHILL RUN TO RESORT COMPLETION WITH JUST A FEW HOMES LEFT. BUT WE'VE DEFINITELY SAVED THE BEST UNTIL LAST. THESE HOMES ARE CANAL FRONT AND OFFER AN OPEN-SPACE FEEL WITH RELAXED VIEWS. TAKE A PRIVATE TOUR AND CHECK OUT OUR DISPLAY HOMES. HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK...



OUR SALES INFORMATION CENTRE IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS



A monster success

OUR ANNUAL MONSTER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT MARKET HAS JUST BEEN WRAPPED UP AND IT PROVED ANOTHER GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT.

The Beach House truly came alive on October 16 for our Monster Garage Sale and Craft Market event. Volunteers started their duties at 5am to be prepared for the opening of the gates at 7am. For the next five hours there were in excess of 1000 people who came along to capture a bargain and enjoy themselves. You could not drive down Bishop Road without knowing something was on. The banners and flags, as well as the SES and RFS appliances, all stood out like a big neon sign. A shout out to our shuttle buggy drivers who provided continuous passage throughout the event.

Upon entry, visitors were given their free lucky gate ticket by our volunteers. The lift foyer was filled with 150 multi-draw prizes and our call centre spent the day busily phoning up winners as the tickets were drawn. As you moved under the building, 20 items for auction were on

display. From there, guests were able to check out the craft and cake stalls. The smell of onions, bacon, eggs, and sausages cooking got mouths watering. Further along, guests could browse the Beachmere Men's Shed. There was incredible bric-a-brac available, popcorn for sale, book stall and games central - a mini-Ekka by Terry Young's team. Lob-a-choc provided loads of fun. Entertainment included performances by the choir, band, and Dance Excellence students of Beachmere State School. Our auction then took off with Roger excelling in his skills. The bids rolled in and the bargains rolled out. As our morning came to an end, the Major Monster Draw prizes were announced. This incredible event was a success both socially and financially. It was great to see the smiles on faces. Whether they had won a prize, just bought that super bargain or were just enjoying the occasion, everyone went home happy.

At an afternoon tea on October 22, the total amount raised was announced. Through everyone's valuable contribution, the SES and RFS each received \$7500 - a grand total of \$15,000 was raised by the Monster Garage Sale and Craft Market for 2021. An excellent effort!



Bowls brings Palm Lake people together

THE SCORES ARE IN FOR THE RECENT BIENNIAL PALM LAKE RESORT INTER-RESORT BOWLS COMPETITION...

Drumroll please... Bargara and Beachmere Bay resorts have both come out on top in the recent Palm Lake Resort inter-resort bowls competition. Residents from eight Palm Lake Resorts descended upon Dalby Bowls Club for the event, organised by Palm Lake Resort Bargara homeowner Joy Williams. Joy says there were 50 teams of three competing in the championships from Palm Lake Resorts Bargara, Beachmere Bay, Beachmere Sands, Cooroy- Noosa, Hervey Bay, Upper Coomera, Toowoomba and our Caloundra Cay contingent.

The dual-resort win was thanks to the winning team being made up of a combination of players from two locations - two from Beachmere and a third from Bargara. The winning team was a literal representation of what Palm Lake Resort is all about - likeminded people coming together to support one another and enjoy a shared interest. As well as the on-green action, there were plenty of opportunities for the resort teams to socialise and catch up. By all reports the three-day event went down a treat!

"Will there be another Palm Lake Inter-Resort Bowls Comp? You betcha!" organiser Joy smiles. "These comps not only showcase what Palm Lake Resorts are all about to these small towns but they bring together likeminded residents in a social environment in smallish towns that need visitor support to thrive. The dollars we bring into these towns does not go unnoticed."

"I should add that without the generous sponsorship of Palm Lake Resort itself, I could not have presented trophies and giveaways to those attending, so am very appreciative of their sponsorship."

The event's key prize-winners included:

- **J.A.M. Bargara:** Alan Johnson, Marianne Alhovinta, John Beeck
- **2+1 Toowoomba:** Nola and Stephen Costabeber, with John Munting
- **Bowled Over Cooroy-Noosa:** Tony Toscano, Les and Vicki Checkley (who came in last place).

