

JULY - AUGUST 2024



Tea Time



Meet our new resort manager

As we say a sad farewell Kym, we are excited to welcome Marina Cross to our resort

Anzac Day honours

Thank you to resident Mim Murdoch for representing the resort at our local service

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to make the move here? Refer them for a cash reward



Welcome.

Welcome to the latest edition of our resort newsletter. I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful winter weather here at Tea Gardens.

There has been much excitement happening in the Sales Office over the last few months. We have been extremely busy with tours, seeing a surge of interest from prospective buyers. It's heartening to witness so many people eager to join our wonderful community. Who can blame them?

In addition to the tours, we have numerous upcoming settlements to look forward to. This means we will soon be welcoming many new residents, who will certainly bring fresh energy and new friendships to our already lively environment. I trust that you will say a warm hello when you see these new residents out and about around the resort, and will help them to feel at home. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and hospitality towards our visitors. Your kindness and enthusiasm both play a significant role in making Tea Gardens such a desirable place to live.

We recently said goodbye to our resort manager, Kym, as she heads off on a new adventure at Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove. While we were sad to say farewell, we know that she will be so happy in this new role - and especially being so close to her family. We have also been excited to welcome our new resort manager, Marina Cross, and help her settle in. Turn to Page 7 to meet her!

As we welcome this new season, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the lovely cool weather. Enjoy the outdoor activities, join in on the social events, and soak up the beauty that our community - and the wider region - has to offer.

Until next time,

Lisa Weir
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Sales Team

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News in brief.

After hours maintenance

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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.

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A very big fundraising effort!

Well done to the residents of Palm Lake Resort, who raised a staggering \$5006 at the Biggest Morning Tea event in May. This money will go to the Cancer Council to help fund life-saving research, prevention programs and support. An incredible effort.

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.



Made with love

Well done to homeowners Kathie Rimmer and Roz Armstrong, who poured their time and talents into making these teddies for charity. Kathie knitted the teddies themselves, while Roz expertly embroidered the faces. Both ladies are part of our resort knitting group, working alongside other members who knit premmie baby jackets and beanies, as well as other articles. All of these items go to Helen Hobbs, who then distributes them to various hospitals in the area. "We welcome any new residents who enjoy knitting to join us on a Sunday afternoon," says group member Pam McClure (Home 107).

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 Pickleball, Ladies' coffee afternoon (1st Tue), Karaoke (2nd & 4th Tue)
7pm Snooker
7.30pm Movie night

WEDNESDAY
9am Exercise class, Workshop open
10am Forget-Me-Nots dementia support group (2nd Wed)
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
1.15pm Tenpin bowling
1.30pm Card making, Social bowls
2pm Pickleball (WLCC), Table tennis
3pm Social bowls

FRIDAY
8.30am Shopping bus
9am Exercise class
10.30am Line dancing
2.30pm Social Committee Info Talk (last Fri)
5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY
9am Workshop open
10am Pickleball
1pm Advanced Canasta
1.30pm Social bowls
2pm Table tennis

SUNDAY
1.30pm Mah Jong, Knit & Natter
2pm Movies, Tennis

Lest we forget.

THIS YEAR'S ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION WAS ESPECIALLY MOVING FOR HOMEOWNER MARGARET (MIM) MURDOCH, WHO REPRESENTED PALM LAKE REOSRT TEA GARDENS IN OUR LOCAL SERVICE.

With her late husband's medals pinned to her jacket, Mim walked forward to lay her wreath among the others at the Anzac Park memorial. She knew it would be an emotional day, but she didn't realise just how moving this moment would be.

"Anzac Day is a great but emotional day for me and many other people who have serving friends and family, retired service members or loved ones that have passed," she says. "I wear my husband Alan's medals with great pride. The military was a major part of our family life - one of my sons is still serving, while the other retired a year ago."

Among the medals Mim wore during the service were Alan's Army Combat Badge (ACB) for warlike service in Somalia, and his Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC), which was presented to Alan's Task Group for their meritorious work in Somalia.

"Anzac Day is about honour and respect for all who have served, and those who still serve," Mim says. "If not for these men and women, we would not have the freedom we enjoy in Australia."

Mim says she felt honoured to be asked to lay the wreath on behalf of Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens management and residents (many of whom are ex-military families).

"The thoughtfulness of all our residents and the show of friendship and respect is amazing," she adds. "Hopefully this special day brings hope for our younger generations of peace not just in Australia but around the world."



