

# THE PEARL BEACH

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# GEM

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karina Stafford



It takes every villager to raise a community, and it takes every community member to raise a village....

In the heart of our fabulous Pearl Beach village lies an incredible wealth of skills, knowledge, and passion among its full-time and part-time residents. I believe that by coming together and harnessing the diverse expertise within our community, we can further improve and enrich Pearl Beach for all.

**Why Your Expertise Matters:** Pearl Beach is more than just a place to live; it's a community where we would love to see each resident contribute to its unique tapestry. We recognize the immense and diverse talents that our residents possess, and I invite you to be involved in shaping the future of our village.

### How You Can Make a Difference?

**Hands-On Volunteering:** Your skills are valuable! Whether you're a seasoned professional, a hobbyist, or someone with a unique talent, there are opportunities to contribute. From helping with our hall, supporting our environment, to organising or helping at events that bring us together, your hands-on involvement can truly help.

### Sub-Committees or Working Parties:

Join small groups that are focused on specific areas - local infrastructure, hall renovation, grant writing, gardening, architecture, graphic design, social media, building, environment, beach safety and more. Your expertise would be invaluable in helping these groups complete local projects.

### Skill Sharing Sessions:

Imagine the collective knowledge we can pool! Consider giving a talk or demonstration, leading workshops, or participating in programs where you can share your expertise with fellow residents. It's a chance to learn from one another and build a stronger, knowledgeable, and connected community. We all love learning something new and we have a community hall where we facilitate these activities.

### Together, We Can Achieve:

Our village can thrive when we each contribute our unique strengths. By volunteering your time and/or expertise, you're not just improving Pearl Beach; you're helping strengthen our community and getting to know others along the way.

**Get Involved Today:** If you'd like to contribute, please come to one of our community meetings (held the first Saturday of every month), let us know your interest in specific projects/ideas, and let's work together to create an even better Pearl Beach. Your expertise may be the missing piece that will make all the difference!

Please help us build a stronger community, one person and one skill set at a time!

We're happy to utilise your knowledge and help whether you're a member of the Pearl Beach Progress Association or not. However I encourage you to become a member of our community association so that you gain greater insight into all that is happening. To become a member please go to:

[www.Pearlbeachprogress.org.au/membership/](http://www.Pearlbeachprogress.org.au/membership/)

## HELP PLEASE



### HELPERS REQUIRED!

Easter Book Fair 9am – 5pm &

Set up 4pm Good Friday.

Please contact Alison on

[alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to be part of this great village event.

## BUSHCARE

Stephen Parsons



We would always welcome more members. Remember morning tea and a yarn at 1100. The work is not arduous and we ensure that people work in pairs or groups.

Enquiries to Stephen Parsons  
0448 75 15 95

## ENVIRONMENT GROUP (PBEG)

Mary Knaggs



The Subcommittee has engaged in several issues over the last 3 months including:

- With Council over the "Deferred Lands" planning proposal
- With NPWS requesting better enforcement of regulations affecting the use of the National Park e.g. litter, graffiti and dogs.
- Submission to CCC regarding draft Central Coast Thematic History.
- Submission to Council questioning some development approvals and proposals that do not seem to be in accordance with the Local Environment Plan and/or the Local Development Control Plan.
- Discussions with Council over conserving dune vegetation and the ecology of the Pearl Beach lagoons and creeks.

We are keen to hear ideas about environmentally themed talks and films you might want to have in the Hall.

We are also looking for volunteers to put together a useful Environment themed website for Pearl Beach (or perhaps for the whole Peninsula?).



Pearl Beach South Lagoon - SixMaps

Here are some dates to celebrate:

- 3 March Clean Up Australia Day
- 4-12 March SeaWeek
- 18-24 March Harmony Week
- 18 March – 1 April Sustainable Seafood Week
- 21 March International Day of Forests
- 23 March Earth Hour
- 21 April Sustainable House Day
- 22 April Earth Day Planet vs Plastics
- We are also considering a Tree Day event in the hall but that will be Sunday 28 July.

We plan to hold events in Pearl Beach every few months, highlighting our special environment. We also plan to improve community resources about the environment. You can find some links via our webpage

<https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/pearl-beach-environment-group/>

Copies of the Pearl Beach Environmental Guide are also available.

