

# Willow Talk.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2022



## Making progress.

2022 IS SHAPING UP TO BE A BIG YEAR FOR OUR RESORT WITH MORE SHINY NEW HOMES POPPING UP AND OUR COUNTRY CLUB REFURBISHMENT PROJECT TO BE UNVEILED.

As you may or may not have noticed, a big milestone was conquered over the Christmas break, with the concrete for our brand new pool being poured! Palm Lake Works Site Supervisor Glen Aylett says the clubhouse slab was also poured, with his team's carpenters already standing walls up.

"Painting has started inside the old hall and the amenities have been tiled," Glen reports. "The theatre frame is also up and the whole building has a new roof on it."

Glen says that over the coming weeks, his team is scheduled to complete new concrete pathways along the front and down the side of the clubhouse site. In other exciting news, the team will take delivery of the plush theatre seating in coming weeks.

*Photo, above, courtesy of Les Hutt Photography*







Pictured above: A bird's eye view of Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge. Right: The new pool takes shape. Drone imagery courtesy of Willow Lodge resident, Brian Brownnett.



# Welcome.

Happy New Year everyone! Here at Willow Lodge, we are looking forward to an exciting 2022.

In December, prior to the big man in red arriving with his bag full of gifts, we were lucky to have his presence in our neighbourhood, supporting staff with our lucky street hamper deliveries. Santa was driven around in our Sales buggy by our volunteer, Phil, and they were followed by our very own 'Willow singing-carol train' which made a comeback from the previous year. Santa then re-appeared the same evening during our traditional Carols in the Main Hall, with backing music provided by Andy. The children and older ones loved sitting on Santa's knee!

We were informed of many Christmas street parties this year – it's great to hear our residents being caring and sharing! Lucky for those on Braywood Drive, Santa made another special visit on his Harley Davidson motorbike! Perhaps Santa may like to be involved with our next cancer fundraiser in his off season, we wonder?? We are actually writing to the North Pole to make a request for this, before he is booked up. We are sure Santa gets a lot of requests – ha ha!

Brian, one of our volunteer bus drivers, also offered to drive all night to showcase our residents' Christmas lights display. He shuttled some very festive passengers in and out of our

31 streets and we are very grateful that he put up his hand for this fun role.

We are so excited to be back at work in 2022 as it won't be very long before we are showcasing our location's new facilities. We are enjoying welcoming all the new homeowners and are grateful for their enthusiasm to take part in resort activities. It'll be a great 2022 – there's no doubt!

**Brendan & Jan**  
Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge Caretakers

## CONTACT US

Looking for more info about Willow Lodge? Find us:

- Online:** [pamlakeresort.com.au](http://pamlakeresort.com.au)
- Social media:** Follow Palm Lake Resort on Facebook and Instagram to see what's happening right across the group.
- Street address:** 2 Willow Rd, Bangholme.
- Freecall:** 1800 974 981.

## News briefs.



### HOT OFF THE PRESS

Our summer 2021-22 edition of "Your time" magazine is out now, circulating the country. In it, we've covered all the latest news from around the various Palm Lake Resort addresses, with other great summer-infused lifestyle reads too. If you didn't receive a hard copy in your letterbox, you can always read it online at

[pamlakeresort.com.au](http://pamlakeresort.com.au)

### CHANGE OF HOURS

The Willow Edge Hair & Beauty Team would like to let you know that the salon has changed its operating hours. The new operating hours are:

- Wednesday: 10am to 2pm
- Thursday: 10am to 2pm
- Friday: 10am to 2pm. Nails, with bookings only, also on Fridays.

These operating hours could change in future as client demand changes. For booking, please phone 9768 3544.

### CHUCKLES STRIKES AGAIN

Have you noticed our little friend Chuckles in your travels around Willow Lodge lately? He's found a great spot to rest at 4 Brushwood Court. Homeowner Norma has presented her garden in brilliant colour and Chuckles definitely approves!



### LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNER

If you were among those people who dropped by the office to check out the entries from our 'Let's get creative' competition, you would have gone into the draw to win a lucky door prize. We are very grateful to Willow Edge Hair & Beauty who donated two \$25 vouchers as prizes. Our lucky winners included:

- Ann, from 6 Birch Court (pictured right).
- Sandra, from 10 Wingara Court.



