

Paradise Press



August

In this edition of Paradise Press you will find details of the last month's events and up and coming events for residents

New Residents

Welcome to our newest Gemlife Residents:

- Judy
- Lynn
- Olga & Ray
- John & Robin
- Geoff & Heather
- Howard & Maria

Please join us at Happy Hour on Friday or Sunday evenings. We'd like to get to know you .

Upcoming Events

7TH AUGUST



AGM
Annual General Meeting

11th August
Pizza at the Pav.

September
Clubhouse Opening

October
Great Gatsby Party
Pinktober



As usual, we had an amazing time together for Christmas in July. Thank you to the Events Committee for another great function



Our Lucky Door Prize winners

It was one of the most brutal, but exciting State of Origin games to date.



As we know, victory this year went to the mighty Blues team



Even Brian Cleary had to change colours this year

Volunteers Thank You

On Wednesday 24th, the HOC put on a thank you afternoon tea for all of our volunteers who do amazing work for our community. Whether they be big or small jobs done, all contribute to the success of our community.





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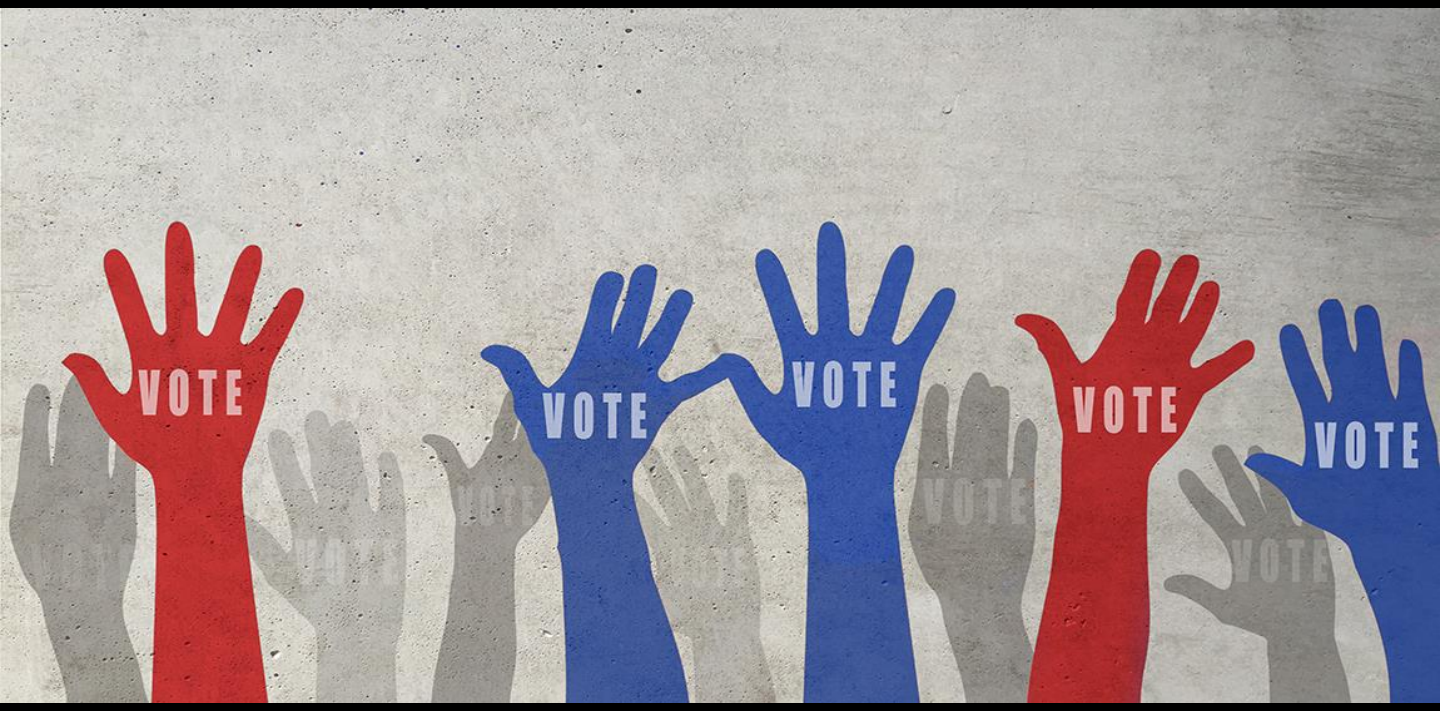
WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2024

GEMLIFE PACIFIC PARADISE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PAVILION DOWNSTAIRS COMMENCING AT 10:30AM.

Your attendance and contribution is important.



Upcoming Events



Pizza at the Pav

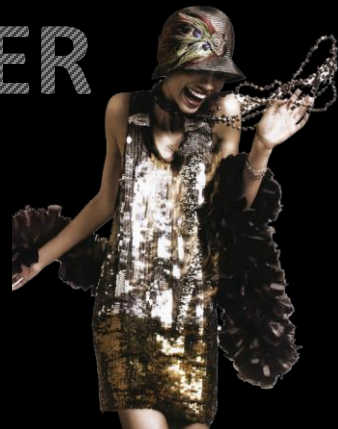
Come on Sunday 11th August and join us at the Pavilion for a Pizza Night. More details to follow.



Rumour has it that the Clubhouse will be opened to us in September. Some of us have waited for this over 4 years and finally we will get to see what we paid for.

THE GREAT GATSBY OCTOBER

Come dressed up in your finest Roaring Twenties gear for our Great Gatsby Party in the new Clubhouse.



