

Paradise Press



June

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:

- Jean & Warren
- Marise & Stephen
- John & Bev
- Peter & Judith
- Ian & Fran

Please join us at Happy Hour on Friday or Sunday evenings or any of our events so that we can get to know each other better

Upcoming Events

Karaoke

Wednesday 29th 6-8pm

Bar opens 5:30



June 5

Ladies Lunch

12pm 13th June

Maroochy Golf Club



Christmas
in
July

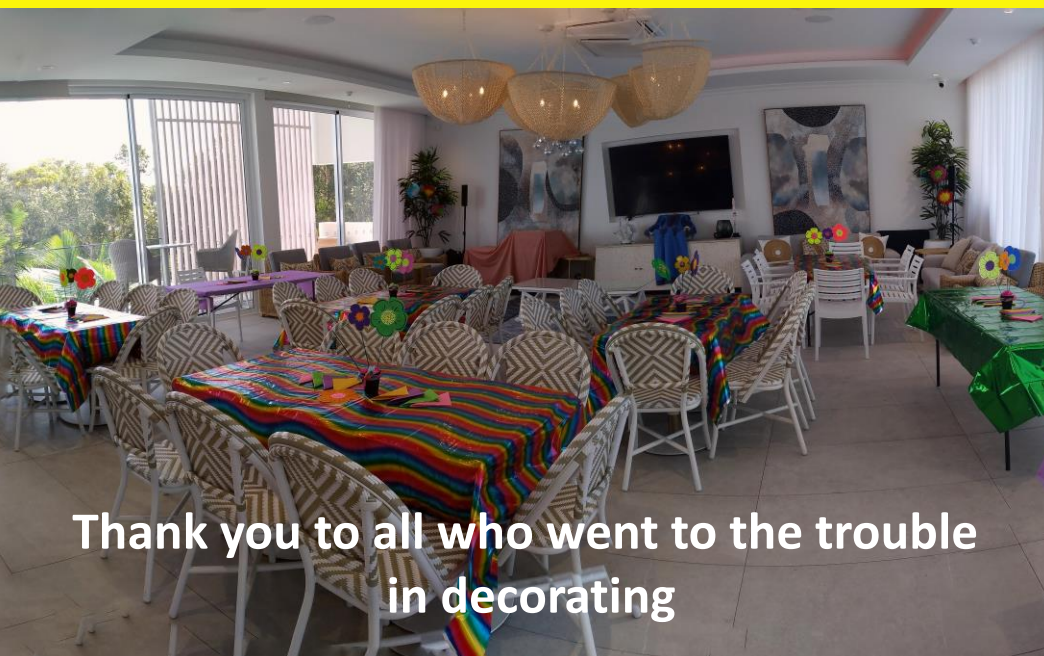
Thursday 4th July



1st May

To any neighbouring houses we give our apologies for the amount of noise created while we had such a good time. The room looked grouse, the costumes were groovy.

We were all transported back in time.



Thank you to all who went to the trouble in decorating



Cool retro food



Psychedelic Tables man!



Hey Jude

Baby Boomers know how to have fun!



Rod Stewart was there

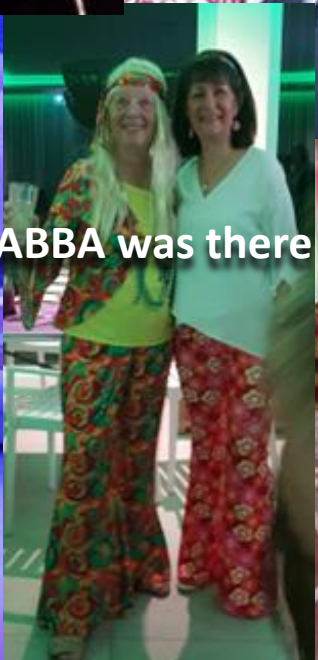
Gary and Wendy,



The 'groupies' were there!



Best dressed man and woman



ABBA was there

We may have felt like we were living in the past, but the next day our bodies knew we were very much in the present!



Pamper Day



Thank you to all of the very generous people who contributed to a total of 21 Pamper Packages. It was a time to thank and recognise our wonderful ladies.





Winner



Winner



Winner

HAPPY HOUR



Winner



Not so Winner

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





Boot Scootin

The line dancing group presented Lesley Joyce with flowers as a token of their appreciation for her taking the line dancing class each week.

Come and join us to cheer on your team for the State of Origin.