If you would like to join or assist our Sub Committee please email [pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com).



Photo: M. Knaggs

## ARBORETUM

Mary Knaggs (Secretary)

webpage [https:// www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/](https://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/) or our Facebook page.



Pearl Beach  
ARBORETUM

The Arboretum has completed a number of important documents that will be updated from time to time:

- Arboretum Management Plan (November 2023).
- Draft Arboretum Landscape Plan.
- Draft Arboretum Ecological Study (with a POET Grant via Central Coast Council).

A number of exciting initiatives for the Arboretum have resulted, including a new outdoor learning pavilion, however we need your help to progress them!

Please consider:

- Joining or renewing your Arboretum membership (only \$20/year!); and/or
- Donating to the Arboretum (use QR code its tax deductible); and/or
- Coming to one of our working bees (3rd Sunday of the month and most Thursday mornings); and/or
- Volunteering to do other tasks such as native plant propagation. We are happy to teach you.
- Booking the Arboretum for your event; and/or
- Join our mailing list (members are automatically subscribed).

For more information please contact the President Victoria Crawford or Secretary Mary Knaggs via [contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au](mailto:contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au)

Also, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us pursue our exciting initiatives for the Arboretum.



## PLODDERS

Bev Lapeck

Pearl Beach Plodders will have a walk in Somerset Gardens before lunch at The Waterfall Cafe on Tuesday 19th March

Walks are on 3rd Tuesday each month.

Our May 5 night stay, in the Myall River region, is booked out.

Anyone can join in our short 'plods' so if you are not on my email list let me know please.

**Bev Lapacek (0439623818)**  
[bevlapacek91@gmail.com](mailto:bevlapacek91@gmail.com)



## TENNIS & BOWLS



A number of tennis groups play on a weekly basis, however new players are always welcome to come along and join us, make new friends and embrace the social activity.

Two of the weekly social tennis groups are waiting to welcome some new players, so if you're free on a Wednesday or Friday morning for mixed matches, or a Friday afternoon for the gents group, please consider trying out one of these friendly and fun fixtures:

Wednesday morning 8am until 10am is for the rusty and the more relaxed players to hone their skills. Men and Women. The first go is FREE for newcomers, then \$10 per visit with the fourth visit FREE.

**Call Jackie 0459 056 632**

Friday morning 8am until 10am is intermediate standard. We have players of all ages, from quite youngish up to 90 years of age! But don't think you won't get a good hit, so come and test yourself. The first go is FREE for newcomers, then \$10 per visit with the fourth go FREE

**Call jackie 0459 056 632**

Friday afternoon 1pm until 3pm. The standard is 'social' and ALL are welcome (if you're a bloke). Established in 1981 and still going strong. numbers have been increasing of late, but there's still plenty of welcome and heaps of room for some more testosterone. A bit like the men's shed, but bring a racquet and make some mateship. \$6 per session.

**Call Paul 0428 426 110 or [efishnet26@gmail.com](mailto:efishnet26@gmail.com)**

There will be a Social Day for Tennis and Bowls on Sunday 2nd April : Registration 9.0am, Lunch 12.30 pm. All welcome, Cost to be advised !

The Pearl Beach Bowlers are looking for new participants, join one of three groups, ladies and gents who play on a regular weekly basis.

**Bowls - contact Robert on 0477 486065**

Court hire Tennis & Bowls. \$15.00 per hour for members \$20.00 non members - Visitors are welcome to enjoy the unique Pearl Beach environment

**Coach Mark Rawlingson 0412 327 801**  
**To book a tennis court or bowls green - Judy 0418 436 225**

## PEARL BEACH SINGERS

Pauline Toohey

Well another year and we are up and singing. We would love some new members so come join us on a Friday at 1.45 pm at the hall, with afternoon tea to follow. At present we are singing Irish songs in readiness for St Patrick's Day. We have lots of new ideas for our way forward so come and join us!



