

The Edge



Dog day afternoon

Our recent event proved it's a dog's life here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba

Toowoomba lights up

Our resort was the place to be this Christmas – take a walk down Candy Cane lane, inside

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Welcome to the January–February edition of The Edge – our first of 2026!

As we farewell another busy and rewarding year at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba, we'd like to take a moment to thank you all. It has been a pleasure to not only look after the resort, but also to support the community that makes it such a great place to live.

Last year was certainly a full one, with plenty happening around the resort and lots of opportunities to connect, socialise, and enjoy everyday life here. None of that would be possible without the involvement, patience and positive spirit of our residents, and we're grateful to each of you for the role you play in shaping the community.

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and festive season, whether that meant time spent with family and friends, joining in celebrations around the resort, or simply taking things a little slower. As we move into 2026, we're looking forward to another good year ahead – continuing to maintain the resort, support our homeowners and build on what's already working well.

Thank you again for being part of Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba. We look forward to the year ahead and to continuing to make this a place we're all proud to call home.

Mark Kelly & Karen Hopkins,
Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba Caretakers

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News briefs.

Refer a friend

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 home, you'll receive \$250 cash. Easy! Ask about our 'Refer a Friend' incentive at the Sales Information Centre.

Want to get your RSA?

The bar is always looking for more homeowners to get their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate to maintain the great service that is provided by our volunteers. If you would like to get behind the bar, please contact Darryl on 0419 767 778 or Tony on 0427 316 947 and they will be happy to fill you in on what is required to achieve your RSA.

Weekly Activities list

PLR = Palm Lake Resort-sponsored activities. RC = Activities organised by our homeowners.

MONDAY

8.30am Aerobics, Misty Ridge (PLR).
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).
Hand & Foot, 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 Aqua aerobics, Pinnacle (PLR)
10am Beginner Tai chi and Qi Gong, Pinnacle (PLR)
12noon Bistro lunch, Misty Ridge (PLR)
1pm Craft work and Canasta, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Pool/billiards, Pinnacle (RC)
2pm Tai chi & Qi Gong, Pinnacle Bowls (PLR)
6pm Dinner, Pinnacle (PLR)

WEDNESDAY

8.30am 500 cards, Pinnacle (RC).
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 Sewers and Knitters, all day, Pinnacle (RC)
12noon Bistro lunch, Misty Ridge (PLR). Lunch, Pinnacle (PLR)
12noon 500 cards, Misty Ridge (RC)
1pm Craft work, Misty Ridge (RC).
Trivia, Pinnacle (RC). Pool/billiards, Pinnacle (RC)
1.15pm Bingo, Misty Ridge (RC)
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).
Craft, Misty Ridge (RC)
9am Bus to Bunnings, last Friday of the month (PLR)
9.15am Zumba Gold, Pinnacle (PLR)
10am Pilates mat class, Misty Ridge (PLR)
11am-1pm Milon Gym inductions, Pinnacle (PLR), by appointment via the Caretakers
1pm Mahjong, Misty Ridge (RC)

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

12noon Cards, Misty Ridge (RC)



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, phone Care Solutions on 1800 24 66 77 to discuss the options available to you.

JPs on hand

Did you know we have a number of homeowners here at the resort who are qualified JPs?

- John Robinson (2228)
- Kelly Logan (1295)
- Wendy Taylor (1222)

Also, Margaret Murphy (2343) is a Commissioner of Declarations.

Around the grounds.

FROM CHRISTMAS CHEER TO (LITERAL) DOG DAY AFTERNOONS, CATCH UP ON ALL THE FUN WE'VE BEEN HAVING IN AND AROUND OUR RESORT.



We're barking mad!

The very first Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba dog show was an absolute hit, bringing homeowners and their four-legged friends together for a day full of laughter, wagging tails and community spirit – and the occasional bark of excitement.

The success of the inaugural event has everyone looking forward to making the Palm Lake Resort Dog Show an annual tradition celebrating the joy, companionship, and fun our dogs bring to the community. Thank you to the Palm Lake Resort team for your sponsorship.



Bowlers don their red and green

If there's one thing our Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba bowls group enjoys more than a competitive game on the green, it's celebrating! In December, they enjoyed a fun-filled day of festive cheer, with everyone dressed in bright, colourful Christmas gear. The festive spirit carried through to a cheerful party afterwards. Thanks to the organisers – it was a wonderful way to wrap up the season.



A walk down Candy Cane Lane

Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba comes alive every Christmas as the homeowners light up their homes with beautiful, festive displays. Thanks for bringing sparkle and cheer to the whole community!



Friday night delights

Friday nights are always a fun time at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba! When you combine our workshop raffle with a band like Undercover, and throw in a sausage sizzle, you have the perfect recipe for a good night.



We're fighting fit!

There is always something happening in our resort clubhouses. Head to the Misty Ridge Clubhouse on Wednesday mornings to see the serious table-tennis players in full swing, while over at the Pinnacle Clubhouse, residents take part in the gentle and supportive Steady Steps classes. Keen to try something new? Check out our **Weekly Activities** list on Page 3 of this newsletter.