### NEW DIGITAL LOOK

Palm Lake Resort has just unveiled a new-look website. We've got all the information you need on our 25 current resorts as well as those exciting new developments in the pipeline at Pelican Waters (QLD), Old Bar Beach (NSW) and Paynesville (VIC). Check out our new site at [pamlakeresort.com.au](http://pamlakeresort.com.au)





# Social Club report.

## Report on functions

### Saturday, December 4: Christmas Dance

Music was supplied by Andy Zammit, DJ. Catering was supplied by Skaff Catering and although numbers were down, it was very successful.

### Tuesday, December 21: Christmas Carols

Carols were held in the Main Hall (pictured below) and it was well attended. Even Santa showed up!



### Friday, December 31: New Year's Eve Dance

Music was by Marcie Rae. Numbers were also down for this event, but it was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Thursday, January 20:** Bingo has finally returned, and will be held every week (COVID permitting).

## Upcoming events

### Sunday, February 20: Market Day

Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing, tables will be limited to two people per table. Tables to be booked through Pat Johns on the number below.

### Saturday, March 5: Irish Music Night

Live music will be supplied by Irish Musicians 'A Bunch of Celts'. Tickets are \$20 and will be available from Pat during February.

## Please note

As you are aware, new building works have commenced and this could mean that functions could be cancelled at short notice due to the non - availability of the Main Hall. Notices will be circulated if this is to happen. Flyers for all Social Club functions, with further information about these events, are always posted in the noticeboard outside the Laundry and also the Social Club noticeboard outside the Main Hall. Go for a bit of a walk and check out what's on in detail.

## Contact us

**Pat Johns (President) 9768 2373** or  
**Diane Heenan (Secretary) 0411 111867**

# Bowls Club report.

After enjoying a nice break, Pennant commenced January 13. A meeting has been held with players to stress that it did not matter which team you were selected for - all teams and positions are very important for our Club.

The 100-up finals were played on Sunday, January 2 between Lola and Maria, Gary and Paul. Both were great games with Maria winning over Lola on the last end, and Paul winning against Gary.

The draw has been done for Club Singles and games are now underway.

Sadly, because of COVID restrictions, our Sunday night raffle was due to commence January 16 but had to be cancelled. We are waiting on instructions as to when the Bar can re-open, and when raffle night and pizza night can commence. Notices will be out ASAP.

**Maureen Atwell,**  
**Bowls Club president**

## FRESH CAFE NEEDS YOU!

If you enjoy having your very own cafe at Palm Lake Resort Willow Lodge, we need your support. Like many small businesses, Fresh Cafe has been going through tough financial times during COVID and still now, as our country's business landscape recovers. Palm Lake Group has been subsidising Aky at the Fresh Café since the start of COVID, to keep the shop afloat for residents. But now we need your support, as a community, to ensure the café's longevity as an independent business. Make sure you stop by for a coffee and a cake each week. Maybe you can meet your neighbours there? Or invite your friends along? The café needs our support more than ever right now to ensure its viability.

# Around the grounds.

IT WAS QUITE THE FESTIVE SEASON HERE AT WILLOW LODGE THIS YEAR. IT'S ALSO BEEN SO GREAT TO SEE OUR NEW RESIDENTS COMING OUT TO JOIN IN THE FUN OF COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE RESORT LIVING!





# Spread the love.

IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT IS FRONT OF MIND DURING FEBRUARY, IT'S LOVE – SPECIFICALLY, ROMANCE. BUT IT'S ALSO A GOOD TIME TO CELEBRATE ALL THE OTHER KINDS OF 'LOVE' IN YOUR LIFE. FROM YOUR PETS TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS, HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN SPREAD THE LOVE THIS MONTH (AND BEYOND).



## Love thy neighbours

Neighbourly 'love' is often on display at Palm Lake Resort, whether residents are catching up at social events or over the fence, sharing a meal at the Country Club or a drink on their driveways. There are so many ways you can show appreciation to your neighbours – why not offer a hand when you see them outside gardening? Cook an extra-large helping for dinner and drop a plate over to them? Or rally your other neighbours to support someone you know is going through a hard time? Random acts of kindness are some of the best ways to show love.

## Love your community

Spread the love beyond your neighbourhood with a charitable project. You could build something, bake something or raise money for a good cause. But if you're in need of specific inspiration, just take a look around your Palm Lake Resort community! Residents across the Palm Lake Group are always doing their bit to help others, and there's no doubt a fundraiser, food drive or charity project is already underway at your resort.

