



Redbank Palms Resort

Residents Association Inc

REDBANK PALMS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2026 ... E &OE

DATES FOR BI-MONTHLY RESIDENTS GENERAL MEETINGS 2026

Note: Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.
Any change to dates will be notified on the notice board at the Grand Hall or by email if we have your email address..

May	Friday 15th	3.30pm Hall	July	Friday 17th	3.30pm Hall
September	Friday 18th	3.30pm Hall	November	Friday 20th	3.30pm Hall

Committee Members

President	Keith Nowlan	Vice President	John Clapcott
Secretary	Debbie Cameron	Treasurer	Joanne Liew
Committee	Maureen Clifford (Editor)	Committee	Graham Parsons (Media)
Committee	Irene Harvey White		

All residents are invited to attend these meetings. Please come along and interact with the Residents Association with any issues you may have for the benefit of the community.

REDBANK PALMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ...

<https://rprared.wixsite.com/website>

To all our recent newcomers — a very warm welcome to our Redbank Palms community. We hope you're settling in well and enjoying village life. Residents are advised that the RPRA - Redbank Palms Residents Association Inc. website is live and available for use by all members of the community. The website has been developed to provide a central location for important information and ongoing updates. The site is intended to improve access to community resources and streamline communication. This website provides residents with access to news, meeting information, forms, and support related to our village. Redbank Palms is a community of homeowners committed to maintaining a peaceful and well-managed environment in one of the Ipswich Region's most sought-after neighbourhoods. Residents enjoy a range of shared amenities and activities that support comfortable community living.



Make this your 'go to page' for any info about life in our Village community relating to

Legislation Updates	Minutes of Meetings	Newsletters	Residents Resources
Village Activities	News & Updates	Welcome Book	Residents Assistance
RPRA Constitution	Required Forms	Committee Members	QMHOA Info
Office Hours	Access Codes	Phone Numbers	Trusted tradies
ICC Rebates	Village Map		

Community fencing replacement in the Village should be starting very soon, as the fencing materials are here, and road repairs are already taking place. Quotes to reinstall the pool shades are still being sought.

All reports or anything for inclusion in the newsletter must be received by 9am on the 25th of each month.

Email to the [Newsletter Editor at rpra.redbank@gmail.com](mailto:rpra.redbank@gmail.com) or to dickfrancis369@gmail.com

VALE ... We were sorry to hear that Willamina Peters had passed away on the 11th May. Although not a current resident, Willamina had lived in our Village for many years and was well known to many of our residents. This lovely lady will be missed. May she rest in peace. Our condolences to friends and family.



Mark the 4th July on your calendars now and keep an eye on the noticeboards, but that is when the Social Club are holding their CHRISTMAS IN JULY function. There will be entertainment on the night as well as a delicious meal provided by the Social Club. Donations for raffle prizes are being sought from the community. If you can assist in any way, they can be left at Villa 154, 93 and Villa 52.



It was great to see so many residents turn out to say Goodbye to Barry Evans at the get together after the last Residents Meeting. Barry will be greatly missed – over his 20+ years here he has done so much for us all, and though we are sad to see him leave, we wish him the very best for his ‘Sea Change’ to the Sunshine Coast.

Barry was heard to mention that in all his years here he had advocated for a bar but it never happened, and now, just as he was leaving we managed to get one up and running – so bearing that in mind and since the bar was now officially open, our President Keith shouted Barry a free beer along with a stubby holder – which he graciously advised Barry was ‘his to keep.’

A certificate of appreciation was also given to Barry, and it was beautifully done, with the backdrop of the Bowling Green and Clubhouse. Many thanks to David Morgan for magicking this up. Pretty sure it will have pride of place in Barry’s new home.

On the subject of certificates, I was blown away by the one that was presented to me in appreciation as Newsletter Editor. It was a total surprise, and I had no idea whatsoever about it. To say I was somewhat chuffed is an understatement 😊



THE KORNER BAR ... Most residents by now will have noticed the new bar Facility in the Grand Hall. **‘The Korner Bar’** is a joint committee venture, and all expenditure and profits raised are shared between the committees. Profits go straight back into community projects, so I urge you all to give it your support. Drink prices are very reasonable with a Beer or Wine from just \$3.00. Canned Spirits and Soft drinks also available. The cost of the permit works out at approximately \$4.00 per week, per committee (\$144 for 3 months)

The Public Liability Policy has also been endorsed to include/allow the sale of alcohol with an additional premium of \$450.00 per annum. Approximately \$4700 has been outlaid to date to get this facility stocked and up and running. It will be serving beer, bottled and cask wine and canned soft drinks and spirits. On Bar Nights a selection of nibbles will also be available for purchase.

ALL TRANSACTIONS IN CASH AND NO BAR TABS

This is a limited licence, and the initial permit allows us 10 hours a week between the Bowls Club and the Grand Hall. The Bowls Club have indicated they will use approximately 2 hours.