Full moon rising

There are few better places to watch the moon change phases than the front deck of our Pinnacle Country Club. The December full moon was particularly spectacular. How lucky are we to call this home?



The John Butler Shield

John Butler devoted his life at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba to organising our resident bowls group. When John sadly passed away in June of 2025, the group decided to set up an annual bowls competition in his honour. At their end of year luncheon, Barbara Butler and her son Richard were asked to unveil the John Butler Shield, which is now hanging proudly in the Pinnacle Bowls Club.



Mark's childhood dream comes true!

From the moment our Caretaker, Mark, first saw 'Star Wars' on the big screen as a wide-eyed 13-year-old in 1977, he's been captivated by the epic saga. What began as a childhood fascination has stayed with him for decades – and recently, that passion has taken a very impressive and modern form.

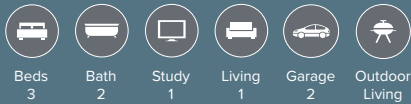
After months of dedicated work involving 3D-printing, sanding, assembling and hand-painting each piece, Mark has brought his favourite galaxy far, far away into the real world with a life-size B1 Battle Droid. The finished result is nothing short of remarkable, and has to be seen to be believed.

Luckily, it now lives proudly on display in the Caretaker's Office. The Droid has quickly become a talking point for homeowners and visitors alike, sparking conversations and plenty of curiosity. Congratulations, Mark, on your creativity, passion and, above all, patience – how special it is to see childhood dreams come to life.

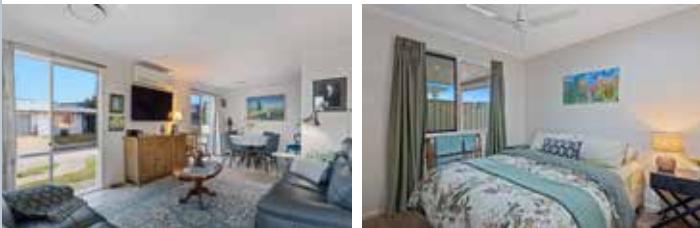
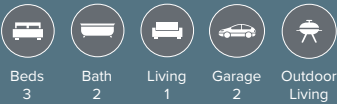
Homes for sale.

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

Home 103 - \$750,000



Home 22 - \$770,000



Home 53 - \$720,000

SOLD



Home 535 - \$890,000

SOLD

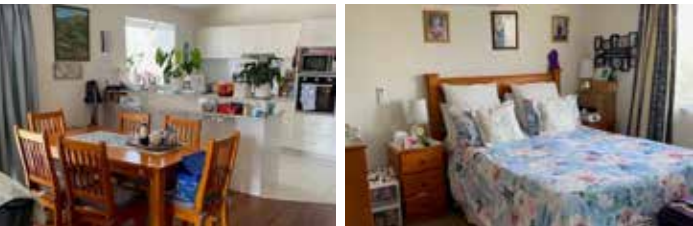
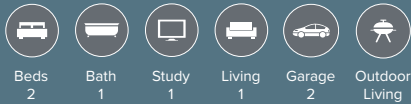


Home 311 - \$1,150,000

SOLD



Home 162 - \$750,000



Home 276 - \$850,000



Your sales update.

Welcome to our January-February edition of 'The Edge'. I would like to wish all owners a wonderful year in 2026, and anticipate another great year ahead at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba.



You have probably seen the large cranes in our beautiful views for some months now – they are there for an exciting reason, building the new Toowoomba Base Hospital. With these first-class medical services, airport, schools, location, and stunning views, Toowoomba will fast become a hotspot.

Big things are happening below ground level at the new hospital, too! The concrete structure for Level 0 in is complete and strong, and trades are beginning to install the high-level services that will power the operations, including electrical, plumbing and air-conditioning systems. This level will eventually house key facility support areas - including the Dock and Kitchen - and will be just one of nine levels.

In resort news, sales had a wonderful 2025. I anticipate some big changes and strong results for 2026. Here's our current sales report:

SOLD IN NOVEMBER:

- Home 53 (Watervale 4): \$695,000
- Home 61 (Miranda): \$625,000
- Home 3 (Miranda): \$650,000
- Home 311 (Majella): \$1.1m
- Home 535 (Rosalie): \$890,000

SOLD IN DECEMBER:

- Home 235 (Paringa): \$1,090,000
- Home 133 (Eucalyptus): \$950,000

If your situation has changed and you are looking to sell, please reach out on 0417 189 927 or email me at amandam@pallmlake.com.au.

I look forward to talking to you.

Until next time,

Amanda McGilvray
Sales Consultant
Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba

Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 27 RESORT ADDRESSES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 12,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS.



The Toy Boys make prime time TV

WE'VE COVERED THE WONDERFUL WORK OF "THE TOY BOYS" AT PALM LAKE RESORT WATERFORD IN THESE PAGES BEFORE, BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BOYS MADE TV HEADLINES OVER CHRISTMAS?

