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The Edge



'Tis the season to be social

Living in a lifestyle resort like ours means loads of opportunity to get social

Over the back fence

The Palm Lake Group is one big 10,000-strong 'family' - find out what your counterparts are up to in our new regular series

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Well, hello 2024! We wish you all the very happiest new year. We hope you had the best of times with family and friends over the festive season and if you are anything like Mark and I, you will now be in recovery mode. I'm sure those grandkids run on fully charged batteries 24/7! It was so nice to see our fabulous facilities being put to good use with plenty of barbecues, swimming, functions etc held over the festive season. Many of our homeowners enjoyed happy family times here at the resort, with everyone making the most of what is on offer.

If you are passing by any of our ground staff, please make sure to stop and say hello. With all the rain and warm weather we are having, they are in full battle mode trying to keep everything in check. I'm sure they would love to take a quick break and enjoy a chat with you. Meals are now back to normal and our cleaners and kitchen staff are also working hard to ensure everything is perfect for you all.

Until next time, take care.

Mark Kelly & Karen Hopkins,
Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba Caretakers

PS. The Summer 2023-24 edition of our company magazine, Your Time, is circulating the country. Have you seen a copy yet? In it, we keep you up to date on all things Palm Lake Group including progress on our newest communities at Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, Paynesville and more. Did you also hear that we won two statewide construction industry awards? We're proud of the communities we build and manage - and with 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's a lot of news from around the grounds. If you are yet to see a hard copy, you can also read our company magazine online at palm.lakeresort.com.au

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News in brief.

LOOKING FOR CARE?

There are limited vacancies at Palm Lake Care Toowoomba available now. Vacancies come and go quickly and Palm Lake Care prioritises Palm Lake Resort homeowners and their families. If you have someone needing high quality 24-hour nursing care in this award-winning community, FREECALL Care Solutions on 1800 24 66 77.



SLIPPERY VISITOR

With the warm weather here, please be mindful that it is snake season. Sales Consultant Amanda McGilvray had this little Eastern Brown come into the Sales Information Centre for a visit recently and while Amanda says she has an appreciation for all animals, this little guy was safely relocated away from our resort and it was back to business!



Muriel bats her century.

Muriel Johns moved into Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba in April 2011. Since that time, she has made many, many friends who converged at our Misty Ridge Country Club in November, alongside Muriel's family, to celebrate this popular matriarch's 100th birthday!

Among the gathered crowd was Muriel's daughter Lurlene (who is also a Palm Lake Resort homeowner here), her son Russell, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her friends from the Parkinsons Group. They all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea together, hosted by the Social Club Committee.

Muriel shared that she found it hard to get her head around the fact that she is "actually 100 years old".

Muriel has always shown interest in everything happening here in our resort and still regularly comes to meals. Over the years, she has

been involved in craft, loved the quiz sessions and has also been part of the "All Stars" Group who for many years put on skits to entertain other homeowners. Until recently, she also played indoor bowls each week.

Our Social Club President shared a short story of Muriel's life with the gathered crowd, before they all sang "Happy Birthday" and Muriel cut her cake. Floral arrangements from Walter and Scott Elliott and Palm Lake Resort staff, and also from the Social Club were presented as well.

Muriel's birthday celebrations were followed by a concert from the "Jazz Squad". After playing Happy Birthday to Muriel, this group of talented and dedicated young people entertained us with their very professionally played music. It was an enjoyable close to a very pleasant afternoon in honour of a very special lady.

REFER A FRIEND TO EARN A CASH REWARD

We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort home and enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you, right? Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community, and if they purchase a Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy!



HERE AT
PALM LAKE
RESORT, WE
ARE 'FAMILY'

The festive season did not disappoint.

BY BETTY McCREDDEN,
SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT

EACH MONTH, THERE ARE MANY EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF HOMEOWNERS HERE AT PALM LAKE RESORT TOOWOOMBA AND THE MONTH OF DECEMBER DID NOT DISAPPOINT...

