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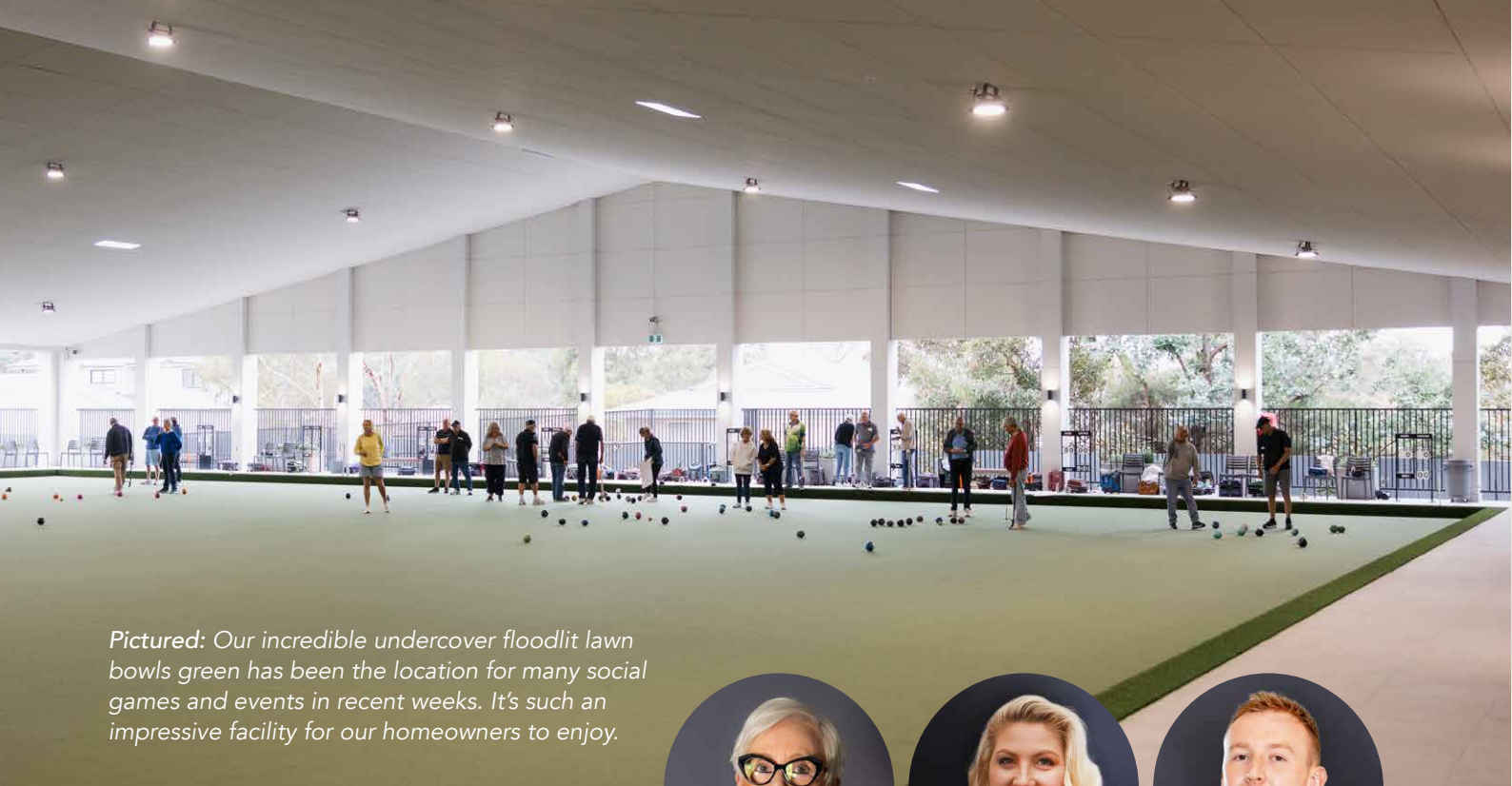
Our Thomson design offers a striking facade, and its three bedrooms provide plenty of space

Bowlers roll up

Our coveted undercover lawn bowls green has been the location for many fun games recently - and a VIP event!

