

MAY - JUNE 2026



The Edge



So much to celebrate

From Irish pride to the women who call our resort home, we've had lots to celebrate

Take a trip back in time

The cooler months are the perfect time to explore Australia's best historic towns

Refer a friend, earn a reward

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



Welcome.

Autumn is already halfway through, and before we know it, winter will be upon us. As the days grow cooler, it's the perfect time to embrace the cosy comforts of life here at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba.

The change in season brings wonderful opportunities to slow down and enjoy our beautiful community spaces. Our clubhouses become warm and welcoming hubs, residents can gather with friends, sip on a rich hot chocolate, and indulge in some delicious baked treats. It's a lovely setting to share stories of past adventures, make plans for new ones, or simply enjoy good company.

For those seeking a little extra warmth and relaxation, a visit to the sauna is the perfect winter escape. It's a great way to unwind, recharge, and take care of your wellbeing during the cooler months.

Most importantly, this season reminds us of the joy of coming together. Whether it's a casual chat, a shared laugh, or a planned get-together, winter is a wonderful time to connect, strengthen friendships, and make the most of the fantastic facilities and welcoming community we're proud to call home.

Until next time,

Mark Kelly & Karen Hopkins,
Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba Caretakers

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News briefs.

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.

Check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community grounds is 10km/h. It is not hard to keep your foot off the accelerator so please keep an eye on your speedo as it is very easy for someone to have a mishap. Please slow down - and make sure to remind your visitors and/or invited tradespeople to do the same.

Get social with us

Are you on social media? Make sure you follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook (@pallakeresort) and also over on Instagram (@pallake.resort) to see what's happening right across our dozens of Palm Lake Resort locations. We also feature many warm-and-fuzzy stories from our seven Palm Lake Care aged caring communities on both social platforms (@pallake.care). With more than 12,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's always loads going on!

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.

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.

Weekly Activities.

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), Beginner Tai chi and Qi Gong, Pinnacle (PLR)
- 12noon** Bistro lunch, Misty Ridge (PLR)
- 1pm** Craft work and Canasta, Misty Ridge (RC), 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), 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), Indoor Bowls, 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), 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), Bus to Bunnings, last Friday of the month (PLR)
- 9.15am** Zumba Gold, Pinnacle (PLR)
- 10am** Pilates mat class, Misty Ridge (PLR)
- 10.15am** Indoor Bowls, Pinnacle (RC)
- 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)

Around the grounds.

FROM ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN TO HIGH FASHION, PALM LAKE RESORT TOOWOOMBA HOMEOWNERS HAVE HAD A LOT ON THESE PAST FEW MONTHS. CATCH UP ON THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AROUND THE GROUNDS, AND REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN HAPPY SNAPS AND STORIES FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF 'THE EDGE'.



A great night, to be sure!

March 17 saw our resort come together for a St. Patrick's Day event like no other: a trivia night! The evening was a resounding success, with an impressive 22 team participating in the event. The room was a sea of green as everyone embraced the spirit of the night, dressing not only their tables but themselves in Irish costumes. The competition was lively as everyone put their knowledge to the test. Congratulations to the winners on a game well played, and thank you to the organisers for putting together such a great event. All in all, it was a fantastic night enjoyed by everyone in attendance.



Let's hear it for the girls

Our International Women's Day event at The Pinnacle Clubhouse was a wonderful celebration of the many amazing women who call our resort home. Guests came together to enjoy one another's company and embrace the true spirit of the day. It was a beautiful reminder of strength, friendship and community that make Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba such a fabulous place to live.



Fine fashions on show

The Pinnacle Clubhouse came alive with colour as everyone enjoyed the Portofino Fashion Parade. The models did a fabulous job of showcasing the latest fashions, and a very enjoyable morning had by all.





Bright, Victoria

Travel through time.

AUSTRALIA'S BUSTLING COASTAL CAPITALS TEND TO GET ALL THE SPOTLIGHT, BUT THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID FOR PLACES WHERE THINGS MOVE A LITTLE SLOWER. IF YOU'RE PLANNING YOUR NEXT ROAD TRIP, WHY NOT STEP BACK IN TIME WITH A VISIT TO ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BEST HISTORIC TOWNS?

What makes a town historic? Not just any old place (literally) can make the cut. The best historic towns combine both age and atmosphere. We're talking towns, not cities – generally under 15,000 people – where heritage buildings aren't just dotted around, but define the heart of town. Think preserved streetscapes, pubs that have been pouring since the 1800s, and post offices, courthouses and churches from the earliest days of settlement. Here are some of Australia's best...

Charleville, Queensland

If you're looking for classic outback charm – wide streets, federation-era buildings and a strong railway history – look no further than Charleville. Explore its rich heritage at the historic railway station or the remnants of the top secret WWII base (operated by the US Air Force), stargaze at the Cosmos Centre, and extend your stay at one of the historic Hotel Corones or classic Warrego Motel.