Pictured above: More of Alan's medals, including Australian Active Service Medal, Australian Defence Force Long Service Medal, Australian Defence Medal 4 year medal and United Nations Operations in Somalia Medal. **Pictured left:** The late Alan Murdoch donning his medals.



Resort manager's report.

It was with mixed emotions that I pen my last report as resort manager at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens. As many of you already know, I am, however, staying with the Palm Lake Group and managing the brand-new resort, Yamba Cove. This also means a move closer to my family and my gorgeous grandies, which ticks all the boxes for me.

I have been settling into my new role at Palm Lake Resort Yamba Cove; however, I have enjoyed returning to Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens to provide a full orientation for our new resort manager, Martina Cross, to the Residents' Committee. Martina commenced on June 17, and I'm sure that this special community has made her feel so welcome. You can read more about her on Page 7.

Whilst I'm excited about the new opportunity, there's also a big part of me that was sad to say goodbye. I have valued the friendship and support you have shown me over the past three years. We have had some challenging times, but I have a lot of fond memories of us working together towards a common goal of making our community a better place to live and work.

Many thanks once again to all of you for making my time here so great! Thank you also for all the kind wishes, and the beautiful farewell present (a gorgeous picture of Tea Gardens), which is currently hanging proudly in my new lounge room.

All the best for the future,

Kym Bellamy
Resort Manager

Resorts face off on the golf course.

On April 15, 40 golfers from Palm Lake Resorts Tea Gardens, Fern Bay and Forster came together at Tuncurry Golf Club for a friendly face off.

Although there were 12 players from Tea Gardens, the course proved too hard for most of us - though we did have a few good scores! Lloyd Smith had 34 points, and Ross Clissold had 32 points. Well done to both of you. The winner on the day was Forster's Phil Stokes, who had an impressive 37 points.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our next game on June 17 at Pacific Dunes - and we're especially looking forward to some better scores! A special mention must go to Peter Ettingshausen who gave up his day to take us all to the game. We really do appreciate your driving.

Pictured right: Warren Arnold (Forster) presenting winner Phil Stokes (Forster) with his cap and voucher.



Game, set, match!

It was game on when Palm Lake Resorts Tea Gardens and Fern Bay faced off on the tennis court recently. Though the Tea Gardens tennis players tried their best, ultimately it was Fern Bay that came out on top. Despite our loss, a great day was had by all.

There were 31 people in total, which was a great turnout. Our

team in the tournament at the end of the day was Michael Egan and Su Takahashi, but unfortunately the Fern Bay team was just too good.

After the competition was over, we came together to enjoy a delicious lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We're looking forward to the next one!

Welcoming our new manager, Martina!

My name is Martina Cross and I am your new resort manager here at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens.



I will be your point of contact for all things resort related. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you both residents and team members, and assisting with anything you need as I settle into my new and exciting opportunity at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens.

A little bit about me... I'm thrilled to be appointed to the manager role for Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens! I have been settling in nicely since beginning on June 17.

Over the years I have worked in both multisite and senior management roles across healthcare and retail industries. My most recent role, which I have held over the last five years, was as park and garden manager of 186 acres and a team of 50 employees. For the last two years, this role has seen me reside in Sydney. However, prior to that, I lived in the Newcastle area since the mid 1980's.

When the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens opportunity came up, it was like the stars had aligned for me. Not only was it an opportunity to manage a beautiful resort, this also meant a move closer to my amazing parents. They are in their 90s and live at Port Stephens. My siblings and children also live in the region, throughout Newcastle and Maitland.

I will, in time, provide all the contact details for myself. I would like to again express my excitement to be joining the Palm Lake Group and look forward to getting to know everyone residing and working within the resort.

See you around the resort,

Martina Cross
Incumbent Resort Manager

Paddle Pops turn seven.

On Tuesday May 21, three hardy Paddle Pops turned out at Anzac Park for the weekly paddle. The weather was not ideal with rain, freezing temperatures, gale force winds and the threat of hail (though that description may have been *slightly* exaggerated by those in attendance). After much discussion, the paddle was abandoned, and the Pops grabbed a coffee at the Boatshed instead. Luckily, the weather abated just in time for the Paddle Pops' seventh anniversary celebrations.

