

# Waterford News.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022



## Fill your diary

Our Weekly Activities program is full to the brim with things to keep you active and social.

## Fun Group

Did you catch our rock 'n roll night? Are you across everything that's coming up? Our Fun Group has all the info!

## For sale

Looking to sell? We've got all the best tips and on-site expertise to help you maximise your profit.

**Pictured:** We have a well-stocked library, managed by some very dedicated volunteers here at our resort - have you visited lately?



**CHECK OUT THE HOMES WE HAVE FOR SALE ON PAGES 10-11**

# Welcome.

Hello all - Thank you for welcoming us into your community as we take on relief caretaking duties from Robyn and Bernie. We appreciate all the happy smiling faces we're seeing around the grounds!

Have you heard about our 'Refer a Friend' program? We know your friends love coming to visit your Palm Lake Resort Waterford home and that they enjoy sharing our resort facilities with you. Refer a friend to join you and become part of our exclusive community and if they purchase an established Palm Lake Resort home here (or anywhere in the Palm Lake Group, for that matter), you'll receive \$250 cash. How easy is that?

On the topic of the Palm Lake Group, have you received a copy of the Spring 2022 edition of our company magazine, *Your Time* (pictured right)? If you haven't seen a hard copy, you can also check it out online at [palmakeresort.com.au](http://palmakeresort.com.au) (click on the 'News & Events' tab). It's filled with lots of stories from many of our Palm Lake Resort communities across the east coast of Australia.



We know that this Waterford community is a warm and welcoming one, with an engaged homeowner population. 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 either of us about how to submit content for the newsletter and to find out the deadlines for our upcoming editions.

**Jan Eccles and John Tagliabue,**  
Palm Lake Resort Waterford Relief Caretakers

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## News briefs.



### WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

**October 21 - 23:** The Good Food & Wine Show, at the Convention Centre, is the perfect day out for foodies and wine lovers. Wander through the halls, sampling from hundreds of stalls, chatting to winemakers and distillers and hearing their stories. Sit back and be entertained by your favourite chefs as they demonstrate their delicious recipes plus join in the fun of a masterclass from wine and cheese pairing to whisky tasting and graze at delicious pop-up restaurants.

**October 27 - November 6:** The 28th iteration of the Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) will showcase over 150 diverse and exciting films, inspiring panels and special events. BIFF is a celebration of cinema in Brisbane's cultural heartland, attracting award-winning international films combined with world-class Australian and independent cinema releases. Over 11 days, BIFF will provide unprecedented access to filmmakers, cast and crew for film lovers and industry professionals alike, across a range of screenings, events and industry talks. Visit [biff.com.au](http://biff.com.au) for full details.

**November 4 - 20:** Why just see a West End production, when you could solve it, too? Agatha Christie's iconic whodunnit, 'The Mousetrap', has been adapted for the stage, and will be performed at QPAC for a limited run this November.

**November 24 - 27:** The 2022 Australian PGA Championship will see stellar Australian and international golfers battle it out at Royal Queensland Golf Club.

**November 16 - December 4:** Wynnum Fringe is a bright new spark on Queensland's cultural calendar - an annual event of statewide and national note, contributing to the breadth and accessibility of cultural practice beyond the limits of Brisbane's CBD. The festival celebrates non-mainstream arts, entertainment and cultural experiences taking place in the bayside suburban precinct of Wynnum. It creates venues from under-used public and private spaces, brings in purpose-built portable venues, creates an uplifting carnival atmosphere with street design, lighting, food trucks and activations and presents a program of both ticketed and free arts and cultural events that appeal to a wide range of audiences, ages and backgrounds. Visit the [wynnumfringe.com](http://wynnumfringe.com) website for program details.

### SHOW YOU CARE

Do you have some spare time and want to give back to the community, while also making a difference in someone's life? Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park is looking for volunteers to either visit the community or assist the Lifestyle Team in running activities. Phone Leona on 3444 6000.

