

HALCYON days

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Merry Christmas



From all of us at Halcyon to all of you, we'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. We hope you enjoy this special bumper holiday edition of Halcyon Days as we take a look back at some of the fun we've had this year. We take a walk with a tiger, catch up with some of our inspirational home owners and even discover a romance made in Halcyon. So sit back, enjoy, and have a very Merry Christmas!



London calling.

Soon some Halcyon Waters home owners could be starring in a reality television program in the UK.

An Emmy award winning independent British television production company has approached Halcyon Waters after short-listing the over 50's lifestyle community following an exhaustive world wide search for a reality style television program slated to air on the BBC network.

The concept behind the major new documentary series is to take a

group of young Britons who are not currently making an effort to look after their health and fitness to see if they can learn anything from active seniors who are dedicated to a healthy lifestyle. The hope is that the inspirational over 50's, with their devotion to a rigorous exercise program and healthy diet, will make a life-changing impact on the young Brits.

The UK based producers were attracted to Halcyon Waters after researchers for the series read articles

on several inspirational Halcyon Waters home owners including multiple Australian Aged Waterski Champion, Maggie Hill and retired 'Firey' Graham Flack who recently rode in the 855km Bike 4 Burns charity ride. A spokesman for the producer said, "Not only do we feel this documentary series will positively challenge stereotypes about the senior population by showing incredible superfit seniors who are living their lives to the full... but it will also be a meaningful and hopefully transformative experience for our young Britons on this journey."

Podium finish for Helen & Graham.

It's not surprising that television executives from the UK contacted Halcyon looking for inspirational over 50's, with Halcyon Waters identities gracing the podium of major sporting events once again.

Helen Freer and home owner Graham Flack both scored hard fought podium finishes in the Sprintman Triathlon at Calypso Bay.

The triathlon which attracted 500 competitors from around the State consisted of a gruelling 1km swim, 33km bike leg followed up by a 7km run for good measure.

Helen finished second in her age category with a time of 2 hours and 5 minutes, while Graham finished third in his age category completing the race in 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Helen, a world classed age triathlete boasts a long list of wins and podium finishes in Australia and internationally in world ranked events. Helen has even picked up a fourth place in the legendary Hawaiian Ironman World Championships.

Since retiring from the Fire Department after moving to Halcyon Waters, Graham Flack has turned himself into a mean, lean training machine competing in the Gold Coast Marathon, local triathlons and the punishing Bike 4 Burns charity ride. A regular in the gym at the Leisure Club and in the saddle of his trusty bike, Graham is an inspiration to all who know him.

Congratulations to both Helen and Graham and best wishes for future events.



Helen Freer



Graham Flack





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Awards Collection ...collectors items.

The countdown is on for the pre Christmas completion of the first series of homes in the stunning Awards Collection. There is still time to secure the home of your choice in Australia's number one over 50's lifestyle community.

Recognised for both quality and affordability, Halcyon Waters is up for yet another National Award as judges once again selected us for consideration in this year's UDIA National Awards in the Seniors' Living category. Sales Manager Marie Cone said, "Most home buyers are still careful in their buying decisions and are wanting to

know they have bought the best quality home at a price they can afford. With homes starting at \$450,000, living in Australia's 'best' over 50's community has certainly been made easy."

Already almost two thirds of the homes in The Awards Collection have already sold off the plan. Potential home owners are encouraged to take advantage of off the plan savings before these award winning homes are all sold out. "For those that are quick there is still one pre Christmas home left, so make the journey down, inspect today and move in for a first class Christmas," said Marie.



Special - Site 160



Martinique



Jabiru



Saumarez



Special - Site 162



Special - Site 142



Marengo



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From Das Halcyon Bier Halle at the Oktoberfest to Hollywood Comes to Halcyon, talent shows, art shows, award ceremonies and much much more, we've frolicked, had fun with friends but most of all we've had a ball!

Judged Queensland's & Australia's Best!





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When Maggie Hill moved to Halcyon Waters she was expecting a major change, she just never realised how much the move would impact her life. A home owner for over 2 years, Maggie was initially drawn to Halcyon Waters for its location and facilities. The Australian water ski champion, fitness fanatic and general all round water baby was instantly attracted to the North Shore over 50's community. "Apart from its location on Hope Island, Halcyon Waters' lifestyle was also very attractive to me."