The Pops, accompanied by their Poppets, met on the Tea Gardens wharf to board the MV Wallamba at 11:15am sharp. The clouds were still low but the Pops & Poppets spirits were high, even with rain still threatening. Fifteen minutes later, last lines were cast off and they were on their way up the Myall River. It was great to see Bobby and Wendy Burbank back on deck and in good health. It didn't take long for the banter to start. The main perpetrators shall remain nameless (even the nicknames). The group cruised up river, past the bush caravan park - the Paddle Pops' usual rest stop and turn around point. The scenery up there is amazing and the birdlife plentiful, not that many can recognise each species. Everyone could, however, recognise the mosquitoes!

Lunch was served on board. The staff at the Boatshed Café must be congratulated, as it was very tasty. There were also some tasty drinks brought aboard - for the single purpose of washing the food down, of course. Next was the presentation of honors, some dubious, made by the 'terrible two', Rod and Gordon. Lee Hunt was presented with a lovely oversized duck (on an equally oversized string to allow him to wear it around his neck - a very thoughtful touch) for going beyond bearable limits in getting dates incorrect. Bobby Burbank was presented with a beautiful American duck, won for the kayaking mishap he endured while holidaying in Hawaii (in short, he came out of the kayak and ended up in the water). Rodney Larkin was the next person to be presented with a lovely little duck by Gordon, on behalf of Clarry from the Boatshed. Rodney received this honour for his services to the waitstaff. Clarry wanted Rod to know that the new cups have arrived and they are apparently more robust and break proof then the older versions. The final (and most dubious) presentation was made to Bonzer, so there is now yet another little yellow duck in his collection.

The boat was about-turned and headed for home. The sun had come out and the river was seen at its glorious best. What a fantastic day filled with fellowship, masses of laughs (as usual), great food and a lovely boat with equally lovely staff. We can't wait to get this wonderful, crazy bunch of people together again.



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Home 16: \$890,000

- 
- Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Van Gogh.

Located in a very desirable location within walking distance of the Waterlilies Country Club, this lovely Van Gogh design has an open, spacious feel. Surrounded by beautiful established gardens. Featuring two indoor living areas and a generous outdoor entertainment area with a northerly aspect, this home has two large bedrooms plus a study large enough for an extra guest bed if required.



Home 2: \$995,000

- 
- Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

2

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. A separate living room and dining room, study, bathroom and ensuite. The kitchen has Quantum quartz benchtops and European appliances.



Home 33: \$995,000

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- Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Monet B.

This highly sought-after Monet B design is positioned in a coveted, premium location. 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, a study that open onto the alfresco area, bathroom and ensuite. The north-facing alfresco area is a private oasis.



Home 27: \$785,000

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- Beds

2

Bath

1.5

Living

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Rembrandt.

The only duplex and the best value in the entire resort, this well maintained two-bedroom home also has a large sunroom that could easily be used for additional guest accommodation. The open plan living/dining/kitchen looks out onto a north facing courtyard surrounded by beautifully manicured gardens, maintained by the resort's ground staff. Ducted air conditioning ensures your home is comfortable all year.



Home 9: \$1,000,000

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- Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

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.



Home 24: \$860,000

- 
- Beds

2

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

1

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.



Home 44: \$950,000

- 
- Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

3

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Renoir.

This home design boasts spacious rooms throughout with an open plan kitchen/family room opening onto the large private courtyard which has been recently landscaped. The kitchen shines with Quantum quartz benchtops and European appliances. The home will have new blinds throughout, new carpet, security screen doors, solar hot water, solar power system, plus a terrific location close by to Waterlilies Country Club.



Home 84: \$1,200,000

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- Beds

2

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Monet II.

This highly sought-after home is positioned in a coveted location within resort. It has an amazing outlook onto open land, with a very private feel. It is within walking distance to Promenade Country Club, tennis courts, Swimming pools and virtual golf and workshop. and has beautiful established gardens. The floor plan is masterfully designed with an open plan kitchen and living area, perfect for flexible living or entertaining.



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Home 42: \$1,050,000

Beds

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.





Home 268: \$1,200,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

2

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 190: \$1,050,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor

Living

UNDER OFFER

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. The living and dining room area is surrounded by bay windows. The bright and airy designer kitchen includes Carrara quartz benches with waterfall, Smeg appliances, and microwave plus plenty of storage.





Home 276: \$1,000,000

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 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 233: \$1,000,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor

Living

Degas III.

This beautiful home is situated at the end of a quiet grove and is in a very private position, with a lovely outlook. The three-bedroom design has a spacious open-plan kitchen and living area that is ideal for entertaining. The kitchen is fitted with a Siemens induction cooktop, European appliances and soft-closing drawers with plenty of storage and bench space. There is a separate lounge room that can be used as a media room.





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We're all good sports.



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