

The Mariner



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Local loves

Are you new to the area or thinking of joining us here? Our local team has the hot tips

It's easy to make friends...

Palm Lake Resort Paynesville homeowners Steve and Julie provide an insight into their life-changing decision

Avon calling

Our new Avon home design includes all the features you need to 'rightsize' in your next chapter



Welcome

Spring is definitely in the air right now with beautiful sunny days shining down on us here at Paynesville.

I'd like to send a big warm welcome to our new Palm Lake Resort Paynesville homeowners. We now have 17 homes occupied with resort facilities also open for our community's enjoyment. We love watching these homeowners making the most of every day - there is always something happening around the grounds here at our resort. Our Latitude Country Club is without doubt the heart of this growing community and it's great to see our homeowners taking advantage of this stellar space - whether it's via a relaxed coffee catch up or something more active. On that topic, our resort's pickleball courts are underway, with the slabs already down. Pickleball's popularity is on the rise here in Australia and it's a great game that allows our homeowners to stay active while also (importantly) staying social. While you can definitely play pickleball at quite a competitive level, it's also fun to have a 'hit and giggle' with your neighbours!

Because we know you love to stay active, our resort is hosting a fun Bowls Day on October 31, for invited bowlers and their partners. Our eight-rink undercover lawn bowls green is arguably the best facility of its kind in our area and the game itself is very popular among over-50s so we know this event will be popular.

Our Sales Information Centre was pleased to welcome a new Sales Consultant, Dylan, to the team in recent months and now we also get to welcome another new addition to the 'family'. Dylan and Millie's first child, a beautiful boy called Alfred, has just arrived! We wish Dylan's family the best.

Our Sales Team is now in our beautiful new office at the front of the resort. If you haven't been here for a while, you should call in and refresh your memory, have another inspection and see how Palm Lake Resort Paynesville is growing. We are open seven days a week. There's also a great train service from Bairnsdale to Melbourne, three times a day, which makes it easy to visit us from that little bit further afield (and also makes Melbourne so accessible, once you live here!).

Until next time, stay well and safe.

Sandy, Jess and Dylan
Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Team

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News briefs

Why not come and stay awhile?

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 travelling 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!



The green dream

Bowls is really taking off here at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville with thanks to our impressive eight-rink undercover lawn bowls green facility and the coaching expertise we have uncovered among our homeowner community. Coaching sessions and games are underway. Pictured above is a recent three-bowl triples competition. Players enjoyed a good game of eight ends. There was lots of laughter and friendly banter mixed with a little bit of serious competition. And, of course, the game was followed by a glass or two in our fabulous Latitude Country Club. "It is great to see our folks having a great time while participating in a great sport - regardless of their skill or age," homeowner bowls coach Steve Beggs says.



Comfy threads

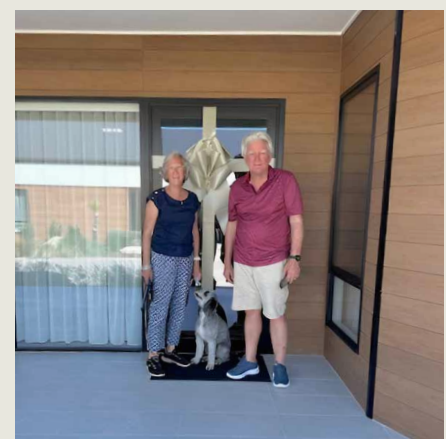
National Pyjama Day was held recently and it gave our Palm Lake Works construction team members the chance to wear their PJs to work! Our team's fundraising effort was added to Paynesville Primary School's collection, with all cash going to The Pyjama Foundation, to support children in foster care.

Welcome home!

As more and more shiny new homes pop up right across Palm Lake Resort Paynesville, we welcome more new homeowners into our community, as pictured below.



Ron & Sharon



Mark & Karen (with Max)



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Avon calling

HAVE YOU MET OUR AVON DESIGN HOME?
THIS THREE-BEDROOM, TWO BATHROOM, TWO-
CAR GARAGE DESIGN OFFERS THE KIND OF
SPACE SOUGHT AFTER BY OVER-50s LOOKING TO
'RIGHTSIZE' NOT DOWNSIZE.

As you step into Palm Lake Resort Paynesville's Avon home design, you're immediately welcomed by a generous entryway that sets the tone for this home that is both luxurious and functional. The front porch and formal entry ensure guests are welcomed in style. Through this wide entry there's a direct sightline to the open-plan living area to create an immediate sense of space and flow upon entry.