# Weekly activities.

## MONDAY

- 8am** Toy Boys Workshop
- 9am** Ladies lawn bowls
- 9am** Guitar rehearsals (Cinema)
- 10am** Cardmaking (Craft room)
- 1.30pm** Social craft (Craft room)
- 1.30pm** Cards - 500 (Country Club)
- 6.45pm** Darts (Country Club)

## TUESDAY

- 6.30am** Gym with Aubrey (until 11.30am)
- 9am** Aqua aerobics (Indoor pool)
- 9am** Tuesday AM Art Group (Craft room)
- 1pm** Social bowls
- 5.30pm** Dinner (Country Club)
- 6.30pm** Movie Night (Cinema)
- 6.45pm** Trivia (Country Club)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9am** Gentle exercise (Country Club)
- 9am** Art classes - acrylics (Craft room)
- 1.30pm** Social craft (Craft room)
- 5.30pm** Dinner (Country Club)
- 6.30pm** Movie Night (Cinema)
- 6.30pm** Cards - Canasta (Country Club)

## THURSDAY

- 9am** Sewing and knitting (2nd & 4th Thursday, Craft room)
- 9.30am** Fabric craft (1st & 3rd Thursdays, Craft room)
- 10am** Choir practise (Cinema)
- 1pm** Social bowls
- 2.30pm** Housie (Country Club)

## FRIDAY

- 8am** Toy Boys Workshop
- 9am** Aqua aerobics (Indoor pool)
- 9.30am** Fabric craft (Craft room)
- 11am** Tai chi (Country Club)
- 12.45pm** Scrapbooking (Craft room)
- 1.30pm** Cards - Canasta (Country Club)
- 4pm** Happy Hour
- 6pm** Eight ball (Country Club)

## SUNDAY

- 9am** Painting with Yvonne (Craft room)
- 9am** Church service (Bethania Hall)
- 1pm** Social bowls

# Cinema news.

It is surprising how the attendance at our cinema fluctuates from season to season. As the weather warms up and the days are longer we would expect attendances will pick up again. We continue to show the latest movies, together with a few classics from time to time. But it's the monthly musicals that get the best attendance.

In September, our Sunday matinee film was "Diana - The Musical" and it was a Netflix movie that respectfully and musically told the life of Princess Diana and how she fitted into the royal family and such a public life. It was a surprising and excellent show. It may be worth an evening showing and this can be arranged if there is sufficient interest and requests. Let any of the movie group know if you would like to see this movie shown again one evening.

# Choir news.

The choir continues on its merry way and the rest of the year has us booked for seven performances up until our last one at Christmas here at Waterford. It has been an exciting year. Two of our future bookings are for performances that are at public venues and this is a first for us, moving outside our usual venues of retirement villages and nursing homes. These bookings also mean that we have reached a more professional level and our choir members realise that they must rise accordingly.

## Singing and tai chi

I want to stress the importance of breath control and respiratory function that is enhanced through regular tai chi exercise. Better breath control means ability to sustain greater vocal control and hence better sound production. Lets not stop there. Tai chi offers so much more than just better breathing. I am a great advocate for our classes here at Palm Lake Resort Waterford and would recommend them to everyone.

Tai chi also improves your balance, joint movement and your general mobility and it is suitable for all ages. I believe that my present state of good health is a direct result of my weekly class each Friday morning. Tai chi is the easiest and least stressful way to get some gentle exercise and I can recommend it to all our homeowners. Some exercises can even be done seated where necessary but the benefit of a little effort and attendance (one hour a week) will reap rewards over time that you won't believe. Why not come along any Friday at 11am in the Clubhouse, meet our instructor Shane and see what it is all about.

Quote: "If singing scares you, try tai chi. It also offers many of the benefits that singing does."

**Les Elborne, Choir Music Director**



Pictured: Fork lift by Jim B.



Pictured: Car by Allan R.



Pictured: Train set by Dave O.

# The Toy Boys' update.

Hello Villagers -

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that, along with the other art and craft clubs here at Palm Lake Resort Waterford, the 'Toy Boys' will be having a display day in the clubhouse on November 19, from 9am - 12noon. The event will give us the chance to display all our toy creations before they are donated at Christmas time. All are welcome to come and peruse our creations for charity. While you're there, we will also have on sale raffle tickets to help fund our toys for next year.

**Ray Johnstone, 'Toy Boys' Committee President**



SEND YOUR BOOK SUGGESTIONS TO US!

Pictured left: A Time for Mercy. Read Bev's review, below.

# Library news.

So many books and so little time! Our library continues to overflow with good reading, both general novels and non-fiction. We know that it is well patronised by the homeowners as the re-shelving of books is a very regular activity. New arrivals mean we keep passing off duplicate copies of books to Palm Lake Resort Bethania and local charity shops - this is a never-ending job. DVDs and jigsaws also get borrowed and returned and these also find the need to be culled as the space on shelves become overcrowded.