## Love long distance

This is something we've had to become much better

acquainted with, as lockdowns and border closures had made it impossible to visit faraway friends and family. Whether you're separated by sea or state borders, there are so many different ways to spread the love across long distances. Why not post your friend or family member a small item or card that made you think of them, send them a delivery of food (Uber Eats vouchers are great!) or flowers, or simply pick up the phone for a spontaneous chat?

## Love your pet

It's time to show love to the family member who loves you unconditionally – your pet. Luckily, there are countless ways to do exactly that, from buying them their favourite food every so often as a special treat to taking a moment to give them a good scratch or pay attention to them and them only. If their favourite activity is going for a walk, take them for an extra one some days – or, when all else fails, simply cuddle up with them on the couch.

## Love your partner

Showing love to your significant other seems obvious, but if your relationship spans years (decades, even) romance can easily fall to the wayside. Of course, not all couples show love in the same ways – a good way to keep the spark alive is to learn your partner's 'love language'. Finding out

which of the five love languages they prefer (words of affirmation, physical touch, gifts, acts of service and quality time - Google it!) will help you understand how they give and receive love. This makes you more able to show them the kind of love they most appreciate and notice when they are showing you love in return.

## Love yourself

Last but certainly not least, think about how you can show love to the most important person in your life: yourself. You are the person you'll spend the most time with, so it makes sense to nurture that relationship just as you would any other, right? Think about the things that make you genuinely happy – it might be a certain form of exercise, a swim, a relaxing bath, a trip to the day spa or hair salon, even a specific craft activity – and do more of them.

# Let's get creative!

OUR RECENT CALL OUT FOR CREATIVE RESIDENTS TO SUBMIT A PIECE OF THEIR HANDIWORK FOR CONSIDERATION IN OUR 2022 WILLOW LODGE CALENDAR WAS WELL RECEIVED. DID YOU SEE ALL THE ENTRIES ON DISPLAY IN THE OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS? WE WERE ABLE TO GET THE MAJORITY OF ENTRIES INCLUDED IN OUR CALENDAR WHICH HAS BEEN PRINTED AND IS CIRCULATING NOW. HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COPY? CHECK OUT SOME OF THE ENTRIES, BELOW:





# New homes for sale.

## 2 Rustic Drive - POA

Ready to move in



### Quality and design.

Looking to downsize? This is the place for you! With our new community facilities underway you will fall in love with the quality and design of this home. Walk through and you will be impressed with the layout, low maintenance, undercover alfresco area and much more! Features include: SMEG appliances, plenty of storage, no Stamp Duty, no rates and FREE water. Book an inspection now on 1800 974 981.



## 13 Conservation Drive - POA

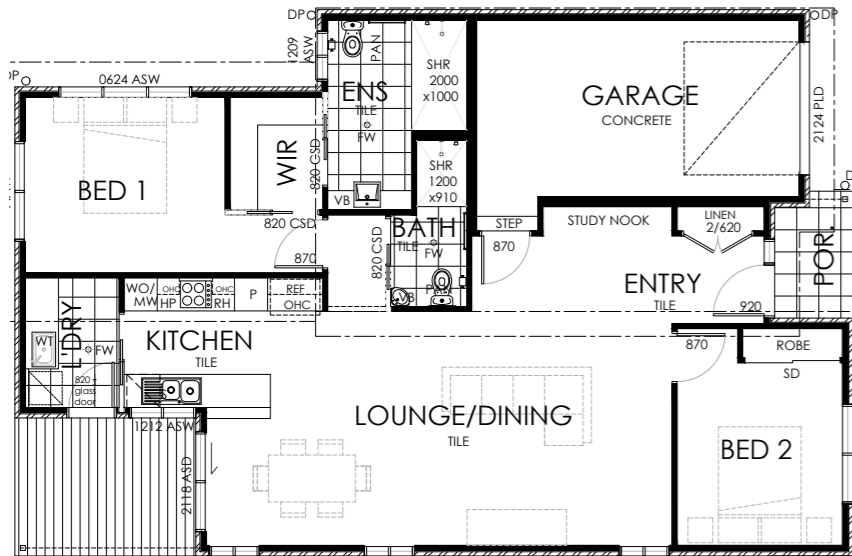


### Location, location!

In the heart of Willow Lodge and across from the Sports Club, this two-bedroom home presents a light filled open plan lounge dining area, opening onto a fully covered alfresco. Extras include a study nook and quality SMEG appliances. Palm Lake Group pride themselves with all their custom designs, together with abundance of storage and a quality finish. Contact us today to arrange a tour, and secure your new lifestyle.