A condition of the permit is that we have only individuals with RSA permits serving alcohol – currently we already have 4 residents on board, who hold Responsible Service of Alcohol permits, and our President Keith is applying to obtain a permit as well.

Over the first 2 times that the bar was open it took in \$436.00 from the sale of drinks and raffles. This was an outstanding positive and our RPRSA President Keith and Wayne from the Social Club are absolutely thrilled with that. Likewise, Agnes, who won the first Raffle of a meat tray. The committee will be running these raffles on a regular basis, mixing them up a bit with fruit and veggie boxes as well to help our residents out with their weekly shopping budgets.

Apart from functions, the bar will open every Friday night from 4.30 pm. Free peanuts will be available. Potato Crisps on sale for \$1 a packet and a beer always goes better with a little salty appetiser alongside.

The Mega Garage Sale ...Our chief sponsor Helloworld Travel – The travel professionals at Riverlink in Ipswich generously donated a prize of a 3-day cruise. How good was that! riverlink@helloworld.com.au

Thanks to all who helped on the day. Many hands make light work, and it was great to have the involvement from the other villages in our area as well. Our Village Golf Buggy did great service ferrying people to and fro from the Car Park, with our own Manager Sharon at the wheel. Our Social Club did a great job keeping everyone who wanted a cuppa and something to eat well fed. Well done everyone. This was Community collaboration at its best.

The sale was an outstanding success with 30+ stalls in evidence, with a wide variety of goods available. Our local polities Lance McCallum and Milton Dick, and Ipswich Councillor Marnie Doyle, kindly donated raffle prizes and lent marquees, and several items for sale were also donated by residents.



Our thanks to Lance McCallum and to his staff for their generous assistance in the printing of this newsletter. Lance is our local member for Bundamba, Labor member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly and a great supporter of our Village community. Lance has a proud history of fighting for a fair go for his community and working people. He can be contacted at his Electorate Office at Shop 39, St Ives Shopping Centre, 2 Smiths Road, Goodna QLD 4300 Phone - (07) 3447 9100 Email - Bundamba@parliament.qld.gov.au

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VILLAGE BUS TIMETABLE FRIDAY PICK UP TIMES FOR REDBANK PLAZA ... (Will not apply to public holidays) If we have no volunteer drivers available, then the bus will not run – therefore the bus availability can change with little to no notice to residents.

Pick up Points:

8.55 AM Car Wash Bay

9.00 AM Grand Hall

9.05 AM Bowls Club at side exit gate

Pick up for return journey:

11.30AM at Taxi Rank Redbank Plaza

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ACCESS THE EQUITY IN YOUR HOME ... The Home Equity Access

Scheme allows older Australians to tap into the value of their home through a low-cost government loan, helping to supplement retirement income. It's designed for retirees who may be "asset rich but income poor," enabling them to improve their financial wellbeing while continuing to live in their own home and community. There are no mandatory repayments—voluntary payments can be made at any time. The loan is generally repaid when the property is sold or from the estate after the borrower passes away.

If taken as a regular income stream for everyday living expenses or other non-assessable assets, the payments do not affect your Age Pension. Eligible participants can "top up" their income to a maximum of 150% of the full Age Pension rate. This applies to both pensioners and self-funded retirees. Participants can choose how they receive the funds, either as regular fortnightly payments or as a lump sum advance. The current interest rate is 3.95% (unchanged since January 2022), which is lower than the Reserve Bank's official cash rate and significantly cheaper than most commercial reverse mortgage options. However, it's important to note that compound interest applies, meaning the loan balance will grow over time. The scheme is available to Australian residents aged 67 and over who own real estate in Australia, whether or not they receive the Age Pension.

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/home-equity-access-scheme>

RSV Update for Redbank Palms Residents David Morgan, our Community Co-Ordinator shared these details with us ... Free RSV immunisation will become available from May 15, offering important new protection for older Australians ahead of the winter season.

Why RSV Matters in Our Village... Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common virus affecting the lungs and airways. In a close-knit community like Redbank Palms, it can spread more easily through everyday contact. While often mild, RSV can lead to serious illness in older adults, particularly those with heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or weakened immunity.

Symptoms to Watch For ... Common symptoms include runny nose, coughing, wheezing, fever, and shortness of breath. In more serious cases, RSV can lead to pneumonia or bronchitis.

New from May 15: Free RSV Immunisation ... Eligible residents, including adults aged 75 years and over (subject to GP advice), will be able to access free RSV immunization. This single injection is designed to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalisation.

What Residents Should Do ... Residents are encouraged to speak with their GP to confirm eligibility and consider booking early. Continuing simple precautions such as handwashing, covering coughs, and staying home when unwell also helps protect the community.

RSV by the Numbers

☐ RSV is a leading cause of respiratory illness in older adults

☐ Immunisation helps reduce severe illness ☐ Adults aged 75+ have a higher risk of hospitalisation

Staying healthy through winter is a shared effort. Taking up available protections helps protect you and your neighbours across Redbank Palms.



