

MAY - JUNE 2025



Tea Time



We sure are a crafty bunch!

Our residents talents were on full display when our annual arts and crafts show took place

Friendly competition

It was a day of fun and friendly lawn bowling when we took on Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

As we settle into the cooler months, there's a refreshing change in the air here in our beautiful corner of the world. The crisp, cool nights and warmer days have made for perfect weather to enjoy everything our resort and surrounds have to offer. Whether it's a morning walk, afternoon catch-up with neighbours or simply soaking up the sunshine, this time of year is a favourite for many of our residents.

We're delighted to extend a warm welcome to our newest residents - two lovely couples who joined us in April and three more couples arriving throughout May and June. It's always exciting to see our community grow, and we know you'll enjoy meeting and getting to know your new neighbours (soon to be friends!). The excitement and energy of new beginnings never goes unnoticed, and we're thrilled they've chosen Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens as their forever home.

The recent Easter weekend and school holidays brought a buzz of activity to the resort, with many homeowners hosting visiting family and friends. It was heart-warming to see so many smiling faces enjoying our facilities and exploring our beautiful Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest region. There's something so special about sharing our slice of paradise with loved ones.

As always, we look forward to the months ahead. Don't forget to keep an eye out for upcoming events and activities - we've got plenty to look forward to as winter approaches.

Until next time,

Lisa Weir
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Sales Team

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News in brief.



Planting a legacy

When our Rotarian Alacoque Welsh died, it was decided that the club would plant a grove of trees would be planted in her honour. This was done at Joadja in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. At that time two members of our Rotary E-Cub of Greater Sydney, half-jokingly, said that that's what they wanted when their time came too.

Sadly, both of those men have now passed away. The first was Maurie, in 2023. An opportunity came through Rotary to plant trees at the new airport at Badgery's Creek in Sydney. When Palm Lake Resort resident Dudley Mercer died later the same year, it was suggested that it would be more suitable for his trees to be planted closer to where he had chosen to live at Tea Gardens. Dudley had belonged to the Myall Koala and Environment Group Inc. so his wife, Marilyn, also a member, asked for their assistance. The Mid-Coast Council was approached and after much discussion a meeting was held with their personnel, Caitlin Orr (Koala Project Officer) and Anthony Marchment (Environmental Officer - Natural Assets), together with Richard Streamer (President of the Myall



Koala and Environment Group Inc) and Marilyn Mercer.

A wonderful patch of bushland, on the corner of Myall Way and Viney's Creek Road on the outskirts of the Tea Gardens township, was agreed upon. Planting took place on Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3: 'Wild Koala Day'. Anthony and Caitlin, with members of the Council's Koala Safe Places team, arrived at 9am on Friday with 250 trees, 250 tree guards and 500 stakes. Anthony immediately set to work with the augur and completed the 250 holes for the two days plantings. Remarkable!

On Friday 120 trees were planted, followed by the remaining 130 on Saturday. The trees are food trees for the local koalas; Sydney Blue Gum and Flooded Gum. This was only possible due to the great cooperation between Mid-Coast Council, the Myall Koala and Environment Group Inc. and the wonderful team of volunteers, made up of the Bitou Busters, Rotarians and residents from Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens - Bernd & Marit, David & Lyn, Bob & Ina and Marilyn's family.

On behalf of Dudley, thank you.

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

For art's sake.

Our residents' talents were on display earlier this year, when our resort art and craft show took place. A special mention to our Social Committee who work tirelessly to put on special events like this one throughout the year, and our very talented residents who put their works of art on display.

Photos courtesy of Herb Mathews.



Resort manager's report.



Although we've experienced more than our fair share of rain in recent months, the vibrant spirit of our residents remains as strong as ever. Rain or shine, it's been wonderful to see our community continuing to embrace resort life with enthusiasm, energy and plenty of good cheer.

In April, a group of residents enjoyed a bus trip to see SIX the Musical - a fabulous day out that had everyone buzzing. Looking ahead, planning is well underway for our Biggest Morning Tea event, and we're all eagerly anticipating Danny Elliott's Knights of Music show coming this June.

Our regular Friday shopping trips are still going strong, offering both convenience and a great social outing for many. It's always heartening to witness the level of support and participation in these events. The sense of community here is truly something special, and I look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with you all in the months ahead.

Until next time,
Martina Cross
Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens Resort Manager

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.
PLEASE NOTE: New on call after hours plumbing services will be provided by **Country to Coast Plumbing (Tim Mason)** 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

Lawn bowlers go green.

Sunday April 13 saw our Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens lawn bowlers go head to head with our Fern Bay friends. Ultimately, Palm Lake Resort Fern Bay were the overall winners - but some ends were very close.

A big shout out to the Bowls Committee for pulling the event together - and, as always, a very special mention and thank you to all the volunteers who supported the day with a lovely luncheon and raffles after the game.



Homes for sale.

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Home 200: Contact agent

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Beds
2
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Bath
2
- 
Study
1
- 
Living
2
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Garage
2
- 
Alfresco
1

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.



Home 192: \$890,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Alfresco
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Matisse III

This home features two spacious bedrooms, a versatile multipurpose room, and a master suite with a walk-in robe and double-sink ensuite. The kitchen, laundry, and bathrooms are elegantly finished with quartz benchtops, while the kitchen is equipped with high-quality Smeg appliances. The open-plan living and dining area flows seamlessly to a private, north-facing alfresco space, perfect for entertaining..



Home 114: \$964,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Alfresco
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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 248: \$1,050,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Living
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Garage
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Alfresco
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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.