A match made in Halcyon.

"The facilities are second to none, which includes a phenomenal gymnasium. I'm living with like-minded people who are healthy, active and outgoing and who enjoy the same sort of things I do. There's such a strong community spirit here," said Maggie.

That same community spirit that runs through Halcyon Waters drew Maggie to one of the frequent seasonal events celebrated at the Leisure Club. As fate would have it another new home owner, Claire Hage was planning to attend and had invited her brother Neville Storey along also. Once again fate must have intervened or maybe it's because it was Friday the 13th, at any rate, Neville met Maggie and there was an immediate connection between the two.

After lots of, in Maggie's words, 'tooting and froing', the couple went to Marina Mirage for a romantic first date and since then they have been inseparable.

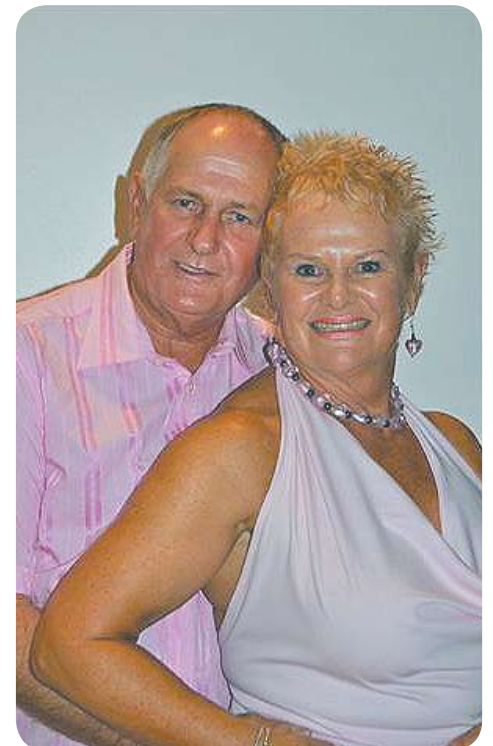
Eighteen months later and the match made in Halcyon has blossomed, with the happy couple proudly announcing their engagement recently. "Moving to Halcyon Waters has turned my life around," said Maggie who

also celebrated her engagement to Neville at an impromptu get together that saw the Halcyon community come out to party late into the wee hours at the Leisure Club where it all began.

Life is looking great for Maggie who also recently had her three year water ski sponsorship renewed by Halcyon. The sponsorship means that Maggie, the Australian Slalom record holder for over 45's, over 55's, and more recently, the over 65's record holder, can attend major events throughout Australia. "I'm so excited that Halcyon are supporting me again, I love flying the flag promoting Halcyon at events, I've even got four new skiing outfits with the logo emblazoned on the rear," laughed Maggie.

Fiancé Neville, who is a country boy at heart doesn't water ski but is Maggie's number one supporter when she is touring and competing in events. A lover of the outdoor life, Neville enjoys nothing more than loading the caravan and joining Maggie on tour, with some of the water ski locations amongst the most picturesque in Australia.

Maggie's busy tournament schedule will see the couple criss-crossing the nation over the



Maggie Hill and Neville Storey

next 7 months. When asked of a possible wedding date Maggie replies "We're enjoying the moment but who knows... in 12 – 18 months we might just formalise things." And when questioned a little further on where the couple might wed and would Halcyon Leisure Club be a possible venue, she smiled and said, "We'll just have to wait and see won't we."



50plus wins National Award.



50plus General Manager Shaun McBain accepts the award from Melinda Bromley, Assistant Secretary for Federal Government Department of Health & Ageing.

Halcyon Waters builder 50plus made it a clean sweep at the Master Builders Association National Awards ceremony on the Gold Coast on Saturday 7 November at Conrad Jupiters Casino.

The specialist design and construction contractor had already won the regional and Queensland Master Builders Association State

Awards before taking out the prized National Award. The MBA National Award for Lifestyle Housing for Seniors follows on not long after Halcyon Waters picked up the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) National Award for Australia's Best Over 50's Living for 2009.

