

Paradise Press

September

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:

Barry
John & Cheryl
Darrell & Jill
Tony & Denise
Wayne & Michelle
Brian & Leah

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

Upcoming Events

Clubhouse opening
September

Grandfinal



6th October



THE GREAT CATS SIBBY
12th October

Pinktober 24th



GET INVOLVED

AGM

Annual General Meeting

It was thrilling to see nearly 150 residents turn up for our AGM

Congratulations to all of the people who were elected to the HOC. We thank you for

your desire to serve the community.

Let us all get behind them and support them as it is not an easy task and we appreciate their work.



Such a great turnout



Dog Tales

Pizza Night

We had 48 residents stuffing themselves silly

with pizza on Sunday 11th. As usual, what started out as a civilised event degenerated into a loud singing and dance night – let's do it again!

A big thank you to Debbie and her team for organising the night.



HAPPY HOUR



No winner this time in the Villa Draw

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

Sports Page



Both the AFL and NRL Grand finals are coming up. Come and join us in our new cinema and cheer on your favourite team.

AFL - 28th September

NRL – 6th October

More details to follow.



5th and 6th September

Inspired by the recent Olympics, our teams have been practicing hard. We wish them every success as they represent Pacific Paradise.

Upcoming Events

THE GREAT GATSBY

12th OCTOBER



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

Pinktober

I'M RAISING FUNDS FOR
BREAST CANCER

24th

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.

The History of the Social Committee to date. By Jude Hall Aug 2024

In 2020 Greg and Lorei were asked by then HOC chair, Fred Watkins, to facilitate social events which would foster a cohesive and fun environment for the residents of GLPP. At this stage only about 30 houses were settled. At this time Lynn Roper also volunteered to start a ladies' lunch group.

There was no pavilion, no BBQ area and happy hour was conducted outside a show house, where everyone brought their own chair, drinks and nibbles to share. Fred also instigated the monthly BBQ helped ably by his wife Lynette and Ray and Dawn Rasby. Greg and Lorei then took over the organising of this and Lynette, Dawn and Ray have continued to help to this day. Stan and Sue Kruger also came on board and others have volunteered from time to time.

After that house was sold Happy Hour moved to the car park outside the office. Many friendships were forged in that inhospitable place on a Friday night.

Greg and Lorei ran the first big event on Australia Day 2021, with the help of volunteers from Ruby Ave, it was a great day with lots of fun activities. This was the beginning of many good times to come. Greg also commenced the monthly newsletter and sent out the email communications.

After 12 months Lorei and Greg decided to take a break as the community had grown and they felt that others may bring fresh ideas. A meeting was held and Dee Beath volunteered to head up Events, Sue Storey to do the newsletter and Lynn Roper the communications. Paul and Glenda Larsen took over the monthly BBQ.

The Social committee as it now was continued to provide great events to encourage and foster friendships and a welcoming environment for all who moved into GemLife PP

After a while Dee and Sue swapped roles with Sue now coordinating events. Glenda Larsen also assisted with events, with her and Paul continuing to facilitate the monthly BBQ. Dee produced the newsletter to keep residents informed of previous and future events.

Sue, then as coordinator of events, realised the need for a more structured committee and forwarded a letter to the HOC in August 2022 advising them of a committee, with Sue as coordinator, Jude Hall secretary and Glenda Larson treasurer, and additionally on the social committee Lyn Roper (communications) and Dee Beath ((bingo and trivia). John Kirkby ran the bar at the time and was invited to attend meetings so everyone was informed of Events. Since then there have been a few changes, Glenda left and Lorei took her place, Greg once again creates the newsletter, and Lyndall and Richard run the bar. The Social committee has been further strengthened by Debbie Whitfield joining the events team. Gail May raffles, and Ian and Angie Stitt co-ordinating the monthly BBQ. All these volunteers bring diverse and cohesive strengths to the Social Committee, to ensure the best outcomes for the whole community.

Over the last two and a half years, under Sue's guidance, the social committee have produced on average one major event each month without the facilities enjoyed by the other

Some Social Committee highlights worth mentioning.

- > Oktoberfest -with input from the community, from the bell ringers, Rosemary and Horst to traditional strudel produced by five residents taught by chef, Glen.
- > Mothers' day pamper packages,
- >Melbourne Cup extravaganzas, with best dressed prizes.
- > St. Patricks Day when eight volunteers created traditional hot pots in their own homes
- > Christmases in July, with transport.
- > Monthly sausage sizzles.
- > New Years Eve parties.
- > Theme nights such as the sixties and seventies night
- > Supported the big shave for men's mental health
- > Jewellery evaluations by Underwood jewellers
- > Supported Daffodil day
- >Introduction of Lucky Numbers board

The Social Committee has always appreciated the help that other volunteers have given over the years. The mission statement we devised a while ago still rings true:-

“To build a community through social activities, while fostering a sense of inclusiveness and community spirit”

Melbourne Cup

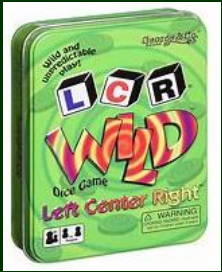
**Come and join us on the first Tuesday
in November as we party for the
running of the Cup.**

Prizes, Sweeps, Fashion and Fun



Special Interest Groups

For those who may not be aware, we have a number of Special Interest Groups that run within the resort. These include: *Art group, Craft Group, Cycling group, Bible study group, Gardening group, Craft beer group, Aquarobics, Mahjong, Poker group, Zumba, Line dancing, Stretch and strength, Scrabble group, etc.* **For any further information, please see our web page.**



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, 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 19th September. Come along for fun and prizes



Events
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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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