## THE LUNCH CLUB

**Cathy Lancaster**

The Lunch Club met for the third time on 5 February, 2024. Despite the extreme heat, 25 people came for lunch (+ 5 helpers!). Luckily, the hall was breezy and cool so we enjoyed a light lunch of quiche and salad. We were then treated to a cheery and entertaining talk by Paul Barclaire about his career journey from bus driver to ambulance driver - followed by the excitement of a career as an ambulance rescue worker.

We finished off with cake, strawberries, coffee and tea. Special thanks to Paul and the helpers, Barbara Grantham, Alison Phillips and Donna Carr and Brian Lancaster (who baked the 5 quiches). Also deserving of a big mention is the amazingly enthusiastic Bev Lapachek who is integral to the pre planning despite the medical challenges she currently faces.

Our next lunch is on 4 March - Richard Stewart will be speaking about his involvement with surf lifesaving and the first aid courses that he runs. Please let us know if you would like to join us:

**Cathy Lancaster 0403 704 985 Or Bev Lapachek 0439 623 818**  
(We won't be meeting in April as it falls on Easter Monday)

## JUNIOR SHOWCASE AND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Proudly presented by Pearl Beach & The Irvine Family in association with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music.

Saturday 25th May 2024 - Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

In association with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music the Pearl Beach music scholarships are held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in May of each year, and have been part of our community for 18 years.

In the past, the Irvine family, long term residents of Pearl Beach, have sponsored the Piano Scholarship for \$1000 and continue to do so. Russell Grove has sponsored the Frances Grove 'Peoples Choice' award for \$500, and Pearly's café has sponsored the Music Award for \$1000. They have all confirmed their sponsorship for 2024.

These awards go towards the tuition fees for the students at the Central Coast Conservatorium and encourage them to pursue their musical ambitions. Already some of the award recipients are already making their mark nationally and internationally.

## A Special invitation to Sponsorship Opportunities

In recognition of the ongoing success of the Scholarship concert program we would like to offer the community opportunity to take over an award recognising a 'Rising Star' with the award to be named the Pearl Beach Community Award. I invite music loving members to commit a financial donation (maybe in memory of a music lover?) toward ownership of the award for the first time in the Scholarship's proud history!

In addition, funds are also needed to cover costs for the Adjudicator and accompanist. These concerts have always provided an opportunity for locals and visitors to come and enjoy an afternoon of amazing music, and local community involvement

Please contact me directly if you are interested in being part of this opportunity. Of course your name will appear in the program unless otherwise indicated.

**Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**  
Publicity, 02 4344 2319  
[pbbppublicity@gmail.com](mailto:pbbppublicity@gmail.com)



Lunch Club



2023 Scholarship Participants

# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & BBQ

Our Community Breakfast BBQs are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8am, and everyone is welcome.

Come along to catch up with friends & family and enjoy the many offerings available. The bacon and egg rolls are always popular, as are the many delicious offerings from Burnt Honey Bakery (Copacabana) who supply us with a wide range of sweet & savory pastries, breads and croissants.

Also on sale are our locally made (in the Community Hall) jams, chutneys and pickles, Irrewarra Granola and locally grown fruit, vegetables and eggs from Mountain Pride Farms.

There is plenty of seating on the back deck & in the lower garden area & dogs are welcome in the garden.

Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers who help make this happen, and what started out as an opportunity for the community to catch up, has turned out to be a very consistent fundraiser supporting the Hall renovations.

# JAM & CHUTNEY MAKING

A small bunch of industrious volunteers meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (9am-2pm) to create amazing jams, pickles and chutneys that are becoming firm favourites with Pearl Beach locals.

If you would like to help, please join us at the hall kitchen - no experience required, but always happy for new faces, ideas or recipes.

If you have excess home grown fruit or vegetables that you'd be happy to donate, we will turn these into something delicious.

The produce is sold at the Community Breakfast BBQ held on the 2nd Sunday of the month and all profits go to help with the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Thank you to the volunteers who make this happen.



## PREVIOUS EVENTS

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 1st December 2023

A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the 2023 Community Christmas Dinner. The chosen charity, 'Central Coast Kids In Need' were represented by Rhonda and Lorraine who have been amazing co-ordinators for the charity over many years.

