

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024



Tea Time



Small boats, big laughs

Catch up on all the fun of our sailing group's annual Founders' Day

Golfers reign supreme

Our golfers again prove their on-course talent in the recent Palm Lake inter-resort comp

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to make the move here? Refer them, for fast cash



Welcome.

Well, here we are again! The Christmas break is behind us and we are ready for another big year. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday period and had the opportunity to catch up with friends and family. I had a wonderful break - I had all my children together for Christmas for the first time in eight years! We had the best time.

I would like to say a big, warm welcome to our new residents who will be moving in over the next few months. I look forward to seeing you around the resort and hope that you settle into life at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens very quickly. I'm sure you will enjoy our fabulous facilities and activities, and find many new friends among our friendly residents.

Now that the New Year has arrived, you maybe thinking of making the move in 2024. If you are, please give us a call and make a time to come and see our resort. I love showing prospective residents around our amazing facilities and available homes.

I would also like to remind our existing residents to get in touch with us if they have had a change of circumstance and are thinking about moving. We are here to help make the selling process as easy as possible and find you an enthusiastic buyer.

Do you have a friend who is eager to move into Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens? 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 \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

Remember: the sales office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm, and at weekends by appointment.

Until next time,

Lisa Weir
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Sales Team

Contact us.

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News in brief.

We want to hear from you!

Whether you've snapped photos at a recent event or there's a new activity you'd like to announce, this newsletter is the place to share the latest and greatest resort happenings. Chat to your caretaker about how to submit content and to find out deadlines for upcoming editions.



Get social

Are you on social media? We are, too! You can find Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and also Instagram. Make sure you like and follow our social media profiles to see even more news from right across our dozens and dozens of locations, across the east coast of Australia.

Facebook: @pallmlakeresort
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After hours maintenance

Administration Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm (closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.30pm).

Maintenance Staff Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm. For urgent maintenance outside these hours please contact the trade direct - your job will be triaged and scheduled as necessary. The contractor will notify resort management if they are required to attend site. Note: All other maintenance is to be logged as normal.

BR Plumbing

Phone (02) 4930 9047

Mobile 0427 452 893

Howell electrical (James)

Mobile 0422 694 535

Medical emergency

Safetylink Emergency System:

Activate your pendant, the response centre will coordinate on your behalf.

Comms Co: 07 5607 4030

Go slow

Sometimes when we are in a hurry, we forget the limits and our speed creeps. But please, for the safety of all - including the wildlife in and around our resort - stick to the 10km/h speed limit. Also, to those owners of bikes, buggies and motorised scooters, remember you also need to respect the road rules whilst moving around our resort grounds.



Fine fashions for a good cause

Our resort played an integral role in a major local fundraiser recently, hosting rehearsals for the Tea Gardens Lions Fashion Show on Saturday, November 26. While the show itself took place at Tea Gardens Public School, members of the Tea Gardens Lions gathered in our Promenade Clubhouse to practice for the big day. Well done to all involved - especially the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens residents - for raising much needed funds for RUN DIPG, which works to improve research into this inoperable and untreatable form of brain cancer.

Image courtesy of News Of The Area



Can't rain on their parade.

EVEN OVERCAST WEATHER COULDN'T DAMPEN THE SPIRITS OF OUR RESIDENT SAILERS, WHO GATHERED FOR THEIR ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY EVENT IN NOVEMBER.

Words: Lynne Challinor

Sydney to Hobart it was not, and the anticipated high winds that were forecast did not eventuate. Indeed on the day a politician could have produced more wind than what was available to sail the one metre sailing boats at Water Lilies on the sailing SIG Founders Day event. Ernest Gann once said, "It's remarkable how quickly a good and favourable wind can sweep away the maddening frustrations of shore living." How true that is – as was seen at Founders Day, there was plenty of frustration for the sailors standing on shore trying to manoeuvre their little yachts on a pond of glass. Nay a ripple in sight from wind!

Founders Day is an annual event held by the sailing SIG. It celebrates the formation of the group (first named 'The Heritage Sailing SIG') by its the original three members – the late Tony Little, Fred Fenton and Geoffrey Muggleton. The late Tony Little is now sailing his yacht in the clear blue skies, together with other early members. Others have moved on to different pastures.