Mr Wilhelm Harnisch, Australian Master Builders Chief Executive Officer said, "Australia's builders are continuing to design and build appropriate new lifestyle residences for Australia's seniors. Each year the National Lifestyle Housing for Seniors awards attracts nominations from all over Australia. Builders are responding to the special needs of seniors by engaging them in selecting and building innovative residences that incorporate key features that match their very special housing needs."

50plus General Manager, Shaun McBain along with several key staff attended the awards ceremony and were overwhelmed by the big win. "Several key factors played a part in winning this award, our thorough understanding of our clients product, our knowledge of the building industry and finally the expertise of the staff here at 50plus," said Mr McBain.



Property unscrambelled

Breakfast with Matusik

Halcyon was lucky enough to secure the straight talking, controversial and highly entertaining Michael Matusik for an industry breakfast seminar recently.

Regarded as one of Australia's leading residential market strategists, Michael and his company, Matusik Property Insights, are highly sought after as one of the country's leading voices on the new residential market. The breakfast was attended by Halcyon management and staff and real estate agents from the local regions of Hope Island, Paradise Point and the greater Gold Coast area.

The question uppermost in most agents

minds was "what is the market going to do over the next 6-12 months?" The insightful presentation gave an overview of the factors impacting on both supply and demand, highlighting the continued immigration to the Gold Coast with over 16,000 new residents per year creating a need for 8,500 new dwellings. This, coupled with comparatively low interest rates, the First Home Owners Grant, lifestyle and climate benefits meant demand would remain steady. On the other hand, Matusik saw supply being affected by regional and local planning constraints, high infrastructure charges and overall affordability issues. In the long term Michael predicted steady improvement in the property market



Michael Matusik

but the short term (the next 6 months) was still a little more uncertain. Advice to buyers was to look at time in the market as being the necessary ingredient rather than the initial transaction. Interestingly he commented that retirement or over 50's housing was undersupplied.



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Halcyon trio tame the tiger.

Turn up at one of Halcyon Waters' themed events held in the lavish Leisure Club and you're guaranteed a great fun night out.

As part of Halcyon's commitment to "Life begins at Halcyon" and to help introduce new and prospective home owners to the fold, events like Jazz in the Park, St Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, Melbourne Cup and more recently, Hollywood Comes to Halcyon have attracted up to 300 guests to the award winning lifestyle community at Hope Island.

Along with loads of good fun, live music and entertainment, these social events have raised many dollars for charities like the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal, Movember, The Fred Hollows Foundation, The Heart Foundation, Camp Quality and more...

Part of the fun is that the themed events are quite often fancy dress and door prizes like Balloon Rides, Helicopter and Harley rides, even hot laps in a V8 Supercar have all been won in the past.

Hollywood Comes to Halcyon Best Dressed Winners, John Wayne, Cruella Deville and Dopey, also known as Bob Taylor, Pat Thomas and Kerry Partridge, outdid the likes of Tina Turner, Elvis, Austin Powers and more to win perhaps the greatest prize yet, a morning stroll with Mohan, a 180kg male Bengal Tiger at Dreamworld.

Treated like VIP's, the threesome arrived at Dreamworld before the park was opened for their special one hour Tiger Walk. Accompanied by his handlers, the group followed Mohan who didn't always stick to the paths. They even patted and had photos taken with the 'King' of Tiger Island.

Mohan was one of the original inhabitants



Pat Thomas, Kerry Partridge and Bob Taylor with Mohan at Dreamworld



A stroll through Dreamworld with Mohan

of Tiger Island, arriving at Dreamworld from the United States in 1995, and is father to Rama, Sita, Sultan and Taj who were all born at Tiger Island.

The Halcyon trio then watched the full Tiger Experience Show after which they were invited to stay in the park for the

day to enjoy the rides and shows. This was an offer that proved too good to be true for Pat Thomas who sampled most of the rides on offer, and summed up the day like this, "It was an absolutely fantastic day, and I would highly recommend the experience to one and all."



Parks life.

As August 2009 came to a close, Halcyon Parks reached a significant milestone in its history... its fifth year anniversary.

Now take a trip back in time to August 31, 2004 when Halcyon Parks welcomed its very first Halcyonite, one Peg Liesegang, who was awarded honorary Mayoress status. When Peg first moved in, Halcyon Parks was little more than five homes surrounded by a track and a big pond.