#### Key features:

- Quality appliances
- Fully covered alfresco
- Two bedrooms & two bathrooms
- Close to all community facilities
- No stamp duty, no rates & FREE water



## 10 Glade Drive - POA

SOLD!



### Suite surprise.

As you approach 10 Glade Drive, you are met with an inviting covered porch and entry hall. The home opens up to offer two bedrooms and a third multi-purpose room, two bathrooms, a spacious kitchen and dedicated living and dining areas. The master is more of a 'suite' than a stock-standard bedroom. There's an expansive walk-in robe there as well as a large ensuite with double vanity.



## 14 Hollydene Court - POA

SOLD!



### Custom built.

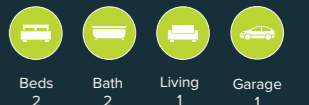
Under construction now and close to completion, this lovely custom-built home will impress. The open-plan kitchen, dining and lounge is tucked away at the rear of the home opening up on a fully covered alfresco. Features include: Extra toilet, quality appliances and location, location, location!

Contact us today to arrange a tour, and secure your new lifestyle 1800 974 981



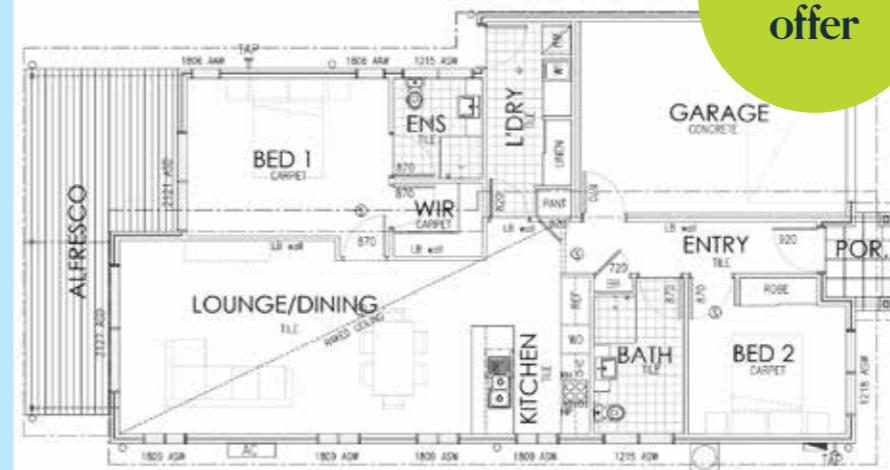
## 11 Eureka Court - POA

Under offer



### A "Wow!" entertainer.

Just completed! Presenting a custom-built home with 'Wow!' features and close to the new community facilities currently under construction. This entertainer will impress. Key features include quality appliances, fully covered alfresco, no Stamp Duty, no rates and FREE water. Contact us today to arrange a private tour and secure your new lifestyle. For more Freecall 1800 974 981.







# Helping friends become neighbours.

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 one of our established Palm Lake Resort homes (or a new home from elsewhere in the group, for that matter), you'll receive up to \$500\* cash. Easy!

**\$500**

for a brand new home

**\$250**

for an established home

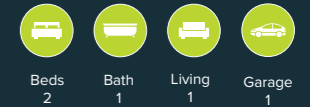


For more information and to refer your friend, simply contact our Sales Information Centre on 1800 974 981. \*T&Cs apply

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## Established homes for sale.

### 9 Hollydene Court - POA



#### Recently updated.

Recently updated & priced to sell ... this well presented 2 bedroom home is in a great location and a short walk to the Clubhouse and the up & coming NEW facilities. Theatre, indoor heated swimming pool & more! This home features a private large rear yard with new upgrades within. Book your private inspection today.

### 5 Grevillea Court - POA



**SOLD!**



#### Low maintenance.

This well presented 2 bedroom affordable home is low maintenance. Key features include floor ducted heating for winter months & air-conditioning in the warmer months. With our new facilities coming soon, this is a bargain for any person wanting to downsize and live in our over 50's lifestyle resort.