Around the greens

THE WEST HAMPTON GOLF CLUB MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP HAS BEEN RUN AND WON.

Congrats to Neil McInnes who beat Chris Pugh. It was a close game that required the full nine holes to decide a winner. A big thank you to all players who participated and made it such a successful event.



Ron's thumbs shine green

BETWEEN RON MILLER'S GREEN THUMB AND HIS GENEROUS AND FRIENDLY DISPOSITION, BEACHMERE BAY HAS FOUND A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR.

Beachmere Bay homeowner Ron Miller has become somewhat of a local gardening guru in recent months - sharing his love of gardening with his lucky and very grateful neighbours.

Ron and his wife, Nanette (pictured right), moved to Beachmere Bay in May this year and in the six-odd months since, Ron has added copious amounts of colour and garden delight to his street. And we aren't just talking about his own yard but the yards of around 15 of his neighbours too! Ron and Nanette moved to Beachmere Bay from their family home at Banksia Beach on Bribie Island. "Dear friends" of theirs (friends dating back more than 40 years) had moved into Beachmere Bay and were so excited about their new digs, they insisted the Millers come and check out their beautiful new Hamptons-inspired home.

"As soon as I saw the place, I said 'I'm in!'," Ron smiles.

Ron says he and Nanette had quite the impressive garden there at their family home on Bribie - some days he'd be out in his yard at 6am and work right through to 6pm - it kept him that busy. In fact, Ron became somewhat of a local legend in his suburb for his gardening generosity. He loves nothing more than propagating seeds and growing plants from cuttings and he would often cultivate more than he needed. He'd frequently put a trolley filled with plants out on the street, outside his home, with a sign stating "Free plants".

"I used to take down the names and suburbs of my 'customers', just out of interest, and by the time I left I had a list of well over 100 people," Ron says.

Among his treasured memories of that time, Ron says he owned (and propagated) a collection of around 30 different-coloured desert roses, a range of princess lilies and his favourite, the goldfish plant.

"You just break off pieces of that one and plant them and you've got a new plant," he says. "My mum loved her garden and I think that's where I got the interest from."

You'd assume a man like Ron might have a career background in horticulture or landscaping given how much his plants, gardens and the great outdoors in general mean to him. But, no. Ron worked in hardware and proudly owned his own Mitre 10 hardware store at Narangba for the 15 years leading up to his retirement (which was 15 years ago). He was even prouder to hand over the reins to his son upon his retirement - and his son still runs the Mitre 10 store today.



Back to his Beachmere Bay neighbourhood: Ron's local 'fame' came about after he offered to help out his next-door neighbour, Vim. Ron says that while Vim is a mad-keen golfer, he knows little about plants. So Ron offered to add a little more life and colour to Vim's front yard. The result spoke for itself and Ron says Vim's wife, Regina, was "delighted". One neighbour's garden became another's, became another's, and now Ron says he can't walk up the street without someone asking when he'll be coming over to their place!

Ron commended Palm Lake Resort for providing perfect low-maintenance gardens for resort homes but offered a couple of tips for Beachmere Bay homeowners. He suggests adding a little bit of colour in between all the plants already provided. This will add depth and interest to the display. Also, Ron says you can't beat the Caboolture Markets for good quality, inexpensive plants and a massive range.

"I just can't help myself when I go there - I always buy more plants than I need!" he laughs.

Well, Ron, no one will stop you when the end result is even more colour and lushness for the grounds of Beachmere Bay. We all salute you (and your two green thumbs!).



Right on cue

WALK INTO ANY PALM LAKE RESORT COUNTRY CLUB AND YOU'LL LIKELY FIND A GROUP OF RESIDENTS GATHERED AROUND THE BILLIARDS TABLE, WATCHING OR PARTICIPATING IN A NEIGHBOURLY GAME. BUT IT'S A GAME THAT SPANS THE GENERATIONS - SO OUR VISITING FAMILIES LOVE IT TOO.