Charters Towers, Queensland

Walking down the main streets of Charters Towers, it's easy to believe it was once one of Australia's richest gold rush towns. From the grand Stock Exchange Arcade (Charters Towers is home to one of the world's first regional stock exchanges) and towering bank buildings to the old-school pubs with their classic verandah dining, Charters Towers may be just 90 minutes from Townsville – but it feels like a step back in time.

Braidwood, New South Wales

Many towns have a heritage-listed building or two, but few are heritage-listed in their entirety – that's what makes Braidwood so special. Established in the mid-1800s, Braidwood has become a popular tourist destination – not only for its rich history, but its slightly bohemian feel, too. Browse the bakeries and boutiques, hunt for antiques, and soak up the charm of small-town life (and all just one hour from Canberra).

Morpeth, New South Wales

Established in the early 1800s, this historic river port has been beautifully preserved over time – even despite its decline with the arrival of the railway in the late 19th century. Now, a stroll through Morpeth isn't complete without a visit to the old wharf precinct, a peak inside its sandstone buildings or a stop at the Historic Arnott Bakehouse.

Berrima, New South Wales

Boasting one of New South Wales' most intact colonial streetscapes, and Australia's oldest continually licensed pub (the Surveyor General Inn, established in 1834), Berrima is a must-visit if you're exploring the picturesque Southern Highlands. Visit the historic courthouse and Berrima Gaol, shop for antiques and artisan goods, and find out why Berrima has been frozen in time since the late 1800s.

Beechworth, Victoria

What sets a gold rush town apart from the rest? Some Ned Kelly lore, that's what. Beechworth was the site of Ned Kelly's 1880 trial, meaning a visit to its historic courthouse and 30-plus National Trust-listed buildings is a must-do when you're in town. Find out why they say that Beechworth's paths were paved with gold, then explore its darker history with a ghost tour you won't soon forget.

Port Fairy, Victoria

It doesn't get much more charming than Port Fairy, Victoria's heritage fishing village. Beginning as a whaling station in the 1830s, and becoming one of the country's busiest ports two decades later, Port Fairy has retained more than 50 National Trust-classified buildings. Walk the wharf, admiring its whitewashed cottages, and take in the sea air at a waterside pub. The perfect end to a Great Ocean Road adventure.

Bright, Victoria

Once a thriving gold rush town, nowadays, Bright shines for a different reason – the vivid autumn leaves that line its quaint streets. Close to Mount Hotham, it's the perfect place to go if you're looking for an alpine escape – especially one that includes cosy cafes, a strong brewery scene and rewarding rail trails.

Hahndorf, South Australia

Unique Hahndorf was established in the 1830s by German Lutherans, making it Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Nestled near the Adelaide Hills wine region, its famous for its 19th century Prussian architecture and delicious German fare, meaning Aussies don't need to travel to Hanover to indulge in authentic schnitzel or pretzels.

Richmond, Tasmania

Tasmania is rich in history, but the fittingly-named Richmond is one of its most famous villages – for good reason. Dating back to the 1820s, when it began as a convict-era garrison town (military outpost), Richmond's streetscape hasn't changed all that much since then. Pay a visit to Australia's oldest stone bridge, one of the country's oldest gaols, and the many cosy tearooms and shops in the town's centre.

York, Western Australia

Western Australia's oldest inland town – with one of the state's best heritage main streets – York was a key stop en route to the 1890s goldfields boom. Set in the beautiful Avon Valley, about an hour and a half from Perth, it provides the perfect day trip destination: country pubs, wildflowers, and heritage stays if you can't bear to leave just yet.

New Norcia, Western Australia

Founded in 1847 by Spanish Benedictine monks, New Norcia is Australia's only monastic town. It was first developed as a mission, but has bloomed into a religious and cultural centre in the decades since. Quiet, contemplative and honestly surreal, its distinct European architecture and classic outback setting make it well worth the two-hour drive from Perth.



Richmond, Tasmania



Charters Towers, Queensland



Morpeth, New South Wales



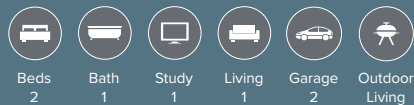
York, Western Australia



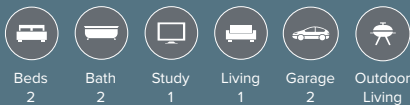
Hahndorf, South Australia

Homes for sale.

Home 162 - \$730,000



Home 7 - \$800,000



Home 227 - \$1,200,000



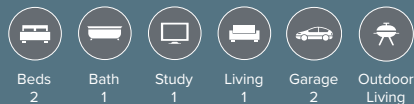
Home 298 - \$1,100,000



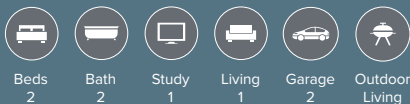
Home 103 - \$730,000



Home 117 - \$760,000



Home 128 - \$845,000



Your sales update.

The median sold price for properties at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba over the last 12 months is \$730,000, according to realestate.com.au. Re-sale over-50s lifestyle homes at the resort currently start from \$630,000.

