

THE PEARL BEACH

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karina Stafford



Welcome to our Spring addition of The Gem.

In today's world we spend a lot of our time thinking about what we need to do, what's coming up, and what we haven't completed. We rarely take time to acknowledge and enjoy our successes, so I thought we should all take 5 minutes to reflect on them now...

In this financial year the PBPA in association with the Community has:

- Raised over \$55,000 towards maintaining and improving our community hall.
- Held approximately 38 Community Events &/or fundraising activities.
- Welcomed 123 new members to the association during 2022/23 .
- Engaged the community through regular events by bringing people together to have fun in the hall - The Pearl Beach Singers, Sunday BBQs & Markets, Classic Cinema, Kids Discos, Trivia nights, Bingo & Jam making to name a few.
- Completed the rejuvenation of the War Memorial and rosemary bush hedge (dedicated by community members) as part of the Remembrance Day Memorial service.
- Enjoyed new landscaping that makes it easier and safer to move around the hall grounds.

Other less quantifiable successes include:

- A much improved & updated website.
- Regular communications to update members on events & other items of interest.
- Improved financial & membership records.

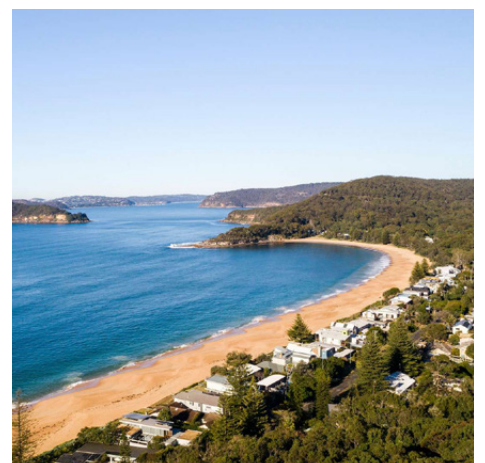
Additionally active sub-committees & working parties that have worked tirelessly to:

- Develop a Hall masterplan with staged improvements to roll out
- Embrace new ideas that can work independently, or augment existing events in a post COVID world.
- Improve our drainage, roads & parkland maintenance - starting with the tireless recording of every pothole - through to productive meetings with council.
- Improve community safety through completion of the Community Safety Centre and other PSAG initiatives such as the Emergency Response beacon on the beach.
- Keep the council accountable and informed on local environmental & developmental issues.
- Meet with Patonga Progress Association and other local resident groups to develop stronger community relationships within the peninsula.

- Provide a broad range of entertainment & events for young and old; families and friends as we meet the needs of an evolving demographic.
- Update our Constitution.
- Welcome new residents to the village and members to the PBPA.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of the volunteers who give of their time to ensure we all have the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful community and all it has to offer.

My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them.



BUSHCARE

Stephen Parsons

Pearl Beach Bushcare convenes on the first Saturday of every month. In Spring 2023 this will be 2nd September, 7th of October and 4th of November. The site is chosen one month ahead.

September will be a return to Paul Landa Reserve, our most iconic site, with views to Lion Island for free.

Our Group has done a fantastic job at Middle Creek, Paul Landa and North Coral over the past 3 months. We are bush regenerators not gardeners but we are pleased that our plantings of recent years have survived and grown and are competing well with the inevitable weeds. We are getting good support from Council and have been promised some contractor heavy lifting this financial year.

We have had some new folk join us recently and this has been tremendous but 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

Pearl Beach Tree Day 2023

For the second year the Pearl Beach Environment Group (PBEG)- in association with the Pearl Beach Arboretum - have held a community competition for the annual National Tree Day. In 2023 prize money was made available for the best artwork, photograph and poem inspired by a tree thanks to the Pearl Beach Environment Group Inc. A joint Tree Day event was also held at the Arboretum.

The Pearl Beach community greatly values its mature trees and its bushland setting. An objective of the Pearl Beach Progress Association is "to protect and enhance the environment and encourage nature conservation within the village of Pearl Beach". Similarly the objectives of the Pearl Beach Arboretum include: "to promote and encourage nature conservation at Pearl Beach and elsewhere".

The results of Tree Day Photo/Art/Poetry Competition can be seen in the video at this [LINK](#).