Moving into the heart of this 222.03m² (23.9 squares) home, the open-plan living, dining and kitchen 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 large laundry behind the kitchen offers practical walk-through access to the home's double garage and side yard.

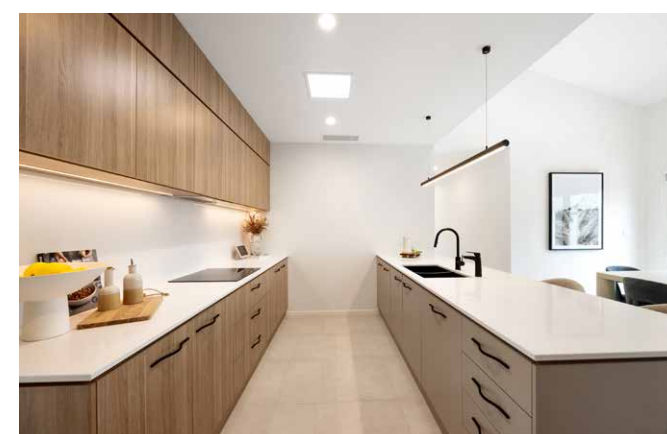
The master suite is a private sanctuary designed with comfort in mind. Situated at the rear of the home, it offers peace and privacy. This spacious main bedroom offers an expansive walk-through robe and a generous ensuite with a double-basin vanity. Together, this complete suite provides an ideal retreat for rest and its thoughtful

design highlights Avon's focus on practical luxury – a key consideration for over-50s who are looking to 'right-size' their lifestyle.

Bedrooms two and three are positioned at the very front of the home, providing ample space for hobbies or even a home office setup. Each room includes built-in robes, ensuring storage is never an issue. Their position, furthest away from the master suite, enhances privacy for guests – an important feature for many of our over-50s homeowners who enjoy hosting visiting family or friends.

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. This connection to the outdoors not only enhances the sense of space but also supports a healthy, active lifestyle that so many over-50s value.

Every element of the Avon design has been carefully considered to support a relaxed, low-maintenance lifestyle, making it a perfect choice for active over-50s looking for both style and substance in their forever home.



Our team's local loves

PALM LAKE RESORT SALES CONSULTANT JESS, ALONG WITH CARETAKERS JO AND TROY, GET TO MEET AND CHAT WITH PEOPLE EVERY DAY WHO ARE JUST AS CAPTIVATED BY THE PAYNESVILLE AREA AS THEY ARE, SO WE ASKED OUR MOST LOCAL TEAM MEMBERS TO REVEAL SOME OF THEIR FAVE LOCAL RECOMMENDATIONS – INSIGHT INTO THE PAYNESVILLE THINGS THEY LOVE AND THAT THEY KNOW YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH, TOO...

Where to eat

Jo & Troy

We love going to Pier 70, right on the waterfront in Paynesville. We pull up to the jetty on the boat and step right onto the outside decking. We have our son with us and bring along the dog, the atmosphere is great, staff are wonderful and the view even more spectacular. Local wines and fresh produce make for a delicious spot for Sunday lunch. Glass of Lightfoot Rose, locally caught fish and chips, watching the ferry go back and forth to Raymond Island. Affogatos for dessert, perfect! We also love heading to the Metung Hotel for a beautiful outdoor meal while the sun is setting over the water. By boat, it's only 15 minutes across the lakes with stunning views.

Jess

Sardine Dining is my favourite eatery in Paynesville. Mark Briggs, the owner and chef, has worked in Michelin-starred restaurants and ran the Vue de Monde kitchen for four years before moving to East Gippsland and opening Sardine Dining. Mark is passionate about showcasing local produce and works closely with local farmers and fishermen to supply the restaurant. Sardine Cantina is next door; it's a relaxed wine bar that I love visiting with my girlfriends to share a bottle of local wine and a cheese platter.

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Places to explore

Jo & Troy

We love getting on the ferry to Raymond Island – two minutes and you’re there. There’s something special about seeing koalas in their natural habitat and not just in a zoo. If you’re lucky, you’ll see them munching on gum leaves or swapping trees. We take anyone who comes to visit us over there – it’s wonderful! From September to February is a great time to see the baby joeys with their mums in the trees. Another one of our favourite spots to explore is 90 Mile Beach. Five minutes by boat and a short walk over the sand dunes and you’re standing on kilometres of beach. We’re shocked that most of the time no one else is there – you have all of it to yourself and it’s breathtaking!

