

# The Mariner



December 2025 - January 2026



## Heart of the home

Our kitchens are filled with many modern features to suit the happy home chef

## Around the grounds

Check out who's new in the neighbourhood and what our homeowners have been up to

## Avon calling

Our Avon home design is a popular option and it's easy to see why

SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS OF OUR NEXT BIG EVENT - WILL YOU BE THERE?



Above: Your creative pursuits can find a well-catered-for home here at Palm Lake Resort.



## Welcome

Hello all and welcome to our latest edition of *The Mariner* newsletter, bringing you all the news out of Palm Lake Resort Paynesville.

The summer holiday season is in full swing and we've loved watching our homeowners come together, all in the name of festive fun. We've also enjoyed hosting our homeowners' special visitors here across the resort. Our facilities are definitely built for sharing and we are seeing many homeowners and their family members making summer-holiday memories together, whether that's in our resort pool, or in our tenpin bowling alley or by simply exploring the grounds together.

As well as our facilities, there's no doubting our designer homes are built for sharing. While situated on low-maintenance homesites, our homes are providing comfortable accommodation when the numbers swell during holiday periods like this. The Avon design is a good example. With three bedrooms, there's plenty of room for homeowners' hobbies, but also plenty of room when the visitors stop by. You can check out more about our Avon design on Pages 4-6 and phone us on 1800 960 943 to find out which Avons we have available for you right now.

While Santa was busy delivering presents in recent weeks, Palm Lake Resort Paynesville delivered pickleball courts, a dog off-leash area and even a community garden to our grateful homeowners. Facilities like these only enhance the lifestyle of our community members and give them reason to connect, which is what our lifestyle resort is all about.

In closing, make sure you pop March 12 in your diary for our next sales event - it's bound to be a memorable, music-filled evening that will have you up and dancing while also getting a taste for just how sweet life is here at Palm Lake Resort! Until next time, stay well and safe.

**Sandy, Jess and Dylan**  
Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Team

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## Contact us

Looking for more information about Palm Lake Resort Paynesville? Contact our on-site Sales Information Centre for your private tour of our resort and display homes, as well as all other enquiries.

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## News briefs



### Experienced Palm Lake Resort Paynesville? Leave us a review!

Have you stopped by Palm Lake Resort Paynesville, spoken to our team and experienced our Sales Information Centre? Maybe that visit turned out to be your exciting first step towards a wonderful new Palm Lake Resort lifestyle? Either way, we'd love to hear from you! If you scan the QR code above with your smartphone's camera and click on the link that pops up, you'll be able to leave us a Google review and help other over-50s, like you, better understand the award-winning Palm Lake Resort experience.

### Why not come, stay and play?

There's no better way to understand the Palm Lake Resort Paynesville masterplan, take in our site and explore our local surroundings better than by doing it in person. If you are traveling from out of town to tour our resort, we'd love to offer you a complimentary night's accommodation. Contact our Sales Team on 1800 960 943 to book your private inspection. We look forward to hosting you here at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville soon.



### This is Your Time

The Summer 2025 edition of *This is Your Time* magazine harnesses the wonderful festive energy of the holiday season. It's such a great time of the year! While you'll get the most up-to-date information on all of the construction progress across our newest Palm Lake Resort addresses (including Yamba Cove, Forster Lakes, Pelican Waters and here at Paynesville), you'll also read about how charitable the homeowners are at our established resorts. It was definitely a big year for philanthropic pursuits, proving just how selfless and wonderful our homeowners are. Among the magazine's lifestyle features, readers can enjoy a kaleidoscope of colourful summer ideas across gift giving, recipes, travel and more. You can read the Summer 2025-26 edition online at [palllakeresort.com.au](http://palllakeresort.com.au)

### Doggos delight!

Did you hear that our dog off-leash area is now complete? Ours is a pet-friendly resort and we warmly welcome your four-legged family members. But this new facility is not just a place for exercising your pet. Going by our almost 50 years' experience in developing and operating over-50s resorts along Australia's east coast, we know these off-leash parks are places where likeminded homeowners also meet and connect, and friendships form. We hope you enjoy this new facility as much as your pooch will!



### Get social, with us

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

# It's all in the details

PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE KITCHENS ARE AS STYLISH AS THEY ARE PACKED FULL OF FEATURES INCLUDING THIS, OUR POPULAR 'AVON' DESIGN. WE HAVE AVON HOMES AVAILABLE NOW. TURN OVER TO PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS...