Each year, the three longest serving members on Founders Day are selected to be the founding members. Their job is to become the captains of the teams, with team members selected randomly. The teams then race against each other in relay format. This is different to the racing that takes place every Monday afternoon (alternating between Water Lilies and The Promenade) where the sailors compete individually against each other. On those days, points are awarded for first, second and third place - then, at the annual SIG Christmas party at the end of the year, the winner of the most accumulated points receives an award.

This year, lack of wind on Founders Day forced the relay races to be halted after one race. But even the calm conditions didn't stop some members' boats ending up in the reeds, leading to much laughter resounding from the other sailors looking on from Water Lilies deck.

One would think it would not take much wind to sail these little yachts (known as Seawinds of the one design class). But this is not just a little game the sailing SIG plays on Monday afternoons, or even at the Founders Day event – though the latter is arguably much more relaxed. There is an International Seawind racing yacht fraternity which is highly competitive worldwide. While the Palm Lakes Resort Tea Gardens Sailing SIG certainly do not compete at that level, the sailors like to spin the line, "It is all in fun". Yes, it is, but don't be fooled – each sailor loves to win and they sail their yachts in an attempt to do so, seeking out the best line of sailing where they can gain the advantage. Again, Founders Day was no different – only this time, no wind! This meant trying to gain an advantage was hard. As they say in the movie 'Wind', "Big boats get the glory, but small boats make the sailor". And with no wind, these little boats were certainly testing the skills of the PLRTG Sailing SIG sailors! They did manage to complete one race, however, before they were forced to retire. Instead of racing four times, they raced only once. One can only watch becalmed little yachts for just so long before one admits it is like watching paint dry!

It is not just about sailing on Founders Day. It is also a social time when the sailors come together to enjoy each other's company over a BBQ. When the wind failed the sailors, in true maritime style, they passed the port and together they toasted sailor friends past and present. A glass or two of port serves as a pretty good second to lack of wind!

A successful 2023 Founders Day nevertheless as the PLRTG Sailing SIG puts another season of sailing behind them and looks forward to the new season in 2024.

Resorts face off on the green.

OUR RESIDENT GOLFERS HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN TAKING ON TEAMS FROM OTHER PALM LAKE RESORTS - SPECIFICALLY, FORSTER AND FERN BAY. HERE'S HOW IT ALL WENT DOWN...

Game 1: There were a total of 33 players in the first game at Forster Golf Club, with Forster taking home the victory. The best four scores from each village were taken, with Forster scoring 145 points, Tea Gardens 138 points and Fern Bay 137 points. They took the best scores based on the number of players Fern Bay had each game.

Game 2: Tea Gardens took the points at Hawks Nest Golf Club. On this day the best five scores were taken. Tea Gardens had 174 points, Fern Bay had 164 points and Forster had 163 points. There were a total of 40 players on the day.

Game 3: Tea Gardens again took the points at Pacific Dunes Golf Club (pictured right). On this day the best four scores were taken; Tea Gardens had 142 points, Forster had 136 points, and Fern Bay had 122 points. There were a total of 34 players on the day with a lot of players balking at the tough Pacific Dunes course. The total points overall were: Tea Gardens 454 points, Forster 444 points and Fern Bay very close behind with 423 points.

"I think the group had a great time meeting similar people from different resorts and getting the opportunity to play at different courses," says our very own Glenn Byrnes. "I would like to thank Warren and Reg for their assistance in getting this competition up and running this year."

Reg is leaving his position of Fern Bay Captain this year, but we hope to still see him on the golf course in 2024.

"We would all like to thank Palm Lake Resort Forster for their support in supplying us with the winning vouchers for each game," says Glenn. "All winners were very appreciative of the vouchers."

All in all there are plans to have six games in 2024 - two organised by each village. There are hopes to increase the fields each game.

Pictured, right (from top):

- Glenn presenting Sharon Stokes, ladies winner, with her voucher for scoring 31 points. Sharon was the only lady to play at Pacific Dunes as most deemed it too hard; 31 points was an impressive score.
- Glenn presenting Forster's Steven Nye, Men's winner for the day, with his voucher. Steven won with 38 points on a count back.
- Glenn presenting the Men's second place winner for the day - Lloyd Smith from Tea Gardens - with three golf balls. Lloyd also had 38 points but lost on a count back.
- Warren Arnold (Forster) and Reg McGee (Fern Bay) "gleefully" presenting Glenn with the shield.