Five years on and visitors to Halcyon Parks latest social gathering would have seen a very different picture of life here, with a Rec Club full of satisfied, contented folk, all enjoying a drink, a sausage and a chat. No doubt some of the old-timers were regaling

the differences between 'then and now.'

Halcyon Parks has grown into a vibrant community with strong support for a host of newly formed Interest Groups to add to the founding Bowls and Craft Groups. Now we boast our very own Golf Green and Croquet Green (shared with the kangaroos of course) to the growing list of amenities on offer here.

Building a successful community gives rise to a great deal of satisfaction. Certainly it must be a very pleasant reflection to those that conceived the idea of Halcyon Parks back in 2003 who can equally share the success with those 310 folk who are lucky enough to live here today.



Halcyon Landing takes off.



Following an exhaustive 18 month wait, The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has finally issued a Decision Notice on Halcyon's

latest Sunshine Coast project at Bli Bli, Halcyon Landing.

The Decision Notice gives the green light for the development of 170 homes on Halcyon's land on the banks of the Maroochy River.

The Halcyon Management Team are currently assessing the conditions imposed by Council and intend on making further representations in an endeavour to amend a number of conditions.

The 22 hectare site is one of the last remaining river front sites on the Maroochy River able to be developed. Of the total site, 9.2 hectares will be set aside as an environmental park and a further 3 hectares will be utilised as buffer space. The site adjoins 70 hectares acquired

by the State Government for dedicated green space.

The adjoining Rivermarkets Shopping Centre will shortly undergo a major refurbishment and has recently gained approval to double in size. The new Centre will include a Super IGA store, medical centre, cafes and some long awaited additional shops and parking to service this growing community.

Once the approval is finalised, the landmark project will include 170 homes, a lavish Leisure Centre and all the facilities that are associated with the Halcyon brand and will result in a substantial amount of local jobs created in the central Sunshine Coast community.



Halcyon profile.



Ron Cassels, Community Manager, Halcyon Waters

To say that the Halcyon Management Team literally grabbed Ron Cassels from the coalface to become Halcyon Waters new Community Manager is not an exaggeration.

The career Business Management Professional was lured to the multiple award winning lifestyle community from the Board of Capricorn Tourism and his role as Centre Manager of the Blackwater International Coal Centre.

The iconic central Queensland tourism destination showcases the past and present of the Australian Coal Industry and draws thousands of visitors per annum.

Like many new home owners who are attracted to Halcyon Waters, Ron and wife Jan found the lure of a Senior Management position in the heart of the Gold Coast's North Shore too hard to resist.

Born in Townsville and schooled at St Laurence's in Brisbane, Ron brings a wealth of experience to Halcyon Waters. Previous to his Senior Management role in Blackwater, he spent ten years in Accommodation Management including stints as Resident Manager for a 500 room student accommodation complex and as Onsite Manager of a 235 villa retirement resort on the Sunshine Coast. Ron also spent 19 years with the Commonwealth Bank starting as a fresh faced junior before being promoted to Staff Trainer, ultimately managing a small Bank on the southside of Brisbane.

Halcyon Joint Managing Director, Dr Bevan Geissmann said, "We're delighted to have Ron on board with us. With our community flourishing, our role in Community Affairs has expanded, not just within Halcyon Waters but also within the wider Hope

Island community, forming strong affiliations outside our own walls."

Married with three sons; a Civil Engineer, a Chemical Engineer and a soon-to-be Architect, Ron also spent some years as a Cricket Coach. He literally stumbled into coaching in the eighties, when with three young sons, a passion for the game and with no one else willing to take on the role, his hand was forced.

A handy Wicket Keeper back in the day who batted high up the list, Ron relished the role and ultimately went on to coach Junior Rep sides and spent time as Senior Club Coach of both Maroochydore and Nambour Cricket Clubs.

When it comes to downtime, Ron and Jan are looking forward to long walks along the beach, some tennis and spending time with their children. The Cassels also share a passion close to the hearts and souls of most Halcyon Waters home owners... travel. With the couple still planning to discover the other half of Australia and catching up with their boys in Canada.



- 2009 UDIA National Winner
 - Seniors' Living
- 2009 UDIA Qld Winner
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 - Affordable Housing
- 2009 MBA National Winner
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