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Both of our resort's two Country Clubs were beautifully decorated by homeowner volunteers this past festive season. Misty Ridge was decorated by Narelle Brand and her helpers, and it included a special display of a village including the nativity scene by Judy Clarke. Over at the Pinnacle Country Club, decorations were thanks to Lorraine Maguire and helpers. On entering, both of these buildings, you couldn't help but feel the joy of the Christmas season.

BIG TRIVIA NIGHT

The Big Trivia Night, with a Christmas theme, was held at Misty Ridge Country Club. Homeowners dressed up, decorated their respective tables and had a great time answering questions compiled by Lyn and Bob as well as Majella and Floyd.

VARIETY SHOW

This was advertised as a "Cracker of a Show" and it was certainly that! Thanks must go to Elaine and her assistants Val, Dorelle and Lyn, as well as the many homeowners who gave us so much enjoyment as they shared their talent with us. The Pinnacle Country Club was crowded and the audience appreciated the variety of items presented and the many jokes from Floyd, who was MC for the event.

CAROLS NIGHT

Olwyn introduced the theme for the evening as she played several brackets of Christmas melodies on the accordion. The

Ukulele Group and other performers joined the Palm Lake Singers to lead the singing of carols, which told the story of Christmas, as well as other well known Christmas songs. Ian was MC at this event and, as he introduced the items, he gave a brief history of the particular carol or song. It was great to see the audience singing along.

Santa Claus is always a hit and as the Ukulele Group played "Santa Claus is coming to town", Santa arrived with Mrs Claus and with two helpers. They had a chat to many homeowners and gave out sweets to the 165 people in attendance.

GOSPEL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Pinnacle Country Club Cinema was packed for this event, organised by homeowner Leanne Day. We were blessed as Leanne presented, read from Scripture and sang about the Good News we have received of the coming of Christ into the world, at the first Christmas.

ORPHANS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Once again, Eileen assisted by friends, organised a lovely Orphans Christmas Lunch. This is a great way for homeowners (who do not have family close by) to enjoy Christmas lunch together. Homeowners really appreciate this and the food contributed was good and plentiful. So with food, fellowship and fun we all enjoyed the day.

LIGHT MEAL /EKLIPZ ENTERTAINMENT

The Social Committee and helpers catered for 130 meals for homeowners at the Pinnacle Country Club on December 22. Dinner was followed by entertainment from the Eklipz band. It was another happy night during the festive season as homeowners enjoyed the music and many spent ample time on the dance floor.



Pictured: Christmas lunch was enjoyed by a very merry bunch of homeowners at Misty Clubhouse this past festive season. All contributed food to share. This event has been organised by Eileen for the past 12 years! Numbers range from 15 people at the start of the event to 61 guests in 2023. They even managed through the Covid years with safeguards in place. This is an example of the wonderful community spirit that we enjoy here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba.



***Pictured right:** It doesn't matter what your level of dancing accomplishment (or even coordination for that matter!), there's a line dancing class to suit everyone here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba. Whether you are a beginner, improver or intermediate, classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week across both our resort Country Clubs. As well as the obvious health benefits of staying active, there are many other social benefits of joining in a group activity like this. Maybe 2024 is your year to try line dancing?*



Weekly activities.

MONDAY

8.30am Aerobics, Misty Ridge (PLR)
8.30am 500 cards, Pinnacle (RC)
9.15am Beginners line dancing, Pinnacle (PLR)
10.15am Transitional line dancing, Pinnacle (PLR)
10.45am Improvers line dancing, Pinnacle (PLR)
12noon 500 cards, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Mahjong, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Hand and Foot cards, Pinnacle (RC)
2pm Darts, Pinnacle (RC)
3pm Indoor bowls, Misty Ridge (RC)

TUESDAY

8.30am Beginners line dancing, Pinnacle (PLR)
8.45am Bus to Grand Central (PLR)
9.30am Beginners line dancing, Pinnacle (PLR)
10am Beginner Tai chi and Qi Gong, Pinnacle Bowls (PLR)
10.30am Aqua aerobics, Misty Ridge (PLR)
12noon Bistro lunch, Misty Ridge (PLR)
1pm Craft work and Canasta, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Pool/billiards, Pinnacle (RC)
2pm Aqua aerobics, Pinnacle (PLR)
2pm Advanced Tai chi & Qi Gong, Pinnacle Bowls (PLR)
6pm Dinner, Pinnacle (PLR)

