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Thrive



'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

Pictured: If you're the crafty type, why not join in one of our two social craft get togethers each week? Join likeminded neighbours on Wednesdays at 2pm or Thursdays at 7pm. BYO projects.

Welcome.

Hello all homeowners - Well, after a great festive period and send off to 2023, we have hit the ground running for 2024, starting another wonderful new year here at Truganina. The grounds are looking fresh and so do many of the faces of our homeowners who make up our wonderful community! We've welcomed a new Residents' Committee, with Warren (Home 98) at the helm, along with some other great members making up the group. We look forward to seeing them spread positivity through our community and focus on the huge benefits homeowners add to their lifestyle by choosing to live here at Palm Lake Resort Truganina.

As this is our last newsletter for Truganina before our move to Palm Lake Resort Paynesville, we thought we'd take the opportunity to look back on what we've loved most over the seven years we've been here - and that's all the stories we have heard about what our homeowners do for others in this community that go under the radar. People who take their neighbours shopping if they can't get there themselves, or to hospital appointments if they need a shoulder or that extra bit of support. People who walk other people's dogs if they're recovering from an operation. People who deliver newspapers, and who drop parcels at their neighbours' doors just to help out. People who ride around the resort spreading joy as they exclaim 'This is paradise!'. People who volunteer their time, whether it's on a committee or starting a camera club or gardening club. People who help others navigate their computers, or build things for others. People who stand up for what is right and people who go above and beyond to do the right thing. You know who you are - and so do we. And you all really do make a difference to this community.

In closing, we wanted to say thank you. Thank you for having us as part of your community for all these years and for sharing your lives with us. We welcome Susan and Theo as your new Caretakers and know they will love this place as much as we do. Take care and farewell...

Jo and Troy (and Lando),
Palm Lake Resort Truganina Caretakers

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News in brief.

Green waste dates for your diary

Make sure you note in your diary that the first Thursday of every month is green waste day, collected after the general rubbish run. In the next few months, green waste days are

- March 7
- April 4
- May 2

Please, go slow

Sometimes when we are in a hurry, we forget the limits and our speed creeps up but, for the safety of all including our wildlife, please stick to the 10km/h speed limit. Also, to those owners of bikes, buggies and motorised scooters, you also need to respect the road rules whilst moving around our resort grounds.

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

Find yourself behind the lens

We have a Camera Club here at the resort, organised by homeowner Kathryn (Home 72). Kathryn is a photographer herself and is a huge part of our community (she's the person behind our Movie Club, too!). If you're keen to join the Camera Club and get snap happy, contact Kathryn direct and join in their upcoming club outings.

Get social, with the Palm Lake crew

Are you on social media? We are, too! You can find Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and also Instagram. Make sure you like and follow our social media profiles to see even more news from right across our dozens and dozens of locations, across the east coast of Australia.

Facebook: @pallmlakeresort
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Weekly activities.

MONDAY

- 9am** Gentle exercise class, with instructor
- 9.30am** Bus to Point Cook Shopping Centre
- 10am** "Stampin' Up" class with instructor
- 12 noon** Homeowners' bistro lunch
- 2pm** Social billiards (Charlton Room)
- 5pm** Line dancing with instructor
- 7.30pm** Bingo (Bus to venue)

TUESDAY

- 9.30am** Zumba, with instructor
- 11am** Social colouring-in (BYO colouring)
- 12.30pm** Social bowls (winter)
- 5pm** Pizza night (Bowls Club)
- 6pm** Homeowners' dinner
- 7pm** Social billiards (Charlton Room)
- 7pm** Social cards

WEDNESDAY

- 9am** Aqua aerobics class, with instructor
- 10am** Social Bocce
- 10.15am** Yogalates, with instructor
- 1pm** Social cards
- 2pm** Social craft (BYO craft)
- 6pm** Homeowners' dinner

THURSDAY

- 9.30am** Bus to Werribee Plaza
- 9.30am** Tai chi, with instructor
- 12 noon** Homeowners' bistro lunch
- 4pm** Social table tennis (Rec Room)
- 6.30pm** Social twilight bowls (summer)
- 7pm** Social craft (BYO craft)
- 7.30pm** Social billiards (Charlton Room)

FRIDAY

- 9am** Aqua aerobics class, with instructor
- 10.15am** Yogalates, with instructor
- 2pm** Social board games
- 2pm** Social billiards (Charlton Room)
- 5pm** Happy Hour at the Bowls Club

SATURDAY

- 12.30pm** Social bowls (winter)

SUNDAY

- 2pm** Social cards



Margaret's big day.

Margaret Bateman's 70th birthday bash was the party of the year (so far!) - and with good reason. Born a world traveller, Margaret has called Malta, England, South Africa and Australia home over her globe-trotting seven decades. With nearly 25 countries stamped in her passport and counting, she's cultivated warmth, love and respect across continents.

Margaret has stayed grounded through her lifelong friendships, after touching countless lives across the map. It was Margaret's loved ones' turn to celebrate her - singing, dancing and revelling late into the night at Palm Lake Resort Truganina in February.