## Book review: A Time for Mercy

Attention all John Grisham fans! This is his latest and it's every bit as good as the rest. Deputy Stuart Kofer is a protected man. Though he's turned his drunken rages on his girlfriend, Josie, and her children many times before, the police code of silence has always shielded him. But one night he goes too far, leaving Josie for dead on the floor before he passes out. Her son, 16-year-old Drew, knows he only has this one chance to save them. He picks up a gun and takes the law into his own hands.

In Clanton, Mississippi, there is no-one more hated than a cop killer - but a cop-killer's defence lawyer comes close. Jake Brigance doesn't want this impossible case but he's the only one with enough experience to defend the boy. As the trial begins, it seems the gas chamber is inevitable for Drew. But, as the town of Clanton discovers once again, when Jake Brigance takes on an impossible case, anything is possible ...

This review was supplied by Bev (Home 92), one of our library workers. Thank you, Bev.

**Les Elborne, Library Coordinator**



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AT 1PM



## Bowls Club report.

**Pictured above:** The winners and runners-up of our recent pairs comp. Well done to you all!

### Inter-resort competitions

It is so good to finally be able to play bowls against other resorts after the two years lost due to Covid. We played Palm Lake Resort Eagleby and although we lost the game, it was a wonderful social event.

We then played the WET Shield (Palm Lake Resorts Waterford, Eagleby and Toowoomba compete). Eagleby won on the day, and we came second beating Toowoomba. This was a great result for our team, as we rarely beat them. Later in the year, we will travel to Palm Lake Resort Toowoomba for another game - and we know they will be determined to reverse this result.

Unfortunately, the game against Lewani Palms was cancelled as we could not get enough players to travel.

### Pairs comp. run and won

Our ladies' and men's pairs competition was played and the results were as follows:

- **Ladies' winners:** Jill (21) and Jan (214).
- **Runners-up:** Dell (156) and Di (178).
- **Men's winners:** Doug (123) and Graham (113).
- **Runners-up:** Kevin (200) and Colin (48).

Our mixed pairs and singles competitions will be played later in the year. Please put your name down for these very important games.

### Manly trip combines bowls and fun

A group of 24 bowlers and 21 non-bowlers recently enjoyed a day out to Manly Bowls Club. The coach driver took the non-bowlers to the beach whilst we played. The game and lunch were followed by a tour of the waterfront and surrounds. A visit to the bowls shop was a very welcome opportunity for our bowlers to update their equipment.

### Who'll take out the 'Rest of the World'?

Our most anticipated competition, the 'Rest of the World' fun day, is scheduled for October 9. This is where the bowlers born in Australia play against the bowlers born in other countries. This game is played very seriously indeed.

### Culvert Cup is coming

Later in the year, we will be playing the Culvert Cup. This is a game between the bowlers from south of the culvert (the orange team) and bowlers north of the culvert (the green team). A great fun day is assured.

Thank you to all the bowlers - ladies and men - who help keep the green and surrounds clean every month. Happy bowling to you all!

**Bruce Loomes, Bowls Club President**

## Fun Group notes.

Check out the photos from our Old Time Rock and Roll event - what a blast! Here's what's coming up for the Fun Group:

**November 1:** Melbourne Cup Fashion Day. Chicken/ham lunch with champagne and prawns. Plus the big race! Cost \$20. Cliff and Jenny are selling sweep tickets from 9.30am

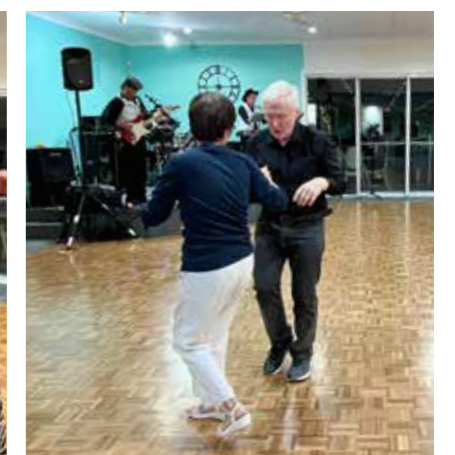
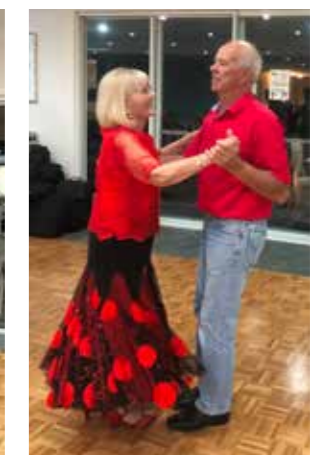
on the day and you can also get them from Cliff (Home 208) on Oct 18, 19, 25 and 26, prior to dinner. A 'Fashions on the field' competition will also be run, with other games to enjoy.