In addition 100 plants were planted at the Arboretum on Tree Day donated by [Apunga Native Nursery](#) at Mangrove Mountain. A talk was also given by Arborist Russell Kingdom,

Pearl Beach Tree Day 2023 Competition
Winner: Artwork and poem by Ari Byrnes:
"From up the tree".

"From up in the tree

**The shapes, are they different?
Comprised all the same"**

Ari noted "My backyard. Home to a beautiful old tree, an ecosystem in itself and one that is thriving with fascinating shapes and patterns for the mind's consumption. On occasion, such tessellations will surface themselves in the form of a Haiku."

Proposed Talk by the Tree Veneration Society

PBEG is planning a talk in the hall or the Arboretum from members of the [Tree Veneration Society](#). TVS is a transdisciplinary, contemporary eco-arts collective that is focused on trees, their ecosystems, and human interactions with them. More information coming soon.

Environmental Issues in Pearl beach

Contact us for a copy of the Pearl Beach Environment Guide. Also feel free to contact the Environment Group Subcommittee on any built or natural environment issues. We are also keen to hear from anyone who might like to help prepare informative environmental information for a PBEG website. pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com

ARBORETUM

Victoria Crawford

Become a Member!
Arboretum Annual General Meeting Saturday 21 October 3pm in the Pearl Beach Hall.

All are welcome to come to the AGM but only members can vote. New members are always welcome as are new nominations to our Management Committee. We are particularly keen to have new volunteers with knowledge and/or experience in our flora and fauna. See our website for more info and a copy of our constitution [HERE](#).

Or call President Victoria Crawford on 0407 272 495.



Pearl Beach
ARBORETUM

**@PBEAT2023 - Pearl Beach
Arboretum Ephemeral Art
Trail 16/09 to 15/10.**



PBEAT 2023 is shaping up to be the best PBEAT ever. Over 20 artists have agreed to construct highly creative works based on our theme Nurture and Nature. There are also many associated events and workshops before and during PBEAT, including the Opening, the Art Fair and The Beatles Rebooted. See below for other events and the Arboretum website @ PBEAT2023

PBEAT is sponsored by Central Coast Council, Belle Property and Girri Girra.

All are invited to the official opening of PBEAT2023 at 2.30 pm on the afternoon Saturday 23 September 2023 at the Pearl Beach Arboretum. Smoking Ceremony. Free live bush music. The winners of PBEAT2023 will be announced with the exception of the People's Choice Award which will be announced at the Beatles Rebooted Concert in the Arboretum of 7 October 2023

Refreshments in return for a donation. Please RSVP for seating and catering purposes [HERE](#).



**The Mandala Effect
Workshop Sat 09 Sept 10am-
12pm**

This immersive and interactive event offers a unique experience for you to rediscover your creative expression through Art, Aromatherapy & Mindfulness. Run by local Pearl Beach artist Jill Psenitza. See www.embodyyourself.com.au

Tickets are \$35 and free for children under 12 (must be accompanied by an adult). Refreshments provided.



**The Nest Community
Workshop with Space Whale
Saturday 09 September 2pm
- 4pm**

Participants will reflect on the experience of nurturing, being held and tending to something precious. We will explore the arboretum and forage for natural materials, which will be used to create a nest-like sculpture. The completed nest sculpture will form part of the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail 2023.

Tickets are \$15. Participants of all abilities welcome to attend. Open to ages 12+ Afternoon tea provided. Book [HERE](#)



**Cabbage Tree Hat Making
Workshop over 2 days -
Saturday 16 September and
Saturday 14 October. 9am to
4pm**

Limited to 6 places! Cabbage Tree Hat making is a craft dating back to very early colonial Australian history with the first written evidence going back to 1799. There are two one day workshops - Saturday 16 September and Saturday 14 October 2023 - 4 weeks apart. The workshops by experienced hat maker Sue Brian. Get tickets [HERE](#).

Cost is \$300 for the two days. All materials and refreshments provided and you gain a hat!