Compact yard, big plans

There are plenty of opportunities to personalise your Palm Lake Resort backyard. Here's how...



Pictured: Our incredible undercover floodlit lawn bowls green has been the location for many social games and events in recent weeks. It's such an impressive facility for our homeowners to enjoy.

Welcome

Christmas is just around the corner, and our Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year! It's hard to believe how quickly 2025 has flown by - blink, and it will be 2026 before we know it.

To reflect on the past 12 months, we've had a wonderful year here at the resort, with two stages selling out in 2025. On that note, we must send a warm welcome to all those new homeowners. We hope you're settling in beautifully and looking forward to celebrating your first festive season here at Palm Lake Resort among family, friends and neighbours. We are looking forward to hosting your loved ones as they stop by for a visit over the summer holiday season. We especially love those smallest visitors who are always so full of joy and wonder as they explore our grounds and facilities with you.

There's also plenty to look forward to as the year draws to a close. Our highly anticipated pickleball courts and pet off-leash area will be opening very soon - two exciting facilities that homeowners have been eager to enjoy. The brand-new bar is also now open and already proving to be a popular spot to relax, socialise and share stories over a glass of red (or two!). You can chck out some of the photos from the bar opening on Page 11. It's a fantastic addition to our growing list of amenities that make life at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville truly special.

Stage 3a has now also been released, and we're taking expressions of interest. If you've had your eye on a design and want to personalise your colour selections, now is the perfect time to pop into the Sales Information Centre and chat with our friendly team. Please note, our office will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. If you have family visiting over the festive season, bring them along to see why life really doesn't get much better than here at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville.

Until next time, stay well and safe. And, of course, Merry Christmas!

Sandy, Jess and Dylan
Palm Lake Resort Paynesville Sales Team

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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.

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 right. We're excited to have you here!

IT'S
BEGINNING
TO FEEL A
LOT LIKE
CHRISTMAS!

Entertaining this Christmas? Try this festive fave!

A traditional Christmas favourite everyone loves and is so easy to make. This White Christmas recipe is also a great foodie gift idea, and it can be made ahead of time. Recipe by Copha (visit www.copha.com.au)



Ingredients
250g Copha
3 cups Kellogg's Rice Bubbles
1 cup desiccated coconut
¾ cup icing sugar, sifted
1 cup powdered milk
1 cup dried mixed fruit
Glaze cherries for topping

Makes: 24 pieces

Method
Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl. Melt Copha slowly over low heat. Cool slightly, pour onto dry ingredients. Mix well. Working quickly, spoon into paper patty cases or press into a lamington tin. Freeze until set (about 15 minutes), then store in the fridge. Cut into fingers, top with glaze cherries and serve.



Fleur



Lyle & Rose



Michele & Greg (with Shilo)



Pictured: Our Thomson display home shows the modern architectural approach we've taken at Palm Lake Resort Paynesville. Your inspection of this display is a must.

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When size matters

THE LARGEST OF PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE'S CURRENT FLOOR PLANS, OUR THOMSON DESIGN IS A THREE-BEDROOM DELIGHT, SPANNING 227.53m²

From the street, Thomson offers one of this resort's more statement facades. A high peaked roof line directly above the front porch gives the entry undeniable grandeur. The impressive glass front door and fixed glass panel extending from the top of the door up into the roof's peak combine to present both a functional way to let revitalising light stream in, while also exaggerating the welcoming feel of this statement entry.

Walking into and through this home, you'll find it offers its open-plan living spaces immediately upon entry starting with a spacious living area that merges into the ample kitchen with adjacent dedicated dining space. There's a centrally located tiled alfresco area here also, with internal access from three sides

via large glass sliding doors. When the sliding doors are all open, this alfresco space really feels like a seamless extension of the internal living and aids in that welcoming, light and bright feel in this home. All bedrooms - as well as a handy built-in study nook for home administration tasks - can be found in the peace and quiet and privacy of the home's rear. In the kitchen, SMEG appliances (including an integrated dishwasher and built-in microwave) feature alongside upgraded Caesarstone benchtops and high quality matching black handles, tapware and an instant hot/cold Billi Tap.