## Statement taps

High quality designer black tapware makes a bold and memorable statement

## Clever Billi

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

## Hide & seek

Integrated cabinetry keeps your SMEG dishwasher and bin drawer cleverly hidden

## Designer inclusions

Designer laminate cabinetry features alongside premium SMEG appliances

## Right lights

LED strips put task lighting right where you need it

## Slick surfaces

Stone benchtops and a glass splashback provide clean lines while making cleaning easy

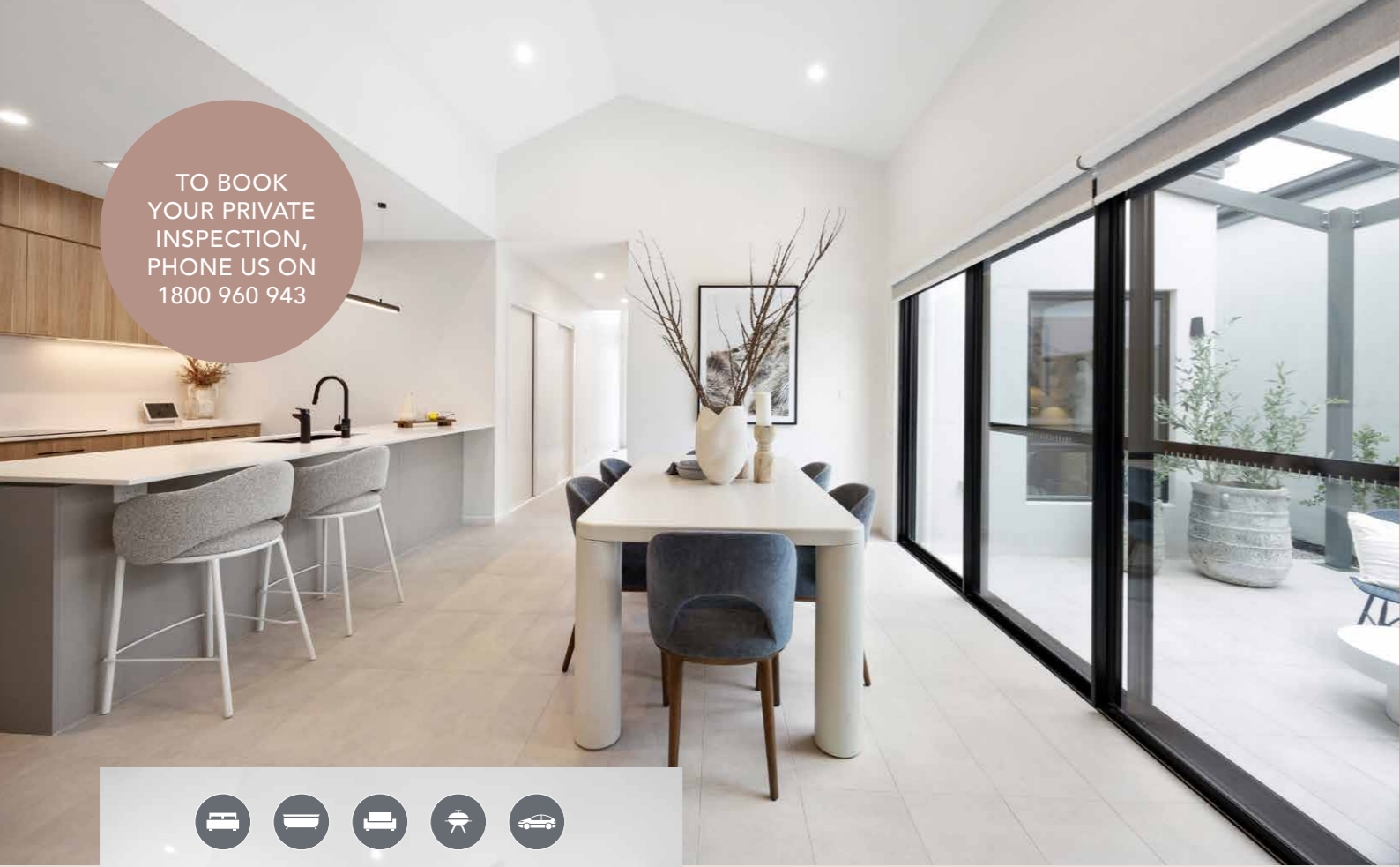
## Gently gently






There are soft-close doors and drawers all throughout the kitchen

Turn over for more of our Avon...