**Girri Girra Clap Stick Making
Workshop Sat 23 Sept
a10am-12pm**

Tim from Girri Girra will take you through the carving of naturally fallen wood into traditional Aboriginal clap sticks. Tim will talk about the sustainability and the spirituality of the timber with permission and protocol of working on Country passed on to him. Participants will be using hand tools - any children must be over 8 and will require the assistance of an adult. Get tickets [HERE](#).

Cost is \$77 (Children \$45). All materials and refreshments provided and you gain some clapsticks!



Working Bees 3rd Sunday of the Month 9am and most Thursdays 9am.

The monthly working bees are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9am followed by a delicious morning tea and a chat at 11am. The remaining dates for 2023 are Sun 17/10; 15/11; and 19/12. You don't have to be a member - see you there!

A few also meet Thursday mornings at 9am. All interests and abilities are welcome. Tasks can suit a range of abilities and may include propagation, planting, weeding, tool maintenance and removing fallen branches.



Hiring the Arboretum for your Event

Consider the Arboretum for your next party or corporate function. See our Venue Hire page. We have updated our fees and terms and conditions.

We are also gearing up to replace our verandah with a new larger outdoor learning pavilion. See HERE.

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



Photo: Cecil Ferguson

THE ART FAIR

In The Pearl Beach Arboretum
SUNDAY October 1 (10am to 4pm)

Over 20 local artisans will be exhibiting in the Pearl Beach Arboretum. An eclectic and colourful selection of Paintings, cards, jewellery, handicrafts, ceramics, pottery and sculptures will be on display.

The community, friends and visitors are invited to come along and enjoy the beautiful Pearl Beach village unique environment and visit the Art Fair in the Arboretum. Alongside the Art Fair, the Pearl Beach Ethereal Sculpture Trail (@PBEAT2023) will be running over the weekend too.

Coffee and Snacks will be available

Please follow the signs to the Arboretum. Parking is available at the tennis courts.

You can find more information on the Art Fair by visiting:

www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au and also by visiting #pearlbechartists on Instagram

Further information - Phil Rich 0422515365, Francis Alter 0413146104 Group Photo

ART FAIR
Pearl Beach
Arboretum
Sunday 1st
October
10am until 4pm

BOWLING

Robert Lilico



The Pearl Beach Bowling group are looking for new members from the community and their friends. There is no requirement to have bowling experience, or have your own bowls. We look forward to welcoming new members, so why not come along and try us out!

There is no better way to experience the beautiful outdoor environment of Pearl Beach, and at the same time undertake friendly and healthy activities that the Pearl Beach bowlers enjoy, having a chat over morning tea, and friendly competitive games on a weekly basis.

Ladies meet Tuesday mornings, 9.15am for two hours, and the gents on Fridays at 8.30am for two hours. Also, there are other opportunities to play bowls at local Bowling Clubs and face the challenges of full size greens and meeting new bowlers and their friends.

At the recent Tennis & Bowls Social Club Day the bowlers enjoyed a beautiful winters day and the friendly bowling rivalry. More recently a few Pearl Beach Bowlers played at the monthly Ettalong Bowling Club's 'Kids in Need' charity bowls day.

Further Bowls Information contact Robert Lilico, 0477 486 065



TENNIS

Leonie Furnell

As usual, the various Pearl Beach Social Tennis groups have been enjoying many pleasant hours on the refurbished tennis courts. We're happy to report the return of our two friendly Tawny Frogmouths from parenting duties. They are now back to taking a court-side perch most days. Other occasional onlookers include Dolly the wallaby and rummaging echidnas, including a baby one this week. How lucky we are to play in the beautiful natural surroundings of the arboretum and National Park!



Photo: Peter Romey

Like the Pearl Beach Bowlers, (as referenced in their own article), some of the Pearl Beach Social tennis groups are also looking for more players, specifically, the Tuesday and Wednesday mixed gender groups, and the Friday Men's group.

These groups would welcome new players from the current membership, their friends and family or players from the wider community. The Tuesday group is suited to more experienced players and meets from 9 - 11am. The Wednesday players move at a more relaxed pace and play from 8.30 - 10.30am every Wednesday.

For further information on either of these groups, please contact Judy McFarlane on 0418 436 225.

The Men's group play on Fridays from 1 - 3pm. Their Coordinator is Paul Barclaire, who can be contacted on 0428 426 110. Morning or afternoon tea, coffee, biscuits and friendly banter are included at all sessions.

