

Paradise Press



May

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:

Liz
Phillip and Loretta
David and Lyn
Deborah
James and Carole

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



60s/70s Night
1st May
7pm



Hamburger BBQ
28th April



*Christmas
in
July*

Thursday 4th July

**60's
70's**

1st May at 7pm

**Best dressed prizes,
best music, karaoke,
60s/70s food to share.**

**Channel your inner peace
child and join us for a
night of fun**

Gold coin donation on entry

Happy Hour

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



A big thank you to all those who were involved in putting together our ANZAC Day memorial.



Once again it was good to see so many in attendance.



Thank you to Dave and Steve for organising the annual Two - Up event

Two - Up



ANZAC DAY





Winners are Grinners
Lyndall won the meat tray
in the raffle



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



**Special BBQ with
Hamburgers**
Ian and the team
will be cooking
Hamburgers!

There will 30 only Hamburgers at \$5 each, first in best served!
Apart from that there will be the usual sausages for sale

**Tony couldn't crack the
Jocker in the Villa draw.
Maybe it will be you this
week?**







With the scaffolding down, we can finally start to see how spectacular our Clubhouse will be!



Bingo
Thursday 21st at
2pm. Dee and Joe do a great job in running this.

For all special interest groups and events coming up, please go to the calendar on the Pacific Paradise Home Owners website

Back Stories

ROSS PAINE's STORY

I was born in 1941 and educated in the delightful Central West NSW farming town of Mudgee. Life was quiet as was the Paine family of 3 boys. Our family was heavily involved with the Methodist Church and we were no exception.

At the age of 15, I was accepted into the Commonwealth Bank to commence duties at Gulgong, NSW. Over the next 7 years I worked for the bank in Gilgandra, Lithgow and Oberon. I was then transferred to Bathurst in 1963 which started a new interest for me - Music.

I quickly became involved in the church choir, sang with local choral groups and musical productions and became a part of a very popular folk group, The Chesterfields.

In 1966 came the transfer that was to change my life considerably - to Kavieng, the main town on New Ireland in New Guinea. What a change and a time of experiences I will never forget. I was 1 of 10 male Aussies and I local from Manus Island stationed there. From my beautiful island the next move came 18 months later to Popondetta in Papua as the officer in charge of a 2-man branch there. After 3 years I was transferred back to Lithgow NSW. But who was working in that branch, but a gorgeous young blonde chick called Irene! We were soon married and then spent 4 happy years there where our first 2 children were born, before moving to Canberra for another 4 years, where Kate was born.

From the ACT we then went to Broken Hill and loved living out there. We were very quickly accepted into the local community and made lifelong friends from several people we met there.

Due to the death of my father and family needs, the bank moved me from Broken Hill to Gunnedah. After two years I was promoted to the Operations Manager back in Bathurst. After another 3 years we made a family move to Wollongong. Irene began working for the NAB bank and also became focused on her sewing and craft work, as she still does now.

I was the Operations Manager of Wollongong Branch with a staff of more than 100 and loved the job. My journey in the bank did not stop at Wollongong Branch as I was soon promoted to Manager Warrawong and retired from the bank in 1996 as the Manager at Engadine in the southern Sydney suburbs, after almost 40 years with the bank.

After a year spent setting into a new home in Wollongong, I established the first Mortgage Choice franchise in the Illawarra in 1997, selling it 5 years later to one of my employees.

In 2004 we decided to move to Queensland. Our two daughters now also live on the Sunshine Coast and our son still lives in Wollongong. We have 4 grandchildren and last year one of our grandchildren gave birth to our first great grandson and they now live just a block away from us here in the resort. After almost 4 years here in Paradise we are finally settled in our forever home. We love the friendships we have already formed. Irene is happy that the moves are now done with and she enjoys her participation in several groups.

During all these travels I managed to spend a great deal of time with service clubs, first joining Apex as an 18 year old at Oberon and also being a member of various Lions clubs on our travels - all up I have spent over 50 years serving my communities. I am a Life Member of Lions and 4 years ago I was honoured to receive the Order Of Australia Medal (OAM) from the Governor of Queensland for my services to Lions and particularly to a Lions Used Stamp Recycling project I started in 1991. This project has now raised in excess of \$350,000 for the Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation to be used to purchase walking frames for children born with cerebral palsy. It is a project I am still very much involved with after almost 33 years.

In here, I started the 10c collection and the team have now raised over \$9,000 for the HOC.

Wouldn't it be so great
if we could put
ourselves in the dryer
for 10 minutes and
come out wrinkle free
and three sizes smaller.



**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**