Jess

We also love the Raymond Island Koala Trail walk. It’s common to see other wildlife like kangaroos, echidnas and many beautiful native birds. The Den of Nargun is one of our favourites to explore – a slightly challenging hike over rocks and fallen trees in a stunning rainforest setting and waterfall along Dead Cock Creek.

Things to do

Jo & Troy

When in Paynesville you must go snorkelling and paddleboarding on the waterfront. It’s waist-deep for roughly 20 metres which makes it perfect for families and paddle boarding. You just have to weave through the families of black swans that live here in Paynesville – they live at the waterfront and swim right alongside you! When you’re there, it’s just a quick nip across the road for coffees and ice cream. Another local must-do is boating and exploring the extensive lake system that’s right on our doorstep. Water skiing and tubing in the warmer months is fun! We are blown away by the beauty of this area and all that’s to do here.

Jess

We love the water, and that’s where you’ll mostly find us – whether it’s a day trip to The Grange for a swim at 90 Mile Beach or an early morning stand-up paddle board session at Sunset Cove, there are activities to suit everyone here.

Welcome Dylan

PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE HAS WELCOMED A VIBRANT NEW FACE TO THE SALES TEAM. LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO DYLAN DOECKE.

If you happen to be walking past the Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Information Centre, make sure you stop by and say hi to our newest team member, Dylan. Originally from Perth, where his still family lives, Dylan has been living in East Gippsland for five years now. Dylan’s rise into real estate started, interestingly, on the basketball court.

“I spent time in the United States playing basketball in 2011 before enrolling at the Australian College of Basketball in Melbourne, where I completed a Sport Development Diploma,” Dylan explains. “I actually returned to the states and toured Las Vegas playing basketball with the ACB team in 2014, but then I suffered a career-ending injury and had to change my focus.”

Dylan sought work with Winning Appliances and from 2015-2020 he enjoyed various roles across the company, from working in the warehouse to working in sales. It was during this time that he moved to Richmond, Victoria, to help open Winning Appliances’ first Victorian showroom on Swan Street. Dylan says he enjoyed the challenge and spent a lot of his time on their showroom floor selling luxury appliances. From there, Dylan and his partner, Millie, decided to move closer to Millie’s family in East Gippsland and build a home.

“I worked for a local real estate company, out of their Bairnsdale office, for four years,” Dylan explains.

It was that job and their exciting new life together that cemented Dylan’s love for our local area.

“What I love about this area the most is the beauty and peace it brings,” he smiles. “There are so many lakes, rivers, walking tracks, forests, mountains and beaches.



A 30-minute drive can take you to some of the most beautiful spots Victoria has to offer.

“Also, the fresh produce and local meats are of the highest quality, which is a huge thing for me as I am very conscious of my health and wellbeing.”

Dylan says you can find him and Millie enjoying a personal training session in Bairnsdale most mornings before he hits the Palm Lake Resort Sales Information Centre. Millie shares Dylan’s passion for health and wellness. She is a part owner and instructor for Recover Pilates here in Paynesville, with a new studio soon in Bairnsdale.

And if life wasn’t already busy enough for this active pair, they have also been working on a little something extra special in recent weeks...

“We just welcomed a baby boy early in September!” Dylan beams.

“We strongly believe that living in a country town, like Paynesville, offers the best opportunities to raise a family - or to retire! - with the laid-back lifestyle and amazing sense of community that comes with towns like ours.

“Working as a Sales Consultant with Palm Lake Resort Paynesville has been a great experience so far. Being able to sell such a unique lifestyle, with beautifully designed homes and our breathtaking Latitude Country Club, combined with my passion for people, means I wake up excited for work every day.

“It is actually a privilege to work for Palm Lake Resort. I truly believe in the product I am selling and I am very blessed with the team and leadership around me here in Paynesville.”

"It's easy to make friends here..."

STEPHEN AND JULIE BEGGS ADMIT THEY WERE INITIALLY HESITANT TO MAKE THE MOVE TO PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE BUT, FOUR MONTHS AFTER MOVING IN, JULIE SAYS "I'M PINCHING MYSELF EVERY DAY THAT WE GET TO LIVE HERE".

