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The Chat



Tons of festive fun

Catch up on the pre-Christmas break ups and get together inside

Singing their hearts out

A recent karaoke night gave homeowners a chance to show off their talents

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 February-March edition of our newsletter, The Chat. You may notice that this edition is looking a little bit different to our previous ones. We are loving the fresh new cover, and hope you enjoy it just as much. We hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Have you made any New Year's Resolutions for 2024? Whatever they are, we hope you achieve them - if not, there's always next year! It's hard to believe that another year has passed. Hopefully we're all a little bit wiser if not younger!

The weather this summer has ranged from hot to torrential rain, and everything in between. The rainy weather is one of the (few) downsides of living in such a beautiful, temperate part of the world. Of course, we have been incredibly lucky not to cop the damage that some areas - especially further north - have received. We are keeping the people who live there in our thoughts, and hope their clean up efforts won't be too difficult.

Here in the resort, we have had a number of fun activities take place over the last couple of months. From karaoke to a rock 'n' roll party, a street party and New Year's Eve celebration - not to mention not one, but two Christmas dinners - it has been a busy few months. Our homeowners sure know how to have a good time! Catch up on all the fun over the next few pages...

Until next time - take care for now,

Bernie Paterson and Suzanne Lacey (pictured)
Palm Lake Resort Tweed River

PS. The start of another beautiful Aussie season means another Palm Lake Resort company magazine has just dropped. Our Autumn 2024 edition gives readers their first look at the incredible display homes just unveiled at Palm Lake Resorts Yamba Cove and Pelican Waters. We also explain how you can embrace the 'dopamine decor' trend in your own abode for the ultimate 'happy home'. And we've got some great recipes for you to try when you're invited along to your Palm Lake Resort neighbours' homes and that age-old question crops up: "What can I bring?". Never fear - the answer is here! Grab a copy of the magazine from your letterbox or you can also find it online at palmakeresort.com.au



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News in brief.



Get social

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: [@palmakeresort](https://www.facebook.com/palmakeresort)
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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).

We want to hear from you!

Whether it's photos from a recent event or there's a new activity you'd like to announce, this newsletter is the place to share the latest and greatest resort happenings. Chat to your caretaker about how to submit content and to find out deadlines for upcoming editions of this newsletter.



Happy snaps from our street party

Pictured clockwise from top left: Owen and Angie (Home 14); Rae (Home 25), Vicki (Home 57), Sue (Home 39), Gail (Home 22), Pat and Gordon (Home 34); Una (Home 9), Barry (Home 39) and Randall (Home 25); and a wide view of the festivities.

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
1pm – 4pm 500
1.30pm Mah jong
2pm – 4pm Kelly pool
3.30pm Aqua aerobics

FRIDAY

7.25am – 8.25am Pool exercises
9.30am – 11.30am Art Space
10am – 11.30am Line dancing (DVD class)
5.30pm Occasional Happy Hours

SATURDAY

9am – 9.45am Tai chi (DVD class)



Tons of festive fun.

OUR RESORT WAS THE PLACE TO BE DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON. FROM OUR ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY TO THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER, AND OF COURSE OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION, CATCH UP ON THE FESTIVE FUN...

Christmas dinner

Our homeowners' Christmas dinner was a great night, complete with bon bons, ham, turkey and all the trimmings. Dinner was followed by plum pudding, which was beautifully cooked by our resort chef Iouri.

Wine and chocolates were also supplied by the Resident's Committee. They held raffles, and even organised a visit from Santa. Thanks and well done to all who were involved in the planning of this great event.



Christmas Day lunch

A second Christmas lunch was organised this year by Kerry (Home 82) and Eric (Home 69), on behalf of the Residents Committee on Christmas Day. The lunch was a great success. These two residents, with the help of others, put in a lot of effort to ensure that those in attendance had a wonderful afternoon. The variety and quality of the buffet was sensational, especially topped off with Christmas pudding and other tasty sweets.



Christmas Rock 'n' Roll Dance Party

As you can imagine, the Christmas Rock 'n' Roll Dance Party was a real blast. With the atmosphere, the complimentary hotdogs and the band combined, this event raised the bar for Palm Lake Resort Tweed River's social events even higher. There is no doubt that our young-at-heart residents really love the music of the 50's, and there was rarely a moment when the dance floor wasn't full.

As usual, the Entertainment Committee movers and shakers Kerry (Home 82) and Eric (Home 69), aided by various committee members, pulled off another mammoth effort to make the night so enjoyable for everyone that went.

Ringing in the new year...

Our homeowners got together on New Year's Eve to celebrate the coming of the year ahead! Everyone brought their own drinks and a plate of food to share. According to all in attendance, it was a great night.



In perfect harmony.

John and Mary (Home 93) and Renato (Home 95) organised a very successful karaoke night on November 25. A lot of fun was had singing along to classics like 'YMCA', with the men and women joining forces for duets and group performances. Thanks to John, Mary and Renato for organising such a great night!



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 INTO 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

Homes for sale.

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Home 69 - \$1,150,000


Beds
2


Bath
2.5


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 5 - \$1,250,000


Beds
3


Bath
2


Living
1


Garage
2

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CONTRACT

Like being on holiday.

This single storey home has two king-size bedrooms plus a third bedroom (or office). It's a low-maintenance dwelling with spacious open plan living, lounge, high ceilings and patio. The modern kitchen has a double stainless-steel sink, Caesar Stone bench tops, 2-Pak soft closing cupboards and drawers, space for a two-door fridge, induction hotplate and microwave. The main double bedroom has a walk-in robe and ensuite with double basins. The second bedroom is big enough to be another main king-size bedroom.



CASH BUYERS AWAIT.

There has been an unprecedented level of enquiry on homes at Palm Lake Resort Tweed River in recent months - so much so that we are short on properties to sell! It seems our secure resort grounds, the low-maintenance/ high-quality homes, world-class facilities, myriad weekly activities and our welcoming coastal community have made Palm Lake Resort Tweed River a very sought-after local neighbourhood.

If you're a homeowner here and your situation has changed so you are contemplating a move, please let our Sales and Information Centre know. Our Sales Consultants can inspect your home and give you an appraisal to help you make up your mind. We have qualified buyers waiting to hear about any new homes as they hit the market.

To find out more, freecall 1800 881 041 or stop by the Sales and Information Centre anytime from 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday.

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