Women and Cancer Christmas function.

FOR OVER 22 YEARS, THE WOMEN AND CANCER GROUP (WAC) HAS OPERATED IN TEA GARDENS, HAWKS NEST AND SURROUNDING AREAS. THE GROUP NO LONGER FOCUSES ON THE INTENSITY AND EFFECTS OF CANCER, BUT ON THE INSPIRATION PROVIDED FROM LONG TERM SURVIVORS.

In December, 23 ladies gathered for our Christmas luncheon – which, this year, was held in the Water Lilies Clubhouse at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens.

The catering was done by Palm Lake Resort resident Christine Larkin, who provided us with a magnificent three-course meal (with some delightful surprises at the end!). Thank you, Christine – your efforts made our day a very special one. Two male residents with great serving and washing up skills also assisted on the day. The tables were decorated to add to the festive atmosphere. Thank you to those ladies who helped make the day a success.

The Palm Lake Resort residents in our group felt proud to entertain ladies from surrounding communities in our beautiful clubhouse. I have been a village resident for 16 years, and a member of the Women and Cancer Group for 14 years.

On the first Monday of each month, all members are invited to a luncheon at a venue in the local community. Women who have experienced any form of cancer are welcome to join our informal fun filled gatherings.

Lesley Kibble
Group leader

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

- 11am** Line dancing (Beginners)
- 1pm** Sewing & Craft
- 1.30pm** Mah Jong, Sailing, Social bowls
- 2pm** Table tennis
- 7pm** Cards 500, Snooker

TUESDAY

- 7.30am** Kayaking (Anzac Park)
- 9am** Craft (Paint by Numbers), Zumba, Ladies Day @ Workshop
- 1pm** Advanced Canasta
- 2pm** Ladies' coffee afternoon (first Tuesday), Karaoke (second and fourth Tuesday)
- 3pm** Pickleball
- 7pm** Snooker
- 7.30pm** Movie night

WEDNESDAY

- 9am** Exercise class, Workshop open
- 10am** Forget-Me-Nots dementia support group (second Wednesday)
- 10.30am** Line dancing, Aqua aerobics (bookings via Unified Health 02 6555 9607)
- 11am** Darts
- 1.30pm** Ladies lawn bowls, Art
- 2pm** Tennis
- 7.30pm** Movie night

THURSDAY

- 9am** Pickleball (WLCC)
- 1.15pm** Tenpin bowling
- 1.30pm** Card making, Social bowls
- 2pm** Table tennis
- 3pm** Social bowls

FRIDAY

- 8.30am** Shopping bus
- 9am** Exercise class
- 10.30am** Line dancing
- 2.30pm** Social Committee Information Talk (last Friday)
- 5pm** Happy Hour

SATURDAY

- 9am** Workshop open
- 9am** Pickleball
- 1pm** Advanced Canasta
- 1.30pm** Social bowls
- 2pm** Table tennis

SUNDAY

- 1.30pm** Mah Jong, Knit & Natter
- 2pm** Movies, Tennis



Resort manager's report.

WITH THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS OVER, SO TOO IS THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR – NOT ONLY HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT TEA GARDENS, BUT IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, TOO.

The resort has been buzzing with visiting family and friends. It has been so nice to see our residents showing off their home to their nearest and dearest, and hear how much everyone enjoys our amazing facilities and beautiful surrounds. We don't blame them!

Beyond the resort, out-of-townners have also been flocking to the area to enjoy this special part of the world. With an abundance of beaches and waterways, the Myall Lakes National park, scenic walking racks, beautiful campgrounds, abundant wildlife and, most of all friendly locals, who wouldn't want to spend the summer here?

The Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens team is looking forward to another busy, fun-filled year. We can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for us.

Until next time,

Kym Bellamy
Resort Manager

Homes for sale.

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Home 190: \$1,050,000

Bed

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living



Degas III.