Finally, a reminder to all Members of the Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club Inc that the Annual General Meeting, with an important vote on the newly amended Constitution, will be held in the Pearl Beach Community Hall at 3pm on Sunday September 24th. We're hoping to see as many Members there as possible. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

See you there! Leonie Furnell (PBT&R Club Inc. Secretary)

PBSAG

Safety Advisory Group - Helping you stay safe in Pearl Beach

Paul Toohey

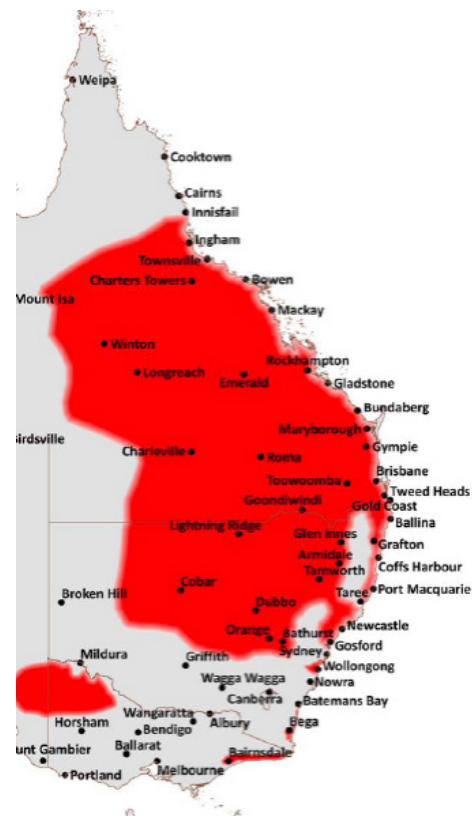
Bushfire outlook

The National Fire Safety Council AFAC has released its Spring fire outlook, showing increased fire risk for much of Eastern Australia including Pearl Beach.

After 3 wet years we have increased fuel loads, which are now drying out as drier El Nino weather returns. It's not 2019 conditions yet, but the outlook is for increased risk.

It's time to prepare your property and update your plan. RFS Get Ready day is Saturday 16 September and information on how to prepare is at:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



Bushfire Alerts

The availability of the official RFS alert app Hazards Near Me (formerly Fires Near Me) has largely superseded the Neighbour Alert SMS warning system at Pearl Beach.

To avoid confusion and overlap, PBPA and SAG have decided to discontinue the Neighbour Alert system, and it will no longer be used to send alerts to residents. The network of Street Contacts previously used to update contact lists for Neighbour Alert will also be disbanded.

If you haven't already, you should install Hazards Near Me right now, and set a Watch Zone around Pearl Beach* to automatically receive the latest alerts, and enable notifications from the app. This app contains essential Fire Emergency Info.

(* a watch zone of 6km around Patonga Drive will catch any fire within Brisbane Water National Park likely to threaten Pearl Beach.)

Everyone should also have a radio that can operate on batteries to get the latest information from ABC 94.5FM if power and internet are cut.

Understanding bushfire risks

Pearl Beach is surrounded by thick bush in Brisbane Water National Park with a dangerous fire possible at any time. The worst bushfire weather – hot Westerly or Northerly winds – will quickly push a bushfire into and through Pearl Beach, with thick smoke and embers making the beach an uncomfortable and a dangerous place to shelter.

A fire can quickly cut the only road access, along with power, mobile phones and NBN internet which all rely on the same powerline following the road, trapping residents with very limited support.

Your options are STAY AND DEFEND your property or GO somewhere safe. If residents do not have a PLAN and choose a safe option while you can, the alternative is TRAPPED and in danger.

Only STAY if you and your property are well prepared. If you can't safely defend your property with greatly reduced water pressure and power cut, your only safe option is to GO. Early. No home is defensible in CATASTROPHIC fire weather.

There are 100x more properties under threat than fire trucks – don't rely on emergency services being able to rescue you in an emergency – they probably won't.

If you are trapped in Pearl Beach go to a Neighbourhood Safer Place before the fire arrives:

- Community Hall, 9 Diamond Road – with fire protection sprinklers and backup power.
- Beach by the Amenities Block.

