## August

In this August edition of Paradise Press you will find details of past events in July and up coming events for residents

New Residents Welcome to our newest Gemlife Residents:

Paradise

Amber & Julie Helen & Darcy Hanne & Soren Heather Julie and Grant Michael and Joy Please join us at Happy Hour or

any of our events so that we can get to know each other better

### **Upcoming Events**

Daffodil Day 31st August

See inside for more details

#### Ladies Lunch

Please watch your emails for more information

## LCR

The 3rd Sunday of the month. Bar open at 4pm

**Gemlife Games** 

See inside for more information

Father's Day (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) Catered by Kevin the Spud man \$15 p/p

### Scenes from the last



A big thank you to Margie and Julie for organising July's ladies lunch at the Peregian Hotel. A great time was had by all. Please look out for details of the next Ladies Lunch





YES WE ARE AWARE OF HOW NOISY WE ARE TOGETHER

#### PETER'S POEM – ONYX STREET PARTY 26.06.23

We welcome Jutte and Erich are now here with us In a nice house 81 instead of a bus Let me tell you about the neighbours of Onyx. Nowhere are people any more platonic They're always there to show that they care Are willing to help and eager to share Some do things which are very arty All of them know just how to party. After all whatever more could you want Than brunch with coffee and a croissant. Now Peter and Sue are leaving our crew For pastures some old and some will be new We have all loved having you here Please keep in touch and not disappear I'd have liked to add additional rhymes with Onyx But the thing coming to mind was always gin and tonics Love youse all.

## Just to brighten your day.....

A Gemlife resident now volunteers to entertain patients in aged care and hospitals. He visited the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and brought along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs to the patients, he said farewell and said, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better too."



Everyone of us, in some way or another, has been affected by cancer. Please come along to the Daffodil Day Morning Tea on the 31<sup>st</sup> August to help raise funds for much needed research. RSVP to Gail May or Wendy Potter by 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Lulu boutique will do a small fashion parade and has donated a \$100 voucher for our lucky door prize and there will be 10% off flyers issued on the day.

In addition to this, we are providing donation boxes for loose change which will be at all of the Happy Hours.



What an absolutely fabulous time we had at the Maroochy Bridge Hotel to celebrate Christmas in July. In all, 70 residents made the most of our time together with plenty of laughter and noise.

A great big thank you to the Social Committee for organising this wonderful event. We also appreciate the HOC and Gemlife for subsiding the majority of the costs so that we could enjoy ourselves at a very reasonable price.

This is an example of putting our profits back into the community for practical outcomes!

Congratulations to Ivan and Nola for their daughter Michelle becoming the Governor of the Reserve Bank. It is wonderful when such loving and intelligent parents see the fruits for their labour.



### Having fun at Happy Hour - come and join us





# Gemlife Games



Sadly, the Victorian Government cannot host the Commonwealth Games but Maroochy Quays will be hosting the Gemlife Games on the 8th September.

The games will include: TENNIS PICKLEBALL LAWN BOWLS TEN-PIN BOWLING TABLE TENNIS POOL GOLF SIMULATOR We already have sufficient numbers for 8 ball pool, but if you interested in joining or forming teams in the other events, please contact John 'Emu' Kirby in Villa 19.



'You think YOU'RE having a bad game? I'm looking for a bowling ball!!'

## **Featured Special Interest Group**

#### **Gardening Gems**

An extract from an email to Adrian Puljich & Ben Livingstone in November 2021: 'Some of the gardening enthusiasts at Pacific Paradise have formed a garden group....& we've even given ourselves a name: *Gardening Gems!*'

Since then, the garden has grown, producing a variety of vegetables for the use of the garden group and other residents. Residents contribute to further purchases of seedlings, etc, by donating funds when they pick produce from our garden.







Much knowledge is shared by those who are in the group, developing a planting & watering regime according to the seasons.

Apr 22: Peter Cheeseman planting the first crop.

Covers protect plants from possums, insects & sun.

Tomatoes have been picked & enjoyed by residents!

The group has met twice monthly in spring, autumn & winter, with summer having limited growing success as the beds are in a hot, exposed position. Some meetings are in the garden, planting seeds or seedlings, mulching & fertilizing, while others are planning meetings in the Pavilion.

We've had occasional morning teas and also a lunch to celebrate the successful harvesting of our produce, which Ben Livingstone attended, expressing his delight with our progress! This year, GemLife has added 2 more garden beds to the 2 which were already in existence. This has been much appreciated as it means new residents moving in will have the opportunity to participate in the garden activities.



New beds, more plants.

New gardeners are welcome!



Members plant citrus trees in pots around the garden.

If you are interested in joining the Gardening Gems, please contact (V87 Margie or John V88)

Thank you Margie for such a great report.

## Communication

There are many ways that you can find out what exciting community activities are happening at Gemlife Pacific Paradise We would rather over advertise so that everyone has a good understanding of life here.

Our master communicator Lynn Roper who sends out all of the community emails

Our new website which can be accessed at : glpp.com.au

Our Facebook group can be accessed at : Please register with Tanneke Booth to join the group <u>GemLife Pacific Paradise Residents</u>

Paradise Press Monthly Newsletter – please contact Greg and Lorei Blunden in Villa 38 for any input



#### HOC Updates will be sent out by the HOC Secretary, Mary Earnshaw in Villa 9

#### **Social Committee:**

Sue Story – Villa 23 Dee Beath – Villa 24 Glenda Larsen – Villa 31 Jude Hall – Villa 15 Greg and Lorei Blunden – Villa 38 Lynn Roper – Villa 40 Wendy Potter – Villa 42



Don't forget our BBQ on the last Sunday of each month