If there's one thing many Palm Lake Resort residents have in common, it's that they love a good game of snooker - it's the reason most of our resorts across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria have their own billiards tables. Pool, snooker and billiards are all beloved as social games best enjoyed with a drink and good company, but did you know there are distinct differences between them? Paul Cosgriff, president of the Victorian Billiards and Snooker Association, explained the differences clearly. Paul says billiards is played with only three balls (one red, one white and a yellow cue ball). Both snooker and pool begin with a triangle of 15 balls each - in pool they are multicoloured and divided into solids and stripes, while in snooker they are red. Snooker is also played with an additional six coloured balls. Both of these games also require a white cue ball.

"The thing I love most about these games is the combination of physics and artistry," says Paul. "Physics tells you that if you hit the ball a certain way, it will end up in a certain position. Mastering all of the other factors - like side, intentional spin and strength - is where the artistry comes in. The best players will finish exactly where they want to finish, under incredible pressure. That's the beauty of the game."

Paul's tips for bettering your game

1. Although cues are provided, your own cue is always best. Your individual cue gives the best 'feel' and on large professional tables, players fit extensions to their own cue because that familiarity is so important.

2. Two-piece cues are best for ease of transport, and storage. The join can be at half-way or "3/4" - meaning well down near the butt end of the cue. Under the rules, a cue must be at least three feet in length, so if you take the butt end off a "3/4" cue you could still play a shot. Most cues are 54" in length - generally standing about shoulder height, or just above, or below. Therefore, you could not unscrew the 2-piece cue with a mid-join and play a legal stroke.

3. When purchasing a Cue, play a number of shots hitting 'high' on the cue-ball so that it follows on, or runs through, after the object ball. This translates to 'feel' and helps when comparing cues. The more expensive cue is not necessarily the best feel for you. The tip of the cue is your only means of control for spins on the ball (screw, stun and side) so maintain it well. Good chalk is essential.

4. Persistence is the key to improvement and full enjoyment. Practice, especially for plain ball striking, is essential to eliminate unintentional spins. Later practice allows for intentional spins to manoeuvre the cue ball to the desired position for the succeeding stroke.

5. An adjunct to persistence is maintenance. The cue should be kept clean and dry, with a little wood oil on exposed wood near the tip, and below the ferrule. The billiard table should have a dust cover. When the dust cover is removed, the table should be brushed from the baulk end (the "D") all the way to the top of the table where the black spot is. Never "bang" a ball onto a spot. It can only cause damage. The table should be serviced by a qualified person if there are problems with spots, wear and tear to the cloth, or if the table is out of level.

Bring a plate



WE ALL KNOW JUST HOW MUCH PALM LAKE RESORT RESIDENTS LOVE A CATCH UP. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE LITERALLY BUILT ON 'COMMUNITY'. WHETHER IT'S A STREET PARTY WITH GARAGES DOORS WIDE OPEN AND FOLD-OUT CHAIRS ENMASSE IN DRIVEWAYS, OR VISITING FAMILY CATCHING UP AROUND A BARBECUE OR OUR RESORT POOL, ONE THING IS FOR SURE – YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BRING A PLATE.

Ahhh, summer – it's the season of entertaining here in Australia, when neighbours, friends and family come together to celebrate, well, just about anything. Even when you're told not to bring a thing, it's nice to not turn up empty handed. Here are our Top 5 easy 'bring a plate' idea to get you through another Palm Lake celebratory season because, guess what? It's already that time of the year again!

Cheese platter

Cheese platters are always crowd favourites and should be your Number 1 go-to. Whatever your taste, there's always something on a good cheese platter that everyone can enjoy. In our opinion, a solid cheese platter should include the following:

- A soft cheese like brie, goats' cheese or camembert
- A hard cheese like cheddar or gouda
- A blue cheese like gorgonzola, Roquefort or stilton
- A mix of crackers and bread
- A selection of dips, both dairy-based (ie, French onion) and dairy free (ie, pesto)
- Quince paste

- Something salty, like olives, cured meats or nuts
- Something sweet, like fruit or chocolate.

Also, note that presentation is key when it comes to a memorable platter. Wooden chopping boards make a great base for your platter and don't forget a cheese knife.

