

Paradise Press



September

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

New Residents

Welcome to our newest Gemlife Residents:

Rita
Graeme & Tony
Sheena
Heather
Janice
David & Ann
Rory & Amanda

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

Father's Day Celebration

3rd September

Gemlife Games

8th September

Oktoberfest

Sunday 15th October

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 7th November

Underwoods

15th November

Christmas Lunch

7th December

New Year's Eve

With Totally Charlie

So much to do!



31st August



Cancer Society Daffodil Day



What a fantastic turnout we had for our Daffodil Day fund raiser. There were more than 60 people in attendance and overall the Gemlife community raised well in excess of \$2000 towards cancer research, which was well over expectations. Thank you to all who contributed to this fine result.

Thank you to Wendy, Gail and the team for organising the event.

Thank you also to Renee from the Lulu Boutique for the fashion parade, the lucky door donation and also the distribution of discount vouchers.



Renee and her models



Congratulations to all of the prize winners on the day. The real winner though was cancer research



In 2027, Gemlife residents play a game of "Guess what the tattoo used to be!"

Mystery solved!

Many of us have been wondering how the 'Floating House blocks' in Stage 2 will work. After talking to the right people, we found out that these 9 houses will be built over top of a large concrete water disbursement tank.

It will be a sealed tank that will hold and release any overflow from a 100 year flood. The footings have already been poured.





As well as the great events that our Social Committee organise, there are a number of like minded people who get together for ad-hoc events. One such group got together for the Pirates of Penzance play. There are so many things to do here if you want to be involved. Log on to our Facebook page or Website for information about such events

Clubhouse Progress

It is great to see our Clubhouse finally coming to fruition. For many of us it has been a long wait but progress has been rapid over the last couple of months. This photo was taken just before the scaffolding went up and it shows just how grand our facilities will be (and there is another story to go on top!).



Our capable facilities builders are keen to have it completed in a timely manner, but this of course is subject to many potential delays.

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.



Gemlife Games



Gemlife Games will be held on the 8th September at Maroochy Quays. John 'Emu' Kirby has amassed teams to represent us in the events.

We have teams or individuals in: PICKLEBALL, LAWN BOWLS, TEN-PIN BOWLING, POOL and GOLF SIMULATOR Good luck to them all

Gemlife have been extremely supportive in this event and they have funded:

Coaches to transport people from as far away as Victoria, NSW and other parts of Queensland. They have also funded T-shirts for all competitors, all drinks and food for competitors and spectators, and each resident can have 4 guests along to watch. They are expecting around 400 visitors at Maroochy Quays. It is a great initiative from Gemlife



Having fun at Happy Hour – come and join us



Unfortunately for Stan he wasn't able to find the Joker. Only people present on Friday night are eligible to try and find the Joker. So the jackpot amount continues to build until it is discovered.

Did you know that it costs us residents about \$20,000 a year to service our insurances, liquor license, IT costs and other resident extras? Our three main sources of revenue are the bottle refunds, the bar and the Social Committee events.

If you don't come to the events then you are letting other residents pay for the things that you get to enjoy. So come and join us for the fun as well as the community benefit.

Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon 10th August



A big thank you to the HOC for putting on an appreciation afternoon for our volunteers here at Pacific Paradise. We have a number of people who support our community by volunteering their time and talent in many different ways. We would love to have more people volunteer and share the work and fun around.

Positions Vacant

**There are opportunities available for new volunteers for the following:
BBQ co-ordinator, bar staff, can/bottle collectors, etc**

Helpful Information for new residents

Due to our solar systems, you should use your dishwasher, washing machine, etc, during the daylight hours to minimise your electricity bill.

Did you know that you can program your water heater to come on during sunlight hours, thus minimising your electricity costs?

As we are a cashless community, payments for the bar, events and raffles are all made via your villa card, which you can top up with your credit card.

The HOC has a list of volunteers who can assist you with home maintenance, meals, transport, etc - if you ever need help.

If you are on the pension, you may be eligible for rent assistance on your site costs

Produce from the community gardens can often be purchased (gold coin) at our Friday night Happy Hours

The coffee machine at the Pavilion is only operated by tokens, which are available for purchase at the bar

Featured Special Interest Group

PACIFIC PARADISE
CRAFT GROUP



We meet every Friday from 9:30am till 12:00

Contact Tanneke Booth for more information

Every Friday morning from 9.30 to 12, a group of us meet in the library. We get together with other like minded people who like to knit, sew, crochet, cross stitch, tat, make cards or whatever other craft we can think of.

We bring along our current project and sit and pursue our hobbies while chatting over a friendly cup of coffee or tea.



Do come along if this is your thing or even if it's not but something you've always thought you might be interested in having a go at. Maybe come for just a chat and a cuppa and see what others are up to. There are always people on hand who are happy to show others how it's done.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Every time a little boy went to a playmate's house, he found the friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in her Bible. Finally his curiosity got the better of him.

"Why do you suppose your grandmother reads the Bible so much?" he asked.

"I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think she's cramming for her finals."

Our new HOC

Mary Earnshaw
(President)

Graham
Butler

Jill Rickertt
(Secretary)

Jim
Walsh

Tanneke Booth
(Treasurer)

John Harvey and Sonia Smithers were unable to be at the meeting

Congratulations to our newly elected Home Owners Committee (HOC)

On behalf of the residents, we want to thank the outgoing HOC members who have served us so well over this last 12 months. We appreciate your efforts.

The HOC are volunteers who give up their time to work on our behalf and it sometimes can be a frustrating and thankless task. This year will be a big year for the HOC as we have to fit out the new Clubhouse and they will be lobbying to try and get all the features that we expect. In addition to this, they will be trying to seamlessly integrate our new residents. So please ensure you give the HOC your full support.



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

On the 15th of November, Underwoods Jewellers will be coming to the Pavilion. They are keen for us to bring any interesting jewellery for evaluation and comment. Their speaker will also discuss the history of jewellery



Come along and join us at the Pavilion for a celebration of Father's Day on 3rd September. The Spud Man will be serving up great meals for all (\$15)

•What's the secret to having a smoking hot body as a senior? Cremation.

•Old age makes us great multi-taskers. Why, I can sneeze and pee at the same time

•I called the incontinence hotline recently. They asked if I could hold.

•Of all your children, the only one who won't grow up and move away is your husband.

•I always wanted to marry Mrs. Right. I just didn't know her first name was going to be "Always."

Where can single men over 65 find younger women who are interested in them?

In the bookstore, under "Fiction."

Bickering with your spouse is like trying to read the Terms of Use for a new service. In the end, you just give up and click "I agree."

Be kind to your kids. They choose your nursing home.

Why do retirees smile so much? Because they can't hear a word you're saying.

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: Mary Earnshaw

Social Committee:

Sue Story – Villa 23 **Convenor, Events**

Lynn Roper – Villa 40 **Communications**

Greg and Lorei Blunden – Villa 38 **Newsletter**

Glenda Larsen – Villa 31 **Events, BBQs and Raffles, etc**

Dee Beath – Villa 24 **Bingo**

Jude Hall – Villa 15

Wendy Potter – Villa 42 } **Events**