WEDNESDAY

8.30am 500 cards, Pinnacle (RC)
8:30am Table tennis, Misty Ridge (RC)
9am Tai chi and Qi Gong, Misty Ridge (PLR)
9am Pilates mat class, Pinnacle (PLR)
10am Steady steps, Pinnacle (PLR)
10.15am Yoga, Misty Ridge (PLR)
12noon Bistro lunch, Pinnacle (PLR)
1pm Hand and Foot cards, Pinnacle (RC)
5.30pm Dinner, Misty Ridge (PLR)

THURSDAY

8.30am Intermediate line dancing, Misty Ridge (PLR)
8.45am Bus to Clifford Gardens, departs both Country Clubs (PLR)

9am Stitchers and Knitters, all day, Pinnacle (RC)
12noon Bistro lunch, Misty Ridge (PLR)
12noon Lunch, Pinnacle (PLR)
12noon 500 cards, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Craft work, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Trivia, Pinnacle (RC)
1pm Pool/billiards, Pinnacle (RC)
1.15pm Bingo, Misty Ridge (RC)
2pm Aqua aerobics, Pinnacle (PLR)
2pm Ukulele lessons, Pinnacle (RC)
3pm Indoor bowls, Misty Ridge (RC)
6pm Dinner, Pinnacle (PLR)

FRIDAY

8.30am 500 cards, Pinnacle (RC)
9am Steady Steps, Misty Ridge (PLR)
9am Bus to Bunnings, last Friday of the month (PLR)
9am Craft work, Misty Ridge (RC)
9.15am Zumba Gold, Pinnacle (PLR)
10am Pilates mat class, Misty Ridge (PLR)
11am-1pm Milon Gym inductions, Pinnacle (PLR)
12.30-4.30pm Watercolour painting, Pinnacle (RC)
1pm Mahjong, Misty Ridge (RC)

SATURDAY

9am Colouring-in, Misty Ridge (RC)
12noon Cards, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Backgammon, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Billiards, Pinnacle (RC)

SUNDAY

12noon Cards, Misty Ridge (RC)

*PLR = Palm Lake Resort-sponsored activities.
 RC = Activities organised by our homeowners. Please check with the Homeowners' Committee and/or the specific organisers of each event for more info.*

Around the grounds.

***Pictured right:** Check out Jocelyn who enjoyed a birthday sidecar ride with Eric - what fun!*



***Pictured above:** Did you know that as well as providing weekend movies in our Cinemas here in Toowoomba, our Cinema Group also screens different series during the week? On Monday and Wednesdays, at Misty Cinema from 6.30pm, homeowners can enjoy the episodes of each series. Members of the Cinema Group enjoyed a lovely Christmas supper at the end of the year after watching the final episode of Cranford, as pictured above.*

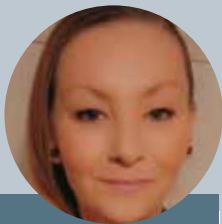


A TRULY SPECTACULAR COMMUNITY EVENT!

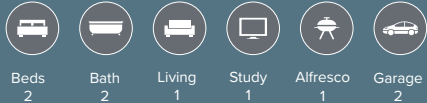
***Pictured above:** A group of Palm Lake Resrt homeowners took a trip to the Gold Coast recently to enjoy the Australian Outback Spectacular show. It was a wonderful day arranged by Marilyn Peacock (Home 413) and enjoyed by everyone.*

Homes for sale.

FOR HOME APPRAISALS, PRIVATE RESORT TOURS AND ANY OTHER GENERAL SALES ENQUIRIES,
FREECALL PALM LAKE RESORT TOOWOOMBA'S SALES INFORMATION CENTRE ON 1800 280 129.