Spinach cob loaf

This Aussie party classic has been on high rotation for more than 100 years (yes, really!). And it's so simple to make. Take a large cob loaf (your choice of white, sour-dough or wholemeal bread) and slice off the top, allowing you to remove the soft internal bread – save it for the next steps though. Drain a bag of frozen spinach of all water and mix with sour cream, mayonnaise, red onion and powdered vegetable stock until it forms a dip-like consistency. Scoop the mixture into the hollowed-out cob loaf and, under the grill, toast the bread chunks you tore out of the middle to serve.

Sushi tray

For something a little bit more exotic, you can't go past a sushi tray. Sushi is a lot of fun to make, too! Simply cook

Up the ante

Don't just bring a plate to that next summer soiree - bring a jug as well! Here's a fruity sangria recipe to get you through the festive months! In a large glass pitcher, pour one bottle of white or red wine over ice. Then add four tablespoons of white sugar, 60ml of brandy and two cups of ginger ale. Stir. Add sliced oranges, lemons and limes and muddle slightly with your stirrer. Garnish each glass with a fruit wedge.



some sushi rice (short grain white rice made stickier with rice vinegar, sugar and salt), lay out a bamboo sushi mat and a sheet of seaweed (nori). Spread the rice onto the nori evenly, and right to each edge. Have a bowl of water on hand to help you form the sushi without the rice sticking to your hands. Add your preferred fillings along one side – fish, chicken, fresh vegetables, avocado and egg are popular choices – then roll it all together and cut with a super sharp knife.

Skewers

Does anything beat a skewer when it comes to finger food? There are no crumbs, no cutlery needed and plenty of deliciousness – plus, they're a lot of fun! Some exciting chargrilled skewer combinations include:

- Prawn, mango and avocado
- Steak, mushrooms, red onion
- Italian chicken, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, capsicum
- Grilled tofu or tempeh, carrots and mushrooms.

And to extend on your skewer repertoire, why not do fruit skewers? Pick the most colourful seasonal fruit available and chop into bite-sized pieces. For colour, you can't go past a combination featuring watermelon, grapes, rockmelon, honeydew, pineapple and the like. Easy!

Weekly activities

MONDAY

7.30am Sands golf competition
9am Zumba
9am Lawn bowls: Ladies' morning
10am Mah-jong
10am Social golf
10am Yoga
1pm Cards: Hand & Foot
1pm Lawn bowls: Triples, Pairs, Mixed social
2pm Ukelele practise
5pm Mixed tennis

TUESDAY

8.15am Senior exercise class
10am Ladies social golf
10am Book Club (second Tuesday)
1pm Cards: Hand & Foot
4pm Pickleball
4pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers, Mixed social
7pm Line Dancing
7pm Cards: 500

WEDNESDAY

All day Social golf
7.30am Aqua aerobics
8.15am Mat Pilates
8.45am Armchair yoga
12.30pm Lawn bowls: Self-selected pairs
1pm Duplication Bridge

THURSDAY

All day Social golf
8.15am Yoga
9-11am Lawn bowls: Pot luck
9am Mixed tennis
1pm Cards: 500
1pm Supervised Bridge
1.30pm Craft, coffee and chat
7pm Lawn bowls: Winners & Losers, Pairs, Triples

FRIDAY

7.30am Social golf competition
8.30am Mat Pilates
9.15am Tai chi
10am Mah-jong
1pm Social golf
1pm Line dancing (beginners)
1-3pm Lawn bowls: Men's
2pm Line dancing (intermediate)
4pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY

All day Social golf
9am Mini Bridge
9.30-11am Lawn bowls: Beginners' coaching
10am Remote-controlled boats
2pm Movies
4pm Lawn bowls: Scroungers, Mixed social

SUNDAY

All day Social golf
8am Pickleball
4pm Croquet
4pm Happy Hour

Eat, drink and be merry

There's nothing more enjoyable than breaking bread with friends, and you can do just that in any of our popular Palm Lake Resort Country Clubs. With a free meal, per household, every week, prepared fresh on-site by our experienced chefs, there's even more reason to dine with us. Or why not pull up a stool at happy Hour? We're all about spending quality time with likeminded friends.

Here, community is everything.



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