Walk through the rest of our Avon display home on Page 6 >>

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## Avon beauty

EVERY ELEMENT OF THE AVON DESIGN HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TO SUPPORT A RELAXED, LOW-MAINTENANCE LIFESTYLE. IT'S THE PERFECT CHOICE FOR ACTIVE OVER-50s LOOKING FOR BOTH STYLE AND SUBSTANCE IN THEIR FOREVER HOME.

Palm Lake Resort Paynesville's Avon home design offers 222.03m<sup>2</sup> (23.9 squares) of luxury living. The open-plan kitchen and dining areas seamlessly blend to form a spacious and inviting communal zone. With the galley-style kitchen positioned strategically to overlook the living areas, this home is perfect for entertaining as well as keeping homeowners and visitors connected while preparing meals. The master suite is a private sanctuary designed with comfort in mind, featuring an expansive walk-through robe and a generous ensuite with a double-basin vanity. Bedrooms two and three are positioned at the front of the home, providing ample space for hobbies or even a home office set up.

One of the Avon's standout features is its seamless indoor-outdoor integration. The open-plan living area flows directly onto an expansive tiled outdoor area through large stacker doors. This outdoor space is perfect for alfresco dining, morning coffees or simply relaxing in the fresh air.

# You're invited to rock 'n roll with us!

LOOKING FOR A REASON TO STOP BY AND INSPECT OUR GROWING RESORT, WHILE ENJOYING THE LIFESTYLE ON OFFER AND MEETING THOSE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THE FABRIC OF THIS WELCOMING COMMUNITY? WELL, ROCK 'N ROLL ON DOWN!

Palm Lake Resort Paynesville's next major event will be a special rock 'n roll dining experience, bringing together live performances of timeless musical favourites with a beautifully curated three-course dinner.

The event will showcase our area's finest local produce courtesy of New Leaf in Bairnsdale, with wines also sourced from our local winery, Lightfoot Wines. We will have roaming wait staff serving canapes to start the night off right. The following two courses will see our guests invited to sit down and enjoy their main meal and dessert alongside a big serving of live musical entertainment courtesy of local band, 'Gemtones'.

Set within the elegant surrounds of our Latitude Country Club, the event will offer guests the perfect opportunity to explore our stunning venue and experience the vibrant atmosphere of Palm Lake Resort Paynesville at its very best. With vintage cars parked out front, retro photo booths to capture all the memories and plenty of opportunity to kick up your heels, this will be one major event not to be missed!

Pop a note in your diary now for March 12 and keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale in the coming weeks. Cost is \$20 per person. Enjoy a vibrant evening of classic rock, delicious food and wine, all stylishly presented by Palm Lake Resort Paynesville.





# How to play pickleball

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS?

IT'S THE MOST POPULAR SPORTS YOU'VE LIKELY NOT HEARD ALOT ABOUT. SO, WHAT IS PICKLEBALL? HOW DID IT START, AND HOW CAN YOU GET STARTED WITH IT? CONSIDER THIS YOUR INTRODUCTION TO YOUR NEW FAVOURITE SPORT.

Pickleball all started in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington, in the United States of America. Joel Pritchard – who would later go on to serve in congress, and become Washington's Lieutenant Governor – was playing around with friends Barney McCallum and Bill Bell when they devised a new game.

"The name of the game became 'pickleball' after I said it reminded me of (the rowing term) 'pickle boat' where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats," Joan Pritchard, Joel's wife, has been quoted as saying – meaning they had taken elements of a variety of other games - including ping pong, badminton and tennis - to create something new, much like a pickle boat uses spares.

While some believe the name was inspired by the Pritchard's family dog, Pickles, the family have said it was

quite the opposite. Apparently the dog came along later, and was actually named after the game!

## THE RULES

Pickleball resembles tennis and table tennis, though its rules, paddles and court dimensions are quite unique. Here are the basics:

- The pickleball court is 44-feet long and 20-feet wide (13m x 6m).
- The paddles are larger than those used for table tennis but smaller than a standard tennis racquet.
- The hard plastic ball produces less bounce than a tennis ball.