The Beggs were originally Melbournites who, quite early on in life, sought a change of lifestyle away from the hustle and bustle of the CBD. Long-time East Gippsland locals, the pair and their family have since clocked up 23 years in Nicholson, five years at Lakes Entrance and 14 years in Paynesville.

Their decision to move to Palm Lake Resort Paynesville was originally rooted in their desire to downsize the yard maintenance required at their family home while still retaining the vibrant lifestyle they had become accustomed to. Steve says one walk through Palm Lake Resort Paynesville's Latitude Country Club and a look at the resort's eight-rink undercover lawn bowls green and the deal was sealed!

"Don't get me wrong – we really love our Palm Lake Resort home – but it was the lifestyle that attracted us," Steve explains. "We get to walk up to the Country Club and enjoy a few drinks with our friends and then it's an easy walk back home afterwards."

An avid lawn bowler with 20 years' experience, Steve says he's keen to lend his accredited coaching skills to the resort's fledgling bowls club to help build a strong membership of social players. With a championship undercover floodlit facility right on their doorsteps,

Steve says there's no better sport to bring the resort's homeowner population together for a casual roll up – and some fun!

Beyond the green, Julie says she's also enjoying resort

yoga classes as well as the weekly Happy Hour and resort meal night. And the pair relish the fact that their close friends also live at the resort – and that they're making more friends every week.

"It's easy to make friends here – everyone is likeminded," Steve smiles.

Another important part of the Beggs' life is their family. With two children and six grandchildren all living nearby, their Palm Lake Resort Paynesville home had to be big enough to entertain the full tribe when they visited and also accommodate them when they wanted to stay on.

"I'd describe our house as warm and cosy, and it's definitely well built," Steve says. "Our walk-in robe and ensuite is brilliant and, funnily enough, we both really love the Billi tap (offering instant boiling water and cold drinking water from the one spout) in the kitchen. It's so great!"

Steve and Julie have also personally experienced the peace of mind that Palm Lake Resort Paynesville's secure gated community, with on-site caretakers, provides them. They've already been able to lock up their new home and leave it safe and secure to enjoy a six-week caravanning holiday – without the lawn and yard maintenance upon their return, which was previously their norm.

All in all, Steve and Julie say they haven't looked back since making the decision to move to Palm Lake Resort Paynesville. This exciting next chapter is already shaping up to be their best yet!



Caretakers' note

THERE'S BEEN LOTS HAPPENING HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY OUR IMPRESSIVE LATITUDE COUNTRY CLUB.

Weekly complimentary yoga classes have begun on Tuesday mornings and they are proving to be very popular among our homeowners - it seems everyone wants to bend and stretch and find their zen! Weekly water aerobics classes in our pool are also proving popular on Wednesday mornings.

A social handcraft group has recently formed and members are keen to invite other likeminded homeowners along to share in their love of knitting, crochet, sewing, patchwork or any other handcraft. There's also a social craft group offering Christmas workshops at the moment, creating beautiful Christmas decorations ahead of the upcoming holiday season.

Social bowls is another popular activity on Wednesday afternoons - and players normally end up enjoying a few drinks at the Bar afterwards. Then there's also the well-attended Happy Hour each Friday afternoon!

Movie nights are underway in our welcoming 55-seat Cinema. Homeowners can choose a movie from Apple TV, Netflix or any of our available streaming services and, of course, there's always freshly popped popcorn in the popcorn machine outside the Cinema doors.

Weekly bus trips in our 12-seater Mercedes sprinter are taking our homeowners out and about together for their weekly shopping needs - and some fun. Whether it's a bus trip to Lucke's Fresh Food Market in Bairnsdale or to visit the swing bridge opening in Sale (as pictured below left), there are tonnes of options when it comes to things to do and see around here. We are also currently enjoying fortnightly lunches in our dining hall, compliments of the Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Team. Catered by Pier 70, we are enjoying a delicious two-course lunch with a glass of Lightfoot wine.

With a growing community here at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville, there really is an activity for everyone. But, as always, we are just as accomodating to those who simply want to enjoy the serenity of their own home in our secure gated community. All these events and social get togethers are listed on the Homeowners' Resort App. Make sure you check it out to stay up to date with what's happening and to book yourself into activities - all from the convenience and ease of your smartphone.

See you around the grounds!

JO AND TROY, CARETAKERS





Holiday, everyday

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.



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