Home 364: \$760,000



JUST THREE YEARS YOUNG

Only three years old and presented in excellent condition, this superbly appointed home is conveniently situated within easy walking distance to the resort's Pinnacle Country Club and many of the other amazing facilities that Palm Lake Resort has to offer. With a welcoming and luxurious feel, this modern, open plan and light-filled Montalto design home boasts spacious indoor and outdoor living areas that are perfectly positioned. The covered outdoor alfresco area is the ideal place to relax and catch plenty of warm sunshine throughout the day.



Home 545: \$970,000



Home 457: \$760,000



Your sales update.

I would like to take this opportunity, at the start of the New Year, to wish you all a very blessed 2024. Also, I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest homeowners - Trevor and Gloria Morgan - who recently purchased Home 457. I am sure they are already feeling very welcome here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba.

I have some wonderful homes that are currently for sale, as featured here as well as others that are not yet advertised, as per their owners' requests. If you know someone who has recently sold their family home or is thinking of selling their home and would like to become part of the wonderful community here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba, please feel free to pass on my details or stop into the Sales Information Centre. And remember, "Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength" - Betty Friedan.

Amanda McGilvray
Sales Consultant



Home 186: \$660,000

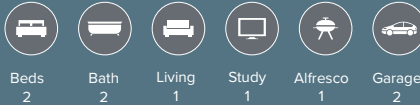


LOCATION, LOCATION!

Very rarely do these homes become available in the "Misty Ridge" section of Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba. This is the largest design and only a select few were built with a double garage. Positioned on a private corner block it is an easy walk to both award-winning Country Clubs. Inside you will find two bedrooms and an office. There is plenty of storage space. Being on a larger-than-average block, the added bonuses are two garden sheds and two water tanks in the paved courtyard, allowing for easy access to outdoor areas. There is double access to the property and plenty of parking space for guests.



Home 476: \$770,000



CLEVER DESIGN IN SOUGHT-AFTER LOCATION

Here's a rare opportunity to purchase a beautiful home in a great location. Only a short stroll to the award-winning Pinnacle Country Club, you can move straight in and enjoy all the resort has to offer. Inside, you will not be disappointed. The spacious kitchen has 2pac cabinetry, SMEG appliances and stone bench tops. The adjoining laundry is large, offering extra storage. The open plan living extends out on to a full length alfresco which has been enclosed offering a lovely space to sit and relax. Two large water tanks and two clothes lines are added features. There is a small garden shed and access all around the exterior of the property. This home offers exceptional value and is a must to inspect.



Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT COMMUNITIES 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 NEW 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 GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!



Waterford's own toy story.

THERE'S A GROUP OF MODEST WOODWORK ENTHUSIASTS USING THEIR PALM LAKE RESORT WORKSHOP TO GREAT ADVANTAGE.

The aptly named 'Toy Boys' is a band of merry toymakers - akin to Santa's elves - who spend their spare time in their Palm Lake Resort Waterford workshop turning timber into toys for underprivileged kids each Christmas.

Current president Ray Johnstone says the Toy Boys utilise donated timber offcuts and fundraise to purchase other materials from their local Mitre 10 store, which also comes to the party with its own generous donations to the Toy Boys' cause. The Boys spend the whole year manufacturing everything from toy trucks to rocking horses to children's play furniture and then, at Christmas time, they make a donation to Beenleigh Special School and place the rest of their toys under the Mitre 10 Christmas tree as part of its annual appeal.

Ray says the Toy Boys have been making and donating toys for the best part of 15 years. Many hundreds of toys have passed through this resort's workshop on their way to grateful children.

Ray says the Boys were devastated to learn of the passing last week of one of their original members, Jim Blackwood, who was "the backbone" of this incredible group right up until the day he passed.

If you'd like to support the Toy Boys' cause, Mitre 10 and Bunnings gift cards are greatly appreciated, as well as any material donations. For more, phone the Palm Lake Resort Waterford caretakers on 1800 028 428.

Caloundra golfers reign supreme.

FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, CALOUNDRA CAY HAS WON THE COVETED PALM LAKE INTER-RESORT GOLF CLASSIC, RETAINING THE PALM LAKE RESORT CUP.