The smart-home aspects of the Thomson design also help elevate its quality. Zimi Smart Switches allow homeowners to control their lighting while they're away from the premises, via an app on their phones. Google Home also provides a host of additional smart home conveniences.





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Bowlers roll up

OUR RECENT BOWLS OPEN DAY SAW A HOST OF VIPS ROLL UP FOR THEIR DAILY DOSE OF GREENS AND FUN! WHILE SOME GAMES WERE PLAYED, THE SOCIAL NATURE OF OUR PLAYERS AND THOSE SPECTATING MADE FOR AN ENJOYABLE SOCIAL FUNCTION - WITH A HALLOWEEN TWIST!

Compact yard, big plans

Downsizing your family home doesn't mean giving up on a backyard that is the envy of your visitors. Whether you're entertaining family and friends or just want to create an oasis for yourself, there are so many ways to take a compact backyard next level.

Our newest Palm Lake Resort Paynesville homes are filled to the brim with luxury fittings and finishes as well as clever design elements that make them such coveted and comfortable abodes. But don't think you can't extend their awesomeness beyond the internal walls – there's a brilliant backyard just waiting for your creative touch! And if there's one country that offers a climate for backyard bliss, it's Australia. Here are some ways to capitalise on your Palm Lake Resort home's backyard space and make it an area that you and your visitors enjoy spending time in...

Go green

It's the obvious thing but lush greenery is ever so welcoming. Speak to your local nursery staff about what types of plants suit your home's position (closely observe how the sun falls on your various garden beds before you head to the nursery) and also take into account how green your thumb actually is. Choose hardy plants if you're a plant newbie, to avoid disappointment! A simple irrigation system is worth the expense when setting up your garden – many systems can be controlled via an app on your smartphone when you're away on holidays. Layering your plants is also important – choose a few taller feature specimens, add mid-level lushness and then also consider groundcovers for full effect. Choosing a few key varieties and planting them en masse can have greater impact than a random assortment of loads of different plants. When done, mulching your garden beds is equal parts function and form, finishing off the project neatly.

Game on

You don't need a huge backyard to have a huge amount of backyard fun – in fact, there is a whole range of yard-friendly games on the market. Classic Bocce can't be beaten. All you need is a Bocce set and you're on your way! Lawn bowls lovers will love Bocce as the objective is similar: get your team's balls closer to the pallino (the first ball put into play) than the other team's. Alternatively, you may want to invest in a Finska set. This game involves throwing a wooden block at a cluster of 12 wooden cylinders, which are marked with the numbers one to 12. Your score is based on the total of the numbers on the cylinders you knock over. The first to exactly 50 points wins, but if 'accidentally' you score above 50, your score drops back to 25 and you start accumulating points again. You can even seek out jumbo backyard versions of those classic indoor family games like Jenga, chess and Yahtzee.

Grow your own

A small vegetable patch can reap big rewards, especially when it comes to the pride felt when eating your own homegrown produce. Even the smallest of garden beds can be utilised for a veggie patch or you could group together a few larger decorator pots filled with premium potting mix. Lettuce is an easy veg to grow that is also quick to reach harvest. There are also many dwarf tomato varieties that grow to roughly 50cm, which is perfect for a small veggie patch. Shallots, French beans and spinach are compact growers. Beetroot and onions don't take up too much space and are fun for the grandkids to dig up when mature. Snow peas will only need a small climbing frame

from Bunnings to produce glorious results. Preparing your earth is key – use rich composted soil. Water and fertilise regularly for fast results. This is one project that's perfect to share with the grandies – for the educational aspects as well as the bonding. And it's always good to work with your likeminded neighbours to ensure a wide variety of produce is grown which can then be shared around.

Wriggling wonders

If you've committed to a veggie patch, another cool addition to a small backyard is a worm farm. For around \$150, you can set yourself up with a neat and compact worm farm and all the things you'll need to support your new little wriggly pets. Worms will compost your kitchen scraps while also producing worm 'tea' fertiliser and the richest composted soil for your plants. When a worm farm is working efficiently, there's no smell. And they will sit unobtrusively in a shady spot in your yard. And, trust us, your neighbours will want some of your magic worm tea for their gardens too – bottle it up and share it around!

