

DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025



# The Chat



## We're a crafty bunch

See the amazing creations by our homemakers on display in our craft room (and on Page 7!)

## Cup Day celebrations

Our resort was the place to be on the first Tuesday in November. Catch up inside...

## Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone who is looking to make the move here? Refer them for a cash reward!



# Welcome.

Welcome to the last edition of The Chat for 2024 - and the first for 2025! As we close out the year, I wanted to take a moment to share some updates about our team here at Palm Lake Resort Tweed River.

October and November brought changes to our staff, with both our caretaker, Bernie, and our groundsman, Mark, moving on to new chapters in their lives. Bernie has decided to embrace an exciting new phase, and Mark has reduced his work hours to spend more quality time with his grandchildren. We thank them both for their contributions to the resort and wish them all the very best for the future.

While we are still in the process of recruiting a new caretaker, I'm pleased to share that we have welcomed a new groundsman to our team, Scott Post. Scott joins us from Victoria, where he spent 30 years driving trucks before deciding to hit the road and explore Australia. During his travels, he attended The Aussies, the national surf lifesaving championships held on the Gold Coast. Falling in love with the area, Scott made the spontaneous decision to stay, and he has called this region home ever since.

Scott previously worked as a groundsman at Kirra Tourist Park for three years, where he gained valuable experience. He's already hit the ground running here at Palm Lake Resort Tweed River, and we're thrilled to have him on board. I'm sure that you will all give Scott a warm welcome when you see him around the resort! (See Scott on the opposite page).

As always, I'm grateful for the sense of community we share here at the resort. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful place to live and work.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Until next time,

**Suzanne Lacey**  
**Palm Lake Resort Tweed River**



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## News in brief.

### Festive feasts

This year's Palm Lake Resort Tweed River Christmas meal will be held on Tuesday December 17. The Residents' Committee will also host their own lunch on Christmas Day.

### Don't forget to check your speed

Please remember the speed limit around our community 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.



### Mermaids Christmas luncheon

On November 12, our resident aqua aerobics group, the 'Mermaids' (as well as their one 'merman') gathered at the cafe Dulcie Edna for an early Christmas celebration, and to say thank you to Gael Wilkinson (Home 10) for her amazing leadership. This group has been around for almost as long as our resort has, meeting in the pool every weekday at 7.25am for an hour of aqua exercise. It's a wonderful way to start the day, and everyone is welcome.



### Great Scott!

Meet our new groundsman, Scott Post! To learn more about him, check out Suzanne's welcome note on the opposite page.

### Pet owners

A friendly reminder to please ensure your pet is always on a leash and under your control when out of the house. Droppings must be picked up and disposed of and are not permitted in or close to the communal facilities (all buildings, pools, etc.). Please ensure your pet does not interfere with the peace, comfort or privacy of other homeowners. For more, please refer to the Residential Park Rules (July, 2017).

## Weekly activities list

### MONDAY

**7am – 1pm** Personal gym instructor  
**7.25am – 8.25am** Pool exercises  
**10.30am – 12.30pm** Card making (Hall/Craft Room)  
**1.30pm – 3pm** Line dancing (DVD class)

### TUESDAY

**7.25am – 8.25am** Pool exercises  
**9am – 12pm** Craft morning (Craft Room)  
**1.30pm – 3pm** Bingo (Craft Room)  
**6pm** Meal night (arriving around 5-5.30pm)

### WEDNESDAY

**7am** Golf at Chinderah  
**7.25am – 8.25am** Pool exercises  
**9am – 9.30am** Balance class  
**9.30am – 10.15am** Tai chi (DVD class)  
**1pm** Cards (Library or Lounge)  
**1.30pm** Rummikub  
**7pm** Movie night

### THURSDAY

**7.25am – 8.25am** Pool exercises  
**9am** Yoga (in Sportsman Bar area)  
**9am – 12pm** Bus trip to Tweed City  
**10.30am – 1pm** Art Space  
**1pm – 4pm** 500  
**1.30pm** Mah jong  
**2pm – 4pm** Kelly pool  
**3.30pm** Aqua aerobics

### FRIDAY

**7.25am – 8.25am** Pool exercises  
**10am – 11.30am** Line dancing (DVD class)  
**5.30pm** Occasional Happy Hours

### SATURDAY

**9am – 9.45am** Tai chi (DVD class)

# And, we're off!

## CATCH UP ON ALL THE FUN OF THIS YEAR'S MELBOURNE CUP DAY CELEBRATIONS...

Everyone had a great time at our recent Melbourne Cup Day event, which was put on by the Residents' Committee. There was champagne aplenty, with food catered by the Palm Lake Group. It was a lovely afternoon, complete with a fashion show (see more on the following page) and sweepstakes. Congratulations to all the winners on the day, and another huge thank you to the organisers!





## Fashions on the field.

Melbourne Cup Day was more than just a race - it was a celebration of style, too. The fashion parade saw residents don their finest attire, showcasing everything from elegant jewellery and vibrant dresses to dapper suits. Against a backdrop of cheers and laughter, the parade proved that age is no barrier to fashion. Here's a look at some of the standout moments from the day...



## For art's sake.

Our craft room is always buzzing with creativity, thanks to the amazing work of our talented homeowners. They've done a fantastic job displaying a variety of arts and crafts that highlight the unique skills in our community. From intricate handmade pieces to stunning artworks, there's so much to admire. To keep things fresh and exciting, the display will be updated every two months, so there's always something new to see. Be sure to stop by, take a look and maybe even get inspired to create something of your own for a future showcase!