"I'm used to throwing parties at my previous home for up to 50 people but I have to admit, this one was the best ever," Margaret smiles. "The fact that there was so much room for everyone to move around, dance and party made it perfect. Definitely was a night I'll not forget!"

When you've lived a life as rich as Margaret's, 70 years is just the beginning. Happy birthday, Margaret!

Photos courtesy of Kathryn (Home 72)



Social Club news.

Report on functions

New Years Eve: We had "Sista Act" sing and play music for us with a good turn out to dance and see in the New Year.

Australia Day: We hosted a barbecue and games in the Country Club. Check out just some of the memories made on this day across these pages. Photo attached of Anne H101 and Margaret H102. Among the games we played were throw the thong, tennis ball in the rubbish bin, egg and spoon races and quoits.

Pharmacy talk: Cathy from Good Health Compounding Chemist (our local pharmacy) came to show us a new way of having medicines made up, to replace the existing blister packs available now. She also provided us with a yummy afternoon tea of homemade scones.

And all the rest! We have also enjoyed a few bus trips in the resort bus – two trips to the Melbourne Museum to see the Titanic Exhibition, a trip to the South Melbourne Market and Black Pepper factory outlet. We thank the volunteer homeowner bus drivers who took us to these places so we could explore and enjoy them.

Upcoming events

We have our annual St Patrick's Day dance coming up on Saturday, March 16. We will have the Larrikins play for us again at that event. It should be a good one!



ANOTHER GREAT CELEBRATION SHARED!



Homes for sale.

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Home 30 - \$470,000



Home, sweet home

Upon entering it features a high raked ceiling in the fully tiled living area and separate dining/kitchen area, two spacious bedrooms with built-in robes, a practical kitchen with ample storage captures the afternoon sun, modern bathroom includes extra-large shower recess, reverse cycle air-conditioning in the lounge for year-round comfort and ceiling fans throughout. Features include a low maintenance rear yard, ramped front door access, handrail in shower and external pull-down blinds. This charming pet-friendly home for the not-so-retiring also includes a double garage, with plenty of space for a workshop.



Home 131 - \$590,000



The space to live

The spacious kitchen creates a welcoming atmosphere, connected to the living areas. The master has a convenient two-way bathroom. There is a second bedroom and a versatile study/multipurpose room that can easily be utilised as a third bedroom. Ceiling fans in all rooms, two split system air conditioners. The outdoor living space is the perfect setting for entertaining, with a covered tiled alfresco area. Additional features: fully enclosed sunroom behind the garage, automatic sprinkler system, a 2.25 x 3m garden shed. The property also boasts one of the largest driveways in the resort, with ample space for 3-4 cars. Double side gate access allows for storage of a small trailer in the rear yard.



Home 85 - \$489,000



A green thumb's delight

This well-maintained home, facing east, is designed to capture the beautiful morning sunshine. You are greeted by a spacious lounge room with a high raked ceiling. Adjacent is a separate dining area and a large kitchen that offers ample storage space, including a generous corner pantry. Moving towards the rear of the home, you will find the master bedroom and a second bedroom, both of which lead to the laundry and bathroom. There is a secondary toilet for added convenience. The low-maintenance backyard features a pergola, as well as instant turf and several planter boxes that could potentially be included in the sale.



Home 185: \$495,000



Light and bright

Bright and airy, this home gets plenty of natural light, making it a joy to relax both indoors and out. An undercover outdoor alfresco provides the perfect atmosphere to entertain family and friends and serves as an extension of the living space. This stunning home features an open plan living area, kitchen (complete with huge pantry and soft close drawers), two bedrooms, a multipurpose room that could be utilised as a study/craft room or third bedroom, one bathroom, a 1.5 size garage.



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Home 48 - \$469,000



Welcome home

Lovely home just over six years old. Upon entry, step into the spacious lounge room, featuring a high raked ceiling. Adjacent is the separate dining room and spacious kitchen which includes soft-close drawers, SMEG oven and dishwasher and Chef electric hotplate. At the rear of the home are the master and second bedroom featuring mirrored robes and external electric roller shutters. These rooms lead onto the bathroom with extra large shower, laundry and second toilet. All rooms include ceiling fans. Double garage.



Home 92: \$480,000



Turn-key ready home

The relaxed open plan living area features a high raked ceiling. The spacious kitchen and an outdoor living space create the perfect setting to entertain family. With two bedrooms, the master features a two-way bathroom. Adjacent to the living area is a generous multipurpose room that can also be used as a third bedroom or study. Ceiling fans are installed in all rooms, while the living room is equipped with split system air con and a gas heater. With ample storage space, the long single garage provides added convenience. Additional features include an emergency duress system, garden shed, solar panels and water tank.



Home 61 - \$590,000



Fully refurbished

Presented in immaculate condition, this home will not disappoint. New oven, cooktop, dishwasher, air con. Fully repainted in and out. New sheer curtains and blinds to all windows and new flooring to all rooms - carpet and vinyl plank. This beautifully appointed home enjoys a corner block and central location within the resort, directly opposite the Country Club with creek views. Open plan living, dining and kitchen. Generously sized study/multi-purpose room can be used as a third bedroom.



UNDER CONTRACT

Home 74

UNDER OFFER



Home 180

UNDER CONTRACT



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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