Home 133: \$1,157,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Alfresco
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Renoir III

This magnificent Renoir home is perfectly positioned in a quiet spot within our beautiful resort, backing onto tranquil green space while remaining just a short stroll from the Promenade Country Club and other Palm Lake amenities. The master suite is at the rear for privacy and the two guest bedrooms forming a separate “guest wing” at the front. The master includes a spacious ensuite with a bath and walk-in robe.



Home 100: \$1,150,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Outdoor
Living

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 172: \$950,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Alfresco
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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.



Home 77: \$890,000

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Beds
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Bath
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Study
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Living
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Garage
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Outdoor
Living

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 256: \$1,275,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

2

Garage

2

Outdoor

Living

Renoir III.

There are many luxurious upgrades included in this home, like ducted air conditioning, ducted vacuum, automated awning over alfresco area with rain sensor, and exterior awnings. Featuring three generous bedrooms plus study and two indoor living areas, the main bedroom opens onto the private alfresco area and has an ensuite and walk-in robe. The second and third bedrooms are queen size with built-in robes.

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.

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.

UNDER OFFER

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.

SOLD

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.

UNDER OFFER

Home 27: \$765,000

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 44: \$950,000

Beds

3

Bath

2

Study

1

Living

3

Garage

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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 30 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 PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN.

Neighbours lend a hand as Alfred comes to town.

The strength of our Palm Lake Resort communities, and the Palm Lake Group as a whole - was put on show when Tropical Cyclone Alfred rolled into Queensland's south-east corner recently. In scenes reminiscent of the Covid pandemic, our Palm Lake Resort homeowners rallied to support one another and ensure their communities were not only prepared for the hit, but also quickly mopped up afterwards.

Palm Lake Resort Carindale Caretakers Wayne and Karen said that while 28 homeowners left the resort to be with their families, more than 200 stayed in the resort throughout the cyclone.

"For the first time ever, the flood waters came into our community from Wright Street (pictured above)," Karen says. "We constantly checked the levels there and in the creek. We had Stuart (Home 168) monitoring the creek and reporting in to us and trusty Ken (Home 113) reporting from the other end of the resort. What an incredible team.

"Those who stayed were in good hands, as we had many many homeowners checking on their older neighbours, boiling them water on gas stoves when they lost power. Our communal halls were left open so homeowners could gather together with other homeowners. Luckily we had arranged some extra food for sandwiches, as well as milk



and water so we could all meet at the Grand Hall and have toasties - mostly made by Bob (Home 98).

"Some homeowners were scared - mainly because of the fast flood waters - as they live on their own, but we made sure that someone kept dropping in on them regularly to keep them in the loop.

"We are actually so proud of our caring homeowner network," Karen smiles. "Our beautiful Palm Lake Resort Carindale community certainly comes together well in tough times."

The same types of stories were heard right across the Palm Lake Group - with our resort homeowners even supporting their local Palm Lake Care aged caring communities. For example, the sleepy seaside town of Beachmere does not have its own local police station, so officers were brought in to keep an eye on local residents during the storm. When the power in that neighbourhood went out, our Palm Lake Care staff returned the favour and offered the police officers hot meals and coffee, which they gratefully accepted. What's more, three volunteers (retired registered nurses) from Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay and Beachmere Sands - located just across the road - provided support and personal care to the elderly aged care residents. A lovely gesture of selfless care that embodies the PLR spirit!



Wedding bells ring loud and clear.

THERE HAVE BEEN NEW WEDDING BELLS RINGING ACROSS PALM LAKE RESORT AS WELL AS CELEBRATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LONGEVITY - ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE LOVE, LOVE STORIES!

Palm Lake Resort Bethania

Pictured above left, check out the new "Mr and Mrs Remy" (also known to homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Bethania as Steve and Kate), who tied the knot on February 15. Their official ceremony was held at their resort - how wonderful! We wish the Remys the best for their future life together.

Palm Lake Resort Yamba

Shirley Foley married Denis Kelly on May 15, 1965, at Tumut, New South Wales. Little did they know, 136km away on that very same day, their future friends (and future neighbours) Carole Wilson and John Joyce were also tying the knot. In the late 1960s, the Joyces moved to Tumut and, sure enough, met the Kellys. The couples have been firm friends ever since. And they have more in common than just their wedding anniversary - nowadays, you'll find Denis and Shirley in Home 4 at Palm Lake Resort Yamba, and John and Carole in Home 63 (all four pictured above right, including a photo of the Kellys on their wedding day).

Palm Lake Resort Eagleby

It all began in Liverpool, England, in the early 1960s. The school dance was in full swing when John, who was working as a roadie for the band that night, spotted Joan across the dance floor. He winked at her and, as he fondly recalls, "that was it". The couple married on March 27, 1965, in Liverpool and in 1976, John and Joan made the bold decision to move to Australia, with their young family in tow. After more than two decades in Sydney, they moved to Queensland in 2000, making Palm Lake Resort Eagleby their home in 2009. Pictured above (middle), six decades on from their wedding day, family remains at the heart of their lives through six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa

Long-time Sunshine Coast locals, David and Nola, just marked 60 years with their proud family, including nine grandies and 11 great-grandies (with more on the way!).

Fiona is 102 years young

One of our oldest homeowners at Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge is Fiona Ryan. She turned 102 years young in April. The Lodge Country Club hosted a party for Fiona, with many of her family and Palm Lake Resort friends stopping by. What a milestone for this resort matriarch!



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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