

JULY - AUGUST 2025



Tea Time



Happy (boot) campers

Our weekly 'bootcamp' fitness sessions are always well attended - and for good reason

Game, set, match!

Find out what happened when three resorts went head to head on the tennis court

Over the back fence

Keep up to date with all the good things your fellow Palm Lake Resort family is up to



Welcome.

Welcome to the July-August edition of the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens newsletter, 'Tea Time'.

As we move through the heart of winter, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest residents who joined us throughout the last few months. It's been a pleasure to watch you settle in and start your new chapter here at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens. I know many of you have already dived into the activities and are making wonderful connections - it's what this community does best.

This time of year is also one of the most breathtaking in our region. June through August marks peak whale watching season in Port Stephens, as thousands of humpback whales migrate along Australia's east coast. They pass by on their way to the warmer waters to breed, before heading south again with their newborn calves. If you haven't yet experienced this natural spectacle, I highly recommend a boat tour or simply heading to one of our local lookouts - it's an unforgettable sight.

For those visiting friends or family, or simply looking to show off our stunning surrounds, winter is a wonderful time to explore Hawks Nest, stroll the beaches, or enjoy a relaxed tour of Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens. There's something uniquely peaceful about our community in the cooler months - clear blue skies, fresh coastal air, and the hum of new friendships being formed.

Thank you for being part of what makes this place so special. If you see me around the resort or have questions about bringing someone new into our community, please don't hesitate to stop and say hello.

Until next time,

Lisa Weir
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Sales Team



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News in brief.

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.
Country to Coast Plumbing (Tim Mason)
Mobile 0474 659 574
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.

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 (first Tuesday), Karaoke (second and fourth Tuesday)
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
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 Information Talk (last Friday)
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

It's Your Time

With winter's arrival so too comes a new edition of *Your Time* magazine. Among the features, we take a look at those Palm Lake Resorts under construction, including Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, Paynesville and Forster Lakes. We also celebrate our Master Builders Association award recipients including our latest resort recipient: Yamba Cove. It's brand new Vantage Country Club and a display home were both named best in the competition. You can also explore the magazine's regular Lifestyle section where we look at all the ways "You're never too old to..."

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Refer a friend

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Fun and fitness.

We just love to see our Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens homeowners so happy, full of energy and enthusiasm - and there's no better place to spot them than in our bootcamp classes!

A special thank you, as always, to Cindy, who volunteers her time to instruct the ever-popular boot camp classes every week. We really do love the lives we lead here!



Resort manager's report.



As we reflect on the past few months, we must acknowledge the sad passing of many cherished members of our Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens community. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families, friends and neighbours. Each of these residents contributed to the unique fabric of our community, and their presence will be so missed.

In times of sadness, however, the strength of our community shines through - and I've been moved by the compassion, support and unity shown by so many of you. Whether it's a kind word, a helping hand, or a sympathetic ear, it's clear that our resort is more than just a place to live - it's a home. Thank you for embodying the Palm Lake Resort spirit in all that you do.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest residents. We hope you are settling in nicely and enjoying all that's on offer here in our community.

Speaking of which, I'd also like to highlight one of our many incredible community events: The Biggest Morning Tea, held on May 24, 2025. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Social Committee, led by Maureen Fitzpatrick, Sally MacDougal, and a team of dedicated volunteers, this year's event was a resounding success. More than 150 residents and their guests gathered for a beautiful morning of delicious treats, good company, and heartfelt entertainment. Tables were set with pride - many featuring fine china from home - adorned with a spread of ribbon sandwiches, scones, slices and cakes. Entertainment included a special performance by our very own Villa Voc'a Choir and a humorous poetry reading by Bob Bush, which added a touch of charm and laughter to the event.

The generosity of our local Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest businesses, along with contributions from residents and the Bar Committee, resulted in an incredible 90-prize monster raffle. This alone raised \$1,560 - but the support didn't stop there. With further donations made on the day and via QR code, the final amount donated to the Cancer Council was an astounding \$7,223. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this event such a heartfelt and successful occasion. Your efforts made a meaningful difference and reminded us all of the power of community.

Thank you for continuing to make Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens a truly special place to call home. Until next time,

Martina Cross
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Resort Manager

We're spreading the love!

On Tuesday July 15 - which felt like one of the coldest days of the year thus far - 16 of our Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens faithful set off to Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay. We were also joined by the homeowners of Palm Lake Resort Forster Bay, and together our three resorts enjoyed a day of fun and friendly competition on (and off) the tennis court.

Our side had eight players and eight spectators, who were safely driven to and from the tournament by our resident bus driver, Peter Vassen. As always, our heartfelt thanks to you, Peter!

Thanks also to our Fern Bay friends for hosting us, and for going above and beyond to purchase a heater and lots of blankets to keep us warm.