Community Support Centre Project – Hall “Neighbourhood Safer Place”

The Neighbour Safer Place (NSP) is operational with sprinklers and backup power systems installed, operating procedures, PPE (personal protection equipment) and First Aid equipment ready to go.

After a long wait for a spearpoint licence, we recently received approval from WaterNSW and the water capacity will soon be expanded with the installation of our spearpoint pump. This will allow us to operate the sprinklers for up to 24hrs and supply additional water to RFS trucks.

Bushfire Season starts in October, we will hold NSP familiarisation sessions at the Hall Wed 11th and Sat 14th October at 3:30pm. Anyone that might need to shelter there (ie everyone in Pearl Beach) are strongly encouraged to attend one of these 30-minute sessions as it's important residents have knowledge of the NSP. Register

Paul Toohey
0412 254 9797 or
p.toohey48@gmail.com

Pearl Beach Safety Equipment Locations

[com .](http://com.com)

Beach safety

Surf Lifesaving NSW have installed an Emergency Beacon (telephone) on the beach at the Agate Ave (central) entrance to the beach.

Pearl Beach is UNPATROLLED, the drop-off is steep, and waves and rips are strong – particularly at the Northern end of our beach. Be aware of the danger, and especially careful with children and weaker swimmers. The Southern end of the beach and ocean pool are safer.

Emergency equipment at the beach includes Yellow Rescue Tubes near the Amenities block and Northern end of the beach, and a Red Life Preserver Ring at the ocean rock pool.

Public access Defibrillators (AEDs) are kept at the beach (Amethyst Ave amenities block), Community Hall and Tennis Courts. The nearest ambulance station is 15 mins away – AEDs greatly improve survival from cardiac arrest if used in the first 10 mins.



SAG has been in liaison with the Council regarding:

- Rock pool next clean by Council is being scheduled, tides permitting, prior to school holidays.
- Clearer signage on use of the Emergency Response Beacon (ERB).
- Plan is to install two new cabinets to house Yellow Rescue Tubes – one at the Nth Coral beach entrance, another at the laneway entry off Coral and move Agate to next to the ERB.
- Additional signage - a sign at the Amenities block Defibrillator with directions to the emergency beacon 300m north, and one at the ERB saying there's a AED at the amenities block. PEARL BEACH SAFETY EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS

Mobile Phone Reception

Poor mobile phone reception issues are familiar to many residents particularly in the fringe areas of the village where the line-of-sight from the mobile tower is affected by hills, trees and buildings. The Progress Association has made representations to Communications Alliance (company representing the major telcos) in January detailing poor mobile reception, seeking their assistance engaging the mobile networks to improve the local mobile tower.

This led to a chain of communications between the Communications Alliance, Telstra and PBPA where Telstra claim their signal is satisfactory and meets their coverage standards. Likewise, Optus and TPG both claim there are no operational issues with their signal.

Both the Department of Communications and Telstra suggest additional technologies to assist improved connectivity, such as an external antenna, authorised repeaters and Wi-

Fi calling options. These are expensive but offer a solution for homes that require a reliable signal.

At the invitation of the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & the Arts (includes Communications) Michelle Rowlands MP, we made a submission to the public consultation on the Peri-Urban Mobile Program (PUMP) for Commonwealth grants to improve mobile reception in areas like Pearl Beach. We are hopeful but not terribly optimistic the PUMP Guidelines will change to improve the chances of Pearl Beach receiving funding.

We also requested from Minister Rowlands a mobile phone reception monitoring device to enable us to document the poor signals around Pearl Beach. This was declined, but as we are effectively in a Catch-22 situation with our phone reception, we have sought the Minister's reconsideration.

Are we confident of achieving a positive outcome? Not at this stage, but still pushing and trying.

Seeking Volunteers for the RFS Community Fire Unit

Community Fire Unit (CFU) is operated by a team of local resident volunteers support the RFS/Pearl Beach Brigade to enhance safety and resilience to bushfires.