They sent the following report - '2023 Christmas Gift Appeal volunteers have worked tirelessly over 4 weeks to wrap, pack and delivered Christmas gifts to families on our books. The generosity of the community and surrounds has been overwhelming, our wholehearted thanks goes to everyone who donated gifts/gift cards, money and food items. Special thanks to the

Pearl Beach Community who so generously provided gifts and vouchers for families including teenage boys who are often forgotten'.



Michaelae Archer



Lorraine & Rhonda

A special 'thank you' to Michaelae Archer who surprised us with her wonderful vocal renditions and setting a candle light scene for Christmas. A number of volunteers assisted with setting up the hall, great feedback for 'Family Affair' catering, and Pim Sarti's famous ham, plus wonderful kitchen helpers, Lily Frost and Warren (Pim's son).

Malcolm McDonald efficiently managed the raffle with Bev Hughes taking out the prize, thank you Bev for donating back to the charity. Not to be forgotten is the community and friends who came along to enjoy an early Christmas function.



Donation Tree



Photo: D. Bridel

### PEARL BEACH TWILIGHT CAROLS IN THE ARBORETUM

Friday 22nd December 2023

Beautiful weather set the scene in the Pearl Beach Arboretum, a large crowd of locals and visitors started arriving early to establish their picnic space. This year there was a sausage sizzle, and drinks available for a small cost.

Families and kids eagerly awaited for Santa to arrive with his bag of goodies generously donated by Umina Chemsave, and what a surprise his arrival caused!

A big thank you to Pauline Toohey and the Pearl Beach Singers for their wonderful song and musical presentations including our very own vocalist Michaelae Archer. Thank you also to Jeanne Albrecht co-ordinating the Sausage Sizzle, plus all the volunteers who prepared the site and helped set-up and pull down, and Duncan Bridel for his great photos.

No Christmas show is a good show without our fabulous handsome Santa Tom Glynn arriving on his 'Three Wheeler'.



Photo: D. Bridel



Photo: D. Bridel

## SANTA PHOTOS 2023

Santa photos on the beach were a tremendous success again, with many repeat customers. The feedback was incredibly positive and we even had customers booking from Sydney.

Our volunteers worked tirelessly, building new props and then getting up early every Saturday & Sunday morning to set up during the 5 week shoot, & then packing up afterwards.

We had a fabulous bunch of volunteer Santa's who gave up their time to talk to each child & got the groups laughing and in a festive mood. We even had one 'present reveal' of a gorgeous labrador puppy.

A huge thank you to our amazing photographer, Lisa Haymes who manages to get the best out of every group - even unsmiling children & crazy animals!

Santa Photos are now one of our biggest annual fund-raisers with all profits going towards the refurbishment of the Memorial Community hall.

## KID'S & FAMILY DISCO

The Community Hall was filled with sparkles, high pitched laughter & lots of activity during the three Kids Discos held in January. The average age of Pearl Beach reduced by decades as young children and their parents danced themselves silly. It's not often that you see a sea of prams parked out the front of our Hall! Thank you to all who attended.

Feedback was incredibly positive and all involved had a fabulous time. Thanks again to the volunteers who made this happen and also managed to raise funds for the Hall refurbishment into the bargain.



## AUSTRALIA DAY 2024

Despite the temperatures nudging 40 degrees our Australia Day celebrations were an outstanding success this year. That isn't just the assessment of our amazing volunteers, but from the hundreds of people who took part and cheered us on. Throughout the morning all of us received compliments on the effort we had put in to make it so much fun for everyone. One email received via our website summed up the feelings of those who were there:

**I wanted to thank you for another great event this morning on the beach. It's rare to see community run programs and events that are so well done and bring so many people together. My family and I really enjoyed it and I wanted to make sure you all knew how grateful we were for the morning you all organised!**

Thanks again! Matt Palmer



Teams of locals started just after 6:00am to bring everything we needed to the beach. Others raked the beach to be sure it was ready for the children's races to start at 9:00am, and yet others pegged out the sand modelling and racing areas.

Aunty Di from Mingaletta opened the day's proceedings with an emphatic statement that "We walk together". This was in keeping with the theme of the day: **Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.**

Peggy again organised the BBQ and ran out of bread before midday.

Thanks to Raine & Horne Pearl Beach for sponsoring this fundraiser.

We were able to raise \$1,530 for Mingaletta to put towards the good work they do with local First Nations families.