After a few games, three of our tennis players decided it was warmer to go into the main area and play table tennis - luckily, Forster Lakes had four table tennis players in their midst! Quite a few spectators also disappeared to watch the table tennis (which, coincidentally, also put them in front of the toasty fireplace).

A special mention to the few diehards who stayed and watched the tennis. You all deserve a medal!

We enjoyed two delicious soups for lunch - thanks again to Fern Bay for their hospitality and lovely service. On such a cold day, it was much appreciated.

As Forster Lakes is still waiting for their tennis court to be built, the next match will be here at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens on Tuesday October 28. We're sure we'll have much warmer weather by then.

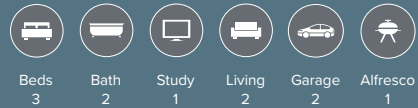
All tennis players and spectators are welcome to join for a small \$10 fee, which covers morning tea and lunch. The fun, friendly competition and memories made on the day? Priceless!



Homes for sale.

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Home 133: \$1,157,000



Renoir III

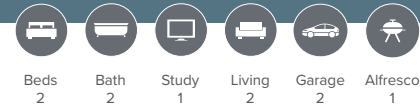
This beautifully positioned Renoir III home offers privacy and peace, backing onto open green space while remaining just a short stroll from the Promenade Country Club and resort facilities.

Designed with comfort and space in mind, it features three bedrooms—two at the front creating a guest wing, and a rear master suite with walk-in robe and ensuite including a bath. The spacious kitchen, with stone benchtops and European appliances, overlooks a north-facing alfresco area.

With plantation shutters, solar power, two living areas and a large study, this home has everything you need for relaxed resort-style living.



Home 114: \$964,000



Van Gogh II

Located in a very desirable, central location within walking distance to the Waterlilies & Promenade Country Clubs, this lovely home has an open, spacious feel. Featuring two indoor living areas and a generous outdoor entertaining area with a northerly aspect, a number of upgrades have been added to this home including Plantation Shutters, Solar Power System, window tinting and a pergola with opening roof.



Home 172: \$950,000



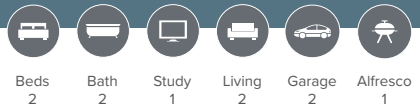
Van Gogh III

This sought-after design is immaculately maintained and perfectly located. It features two bedrooms, a study, and a light-filled lounge/dining area. The open-plan kitchen and family room have high raked ceilings and triple stacker doors leading to a private northerly alfresco area, ideal for entertaining. Luxury additions include ducted air, Smeg appliances, quartz benchtops, and a ducted vacuum system.

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Home 200: Contact agent



Van Gogh III

Set amidst stunning lake views and bushland, this private Van Gogh III home is a must-see. It features two bedrooms, a multipurpose room overlooking the lake, and a bright formal lounge/dining area. The open-plan kitchen and family room boast high ceilings and triple sliding doors to a year-round alfresco space with an opening roof pergola and blinds.

SOLD



Home 248: \$1,050,000



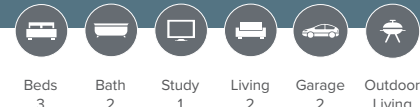
Degas III

Designed for comfort and style, this home offers three generous bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two spacious living areas. The open-plan living and dining space is framed by bay windows, while the bright designer kitchen boasts soft-close drawers, Carrara quartz waterfall benches, an induction cooktop, and high-end Smeg appliances. Both living areas seamlessly connect to a large, paved outdoor entertaining space.

UNDER OFFER



Home 100: \$1,100,000

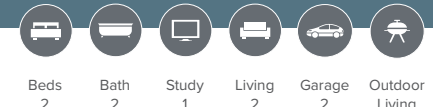


Renoir II

Featuring three bedrooms, the master bedroom is to the rear of the home while the two guest rooms to the front of the home, making it feel like the 'guest wing'. The master bedroom features a large ensuite with a bath and WIR. The entertainer's kitchen is large and features stone benchtops and European appliances and is the real heart of the beautiful home. It overlooks the north facing covered alfresco area.



Home 77: \$890,000



Van Gogh

Featuring two indoor living areas and a generous outdoor entertainment area, this home has two large bedrooms plus a study large enough for an extra guest bed if required. Ducted air-conditioning, insulation, raked ceilings, and plenty of windows to catch the coastal breeze make this home airy and comfortable year round. European appliances in the kitchen and a powerful ducted vacuum system promise comfort.



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Home 233: \$975,000

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.



SOLD

Home 43: \$995,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Degas.

This highly sought-after home is perfectly positioned within the resort, just a short walk to the Waterlilies Country Club, tennis court and library. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, the home offers a peaceful and private setting. Recently painted inside and out, with new carpets laid, it feels fresh and inviting. The kitchen features European appliances and stone benchtops, while solar power and solar hot water add energy efficiency.



A \$250 CASH BONUS FOR YOU

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 location.