The CFU operates from a trailer rather than a firetruck, and require less training than other RFS volunteers. CFU activities include:

- Extinguishing spot fires and managing ember attacks within Pearl Beach until the RFS arrives.
- Extinguishing fires following the passing of a bushfire front.
- Flood mitigation – such as pumping water away from trouble spots

As the CFU team is currently under resourced for the upcoming bushfire season, the RFS is keen to welcome any residents interested in joining the team; please contact:

[John Allan on john.allan@ccrfs.org.au](mailto:john.allan@ccrfs.org.au) or Paul Toohey on 01412 254 979 for more information.

Pearl Beach – Speed limit and shared use zone

Council advised in August that Transport NSW issued their new policy on speed limits which they are currently evaluating. Any decision will be subject to budget limitations – we have suggested Council move forward as quickly as possible by installing a 40KM speed limit as a first step.

Taking it to the Beach, Pearl Beach that is!

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has won an award for their engagement with the Pearl Beach community and visitors to deliver water safety and drowning prevention education. Their program 'Taking it to the Beach' received the Surf Life Saving NSW's Awards of Excellence for Innovation.

The club's education team, Peter and Louise Lambeth, along with several of the club's youth have delivered 9 water safety education sessions over an 18-month period. The main aim of Surf Life Saving is to prevent drownings. This is the 'why' a program like this is so important.

The team have loved being at Pearl Beach, meeting the residents, chatting to visitors, and enjoying the stunning view. They will be back at Pearl Beach in the upcoming school holidays.

Winner
Taking
it to the
beach
Blackspot
Ocean
Beach
SLSC



BATHTUB GIN CONCERT

The Bathtub Gin Orchestra played two lively sets to a full house on Saturday 13th August in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall. Their music ranged from 1920's stomp, to 1930's swing to gypsy jazz and a great combination of all.

They're enthusiasm, talent and energy had the audience tapping along, with others up dancing. Hot soup & drinks were served at intermission. The band described it as their favourite type of gig - a small community hall, full of enthusiastic locals & plenty of hospitality and charm!



THE 70'S & BEYOND

25 & 26 August 2023 - Presented by the Pearl Beach Singers

If you didn't come along to either of the concerts then you missed very special moments, amazing performances, music, song and fun. Capacity audiences were spontaneous in their appreciation, joining in and encouraging the amateur, professional and humorous Pearl Beach Singers and Friends!

The Pearl Beach Singers, originally a Glee Club was formed in the nineteen fifties to raise funds to complete the building of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall putting on a number of "Grand Concerts". The Glee Club concerts provided opportunity for a group of local music lovers to re-form in 2010 as 'The Pearl Beach Singers' who produced the recent exciting and innovative concert program.

This year we were delighted to have as special guests, local Michael Archer and Tim Page. Michael brings a wealth of experience she has sung with Opera Australia and in concert in USA, co- head of Vocal Department at Central Coast Conservatorium and Artistic Director for Pearl Beach Opera in Arboretum.

Tim Page is a veteran of Australian TV, star of Young Doctors series. He has performed extensively in Musical Theatre in Australia and on London West End. Has sung with Opera Australia, is a tutor at Central Coast Conservatorium and MC for Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum. Also performing were Sue McCathy and Marian Jones long time members of Central Coast Philharmonia Choir and Grace Mitchell, vocal student at the Central Coast Conservatorium, who is currently studying a Bachelor of Music majoring in Vocal at AIM and has sung with the Philharmonia Choir, and members of the Central Coast Ukulele group charmed the audience.

David George proudly recited 'The Man from Snowy River' and the "Lighthouse" melodrama showcased local acting and performance skills. The Singers were accompanied by Stephanie Wood on Piano, Lyn and Phil Rich on flute and guitar and the singers were directed by Pauline Toohey,. Holding the eclectic program together MC Dr John Irvine's humour and professional skills never missed a beat.

Proceeds from the concerts towards maintaining the upkeep and renovations for the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.



BEATLES REBOOTED

in the Pearl Beach
Arboretum - October 7,
2:30pm

The Beatles Rebooted is coming to the Pearl Beach Arboretum on Saturday Oct 7 at 2.30pm. A world class band and string section (nine musicians) recreate live note for note the music that changed the world. You won't believe your ears. This is a once in lifetime opportunity to watch one of the world's best Beatles shows at Pearl Beach.