Despite the heat, competitors from ages 8 to over 70 years registered and completed the gruelling Rock-to-Rock Marathon event. The novelty events also attracted many competitors, especially in the thong throwing and piggyback events. Thanks to Russell the Guessing Competition involved estimating the number of Minties and Fantaes in the jars he generously donated.

Photos by Duncan Bridel. Malcolm McDonald, Co-ordinator Australia Day event



## COMING EVENTS

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 3rd March 2024

An invitation to come along and support this important environmental activity.

8:30am registration

Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Road, Pearl Beach

Clean Up Australia Day was founded by Ian Kienan AO and has been running for thirty years and is one of the countries largest community based events. The day aims to inspire and empower communities to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment.

We invite the locals and visitors to come along and participate in this important environmental activity. Pearl Beach has spectacular scenic qualities and a caring community who enjoys the natural and cultural inheritance of living flanked by Brisbane Water National Park, and Broken Bay.

Gloves, hat and covered shoes recommended, remember to bring along water.

Further information call: 0448 751 595



### EASTER BOOK FAIR

30th March from 9am until 5pm

This year will be our 47th annual EASTER BOOK FAIR and will be held as usual on Easter Saturday.

#### Calling all Pearl Beach Crafters

The 'Made by Locals' Stall (Cake & Crafts) introduced last year was a great success and sold out really quickly. So, it would be wonderful if we received more DONATED ITEMS for the next Sale.

I would therefore appreciate our talented crafting locals use the next few weeks to produce an item or items to donate, items such as candles, soaps, jewellery, knitted & crocheted items, ceramics, cards, decor etc. ready for Easter 2024.

I am also ACCEPTING BOOKS at any time ready for the Summer and Easter Book Fairs, just let me know you have delivered them to the back deck under the window (to avoid the overflowing gutter). Please email or sms me once you have dropped off your books.

Alison Phillips email: alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk mob: 0487444537



#### BOOKS & BARGAINS

CHOOSE FROM A WIDE SELECTION OF BOOKS INCLUDING FAVOURITE AUTHORS FICTION & NON-FICTION CDS, DVDS, RECORDS & PUZZLES PLUS MADE BY LOCALS STALL, BACK DECK CAFE & RAFFLE  
EASTER SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM  
PEARL BEACH MEMORIAL HALL 9 DIAMOND ROAD  
ALL PROFITS TO THE PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION  
WWW.PEARLBEACHPROGRESS.ORG.AU



### EASTER SATURDAY ART TRAIL

March 30 - 10am-4pm

Over 17 artists are opening their studios- there will be paintings, sculptures, ceramics and jewellery on show. Enquires Margaret Westcott 0401968947

Street Maps will be available at the hall and cafe areas. Follow the red flags.

Pearl Beach

## ART TRAIL

Easter Saturday  
30 March 2024, 10am to 4pm



# OPERA IN THE ARBORETUM

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Beautiful music, beautiful voices, beautiful setting.

On Saturday 23rd March our beautiful Arboretum will be filled with the glorious voices of tenor Diego Torre, soprano Sophie Salvesani, baritone José Carbó, and mezzo soprano Shikara Ringdahl, accompanied by Opera Australia pianist Kate Johnson and the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra. A special guest appearance will also be made by harpist Esther Maria.

Bring a blanket, a chair and picnic and enjoy some of opera's most celebrated pieces including Nessun dorma, The Doll Song, Lakmé duet, Pearl Fishers' duet and a bracket from Verdi's Rigoletto. There is also a Neapolitan Song theme flowing throughout.

You can arrive from midday onward, set up and enjoy your picnic with family and friends in this beautiful natural bush setting, then settle in for the show which starts at 3pm. A mobile coffee shop with some food items will also be available on-site.

Opera in the Arboretum is an annual charity event hosted by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy. Since the event's inception in 2006 hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for deserving causes, charitable organisations and Rotary humanitarian projects.



## Details:

Saturday 23 March 2024 3:00 - 5:30 PM

Pearl Beach Arboretum, Pearl Beach

BYO blanket/chairs, picnic/snacks, and drinks.