Upcoming Events

Pinktober

I'M RAISING FUNDS FOR
BREAST CANCER



There will be a special 'Pink' event to raise money for this great cause. Keep an eye out for more details.



As we have done previously, many of our men will be participating on Movember to further aid the research into a cure for cancer. Please get behind these participants.

Melbourne Cup

Come and join us on the first Tuesday in November as we party for the running of the Cup.



Prizes, Sweeps, Fashion and Fun



HAPPY HOUR



No winner this time in the Villa Draw

Every **Friday evening 5pm and Sunday afternoon** at 4pm. Free Villa Draw on Friday evenings, be there to win the **Jackpot**



We had a big and noisy crowd at Happy Hour



Marie won the Lucky Number draw!

A fine elderly Catholic gentleman lived alone in Pacific Paradise in the Gemlife gated community, with his beloved dog that he had for many years.

The dog finally died and the gent went to the parish priest, saying "Father, my dear dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a Mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick told the grief-stricken man "No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a good Baptist church in Coolum, and no telling what they believe in, but maybe they'll do something for the animal."

The old fellow said "I'll go right now. Thank you Father...By the way, do you think \$50,000 is enough to donate for the service?" Father Patrick replied "Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic."



I call myself a local to the Sunshine Coast having a mother born in Cooroy and raised on a farm at Eumundi. She was the great granddaughter of one of the first pioneers to the area and the inaugural chairman of the Noosa Shire - James Duke. My father, even though born in NSW, grew up on a farm at Pinbarren (Kin Kin) and later lived in Pomona.

While I was still in my early childhood, my parents moved from Pomona to Brisbane for work, but later returned to the live at Yandina. I attended school at Nambour and after graduating Year 12 and having the option to attend teachers' college, decided a career as a police officer looked OK at the time.

A career as a cop back in 1977 seemed a good thing to do and I enjoyed the country roles in Gympie and the south Burnett. But I had itchy feet and was looking for some excitement, so in a complete turnaround, I radically changed my appearance and demeanor and then started associating with the less desirable members of our community, infiltrating the bikies and drug dealer's world.

One plus that came out of this posting was meeting a stunning tall blonde, the admin officer in the Drug Squad. After many hours, days, weeks and months of perseverance, she finally went out with me. Marriage, 3 children later and the rest is history.

My career progressed in various postings in the water police and other stations before finding my niche by becoming a Detective, serving in Brisbane, Far North Qld and the Anti-Corruption Commission. Again, looking for that little extra to spice things up I joined the Army Reserve, and decided to do officers training. I had a great time in the years that I served there.

A complete turnaround occurred when I was promoted to Inspector, and they sent me to head up the recruit training program at the police academy. A very stressful change but we managed to graduate about 1000 recruits in 2 years.

My zest for challenges never waned, so a transfer to Cairns and a District Inspector role eventuated. Managing the Cape and Torres Straits was very challenging but fit the bill nicely. Alas I wanted to step it up again, and an opportunity arose to be seconded to the Australian Federal Police and serve with the Regional Aid Mission in the Solomon Islands. This being most challenging and in 2006 I found myself commanding the police resources there. We ended up in the middle of a full-blown riot with the burning of buildings, cars and so many looters who did not care too much for our presence.

After my return home and back to mundane policing, you guessed it, what can I do now? An opportunity to serve with the "Intervention" in the Northern Territory arose. I jumped at it serving in the role of the Government Business Manager, coordinating government and non-government services into remote Indigenous communities.

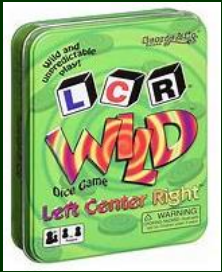
This role led me then to leaving the police and entering the Australian Public Service in a Directors role with Indigenous Affairs. After a few years of challenging and rewarding work, I wanted more challenges, so I moved to Canberra where I took on the role of Director Investigations for the federal Anti-corruption Commission. Having had a brilliant career and missing the weather of Qld, retirement beckoned, and I headed home, settling back on the sunny coast not far from where I grew up.

Editor - John has taken up his most challenging role by serving us on the HOC



'Hold on, I have to buzz you in'

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?" Mabel answered, "I have a suppository?" She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."



LCR is played on the 1st Sunday of the month. Starts at 4:30

Our Raffle Nights are usually held on the 1st Friday of the month



BBQs are held on the last Sunday of each month. This month, burgers will be made as well as sausage sandwiches. The burgers are first come first served, no pre-orders

Bingo

Our next Bingo night is scheduled for the 17th August. Come along for fun and fellowship



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Communications

There are many ways that you can find out what exciting community activities are happening at Gemlife Pacific Paradise. We have:

Residents Website

Our residents website can be accessed at : glpp.com.au

Residents Emails

HOC Updates will be sent out by the HOC Secretary: Julie Hume

Social event emails from Lynn Roper

Residents Facebook

Our Facebook group can

be accessed at : [GemLife Pacific Paradise Residents](#)

Your Social Committee:

Sue Story – Villa 23 **Convenor, Events**
 Lyndall Armstrong - Villa 135 **Bar Manager**
 Lynn Roper – Villa 40 **Communications**
 Greg & Lorei Blunden – Villa 38 **Newsletter**
 Ian Stittie – Villa 14 **BBQs**

Gail May – Villa 76 **Raffles**
 Dee Beath – Villa 24 **Bingo**
 Jude Hall – Villa 15
 Lorei Blunden – Villa 38
 Debbie Whitfield – Villa 166

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