### 9 Royal Drive - POA



**Under offer**



#### Ready to go.

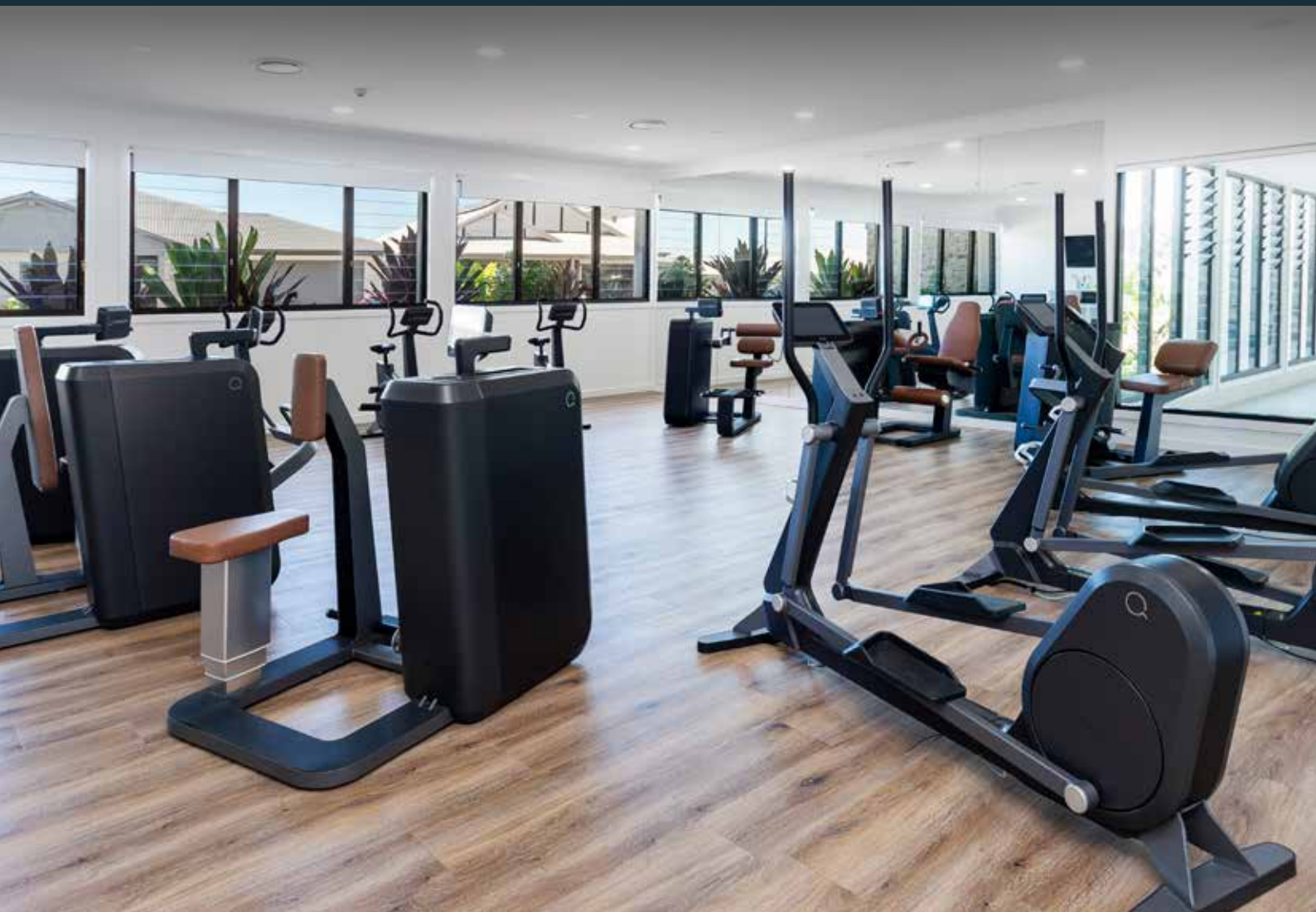
Are you ready to downsize and move into an over 50's lifestyle? This 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is ready for you to move in. Recently refurbished with new carpet and freshly painted. You won't be disappointed, book your site tour now on 1800 974 981.

For more, phone 1800 974 981 or email willowlodge@palmlake.com.au or visit palmakeresort.com.au



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