Tickets: Adults \$90; Seniors and concession \$85; Groups of 10 or more \$80 e.a.;

Students over 12 years old \$40; Students under 12 years old are free.

Book now:

[www.trybooking.com/CNBTX](http://www.trybooking.com/CNBTX)  
[www.woywoyrotary.org.au](http://www.woywoyrotary.org.au)



DIEGO TORRE



SOPHIE SALVESANI



JOSÉ CARBÓ



SHIKARA RINGDAHL

# WORDS ON THE WAVES - WORDS AT WAGSTAFFE

Saturday 16 March 2024, 9:45 - 16:45 Wagstaffe Hall, 55 Wagstaffe Avenue, Wagstaffe, Central Coast, NSW.

## TRULY CRIMINAL

Words at Wagstaffe, a one-day literary event held in partnership between Words on the Waves Writers Festival and The Bouddi Society, will return to Wagstaffe Hall for its fourth year on Saturday 16 March 2024.

In 2024, the theme for Words at Wagstaffe is Truly Criminal. We drift to the darker side of the tracks for a day of thrills, true crime and mystery. We have homegrown king of crime, Michael Robotham, who continues to sharpen his Golden Dagger with his Joe O'Loughlin and Cyrus Haven series. Walkley Award-winning journalist Dan Box wades deep into a true story of lies, murder, and the Northern Territory. Central Coast writer Sarah Barrie brings her gritty and deeply complex hero, Lexi Winter. And Susan Duncan charms with a small-town mystery set on Stringybark Bay. It's truly criminal how good this lineup is. Don't miss it!

ONE-DAY LITERARY EVENT

## Words at Wagstaffe

Saturday 16 March 2024, 9:45 - 16:45  
Wagstaffe Hall, 55 Wagstaffe Avenue, Wagstaffe, Central Coast, NSW.

DAY PASS \$89 + booking fee



## WORDS ON THE WAVES FESTIVAL 2024

Announcing the 2024 festival May 29 – June 3.

Immerse yourself in a festival of stories and ideas on the scenic Central Coast

Early Bird Weekend Passes go on sale March 6.

Main program and tickets will be released on April 17, followed by the details for the new venue and program stream The Dip on April 21.

Words on the Waves Writers Festival is a celebration of words and ideas set on the scenic Central Coast, NSW, Australia. With author talks and panels, as well as evening conversation events, writing workshops, local book launches, a literary cruise, family fun day, schools program and more, the festival offers a diverse range of high quality literary events for both the Central Coast community and visitors to the area.

Early bird passes go on sale March 6.

Program and tickets released April 17.