**November 2, 10am:** 'That's Me the Label' fashion parade by Margot Mott. More info to come. Margot's latest fashions are always a must to see.

**December 15, 6-10pm:** Christmas party. 'Deja vue' will be here to entertain us. Tickets on sale early November.

**December 19:** Christmas lights event. Dinner at Breakfast Creek, a Brisbane River cruise and City lights tour. More info to come closer to Christmas, including ticket details.

**Julianne Daniel, Fun Group President**





# Local experts.

THERE ARE MYRIAD BENEFITS OF BUYING AND SELLING YOUR PALM LAKE RESORT HOME VIA OUR LOCAL PALM LAKE RESORT SALES EXPERTS. THERE'S LITTLE DOUBT THAT OUR LOCAL TEAM MEMBERS ARE BEST PLACED TO HELP YOU MOVE INTO AND, WHEN THE TIME COMES, OUT OF YOUR PALM LAKE RESORT ABODE.

## Highest possible sales price

Unlike traditional real estate, the sales history of our Palm Lake Resort homes is not published publicly. This means external real estate agents don't have the tools they need to appraise your home accurately within the unique Palm Lake Resort market, under our manufactured home estate structure. They are not aware of the true value of homes within our resorts which has, in the past, resulted in homes being under-valued and under-sold by these external agents. Our Caretakers and Sales Consultants work hard to ensure you get the highest possible return for your home.

## Constant demand

The first place that buyers go when looking for a community lifestyle resort within the Palm Lake Group is the Sales Information Centre or Caretakers' office in their chosen resort location. Our Sales Consultants and Caretakers are currently receiving new enquiries daily and always have a wait list of qualified cash buyers ready to inspect your home.

## Fast and easy process

There's little doubt that the market for over-50s homes across our Palm Lake Resort network is hot right now! Our teams are currently selling many homes off market, within days of them being listed. For Palm Lake Resort homeowners looking to move on, this eliminates the long timeframes, stress and increased costs associated with listing with an external agent. This also provides you with greater privacy and less disruption to your routine, giving you more time to focus on your next move.

## Wealth of expertise

Considering the Palm Lake Resort brand celebrates 45 years of history in 2022, the majority of our Palm Lake Resort Sales Team members are very experienced in our product. For newer Sales Consultants, they are well supported by our network of expert Palm Lake Group real estate professionals right across the country. And, of course, everyone has the complete support of our experienced management team and the Elliott family company owners themselves. There really isn't anyone better positioned to sell your Palm Lake Resort home and the benefits of our over-50s community lifestyle resorts than one of our own.

## Commission-free transition

Did you know that if you are a homeowner of any Palm Lake Resort and relocate to a brand new home in a different Palm Lake Resort location, you won't pay any agent's commission on the sale of your original Palm Lake Resort home? Maybe a move within the Palm Lake Group is calling your name? When the time comes for you to sell your Palm Lake Resort home, make your first port of call our local caretakers' office.

# Preparing your home for sale.

**SELLING YOUR HOUSE CAN BE EMOTIONAL AND EXHAUSTING. ENSURE YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO MAKE YOUR HOME SALEABLE WITH THESE HANDY TIPS FROM OUR PALM LAKE RESORT REAL ESTATE EXPERT.**

Many of our Palm Lake Resort Sales Team members have spent a vast majority of their careers in real estate, matching impressive homes with equally as amazing homeowners. Sandy Martin started with Palm Lake Resort in 2007 and currently oversees the Sales Information Centre at our Bargara resort. With 15 years' experience selling new and established lifestyle resort homes across the Palm Lake Group, we asked Sandy for her tips on how homeowners can best prepare their home for sale.