There are many luxurious features included in this home such as ducted air conditioning, gas heating outlets, ducted vacuum, automated opening roof pergola over the alfresco area with rain sensor, exterior awnings, plantation shutters and Crimsafe security screen doors throughout. Featuring three generous bedrooms, two bathrooms and two living areas. The living and dining room area is surrounded by bay windows. The bright and airy designer kitchen includes soft closing drawers, Carrara quartz benches with waterfall, induction cooktop, Smeg appliances including oven, dishwasher, and microwave plus plenty of storage.

Home 24: \$860,000

Bed

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Study

Garage

2

Outdoor Living



Cezanne C.

This light and bright home is positioned in a premium location within the resort. Surrounded by beautifully established landscaped gardens, only a short walk to the Waterlilies Country Club. The floor plan is masterfully designed featuring a large open plan kitchen and living area, perfect entertaining family and friends. The living area and separate study have access to the large fully fenced north-facing courtyard, the perfect place for soaking up the sunshine. There are also European appliances, stone benchtops, ducted vacuum system and fully ducted reverse cycle air-conditioning.

Home 9: \$1,000,000

Bed

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living



Degas I.

This highly sought after design is positioned in a coveted, premium location within the resort. This home has an amazing outlook onto the open land next door. For added convenience, this home is close to resort facilities and the local shopping centre. It also features cost saving solar panels. The floor plan is masterfully designed featuring an open plan kitchen and living area, perfect for flexible living or entertaining family and friends and a separate lounge room. There are three generous sized bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite. The north facing alfresco area is a private oasis. A must to inspect.

Home 42: \$1,100,000

Bed

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living



Degas I.

This highly sought-after design is positioned in a coveted, premium location. The home has been freshly painted inside and out in the last twelve months and new carpets have been laid. The kitchen features European appliances and stone bench tops. There is also has a solar power system and solar hot water. The floor plan is masterfully designed featuring an open plan kitchen and living area, perfect for flexible living or entertaining family and friends and a separate lounge room. All living areas have sliding doors out to the large north facing alfresco area, which is a private oasis.

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Home 79: \$880,000

Beds

2

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Cezanne B.

This stunning home is positioned in a converted, premium corner location, a short walk to the resort's Country Club. Features mature, well-maintained gardens and a private and beautiful north-facing alfresco area. The floor plan is masterfully designed featuring an open-plan kitchen and living area, perfect for entertaining. There is a separate wing containing two bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite. There is even a study.

Home 268: \$1,200,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Monet III.

This beautiful Monet III is a modern, spacious home with an open plan kitchen/family/dining space adjacent to the formal lounge room. The kitchen has quality appliances and an attractive vaulted ceiling with extra high windows for plenty of natural light. The wide courtyard is an entertainer's dream. The master bedroom has a large walk-in-robe and ensuite with full bathtub. The study is large enough to be used for extra accommodation.

Home 276: \$1,100,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Degas III.

With three bedrooms, two bathrooms and surrounded by gardens, This home has everything you need to move straight in. SMEG appliances (including a self-cleaning oven) and a French door Electrolux refrigerator in the kitchen, zoned ducted air conditioning in all bedrooms and living areas and DC ceiling fans throughout. Enjoy the north-facing living and outdoor areas, the surrounding gardens and the desirable location near the Promenade Country Club.

Home 2: \$1,080,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2v

Study

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Renoir.

Located in a coveted corner position with beautiful established gardens, this large three-bedroom home has plenty of room for visiting guests. This home design boasts spacious rooms throughout with an open plan kitchen/family room opening onto the large private courtyard. The generous floorplan also includes a separate living room, separate dining room, study, bathroom and ensuite. The kitchen shines with Quantum quartz benchtops and European appliances. The home has premium aluminium plantation shutters throughout, new carpet, security screen doors, solar hot water, solar power system, plus a terrific location.

Home 177: \$1,050,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

SOLD

Degas III.

This immaculately presented home features a walk-in robe and ensuite in the master, separate media/living room and large open plan kitchen/dining/living area. Enjoy the large, fenced alfresco area which - in addition to the living area - is north-facing to soak up the winter sun. There is zoned ducted air conditioning, quartz benchtops in kitchen, laundry and bathrooms, ducted vacuum system, ceiling fans and a solar power system.

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