MARKET SNAPSHOT

- **Median Price:** \$730,000 (overall median for the past year)
- **Price Range:** Recent sales have varied significantly based on home size and features, ranging from \$630,000 for a 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home to \$1,190,000 for premium 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom villas
- **Property Type Focus:** The market primarily consists of 2 and 3-bedroom luxury villas with modern finishes like gourmet kitchens and double garages
- **Sales Activity:** There were 23 properties sold in the last 12 months, with homes spending an average of 97 days on the market
- **Capital Growth:** The resort has seen significant growth in recent years, with data from property.com.au indicating a 64.0% increase in median prices for three-bedroom units over the past 12 months

RECENT NOTABLE SALES

- Home 235/97-161 Hogg St, \$1,090,000, sold 22 Dec

2025 (3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car)

- Home 437/97-161 Hogg St, \$830,000, sold 30 Jan 2026 (3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car)
- Home 103/97-161 Hogg St, \$730,000, sold 20 Feb 2026 (3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1 Car)
- Home 53/97-161 Hogg St, \$695,000, sold 18 Nov 2025 (3 Bed, 1 Bath, 1 Car)

RESORT FEATURES

The market value is supported by extensive onsite luxury amenities:

- **Country Clubs:** Two award-winning clubs, "Misty Ridge" and "Pinnacle".
- **Recreation:** Indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gym, spa, sauna, and championship undercover bowls.
- **Social & Hobby:** Movie theatre, workshop, tennis court, golf simulator, and art classes.
- **Convenience:** Pet-friendly facilities with dog washing stations and dedicated storage for caravans or boats.



Amanda McGilvray
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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.

AN EVENING
WE WON'T SOON
FORGET!



Truganina bowls us over!

Our **Palm Lake Resort Trugagina** bowlers delivered an outstanding performance during the most recent pennant season, achieving not one but two premierships wins, along with two runner-up finishes. Well done to everyone involved – a great team effort!



Trauma teddies go overseas.

Ladies from the **Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay** knitting and craft group have been producing these adorable 'trauma teddies' for the local Urangan Branch of the QCWA. The best part? The teddies have been sent to Indonesia, so that they can be distributed among flood-affected children.

Le dîner en blanc.

Over a year ago, the **Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes** community was deeply moved by the story of a young boy's brave battle with brain cancer – especially since the young boy's grandparents call the resort home. Immediately, one question was on everyone's lips: 'Le Dîner en Blanc' (a "White Dinner"). The global phenomenon began in Paris in 1988, but has since spread across 85 cities – and now, Palm Lake Resort Forster Lakes.

The 'White Dinner Working Group' spent months planning how to bring their vision to life, holding top-secret meetings to plan every last detail, right down to the elaborate white tablescapes. Without those dedicated volunteers crafting floral arrangements, managing entertainment and handling set up and pack down, the night couldn't have taken place – nor been so successful.

When the night of the dinner finally arrived, it was more than just a visual spectacle – it was a show of community. Homeowners came together, forging new friendships and strengthening existing ones, and all for an excellent cause.

The night was an overwhelming success, and now a new question is being asked: "When is the next one?".

We look forward to seeing this become a much-anticipated tradition, not just to come together as a resort, but to support the grandchildren and families within our special community.



Living the high life.

Our homeowners love living in luxury – and having a laugh! At **Palm Lake Resort Carindale**, a newly-created lounge area has quickly been dubbed 'The Qantas Lounge', and homeowners love using it for downtime, church group and coffee catch-ups. One talented homeowner has even created a wooden sign! Meanwhile, at **Palm Lake Resort Yamba**, homeowners have established an exclusive 'corporate box' (dubbed Bay 13, just like at the Melbourne Cricket Ground), and it's the perfect place to watch pickleball games on the new court.



Cooking for a cause.

Our **Palm Lake Resort Bargara** homeowners regularly join forces with the QCWA Bundaberg Branch members to cook for those in need – and have a lot of fun in the process! Recently, on one day alone, the group cooked enough lasagne and cottage pie to serve 174 people. Thanks for caring for your community, one meal at a time!

Friendly rivalry.

There's nothing quite like a bit of friendly competition to bring Palm Lake Resort communities together – and four of our locations have been doing just that!

Palm Lake Resorts Beachmere Sands and **Beachmere Bay** went head-to-head in their bi-annual intervillage lawn bowls competition on March 29. Despite a windy lead-up, the day delivered fine conditions and plenty of entertaining play. Beachmere Bay took home the win, but both teams could put aside their rivalry to celebrate together over burgers and a cold beer in The Sands clubhouse. Rumour has it The Sands are already sharpening up for the next round – watch this space!

Meanwhile, **Palm Lake Resorts Tea Gardens** and **Forster Lakes** teed off in their annual golf challenge. The tournament is played across four games using the Stableford scoring system – and this was the first. Forster Lakes claimed the day's honours, with a combined score of 230 points to Tea Gardens' 218. Jo Nolan of Forster Lakes was the standout individual performer with an impressive 41 points. The next round is set for Hawks Nest Golf Club on July 20.



We love our staff!

The **Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba** Social Committee put on a morning tea on behalf of all the homeowners to show their appreciation for their staff – much to everyone's delight! Homeowner Leanne Day put together a wonderful slideshow of images of the resort, and performed some songs to compliment them.

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**



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