While we have had music events in the Pearl Beach Arboretum since 1995, this is the first concert with a rock vibe. This concert will provide two and a half hours of entertainment by a very popular Beatles tribute band in a relaxing bushland setting. All the favourites will be performed by some very talented musicians. Come and enjoy this unique music event.

Part art and part rock n roll, this show takes you on a magical journey. Enjoy the music and songs we know and love.



The Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Pearl Beach Arboretum jointly present this wonderful unique Beatles musical experience, so book early. Patrons are encouraged to bring a chair, picnic and drinks. There will be ample parking available near the Tennis Courts (with a donation to the local fire brigade), access via Tourmaline Road. Proceeds go to environmental and community initiatives. Bookings essential Ticket cost \$45 Adult; Children under 15 \$25. Groups ten or more \$40 per ticket (All tickets have a booking fee)

To Book go to - [beatlesrebooted.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

Cash enquiries - 4344 2319

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beatles-rebooted-at-the-arboretum-tickets-629038329577>

CENTRAL COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

If you enjoy reading you may well like to use the mobile library. It pulls up outside the memorial Hall every second Friday from 10:30am to 11:15am and has a range of books and other resources covering most genres including books for children. Cathy is very happy to assist you.

Members of the council library can reserve library items and select the mobile library as their collection point.

The timetable is reviewed quarterly and is available from any branch or the website library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

Here are the dates for the next few weeks.- 8 September, 22 September, 20 October

PATONGA

Patonga community has developed initiatives around the Electrify 2515 concept and has engaged with the Pearl Beach community. If you would like additional information about energy suppliers, solar, heat pump hot water, electric cooking etc please contact:

Stephen King sking59@gmail.com

VALE

Some sad news. Long term resident Frank Langley passed away peacefully aged 94 after a short illness, on September 25, in Gosford Hospital. His wife of 63 years Faye, passed away in September 2021.



They have been associated with Pearl Beach for 47 years, firstly with a holiday house from 1976 which they moved into permanently in 2004. Frank was a keen worker with the Bushcare team, has helped proofread the Gem and delivered a series on Latin at U3A offering his skills as a school language teacher.

He was well supported by some fantastic Pearl Beach neighbours in recent years. Faye was an artist and art history teacher for many years and long time friend of Jocelyn Maughan of Patonga Gallery fame. You will still see their two sons Robert and Philip around the village and their families for a long time yet.

SAVE THE DATES



Pearl Beach
ARBORETUM

The Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail (PBEAT2023) aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy on the NSW Central Coast. Community and artist installations inspired by the local environment of Pearl Beach and the Woy Woy Peninsula will be chosen through an EOI process which will be launched in May 2023.

PBEAT2023 will be open to the Public for free during daylight hours from Saturday 16 September until Sunday 15 October 2023. There will be at least 20 artworks on display and the ability to vote for the People's Choice Award. On weekends the Arboretum Cottage will feature nature inspired workshops and local Artists displaying their works. There will also be music and theatre performances.

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ART FAIR
Pearl Beach
Arboretum
Sunday 1st
October
10am until 4pm

Pearl Beach
FOOD + WINE
FARE

Saturday October 28
10 am - 4:30 pm.

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Hosted by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and as a community activity to enjoy tasting and purchasing from a select range of Hunter boutique wines and local gourmet foods including well know favourites – award winning 'Little Creek Cheese', 'Hunter Olives', 'Crooked Creek' tasty savoury treats and plum puddings – selection of Salami's - local 'Margin's Mushrooms' - chocolates from 'Sweet As' - 'Natural Hive Honey' - 'The Original Smoke & Spice Company' - 'Soul Free' gluten free products and bread - 'Enokido Miso' organic home made sauces. We are delighted to welcome, 'For the Luv of Cakes' - 'Spiralz Fermented Foods' - plus 'Mountain Pride Farms' fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs.

Pearl Beach
ART TRAIL

Saturday December 9
10 am - 4 pm.



