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Tea Time



We're all good sports

It's been a big few months for our various sporting groups - especially our bowlers!

Our resident virtuoso

Inside, meet Tea Gardens homeowner and talented pianist Beverley Ettingshausen

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Well, this year is certainly flying by already! I hope that everyone enjoyed their Easter long weekend, whether it was spent with friends and family or enjoying some rest and relaxation (and chocolate, of course).

Here in the Sales Office, we have been particularly busy. We have had three settlements and four deposits taken on homes over the last three months, and we are excited to welcome these new homeowners to our resort. I trust that they will settle in quickly and feel right at home here, but make sure you say a big hello if you see any new faces around and about!

Word is clearly spreading about our little slice of paradise, as the enquire rate has increased noticeably during the last couple of months. We have been hosting a lot of tours, which is one of my favourite parts of the job. These potential new residents all comment on how amazing our resort is when they come to visit, and I have to agree - though I may be biased!

Don't forget about our 'Refer a Friend' bonus. If your friends love coming to visit you here at Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens and enjoy using our resort facilities, why don't you suggest they move in? Refer a friend to become part of our exclusive community and, if they purchase a Palm Lake Resort home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Ask about our 'Refer a friend' incentive at the Sales Office, and turn to Pages 8 to 11 to see the beautiful homes that are for sale.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Tea Time. There is a lot to catch up on, from sporting events to book reviews and even a feature on one of our talented resident musicians. Pour yourself a cup of tea and enjoy!

Until next time,

Lisa Weir
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Sales Team



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News in brief.



Our new umbrellas have popped up!

All of the supports for the Promenade umbrellas have now been installed. They look great and shade much of the rail area on the deck, which will surely be appreciated.



Get social with us and WIN!

Did you know that - in addition to catching up on all the company news on our Facebook page - you can also follow our vibrant Palm Lake Resort Instagram account? During the month of April on Instagram, we are giving away a gift card valued at \$200 in our 'Tag a friend' competition. Entry is easy. All you need to do is be following Palm Lake Resort on Instagram (@pallmlake.resort) and tag your friends in the comments section on any of our posts from April 1 - 30. Every friend you tag counts as one entry and you can enter as many times as you like. Tagging a friend is as easy as placing the @ symbol in front of their Instagram name, for example: @marysmith. We'll announce the randomly drawn winner in our next newsletter and they can collect their prize from their Caretaker. *Note: Instagram is not in any way associated with this competition.*



Weekly activities list

MONDAY

11am Beginners line dancing
1pm Sewing & Craft, Sailing
1.30pm Mah Jong, Social bowls
2pm Table tennis
7pm Cards 500, Snooker

TUESDAY

7am Kayaking (Anzac Park)
9am Craft (Paint by Numbers), Zumba, Ladies Day @ Workshop
1pm Advanced Canasta
2pm Ladies' coffee afternoon (1st Tuesday), Karaoke (2nd and 4th Tuesday, Pickleball
7pm Snooker
7.30pm Movie night

WEDNESDAY

9am Exercise, Workshop open
10am Forget-Me-Nots dementia support group (2nd Wed)
10.30am Line dancing, Aqua aerobics
11am Darts
1.30pm Ladies lawn bowls, Art

3pm Tennis

THURSDAY

9.30am Yoga
1.15pm Tenpin bowling
1.30pm Card making, Social bowls
2pm Table tennis, Pickleball (WLCC)
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
1pm Advanced Canasta
1.30pm Social bowls
2pm Table tennis, Pickleball

SUNDAY

1.30pm Mah Jong, Knit & Natter
2pm Movies
3pm Tennis

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
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Mobile 0427 452 893

Howell electrical (James)
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Comms Co: 07 5607 4030



Music to our ears.

ON FRIDAY JANUARY 5, OUR RESORT WAS TREATED TO AN IMPRESSIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY ONE OF OUR OWN.

Homeowner Beverley (Bev) Ettingshausen played 14 compositions for around 80 residents, on the beautiful Promenade Country Club's grand piano.