This group of merry toymakers spend all year in their **Palm Lake Resort Waterford** workshop constructing wooden toys for underprivileged local children. At Christmastime annually, they gather a year's worth of handmade goodies and make a large heartfelt donation to Beenleigh Special School as well as The Mitre 10 Beenleigh Christmas tree appeal. And they've been doing this for 15 years!

7News Brisbane heard about The Toy Boys' pending 2025 donation and sent out a camera crew to capture their story. So taken with the Boys' dedication to their cause were producers of the 'Sunrise' television show that they then live-crossed to Palm Lake Resort Waterford to interview the Boys live on air. Workshop President Ray Johnstone says the group was grateful for the recognition and praise, and they look forward to many more years spent in their resort workshop, building wooden treasures for local kids.

HANDMADE
TOYS SPREAD
CHEER TO
NEEDY KIDS

Step inside Santa's Workshop

PALM LAKE RESORT CALOUNDRA CAY HOMEOWNERS PUT THEIR MANY TALENTS TO GOOD USE, COLLECTING (AND MAKING) DONATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL SALVOS CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

In the lead-up to Christmas, **Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay** homeowners worked together to assemble 81 Christmas hampers for families in need across the Sunshine Coast. Retired Salvation Army Major and homeowner Maree Strong helped coordinate the effort, which evolved from a simple neighbourly suggestion into a well-organised collection and distribution process.

"What began as one small idea quickly grew into something incredibly meaningful," Maree told Tony Durkin for the Caloundra Cay newsletter, recalling the steady flow of donated food items that filled collection boxes in the library and required regular sorting and storage ahead of final packing.

Adding a new element to this year's appeal, members of the Caloundra Cay Workshop also contributed 40 handmade wooden toys for children from recipient families. Suggested by workshop member Bruce Angus, the project involved hours of sanding, painting and finishing, with each toy requiring several hours of careful work. The toys were distributed alongside the hampers, complementing the food donations and no doubt promising a joyful surprise for recipients with children.



Doing good in The Long Run

Homeowners at **Palm Lake Resort Barga** recently came together for a meaningful fundraising event. As part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, homeowners formed a team for 'The Long Run', inviting neighbours to join a ride around the resort grounds to raise funds and spark conversation around prostate cancer awareness.

The ride saw 37 participants cycle a combined distance of more than 300km along the resort's streets, cheered on by fellow homeowners who generously donated along the way. The morning concluded with a well-earned morning tea and a raffle, with the event raising \$1975 for Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia.

The ride also shone a spotlight on the Barga Prostate Cancer Support Group, which now supports men and families across the Coral Coast. Most importantly, it reinforced a vital message: early detection saves lives, and regular conversations with your GP are key.

Think pink, for a cause

Palm Lake Resorts across Queensland turned pink late last year, coming together to raise funds and awareness for the McGrath Foundation and breast cancer.

At **Palm Lake Resort Upper Coomera**, homeowners enjoyed a lively evening event that raised \$1515, thanks to generous donations from homeowners, the Toucan Club, and local service providers. **Palm Lake Resort Bethania** hosted a beautifully curated Pink Morning Tea, led by homeowner Lorraine Sommerville, raising more than \$2000 with the help of volunteers, prizes and home-baked treats. Meanwhile, at **Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa**, around 70 homeowners filled the Pavilion Country Club with pink, raising \$1152 and enjoying music, food, costumes and plenty of community spirit as well.

Congrats on these big birthday milestones

Best wishes to Palm Lake Resort's latest nonagenarians and even a centenarian, who all celebrated a birthday milestone recently..

Jan Cuskelly from **Palm Lake Resort Barga** marked her 90th birthday alongside 70 of her family, friends and neighbours. Everyone in attendance enjoyed finger food and refreshments in the Ocean Breeze Country Club.

Palm Lake Resort Caloundra Cay's 'Big' John Williams celebrated his 90th birthday with the help of his regular bowling mates, who put together an afternoon of activities in his honour. Cake was eaten, rounds of drinks were shouted (even by the birthday boy himself!) and many laughs were shared.

And finally, **Palm Lake Resort Phillip Island** birthday girl Joan Menzies just turned 100! She spent the day surrounded by family, many of whom she hadn't seen for years, with friends joining in the festivities later on. What a milestone!

A very special visitor

Residents at **Palm Lake Resort Ballina** recently enjoyed a rare wildlife surprise – a Great Bowerbird, well outside its usual Queensland range. The striking visitor built an intricate bower beside the walking track, decorating it with stones, pegs, marbles and even chilli peppers! While no female arrived to admire his efforts, the bowerbird's unexpected stay sparked curiosity, conversation and delight, offering a fascinating glimpse into Australia's extraordinary birdlife.



What's 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? We'd love to include it in the next editions of our resort newsletters. **Simply contact your Caretakers or email the details to Belinda at belinda@bellepr.com**

Better, together.



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