Movie magic

Recreating the magic of the cinema in your own backyard on a balmy night is as easy as one, two three (and this is a sure-fire way to impress the visiting grandkids!).

1. Purchase an inexpensive portable projector.
2. Set up a large white sheet or find a suitable light-coloured external wall. And, 3. Add some comfy seating. Your 'screen' can be as simple as pegging up a white sheet against a fence or you can go next level and invest in a fancy projector screen that can stand on its own. You've probably got outdoor furniture to shuffle around and utilise, or you could source outdoor beanbags for the grandkids. Add some blankets and cushions, and don't forget the popcorn and choc tops (for extra movie magic!).

Garden art

Another way to bring wow factor to your backyard is via garden art. There are endless options:

- Decorative screens/panels (widely available at hardware stores), which look great installed against a plain fence or among plants.
- Statues and sculptural figures, subtly installed among the greenery for a surprise 'pop' of interest.
- Water features – the sound of gentle running water is soothing and relaxing.

Take a seat

A commonly overlooked element of backyards is seating. Create places to stop and take in the vista you've created. The more unexpected, the better. Maybe you can install a bench near your veggie patch that doubles as storage for a few small garden tools? Or position a couple of chairs and a small table to overlook the water feature? Sitting among the plants, with the sun on your back, is proven to be amazing therapy.

Turn to Page 11 to see how Palm Lake Resort Paynesville homeowner Jennie Cowdell has personalised her backyard space with decorative planters and mirrors...

INSIDE OR
OUT, OUR HOMES
PROVIDE PLENTY
OF PLACES TO
ENTERTAIN

Pictured: Our Talbot design provides a lovely low maintenance backyard.



Our Cup is full

Pictured this page: Our very first Melbourne Cup resort celebrations were equal parts colourful and delightful. Congrats to our Best Dressed couple, homeowner Jo and her partner Steve (pictured centre). What a stylish pair of fashionistas on the Palm Lake Resort Paynesville field!

Pictured right, from top down: A momentous day in the history of the resort was captured here: The official opening of our bar! Cheers to all those homeowner patrons who joined in the celebration.

Our Craft Group ladies have started meeting every Monday morning and enjoy a variety of crafts together including knitting, crochet, sewing, patchwork and more.

Green thumb homeowner Jennie has done a terrific job of personalising her Palm Lake Resort backyard. Did you read our ideas for backyards, on Pages 8-9?

Caretakers' note

WHAT AN EXCITING AND EVENTFUL FEW MONTHS IT'S BEEN HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT PAYNESVILLE! THERE'S CERTAINLY BEEN PLENTY TO CELEBRATE AND LOTS OF MEMORABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

First, a big "cheers" is in order - we received our liquor licence and officially opened the resort bar on October 29. A huge thank you to David, our Bar Manager, who did a fantastic job in organising everything. From gathering everyone's favourite drops to stocking the shelves (with a fun shopping trip on the resort bus to Dan Murphy's!), to setting prices and tills, it all came together perfectly. Joan and Brian were the first RSAs to serve behind our bar, and at 4pm sharp, homeowners gathered to toast the opening and enjoy their first official drinks together. Check out the photos of our happy patrons, right.

Our Melbourne Cup celebration was another standout event on the Palm Lake Resort calendar, as pictured on Page 10. Latitude Country Club truly came alive with laughter, colour and style as homeowners and guests gathered for a festive day of racing fun. A delicious BBQ lunch was prepared both outdoors and in the commercial kitchen, while the drinks flowed and happy chatter filled the room. Jen B beautifully hosted Fashions on the Field, where the ladies impressed with grace and glamour, and the gents strutted their stuff with charm and flair. Congratulations to Jo R and partner Steve, who took home the title of Best Dressed!

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and run these events. They truly capture the spirit of community that makes Palm Lake Resort Paynesville such a special place to live. With the festive season on our doorstep, here's to many more great moments ahead!

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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