Important New Rules for Residential Parks – Starting 7th June 2026

Residents should be aware of important changes to Queensland residential park laws coming into effect on 7th June 2026, which may affect how our park is maintained and how manufactured homes are bought and sold. These changes arise under reforms to the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act and focus on improving transparency and resident involvement.

1. Maintenance & Capital Replacement Plans (MCRP)...Most residential parks will be required to prepare a Maintenance and Capital Replacement Plan outlining how common areas and shared facilities will be maintained into the future, including roads, lighting, gardens,

community facilities, pools, cleaning schedules, and replacement of major infrastructure. An interim plan must be in place from 7 June 2026, with longer-term planning to follow. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input on maintenance priorities, repairs, safety concerns, and standards for shared facilities.

2. New Sale Agreement Rules...From 7 June 2026, a new approved sale agreement form will become mandatory when selling a home in a residential park. Residents considering selling their home after this date should ensure they are using the correct approved form.

3. Cap on Buyer Disclosure Fees...New limits will apply to fees charged for providing disclosure documents to prospective buyers. The maximum fee permitted will be 70 cents per page, up to a maximum of \$100.

What Residents Can Do Now

- ☐ Watch for notices about maintenance planning
- ☐ Keep a record of maintenance or safety concerns in common areas
- ☐ Participate in consultation opportunities when they arise
- ☐ Seek advice before signing sale documents if buying or selling after June 2026

Want to Know More?...For residents seeking more detailed information, fact sheets, forms, and updates on the new laws commencing 7 June 2026, visit the Queensland Manufactured Home Owners Association website: www.qmhoa.org.au

You may also contact a Residents Association committee member if you need assistance understanding how these changes may affect you.

Centrelink just doubled the overseas travel window for Aged Pensioners and it's a game changer.

In the latest Federal Budget papers the government will increase the time pensioners can spend overseas from 6 to 12 weeks before their pension supplement is impacted. This change commences from September 20, 2026. After 12 weeks overseas, your supplement will stop altogether. That's right; you now have double the breathing room for those trips abroad.



For those in our community who are battling illness just remember that it is OK to not be OK. Some days are harder than others, just take baby steps and do the best you can. You are braver than you believe. Whatever you do today – it is enough. Stay strong and be kind to yourself. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



AQUA AEROBICS & GENTLE EXERCISE

Aqua Aerobics are on hold until the weather warms up. Gentle exercise **now at the new time of 9am on Wednesdays...** Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

Cheers .. *Marie*

REDBANK PALMS DARTS CLUB ... We meet in the Bowls Club Tuesday mornings 9.15 a.m. cuppa and chat then at 9.45 a.m. the games commence. Some Darts are available for use for newcomers who do not have them. ALL ARE WELCOME for an enjoyable morning... Cheers ... **Graham Swinburne.**



REDBANK PALMS BOWLS ... Welcome everyone, we're into May with the bowls starting at 3pm, tags in by 2.30 ready to play. It's a lovely time of day to be in the sunshine keeping active and enjoying some company. The Fours games have been played with team A made up of Murray, Ian, John and Gail being the victors, congratulations team A. Next up we have the Triples, which will be drawn at end of month to be played in June. Good luck to all.

We had a lovely day of bowls the other day, with other Hometown teams joining us in a playoff for The State of Origin games. Unfortunately, our two teams failed to make it to the next round. These are run every year by Hometown and are enjoyed by all who participate.

That's all for this month. Keep smiling, till next time, ... **Marie Ritchie, Secretary Bowls Club.**

TRIVIA NEWS It was so nice to welcome visitors from England, Zena & Phil. Margaret's family. We had our usual turn out 9 in all We missed you Barry, just saying hello. Our bowls team were the winners again...Bowls team 64, Topenders +visitors 61. Easybeats 43



Next trivia 21st June 2pm in the craft room ... Cheers - Agnes



Don't forget to check for any last-minute updates on our Community Notice Boards located in the Hall.

For those residents who have shared their email addresses with the Editor, email communication will be sent ASAP and whenever possible, advising changes if they occur.

Monday	Cards (Bowls Club)	4.30 pm .. <i>bring a plate to share</i>
Tuesday	Mixed Darts (Bowls Club)	9.15 am
Wednesday	Bowls - games start at	5.30 pm - now on the Summer timetable
	<i>Place rubbish bins on front lawn</i>	
Thursday	Croquet	9.00am
	Dinner – (Grand Hall)	6.00pm .. <i>Check noticeboards for updates</i>
Friday	Bimonthly Residents Meet	3.30pm - <i>At the Hall - please sign in</i>
	Happy Hour at the Hall	5.30 pm – <i>The bar is open & snacks available</i>
Saturday	Bowls – games start at	5.30 pm
Sunday	Trivia in the Craft Room	2.00 pm <i>3rd Sunday– BYO Nibbles</i>