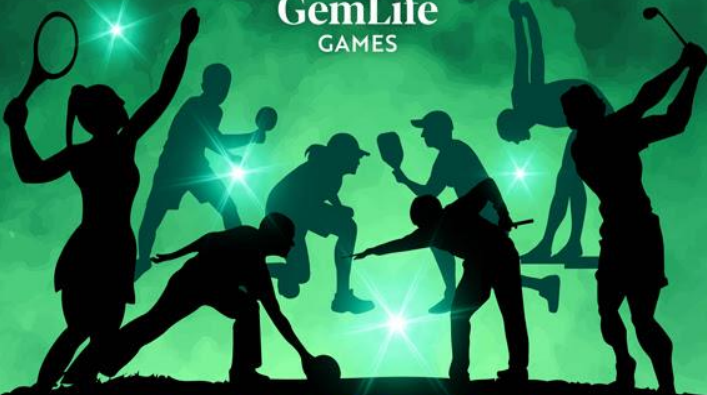
June 5, starting at 7pm in the Pavilion



Volunteers

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that help make our community great. Lynette has been volunteering here for 4 years, as have many others. There is always room for one more volunteer.





THE GEMLIFE GAMES ARE BACK

Sadly, it doesn't look like we will have the facilities to enable us to practice our games. But because we have more residents, we should be able to have more teams to represent us.

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September at Gemlife Palmwoods – What team do you want to join?



Progress on the Clubhouse is slower than we were expecting. So much work still to be done on inside fit out.



We will have waited longer than any other Gemlife village

Back Stories

After leaving School I had not planned a career in any shape or form, but I joined the Airforce in 1960 at the age of 18. After 6 years in the Airforce, I decided to become a Motor Mechanic apprentice with Action, the local Transit Company in the ACT. I continued with Action for 10 years, and in the last 4 years with Action, I attended Canberra TAFE college and completed an Associate Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

My next career was with the Australian Public Service (APS). Initially I was tasked with writing specifications for contracts for vehicle purchases. I was employed by DASFLEET, which was the vehicle arm of the APS which at the time consisted of 14,000 vehicles. These ranged from Police motorcycles and Police boats cars, Utes, 4WDs, trucks, fifty-three seat Coaches City buses and Prime Movers.

With promotions I moved into Fleet maintenance and became responsible for the vehicle workshops in each state and Territory. It was in this area that I was tasked with some of the more interesting aspects of my APS career. On several occasions, we were asked to provide special vehicle types. One such example was a request from ASIO to provide a trailer with three individual sections – an area for maintenance equipment, an area to act as the command module – airconditioned and secure and the final section with a drop door/ramp for a small vehicle and motorcycles. The difficult part was that it needed to fit inside a RAAF Hercules, including a prime mover. It worked well and over the years, the Rig was deployed in Australia, the Asia pacific and other parts of the world wherever spooks were needed.

My last big assignment was modifying vehicles for the Commonwealth Government and the AFP to provide protection for foreign Government visitors deemed to be at risk. The nitty gritty of the project was to ensure protection against projectiles (bullets). The scope of the project was to provide high level protection against attacks using AK47 and FN7 rifles, M16 carbines and grenades for 11 Holden vehicles.

One Holden was armor plated in Cincinnati and kits were then flown to Adelaide for fitment. The weight of the Caprice fully armored with run-flat wheels and Holden Super Car brakes was an eye watering 2,500kgs, the standard vehicle weighed 1584kgs!! Due to the highly protected use of this US material, I had to go before the Government Cabinet to obtain approval from the Yanks. I made several visits to the US company during the initial build process. This also involved observing university testing in Ohio of the armor plating, by firing specified ammunition, to prove its ability to withstand penetration.

Due to the sale of DASFLEET to Macquarie bank in 1998 for \$409,000,000, in 1998 I was made redundant at APS.

Back a bit in 1984/85 I got the bug to learn to fly and after a few short months I obtained my Private Pilot's License and had a bit of fun flying in light aircraft. In the early nineties, six other likeminded pilots and I purchased a Cessna 172 XP Skyhawk, and we had many memorable trips around Australia, with Rita often as my nonflying co-pilot.

Following my redundancy from the APS I took a year off and studied for my Commercial License, obtained an Instructor Rating and flew for two companies in Canberra for the next six years. I taught a lot of people to fly, many for the fun of it, whilst others went onto join the airlines, the RFDS, another became an Instructor and one joined the RAAF and ended up flying FA 18s.

In 2004 after some 44 years of working life I retired, and Rita and I moved to Queensland to Live. I was coming home having been raised in SE Qld, my parents farmed in the Beaudesert area, except for a brief period on the Sunshine Coast during the fifties, where I attended schools in Eumundi and Kin Kin. Rita hails from the Riverina and I have managed to change her football codes from AFL to NRL.



Did you know that the Social Committee have placed a Suggestion Box in the Pavilion? If you have an idea for a community event, please write out a form and place it in the box.



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

Friday Night
RAFFLE

BBQs are held on the last Sunday of each month. This month, 40 burgers will be made and the rest will be sausages.

Bingo

Is cancelled this month, watch for emails to find out the next Bingo date





"Oh No, I'm convinced my mind is almost gone"

"I'm not surprised. You've been giving me a piece of it every day for twenty years."



Just for Laughs

Communications

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

Social events emails from Lynn Roper

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

Our Facebook group can be accessed at :

GemLife Pacific Paradise Residents

(Please register with Tanneke Booth to join the group)

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

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 **Events**