On each side of the net is a seven-foot area (2.1 metres) which is known as the 'non-volley zone' – or, in pickleball speak, "the kitchen". The ball must bounce here in the kitchen before it is hit.

You need 11 points to win but must be two ahead of your opponent. The rules also specify side-out scoring, which means that only the server can score a point. All of these factors combine to create a dynamic pace, so it's little wonder that it often takes just one game of pickleball

for players to become hooked! The secret to this sport's success is simple: it is easily enjoyed by players of all ages and fitness levels. For one, the main aim is to have as much fun as you can. It's also very easy to pick up, and there is little to no running involved, unlike a standard game of tennis, making it an ideal choice for those who find other sports too tiring. The skills required are more about hand-eye coordination and we all know that sharpening this skill is a brain training session as much as it is an active sporting session.

## PICKLEBALL AND PALM LAKE RESORT

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa is believed to be the first resort in the Palm Lake Group to introduce pickleball, starting their group in 2019. Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens followed suit soon after. Now, many locations throughout the Group have well-established pickleball groups. And with the unveiling of our brand new pickleball courts here at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville, the sport is set to take off here as well!

## New facilities bring likeminded together

OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH MORE NEW FACILITIES HANDED OVER TO GRATEFUL PALM LAKE RESORT HOMEOWNERS.

Among the most recent facilities handed over were the pickleball courts and our community vegetable garden (as pictured below). Our new dog off-leash park has also been welcomed by pet owners in recent weeks.

Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Manager Sandy Martin says these types of facilities help bring likeminded homeowners together over common interests.

"Our green-thumbed homeowners have been helping establish the seedlings in our raised garden beds, with the fruits of their labour to be shared by all in the coming months," Sandy says. "And pickleball has been a sport on the rise in Australia for the past few years so we're glad to be bringing it here to our resort so our homeowners can try their hand at it."





Deb & Paul



Lorraine



Sue & Terry (with Teddy)



Connie & Graham



Joy & Tim



Michael & Christine



Terry & Andrea

# Welcome new neighbours

MORE AND MORE SHINY NEW HOMES ARE POPPING UP RIGHT ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE ALL THE TIME. CHECK OUT ALL THESE BIG DOOR BOWS! WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

## Caretakers' note

WHAT AN EXCITING AND EVENTFUL FESTIVE SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON IT IS HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE! THERE'S CERTAINLY BEEN PLENTY TO CELEBRATE AND LOTS OF MEMORABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY TO REPORT ON.

We've had many more homeowners join our community in recent months with our resort population almost doubling in size as people were excited to settle into their new homes before Christmas.

There was plenty on the social calendar over the festive season to match that exciting new energy. Our homeowners hosted a lovely Christmas lunch in the Latitude Country Club. They enjoyed a smorgasbord lunch and even a visit from Santa (as our photos, right, reveal!). There was also a champagne breakfast on Christmas morning which was enjoyed by all who attended. Our New Year's Eve barbecue dinner brought people together again - and of course our bar was open!

Beyond the festive dates, we've also seen a host of planned special activities. There was a recent bus trip to Traralgon Rodeo which homeowners also thoroughly enjoyed (see photos, right. Yeehaa!). We've got many more trips, workshops and get-togethers planned ahead for 2026.

Prior to Christmas, the off-leash dog park was opened for our furry friends and their owners to enjoy. It was indeed a very popular facility on opening day - and every day since then! The pickleball courts have also been completed and are proving a magnet for sporting fun - especially with visiting families and friends over the festive season. With the community garden also complete, a group of homeowner volunteers have begun a Gardening Club, planting a range of veggies and herbs, with a watering roster keeping everything on track. This facility is already providing the (green) goods, but is also providing reason for people to come together around their shared interest, which is really what our resort is all about.

We look forward to see our community grow further in the New Year! See you all around the grounds.

JO AND TROY, CARETAKERS





# Connections, for life

Surrounded by idyllic lakes and undisputed natural beauty, a wonderful water-world awaits you at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville. The perfect community to come home to, boasting world-class facilities that Palm Lake Resort is renowned for. Homeowners are now enjoying their multi-million dollar Latitude Country Club with its eight-rink undercover bowling green, tenpin bowling alley, movie theatre, heated indoor pool and spa, and much more. This is a place where friendships abound. This is your time.



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