## THE HISTORY OF BRITISH ROCK

Saturday 12 October 2024,  
2.30 pm, Pearl Beach  
Arboretum

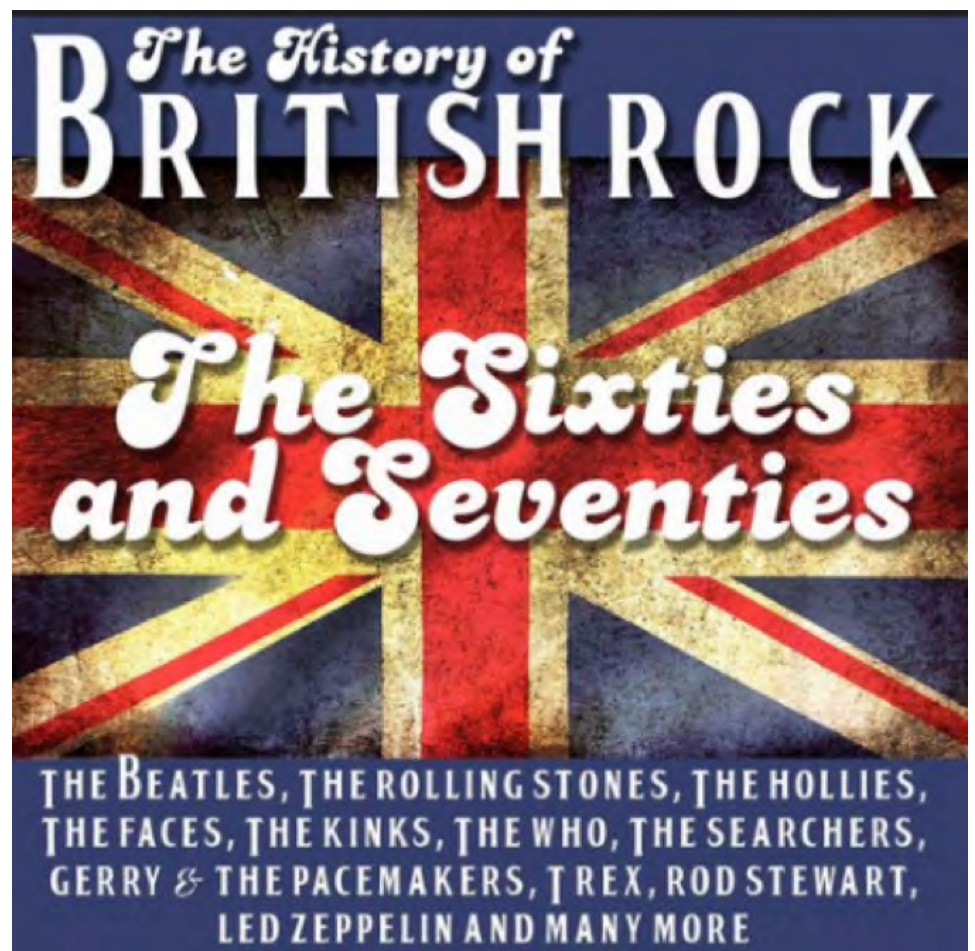
Great band just back from concerts in Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria. If you loved the Beatles Rebooted last year you'll rock along with this one as well.

Come and enjoy this unique music event.

Bookings open April.

Don't miss this opportunity to re-live the great days of British Rock. Come early, bring a picnic, rug and chair. Access & parking via Tourmaline Ave and Opal Crescent.

Enquiries: 0407 272495 / 4344 2319



## SAVE THE DATES : COMING EVENTS



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#pearlbeachartists

More information:  
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Margaret Westcott - 0401 968 947; [margaretwestcott@yahoo.com.au](mailto:margaretwestcott@yahoo.com.au)  
[www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au)

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# Opera

IN THE Arboretum

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
3:00pm - 5:30pm

Welcome to our 17th Opera in the Arboretum charity event on Saturday 23rd March proudly presented by Woy Woy Rotary.

Updates will be posted on our Website & Facebook page.

Booking link - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing1143633>

**Beautiful music, beautiful voices, beautiful setting.**

Exciting line up of Opera Stars – with the great tenor Diego Torre, baritone Jose'Carbo, soprano Sophie Salvesani, and mezzo sopranos Shikana Ringdahl



Pearl Beach Arboretum access via Tourmaline and Tennis Courts  
Come early bring a picnic, rug and chair

Pearl Beach Progress Association

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday 27 April**

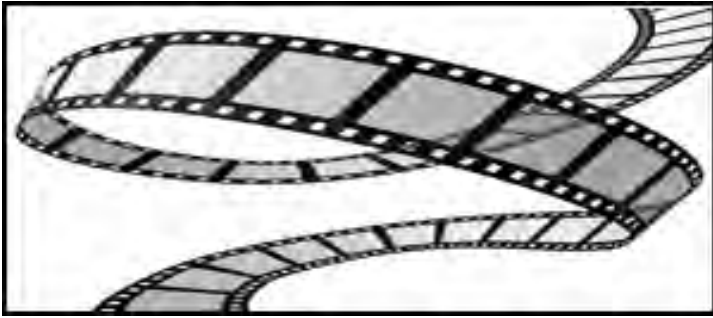
- Up to 8 Players per table
- Singles and Couples welcome
- Bonus Prizes during the game
- Lucky Door Prize to be won
- 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

**\$20 Per Player**

**BYO DRINKS & SNACKS**

**Book Now!**  
0414 383 488  
Cash or Credit Card accepted

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall



## CLASSIC CINEMA CLUB\*

returns from 1st May

Looking for something to do this winter, Memorial Hall  
2.30 – 4.30pm  
First & Third Wednesday  
\$20 to join, \$5 per movie  
Enquires & bookings 4344 2319

## CHARITY DAY

9am Sunday 5 May 2024

The Pearl Beach Bowlers & Ettalong Bowling Club  
are holding a charity day to celebrate  
International Guide Dog Day  
to raise much needed funds for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

Ettalong Bowling Club  
Visitors and friends invited to come and support our  
Bowlers

**Guide Dogs**  
NSW/ACT



**Sight lost, freedom found.**



Arboretum @ Sunset - M. Knaggs

Recently we sadly have lost loved and notable members of the Pearl Beach community.