Though Bev performed compositions by the likes of Beethoven, Richard Addinsell, George Gershwin, Zee Confrey, Debussy, Chopin, Charles Williams, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Franz Liszt and Euday L. Bowman, don't be fooled – she can play many styles of music, not just classical!

Bev began playing the piano when she was just six years old, under the tutelage of Catholic nuns in Sydney. At 16, in 1965, she was the youngest recipient of the Australian Music Association's Music Award (A.MUS.A).

Skill like Bev's doesn't come without practice, which she keeps up on her very own Yamaha grand piano at home – an investment she bought with the money she earned playing the organ for weddings and giving private piano tuition. It has been lovingly maintained for 52 years.

Her experience hasn't been limited to private events and lessons, though. Bev has accompanied chamber groups and choirs, even performing at the Sydney Opera House.

Bev moved to Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens in 2021, with her husband Peter (who now drives the resort bus). Prior to moving to Tea Gardens, the pair owned and managed hotels at Rooty Hill (1974-1989), Windsor (the Jolly Frog, 1975-1978) and Dunalley, between Hobart and Port Arthur in Tasmania (the Dunalley Hotel, 1989-1999).



Eventually, Bev and Peter built their own home on a five-acre block at Dural in 1978 – and it was here that Bev continued to teach many students the piano. Since moving to Tea Gardens, Bev has a renewed love for piano playing and even sings with the resort's Villa Voce choir.

Thanks once again, Bev, for a beautiful afternoon of music.



Book review (for little bookworms!)

By Helen O'Harae

I bought a boxed set of books for one of our grandsons (Master 11-year-old) and read the first one of the series to see if it was suitable for him – I had read that it was a bit violent. I did feel it was ok for him and offered him the set, but he said he didn't want them as there were too many words on each page. He reads graphic books (comic-style). This led to a very interesting discussion on the different books and reading methods we have available to us at our book group meeting. Graphic books, e-books and audio books were discussed, all of which cater to different readers.

'Wings of Fire Book 1: The Dragonet Prophecy'
by Tui T Sutherland, (2012); Fantasy for 10+ year olds

In this book, dragons in Pyrrhia have been warring for nearly two decades, but there is a glimmer of hope for peace. An organization called Talons of Peace gathered dragon eggs from five different clans/ types of dragons and raised the dragonets in secret. According to a prophecy, these dragonets will bring Pyrrhia together again. So, for six years the five young dragonets have been kept in caves training and studying together with three caretakers who are more drill sergeants than surrogate parents. Tsunami is the dragonet most anxious to leave and see the world and tries to talk the others into leaving. Not everyone is convinced until a special visitor to the caves declares the RainWing dragon, Glory, dispensable and orders her killed before he returns. An eavesdropping Clay brings the alarming news back to his friends and they decide they must escape. And so their adventures begin. The dragonets are thrown into a world of to-the-death arena fighting, cruel caretakers, and a family reunion that involves parents not caring at all that their long-lost child has been found.

Get a healthy dose of greens...

IF THERE'S ONE THING ALL PALM LAKE RESORT LOCATIONS HAVE IN COMMON, IT'S A LOVE FOR LAWN BOWLS. HAVE YOU TRIED IT YET?

At Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens, organised social bowls are held twice weekly on Thursday and Saturday, with an arrival time of 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. All homeowners are welcome.

Free training sessions for beginners and those wanting to improve upon their bowling skills are held every Thursday at 10am, and are run under the watchful eye of Bob Peady. The bowling committee wishes to thank Bob for his dedication and the time he puts into improving our skills. Anyone wishing to attend these sessions, please put your name and house number on the training sheet hanging on the notice board in the bowling clubhouse.

During the year we have many challenging bowls days within the resort. In this edition of 'Tea Time', for example, you can read all about the recent 'Australia vs. The World' day - an impressive 68 homeowners participated in the competition.

In addition to these fun days we also have other resorts visit us for competitions, including Palm Lake Resorts Fern Bay and Forster. This year we will have The Cove (Fern Bay) and Tallowood (Medowie) visit to exchange ideas, skills and most of all to share friendship and have a social drink or two.

The committee recently arranged a twilight bowls game on Monday 12 February, and we had many homeowners join us to either play or just watch and enjoy the fun.