"First impressions count and presentation is especially important," Sandy says. "Get your home looking spectacular before allowing inspections. Set the standard from the start. Ensure the front of your property, including pavements, the garage door and front door area, is clean and clear of any hazards because first impressions really do last. Also, deal with any minor maintenance - it's important for buyers to know they are purchasing a home that has been well cared for."

Inside the home, Sandy says the first step is to declutter and de-personalise – a rental storage unit may be your best friend here. Not only will decluttering give you a clear space to work with, but it will also be a big help when it comes time to pack up your things and move out. De-personalising helps a potential buyer see themselves living in your home, and they won't be able to do that if every wall and surface is covered with photos of your family and personal knick-knacks you've collected over the years.

Try to keep the furniture and décor understated for the same reason – you might love your bright floral armchair, but a potential buyer might not be able to look past it long enough to envision themselves living in your home. The more space you can create – without the house looking empty – the better, so clear the bookshelves and keep the benches bare.

Clean out those wardrobes, too. Buyers will certainly look through them, to consider how much storage space your abode offers.

"Give your home a good spring clean," Sandy says. "Hire a cleaning company for a few hours that can help you out; it will be worth the investment. Ensure the kitchen and bathrooms in particular are immaculate and make sure that outdoor areas are manicured and maintained."

## Sandy's other tips for preparing your home to go on the market

- Consider painting your bright feature walls in more neutral colours to appeal to a larger range of buyers.
- Make sure all lights are turned on and even consider upgrading a few lightbulbs to really brighten your space.
- Fresh flowers on the table, candles or air fresheners all smell welcoming and help you immediately get into a buyer's good books.
- Have your furry friend minded for the duration of the inspection and tidy up after them to ensure the yards are clear.
- Leave buyers alone with the agent during home inspections. This will put the buyer at ease and they won't feel like they are imposing on you.








# Homes for sale.

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## Home 73: \$435,000



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Beds  
2
-   
Bath  
1
-   
Living  
1
-   
Study  
1
-   
Garage  
1.5

### Location, location

This low maintenance home features two generous bedrooms, plus study or third bedroom. This home offers a bright and airy open-plan living area with air conditioning along with a spacious and well-equipped kitchen, close to all resort facilities.



## Home 175: \$445,000

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Beds  
3
-   
Bath  
1
-   
Living  
1
-   
Garage  
1.5

### Looking for entertainers

This beautifully presented home is ideal for entertaining. Three bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and large open plan living. Generous kitchen and fantastic covered rear patio ideal for entertaining. Solar panels, garden shed and low maintenance gardens.



## Home 94: \$419,950

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Beds  
2
-   
Bath  
1.5
-   
Living  
1
-   
Garage  
1.5

### Well maintained

Home 94 offers plenty of versatile outdoor space including a generous entertaining area overlooking a spacious backyard, with garden shed. The home features a large living area, two bedrooms (each with a built-in wardrobe) and a stunning kitchen with stone benchtops.



## Home 194: \$449,950


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Beds  
2
-   
Bath  
1
-   
Living  
1
-   
Garage  
1.5

### Quiet achiever

This beautifully presented home is ready for the most fastidious buyer. Features a large modern kitchen, two bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, air con, utility room and a low maintenance yard. The home is close to visitor parking in a quiet spot of the resort.



## Home 137: \$449,950

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Beds  
2
-   
Bath  
2
-   
Living  
1
-   
Study  
1
-   
Garage  
1

### Room for your four-legged mate

This is an immaculate home, conveniently within a short stroll of the Country Club. Open plan living, carpet in the bedrooms and vinyl timber flooring in the living area. Plantation shutters, air con in the living area and the master. Plenty of room for a small dog.



## We need your home!

Our Sales Information Centre can't keep up with demand for homes at the moment. It seems the secret is well and truly out on the benefits of our over-50s community lifestyle here at Palm Lake Resort Waterford. We are selling homes to our waiting list even before we have the chance to list them online or photograph them! If your situation is changing and you're contemplating a move, make sure you come and see Jan and discuss the options available to you.

# Life is cruisy

at Palm Lake Resort.

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Living at Palm Lake Resort has been compared to living the cruise ship lifestyle everyday. Just like cruising, our homeowners have everything they need, right on their doorstep. Think resort-style pools, gymnasiums, a wealth of activities and entertainment, social gatherings, food and drink, and more. But you can captain your own ship, here at Palm Lake Resort.

**This is your time.**



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