

THE Difference

MT WARREN PARK MARCH 2023



Love is all you need

FEBRUARY WAS DEFINITELY the month of love, with our community coming together to celebrate Valentine's Day, among other love-inspired festivities. We also marked the wedding anniversary of our resident Keith and his lovely wife (pictured top of Page 2). Given love was all around this month, we took the opportunity to ask residents Lyndsay and Patricia Barton for their advice. The pair will celebrate an impressive 75 years of marriage later in 2023. Here's what they had to say...

Where did you meet? What was your first impression of each other?

Pat and I met in the main street of Rockhampton - I still remember it clearly. I was standing on the street talking to a couple of soldiers that I had not seen for years. They were a couple of my mates that I had gone to school with in Bundaberg. We were talking away when all of a sudden there was a vision that appeared that was full of life, with blazing red hair, and she had on a beautiful dress. One of my mates knew her and introduced Pat to me. Later that night, I saw her at a dance and we had a dance together. We then started running into each other at dances and before long we became regular dance partners - and the rest is history. I used to work as a school teacher at Coowonga School and used to catch the train back to Rockhampton and stay at the People's Palace for \$1 so that I could see her.

Pat says Lyndsay was a very good sort and a true gentleman.



Tell us about your wedding?

We married at the Presbyterian Church in Rockhampton on the school holidays on December 18, 1948. Pat's mother made her dress and her sisters, Norma and Dawn, were her bridesmaids. I had two friends that I went to school with as best man and groomsmen. We honeymooned on Lindeman Island in a grass hut on the beach. When we returned from our honeymoon, I went back to work at Silent Grove Upper School until I could get a transfer to just outside Mackay.

Tell us about your family?

Pat and I had four children: three daughters (Linda, Amanda and Barbara) as well as one son, Paul. We have at least nine grandchildren and many great grandchildren. We are very proud of them all and they have all done well.

What have been some of the most memorable things you've done together?



During my working career, together we have lived in some interesting places while I worked at remote schools. We have travelled the world together as well. And, of course, having our beautiful family and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

What is the secret of such a long marriage?

Finding someone who suits you. Having respect and love for each other. Allowing your two personalities to grow together.

What advice would you give the younger generation?

If you have an argument, settle it before you go to bed. Be reasonable and treat each other with respect and consult one another before making decisions. Marriage is about being solo together - not about being single units.

We have nothing but good thoughts and memories of our marriage.

Service Manager's note

February was an amazing month for our residents at Palm Lake Care Mount Warren Park with many new activities for them to enjoy. One of the highlights was a visit to a local Chinese restaurant. For many of our residents, this was the first time dining out at a restaurant in a long time. One of our residents, Keith, met his lovely wife and daughter there at the restaurant so they could celebrate their wedding anniversary together - and with all of us! February was also the month when our staff came out of wearing masks which the residents love as they can finally see all our smiling faces once again! The Mount Warren Park spirit was shared with the local Beenleigh Senior Citizens Club and our Palm Lake Resort Mount Warren Park residents coming to share morning tea with us and tour our beautiful community. **Caroline Bosnic, Service Manager**





Lifestyle Team notes

Life is for love and having fun at Palm Lake Care Mt Warren Park. The residents have recently enjoyed an outing to the local Kingston Butter Factory museum that has just been renovated. They enjoyed learning about the history of the Butter Factory and looking at the old office equipment that a lot of them had worked on in the past (pictured left).

We also celebrated Chinese New Year with a tea tasting ceremony and tried some Chinese food. We also had a armchair travel session to China and were surprised by how many of our lovely residents had visited China over the years.

Pictured bottom, we also celebrated Valentine's Day with a beautiful Devonshire Tea, stirred some love into our pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, enjoyed weekly concerts and visited our local Chinese Restaurant to have a Chinese meal, which was so popular we have had to visit a couple of times so that everyone had the chance to come along. We have also entertained our local Beenleigh Senior Citizens Club with a tour of our beautiful home, morning tea and trivia. We also invited Palm Lake Resort Mt Warren Park homeowners to join us for morning tea, to meet their neighbours and have a tour of our lovely home.

Our men have started up a 'BBB Club' (Boys, Beers and Banter!). They have been enjoying a fortnightly catchup on a Monday afternoon in the Settlers Lounge for a bit of banter, to watch the motorsport racing and have a game of pool while enjoying a beer and a snack (pictured left). They have also been enjoying lunch out to the local club.

Leona Counsell, Lifestyle Coordinator

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