Golfers from Palm Lake Resorts Toowoomba, Cooroy-Noosa, Beachmere Sands, Beachmere Bay, Pelican Waters, Caloundra Cay and Hervey Bay descended on Pelican Waters Golf Course (owned by the Palm Lake Group) for the annual event, with 128 homeowners competing in a four-person Ambrose.

Caloundra Cay retained the trophy won in 2023 when the event was played at Woodford Golf Club and the team of Bernie Reddan, Archie Deans, Ian Ponton and Ray Pickup returned the best score of the day - an impressive nett 55.875.

Head of Golf, Dale Williamson, said it was the biggest field the course had enjoyed since re-opening.

"To have Palm Lake Resort represented by seven resorts and so many homeowners, was encouraging," Dale says. "Hopefully we can have even more of our resorts and homeowners involved next year."

Charitable Cooroy sewers rewarded.

PALM LAKE RESORT COOROY-NOOSA'S UNIFORMS 4 KIDS SEWERS ARE BEYOND HAPPY WITH A SET OF BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINES PAID FOR BY BENDIGO BANK, VIA THE LOCAL HERO AWARDS.



Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) is a dedicated charity that sees sewers produce children's clothing items from old uniforms donated by the Police, Border Force, Flying Doctors, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Australia Zoo and more. The clothing produced by these dedicated sewing enthusiasts is donated to underprivileged children in need. But the benefits don't stop there. The pre-loved uniforms would have otherwise gone into landfill but instead, our environment benefits and many underprivileged children are clothed and happier.

The pioneer and founder of U4K is Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowner Yvonne Pattinson OAM.

One day, Yvonne wanted to clean out a cupboard crowded with material collected over a lifetime of sewing. She decided to turn that fabric into children's clothing that a friend of Yvonne's wanted to donate to an orphanage she supported in Asia. In stepped Yvonne's daughter, Debbie Platz (then a Queensland Police officer), who pointed out there were many underprivileged children right here in Australia who needed clothing and why not use the police uniforms she and her colleagues had to discard? U4K was officially born.

U4K sewers exist in groups spanning Cooktown to Canberra and have made a total of almost 30,000 items of clothing for children in need since the charity began - what an incredible effort!

U4K sewers have also made lasting friendships and have a new purpose in life through their volunteer work with this charity. Not to mention the positive effect U4K has in bringing emergency services and local communities together in those areas where a U4K group operates.

The U4K ladies of Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa (pictured above) were rewarded by Bendigo Bank recently with a donation of brand new sewing machines to enable them to continue their good work. Congratulations to you all - you make us proud!

Maybe you can start a U4K group with your Palm Lake Resort friends? Visit www.uniforms4kids.com.au

Tea Gardens' jam-packed day.

FORGET TURNING LEMONS IN LEMONADE - A GROUP OF PASSIONATE PALM LAKE RESORT TEA GARDENS RESIDENTS ARE TURNING THEIR RESORT CUMQUATS INTO DELICIOUS JAM FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens is filled with many fruit-bearing cumquat trees - some on resort grounds but many in the residents' own backyards. Noticing this, a band of enthusiastic jam-lovers came together and the annual PLR Cumquat Jam Production Day was born. One resident spent a year collecting, washing, de-labelling and storing hundreds of jars. Others organised the donation of masses of sugar and the collection of all the required cooking utensils. The resort's Bowls Club kitchen was booked, and dozens of residents arrived early on the day to form teams, washing, cutting and weighing fruit and sugar, sterilising jars and lids, cooking the jam, then bottling and labelling it. Of course, a community event like this would not be a Palm Lake Resort event if there wasn't a morning tea shared and a few glasses of bubbles later in the day! By 7pm, the job was done. Some 38kg of fruit (all grown around the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens grounds) and 38kg of sugar produced more than 200 jars of jam. What a wonderful community initiative - and a delicious result!



What's happening over your back fence?

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the greater Palm Lake Resort community? Email the details to belinda@bellepr.com

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