Home 124: \$1,050,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Renoir.

This superbly appointed home is idyllic year-round. Its north-facing courtyard is bathed in winter sun, catching the cooling North Easterly breeze in summer. With two living areas inside and a large alfresco outside, there are plenty of areas to entertain and enjoy the lifestyle on offer. The bright kitchen is the hub of the home, though luxury upgrades throughout ensure every space is comfortable.



SOLD

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Home 27: \$765,000

Beds

2

Bath

1.5

Living

1

Garage

2

Outdoor Living

Rembrandt.

If you are looking to truly relax and enjoy an easy, retired lifestyle, then look no further! A unique 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.



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.



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO - WHETHER JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN!

Cheers to the success of caffeinated charity event

There's one charitable fundraising event that seems to pique the interest of our Palm Lake Resort homeowners more than others, and that's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This annual fundraiser is hosted by the Cancer Council to help support people affected by cancer. Held each May, the event invites individuals, workplaces, schools and communities (like ours) across the country to come together over a cuppa and a bite to eat while raising vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding world-class research, running life-saving prevention programs and offering essential support for Australians impacted by cancer. One in two Aussies will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85, making the Cancer Council's work more important than ever.

Pictured right, from top down, our Carindale Caretaker, Wayne raised \$200 by 'raffling' his beard! Yamba resort hosted a vibrant Madhatters' Tea Party with some great costumes. Waterford's event saw a fashion parade combined with a lovely spread of delicious goodies. And down at Willow Lodge, The Lodge Country Club hosted a great event with many donated prizes raffled to add to the final tally. Here's a little snapshot of some of the results of Palm Lake Resort fundraisers across our group, totalling more than \$47,000 so far!

- Banora Point: \$3133
- Bargara: \$4215
- Beachmere Sands: \$3260
- Carindale: \$3500
- Cooroy-Noosa: \$2107
- Eagleby: \$5000
- Forster Lakes: \$10,250 (an incredible result for an event organised by homeowner, Lyn Wootten!)
- Mt Warren Park: \$2500
- Phillip Island: \$2303
- Truganina: \$1750
- Waterford: \$3000
- Willow Lodge: \$3745
- Yamba: \$2265



Caloundra: \$8K for The Salvos

Following two outstanding fundraisers in recent months, Caloundra Cay homeowners have seemingly, and resoundingly, adopted The Salvation Army as their charity of choice. Their most recent event, tagged the 'Give Back Dinner', raised \$8050 for the Salvos, with the funds to stay on the Sunshine Coast in support of a project named 'Family Pathways'. This epic result followed the donation of 81 Christmas hampers by Caloundra Cay residents back in December, which were distributed to needy Sunshine Coast families. Chief organiser of the Give Back Dinner, homeowner Bernie, described the event as "an outstanding success". "We had 63 attendees, and our goal was to raise \$5000," he said. "The end result was \$8050, an amount which was far beyond our expectations. And while the fundraiser, as such, was a huge success, the night of entertainment was also incredible."



THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS

We heart resort helpers

Palm Lake Resort Ballina recently celebrated three remarkable people whose dedication and community spirit have changed this resort for the better. Beryl Boness, Stan Peck and Keith Johnson have each contributed more than 10 years of volunteer service, as part of the resort's beloved Cinema Group. Beryl and Stan were among the founding members of the group, which has spread the joy of the silver screen through its regular 'Movie Wednesdays' and 'Saturday Night at the Movies' events. Their vision and commitment helped shape a much-loved tradition at the resort. Beyond their cinematic contributions, all three have supported fellow community members in creating and sustaining a variety of other special interest groups. Their efforts have helped create connection, creativity and countless memorable evenings for all who call this resort home. The resort wouldn't be the same without you three!

Carindale marks 25 years

Palm Lake Resort Carindale is hosting a lovely celebration in July - the 25th anniversary of its ownership under the Palm Lake Resort banner. Many nostalgic photos have been dug up out of the archives for the planned event, by a very engaged group of homeowner history buffs. Among them are the two photos pictured right featuring a young Palm Lake Group MD Scott Elliott from the early 2000s! We wish the homeowners and resort management team the best for a lovely event.



Yamba homeowner quilter named best in show

The recent Maclean Show saw the crowning of our very own Palm Lake Resort Yamba homeowner, Wendy Flitcroft, as Champion Overall. It's a prestigious title for Wendy who received the commendation based on her creative handicraft. Wendy's work is known for its intricacy and striking detail. Congratulations Wendy. Given the high number of creative crafters and fellow artisans across our Palm Lake Resort network, we are all very proud of you!

Tell us what's happening over your back fence

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the whole Palm Lake Resort group? Are you and/or your neighbours doing something special that you're proud of - and you know we'd be proud of too? We'd love to hear from you and include your story in these pages in the next editions of all our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**



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