# Homes for sale.

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YOU CAN FREECALL 1800 881 041, EMAIL [TWEEDRIVER@PALMLAKE.COM.AU](mailto:TWEEDRIVER@PALMLAKE.COM.AU)  
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT [PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU](http://PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU)

## Home 69 - \$1,150,000

  
Beds  
2

  
Bath  
2.5

  
Alfresco  
1

  
Living  
2

  
Garage  
1.5

### Modern luxury.

This modern, immaculately presented two-bedroom, two bathroom home is available now. Pack up your things and get ready to move in. You will get a dream home in a fantastic location. Located in the popular Palm Lake Resort Tweed River, this gated, secure over-50s community is pet-friendly, with first-class facilities (including a pool, sauna, gym, cinema, craft room and community dining. Features of this property include a spacious open-plan living room, ducted air conditioning, low maintenance garden and bonus attic storage.



## Home 18 - \$1,250,000

  
Beds  
2

  
Bath  
2

  
Study  
1

  
Living  
1

  
Garage  
1.5

### Like being on holiday.

Featuring an immaculate interior and has that clean homely feel. The ultra-modern kitchen with Caesar Stone benchtops, 2-pak soft closing cupboards and drawers, space for a 2-door fridge with water connection, Smeg appliances, Induction Hotplate, Convention inbuilt Microwave and added water filter. The one and a half size garage, that would fit two small cars, has a low maintenance resin floor and entry into the home from the garage through the laundry. There is a rear irrigated garden and side yard that is very low maintenance for clothes drying etc.



# 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 GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL OUR PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!

## Deception Bay quilt club turns 20.

Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay's quilters have just celebrated an impressive milestone: 20 years of togetherness AND an incredible number of quilts produced for charity...

"Our numbers have waxed and waned over the years, but we've always had around 12 regulars to our Saturday morning get-togethers," explains quilt group members Dawn and Jan. "In the early days, we all just shared our knowledge of quilt making and enjoyed the chats. But in 2008, we began handing out quilts to homeowners within our resort who we had been advised had moved into care. We also gave some quilts to Palm Lake Care when they first began operating.

"In early 2020, we became aware of the dreadful fires down in the Bega area of New South Wales. A call out for some more members to make quilts for those affected resulted in over 100 quilts making their way down to fire victims."

While COVID limited things in 2020 and 2021, members continued to quilt at home. They also made hundreds of masks that were sold both within the resort and outside, helping to raise funds for the purchase of backing fabrics, wadding and other requirements.

"For some time now we have also been donating quilts to various charities and we will continue to keep spreading the goodwill," the pair says.

And you won't believe the numbers. Here's a snapshot of the almost ONE THOUSAND quilts that have been produced and donated by the group over the years:

- Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre: 350
- Drought Angels, Chinchilla (now "Farm Angels"): 260
- Palm Lake Resort homeowners going into care: 170
- Palm Lake Care: 30
- Bega Fires: 100
- Centre Against Domestic Abuse Caboolture: 75

Dawn and Jan sent out a special thank you to their fellow Palm Lake Resort Deception Bay neighbours who support the group's monthly dinner raffles and their annual quilt show.

"We'd also like to thank the homeowners who donate fabric for us to make into quilts. Our cupboard is filled with fabrics, all waiting to become part of some more colourful quilts!"



## When you're on a good thing...

Did you know that almost the whole team at Palm Lake Resort Eagleby are long-time employees? It's quite the achievement to have all of these long-timers in one resort and most likely reflects the strong sense of community there. The superstars include:

- **Micky:** Caretaker, 15 years
- **Anne:** Cook, 10+ years
- **Kate:** Kitchen hand, 10+ years
- **Lauren:** Administrator, 10 years
- **Daguy:** Assistant Caretaker, 10 years



## Eric's birthday tradition

There's a fun tradition at Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba that always makes us smile. Homeowner Eric Gibbons owns a bright yellow motorcycle with sidecar and when a fellow homeowner celebrates a milestone birthday, Eric takes them for a spin! Most recently Annette Walker had the delight of a cruise with Eric on her 80th birthday.

## Gold medal-winning Olympian brings celeb flavour to Cooroy-Noosa.

There's no doubt about it – when Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowners get together, they go for all-out fun! So, of course, when the Olympics are on – you have to have your own Mini Olympics. It helps, of course, when the daughter of one of the homeowners happens to be none other than gold-medal-winning former heptathlete Glynis Nunn-Cearns.

The resort's very vibrant Social Committee of 22 volunteers got their heads together with Glynis and arranged for some fun activities.

Six teams organised themselves for competition, complete with uniforms and table decorations – Australia, England, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland and the USA. Spectators were not left out, with games organised for them as well.

Some very tricky games were embarked upon with much enthusiasm and determination, with co-operation the key to success. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners on the day, with Scotland ultimately the victorious team.

## We like to come together for fun.

There's no doubting that each of our resort communities offer fun for their homeowners - it's when multiple Palm Lake Resort communities come together that the magic happens. Here's a snapshot of the most recent inter-resort events we've seen...

Palm Lake Resorts Bethania and Waterford converged at Bethania for a McGrath Foundation 'pink' breast cancer fundraiser. A raft of local dignitaries attended and \$4000 was raised for charity (pictured right).

On the sporting pitch, 66 Beachmere Bay bowlers and friends travelled to Bargara for a two-day tournament. Many spectators also attended - vantage points were at a premium. Team Bargara came out on top.

Still on lawn bowls, the third game in the annual "Across the tracks" competition saw Palm Lake Resort Bethania come out on top, over their friends at our Waterford resort. Waterford actually won the series, two games to one, but Bethania took home the trophy on points.



## 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](mailto:belinda@bellepr.com)

# Entertain your friends.



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