## Heather Brown



Heather and Vic Brown have been long time residents of Pearl Beach originally as weekenders, and over the years have shared many happy social gatherings with locals and friends. Heather was renowned for her spontaneous friendship, helping others, generous hospitality and baking skills.

She was an enthusiastic bridge player, and loved participating in Pearl Beach Trivia and Bingo activities, also a member of the Tennis & Social Club. As a long time member of the 'Events' sub-committee she always put her hand up to help, whether it was organising raffles, setting up the hall for dinners and concerts as a volunteer, or as a regular member of the audience. In addition she was a great 'proof reader' of event documents, speeches and song sheets always on the look out for misspelt words and incorrect grammar. We will miss 'a true lady of Pearl Beach'.

## Carol Serventy



Carol Serventy, patron of the Crommelin Native Arboretum passed away on 12 December 2023 at age 93. She had been patron from 2007 and before that jointly with her husband Vincent Serventy. Carol worked with us in the Arboretum for many, many years. While she moved to live with her family in Lismore several years ago, she had been in our thoughts since moving.

Carol was a well-respected wildlife conservation expert co-authoring multiple books and other publications on Australian Wildlife and made significant contributions to Australian Conservation efforts often in collaboration with her husband Vincent. The Serventys' were forerunners to the Leyland Brothers and as a family with three small children (Natasha, Cathy and Matthew) travelled extensively in a caravan throughout Australia, filming for television and often having close friends with them such as John Olsen.

In 1980 she was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her services to conservation.

She had a long association with The Australian Museum. Carol was chairman of the Interim Steering Committee that established The Australian Museum Society (1972-1973). She was also a member of the Australian Museum Council (1976 - 1986), and the National Photographic Index of Australian Wildlife Council.

In addition to her Australian roles Carol served on multiple international museum councils and organisations including as President of Honour of the World Federation of Friends of Museums (2000 - 2003).

She also had a long association with board of The Women's Club, Sydney from 2001 where she served as Treasurer and then President. These were roles she enjoyed immensely and excelled at, improving the investment portfolio and overseeing renovations to the Club. She sourced many guest speakers but also stepped in and made presentations when needed herself. Her early years as an actor may have helped. Carol had a lot of close friends in TWC and all are sad at her passing

As well as her public passions and works, Carol loved reading and her garden, spending many years in Pearl Beach. Although living half her life in NSW, her heart remained in many ways in WA where she was born and where she and her family travelled extensively.



## MARCH

**2** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**4** Lunch Club

PB Memorial Hall

**3** Clean Up Australia Day

8:30 am  
PB Memorial Hall

**10** BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

8:00 am  
PB Memorial Hall

**13 & 27** Jam Making

9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**16** Words at Wagstaffe

Wagstaffe Hall

**23** Opera in the Arboretum

3.00pm - 5:30pm

PB Arboretum

**30** Summer Book Fair

9:00am - 1:00pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**30** Art Trail

9:00am - 4:00pm  
Pearl Beach various studios

## APRIL

**6** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**10 & 24** Jam Making

9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**14** BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

8:00 am  
PB Memorial Hall

**25** ANZAC Day

6:00 - 6:45 am  
PB Memorial Hall

**27** Trivia Night

7:00 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

## MAY

**1** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**4** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**5** Bowlers Charity Day

9:00 am  
Ettalong Bowling Club

**6** Lunch Club

PB Memorial Hall

**8 & 22** Jam Making

9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**12** BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

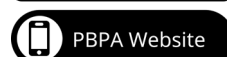
8:00 am  
PB Memorial Hall

**25** Conservatory Scholarships Concert

10:00 am and 2:30 pm  
PB Memorial Hall

**29** Words on the Waves

Writers Festival



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