Pearl Beach by
Margaret Westcott

Variety of exhibitors & venues including Painting, Art, Handcrafts, Sculptures, Jewellery, Ceramics, Pottery and Cards. Artists will open their studios throughout Pearl Beach. Maps will be available.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesdays 6th & 20th September
Wednesdays 4th & 18th Oct 2.30pm – 4.30pm



'Classic Cinema Club'
Memorial Hall
Come early & share a cuppa!
New members welcome
\$20 then \$5 per movie
Renew Membership \$10
4344 231 Enquiries
From November
On holidays until 2024

Sunday 10th Sept
Sunday 8th Oct
Sunday 11th Nov
8.30am - 10am

Breakfast &
'Monthly Community
& Grower's Market'
Memorial Hall
Enquiries: 0459 551 543



Saturday 23rd September



7pm for 7.30pm
'Trivia Night'
Come along, prizes!
Tables of 8 or singles
Memorial Hall

BYO Drinks &
nibbles. Tickets \$ 20

Book: 0414 383 488

Sunday 1st October

Meet the artisans at
The Pearl Beach
Arboretum
10am – 4.00pm

Come, see and buy
from a variety of art,
ceramics, jewellery and
crafts

Free entry ...



* Visit the Pearl Beach Website to see what
else is on - www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au

Saturday 16th Sept to Sunday 15th October
Open daylight Hours *****

PBEAT - Ephemeral Art Trail (4 weeks)



PEARL BEACH ARBORETUM, VARIOUS
LOCATIONS Opening Sat 16th Sept.
Programme guide \$5 donation

Book - email: contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au

Saturday 7th October – Pearl Beach Arboretum
'Beatles Rebooted Band & Strings'
2.30pm – 5pm



Come early, bring a picnic, rug and chair

Bookings essential Ticket cost \$45

Children under 15 \$25

Groups ten or more \$40 per ticket (All tickets
have a booking fee)

Bookings: beatlesrebooted.eventbrite.com.au

Saturday 28th October
'Food & Wine Fare'
10am – 4.30pm
Memorial Hall

Gourmet food and wines
to taste and purchase
enquiries: 4344 2319



'SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY'

Friday 1st December 6pm for 6.30pm
'Community Christmas Dinner'

Memorial Hall
Tables of 8 or singles
Enjoy Spit Roast plus
vegetables and dessert
BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Donation to Local Charity
Ticket cost: \$50
Bookings: 0439 623818



Friday 22nd December **'Twilight Carols'**
From 5.30pm Pearl Beach Arboretum
come early bring a picnic, families and friends invited to
enjoy a Singalong and meeting Santa!





SEPTEMBER

2 PBPA MEETING
5.00 - 6.00 :
PB Memorial Hall

6 Classic Cinema Club
2:30 - 4:30 :
PB Memorial Hall

10 Breakfast & Monthly
Growers Market
8:30 - 10:00 :
PB Memorial Hall

12 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

16 @PBEAT Ephemeral
Art Trail
16 Sept - 15 Oct
PB Arboretum

20 Classic Cinema Club
2:30 - 4:30
PB Memorial Hall

23 Trivia Night
7:00 for 7:30
PB Memorial Hall

26 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

OCTOBER

1 @PBEAT Ephemeral
Art Trail - continues
16 Sept - 15 Oct
PB Arboretum

1 Art Fair
10:00 - 4:00 :
PB Arboretum

4 Classic cinema club
2:30 - 4:30
PB Memorial Hall

7 Beatles Rebooted &
Strings
2:30 - 5:00
PB Arboretum

8 Breakfast & Monthly
Growers Market
8:30 - 10:00 :
PB Memorial Hall

10 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

18 Classic cinema club
2:30 - 4:30
PB Memorial Hall

20 PBPA Voting opens
On Line

26 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

28 Food & Wine Fare
10:00 - 4:30
PB Memorial Hall

NOVEMBER

11 PBPA AGM
5:00 - 6:00 :
PB Memorial Hall

12 Breakfast & Monthly
Growers Market
8:30 - 10:00 :
PB Memorial Hall

14 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

25 Beach Photo with
Santa
25 Nov to 25 Dec
Pearl Beach

28 Jam Making
PB Memorial Hall

DECEMBER

1 Beach Photo with
Santa
25 Nov to 25 Dec
Pearl Beach

1 Community
Christmas Dinner
PB Memorial Hall

9 Art Trail
Pearl Beach

22 Twilight Carols
PB Memorial Hall



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