To find out more about the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Bowling Group, please contact Doug Webber (President) at Home 224.

Check out our Weekly Activities list on Page 3!





Australia vs. The World

On Saturday January 27, as part of their observance of the Australia Day weekend, Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens celebrated the great event by running an 'Australia vs. The World' bowls tournament. Based on their place of birth, participants were selected to play for either team.

In the eight years that our resort has been playing bowls, this was the biggest ever tournament. We had 68 bowlers participating plus observers.

The event was won by 'The World', 117 - 110.



Winners are grinners.

We hosted Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay for our annual friendly bowls challenge. It was a competitive challenge, with 32 bowlers from each resort participating in a 16-ends game. Many homeowners from our resort also attended to witness one of the most exciting finishes ever seen in this competition.

Ultimately, it was the Tea Gardens club that came out on top by one shot on the last end. The final tally was 118 to Tea Gardens and 117 to Fern Bay. Our bowls president Doug Webber was presented with the winning shield from Robert Hill, bowls president at Fern Bay.

Well done to both clubs on a great competitive game, which was played in excellent spirit. Doug was so proud of the Tea Gardens bowling members and the hard working committee for making this a very day. Providing morning tea and lunch for 90-odd participants and spectators was no mean feat. It was particularly great to see so many interested spectators from Tea Gardens.



The results are in.

On February 12, a game of golf was played at Hawks Nest. As always, the winners were appreciative and delighted with the vouchers and caps. Here are the results...

LADIES

- **First place:** Catherine Johnstone from Fern Bay, with 33 points, won a \$50 voucher and a cap
- **Second place:** June London from Tea Gardens, with 32 points, won 3 golf balls and a cap

MEN

- **First place:** Graham Illand from Tea Gardens, with 37 points, won a \$50 voucher and a cap
- **Second place:** Garth Van Nierop from Forster, with 37 points, won three golf balls and a cap
- **Third place:** Michael Crock from Fern Bay, with 37 points, has 1 golf ball owed
- **Fourth place:** Martin Robinson from Tea Gardens, with 36 points, has 1 golf ball owed

Nearest the Pins

LADIES

- **Third hole:** No winner
- **Sixteenth hole:** Viv Ballinger from Tea Gardens

MEN'S

- **Third hole:** Lloyd Smith from Tea Gardens
- **Sixteenth hole:** John Hansen from Fern Bay

Village scores

The village scores after Mondays game were...

Tea Gardens: 29.65 Fern Bay: 26.58 Forster: 24.54



Resort manager's report.

It has been another busy few months for all of us here, with many activities and inter-resort challenges to participate in (or even just spectate). I love how busy and vibrant our resort is - we are definitely getting back to pre-COVID times.

Social interaction, no matter how small, is so beneficial for our mental and physical health. Studies suggest that social connectedness can help us cope better with depression, anxiety and stress, and can even help us live longer! Looking around our happy resort, I believe it.

We have had three inter-resort challenges, taking on various other Palm Lake Resort locations on the golf course, tennis court and bowls green. Well done to all who took part!

Looking ahead, our resort bowls committee will be hosting Tallowood Medowie Retirement Village for a friendly bowls challenge. It is always nice to interact with other over-55s resort-style communities from around the area (we love showing off our facilities!).

We will also have the Blue Hawaii Dinner Dance on April 20, at 6pm. We will be joined by Elvis (David Cazelet) for an evening of fabulous food and entertainment, including three-course Hawaiian-inspired meal. Tickets are available now. To purchase, please check the flyers that have been sent around.

Until next time,

Kym Bellamy
Resort Manager



Homes for sale.

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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU

Home 33: \$995,000

Bed 3

Bath 2

Living 2

Study 1

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. The home has just been freshly painted throughout and new carpet laid, not a nothing to do except move in and start enjoying your new life a Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens.

Home 2: \$1,060,000

Bed 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.

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 24: \$860,000

Bed 2

Bath 2

Living 1

Study 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, 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.

Homes for sale.

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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

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: \$1,100,000

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 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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Holiday, everyday.



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