

# THE PEARL BEACH

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# GEM

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Peter Doddrell



### It's the Spring 2024 Edition of the Gem.

A big thank you to all that have had input and made contributions to the Gem and the celebration of events and activities past and future. If you have thoughts, ideas, contributions then please email me:

[gemnewsletter@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:gemnewsletter@pearlbeachprogress.org.au)

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Victoria Crawford



The executive committee has continued to meet monthly to ensure the smooth running of the Association. We have had large expenses of close to \$30,000 including insurance, rates, servicing of the stove and dishwasher, refurbishment of the floor and replacing batteries in two AEDs. Our gas costs have risen to \$400 a month during winter.

While we have been increasing our funds through membership fees and some of the events we have held over the last three months, we would like to introduce new activities. We had several new and expanded initiatives in late 2022 and 2023 when very enthusiastic, energetic members raised money for the refurbishment and maintenance of the hall. This was appreciated by everyone, not just because funds were raised but because the activities were enjoyed.

While that energy is not available to us at this time, we still have much to do to improve the hall, including internal and external painting and refurbishment of the kitchen. The hall sub-committee has set up a working party to look at the kitchen, toilets and storage. When they put forward initial suggestions we will ensure that users have input and we will gauge community support.

This sort of project is long term and could be anything from \$50,000 to \$150,000 so we will need to look at how it is financed. Government grants are available from time-to-time and we look at them very carefully but usually you need firm plans, current quotes, obvious benefits to the community clearly articulated, evidence of community support and often at least 50% co-contribution. We have two members of the executive who consider which grants are available. We have been shortlisted for the Australia Post Community Grants Validation Process. This is a \$2,000 to \$5,000 grant and the amount of information required is extensive and detailed. It only means they'll look at the application after we submit further information. We are also applying to the Central Coast Council to have a rate subsidy. Our grants team have put a lot of time and effort into these applications.

If you have any event or fundraising ideas, or have a background in grant applications, please drop a note in the letterbox at 9 Diamond Road, send an email to the secretary [secretary@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:secretary@pearlbeachprogress.org.au) or raise it at the next general meeting on 7 September.

### Survey

We have developed a survey which is nearly finalised and will shortly be sent to all members, friends and other interested community members. The results will be used to inform a strategic plan for the next three to five years. The current executive will start the process but I see it being finalised by the new executive after the elections in October.

### Annual General Meeting & Elections - 20 October 2024

The August intended elections have been rescheduled due to accounting issues, so the new date and a process has been finalised. We will have online voting available for 2 weeks and provide paper voting in the hall on the day of the AGM. Position descriptions, dates and times will be clearly stated and sent to all members. Please consider if you could bring your skills and experience to the management of the Association. It is very rewarding and a great way to engage with your community.

### Roads and council liaison

Peter Richardson continues to liaise with council on roads and other infrastructure and beach safety. Please report issues to [roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au). It was pleasing to see that the western end of Crystal Ave was re-graded mid August.

## Guidelines

The Pearl Beach Code of Conduct was approved at the general meeting on 1 June 2024. Revised operational guidelines are nearing completion and will be available for feedback soon.

## Community Support Centre

Chris Scott, Chris Masters and Chris Rhodes have taken up the responsibility for the CSC. Paul Toohey (many thanks for his work over many years on this project) will be arranging training in September.

## Hall

The garden is being well looked after as spring approaches. The ceiling is completed, and the floor has also been rejuvenated. It is looking great. The next action will be interior painting. You will be able to see the floor at the next general meeting on 7 September but please be careful with the chairs and no stilettos! We have also revised the commercial hire application and agreement.

We live in a wonderful part of the world, have a great and caring community but can always do better.

Check out all the organised events later in The Gem and join in. Make suggestions if there are things you'd like to do that are not covered, talk to your neighbours, check out the Progress Association Facebook page and website so you can find out what's happening. It is your community - support it, join in and grow your friendships.

[pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://pearlbeachprogress.org.au)



Completed Hall floor refurbishment

# NATIONAL TREE DAY COMPETITION



Mary Knaggs

The Pearl Beach Progress Association (Environment Group) - in association with the Pearl Beach Arboretum - is pleased to announce the winners of the Tree Day Community Competition 2024.

- Best Poem 8-16 years of age (\$50) '**Back to my country**' by **Madison Mitchell** (aged 12).
- Best Artwork 4-7 years (\$30) '**Goanna in the Bush**' by **Orlando McMaster** (aged 5).
- Best Artwork 8-16 years (\$50) '**Sunset Silhouette**' **Quinn van Dam** (aged 10).
- Best Photo 8-16 years (\$50) '**Treow**' by **Harry Higson** (aged 8).
- Best Poem over 16 (\$125) '**The Lone Sentinel**' by **Phil Rich**.
- Best Photo over 16 (\$125) '**Glisten**' by **Meredith Ramsay**.
- Best Artwork over 16 (\$125) '**Myrtle Nouveau**' by **Martha Wells**.

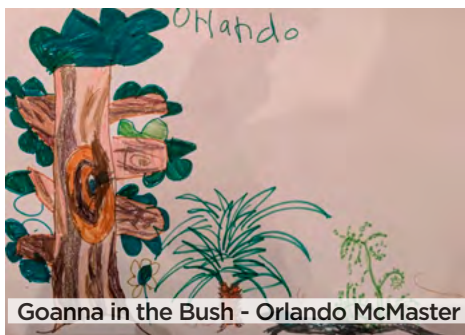
There were many wonderful entries from far and wide and we look forward to running the competition again next year. The Pearl Beach Tree Day video is available **HERE** <https://youtu.be/vntHVjHbOIE>.

The winning poem was from Phillip Rich, a valued Pearl Beach artist, musician and poet. He donated his prize money back to the Pearl Beach Environment Group. Some images of other winning entries are included.

## The Lone Sentinel

A poem by Phillip Rich

*Lone sentinel  
Stretching limbs in comfort  
No neighbours to squeeze and  
rob and steal  
You are a lone sentinel  
Clear views to distant places, far  
horizons.  
Once you stood with cousins  
and friends  
Indistinguishable in your  
sameness  
Not seen for what you were  
One of many blended things  
A forest of trees.  
Now you are surrounded by  
empty spaces  
You look old and proud,  
Healthy and alive with others  
gone  
Free to grow wide and stretch  
and fill  
A lone sentinel.  
But alas, with time passed you  
now look out at nothing  
Dry rank weeds replace pasture  
No sheep now graze, no cattle  
either  
Barren land, void of crop and life  
Was this why the forest was  
cleared?  
How long will you reign  
supreme?  
Do I detect a dead limb or two?  
Is age eating into dry sapless  
limbs?  
Are some branches void of  
leaves?  
Are your days numbered now?  
What will remain when you are  
gone?  
When dry dead limbs lie in dusty  
spaces  
Bitter weeds claw at bare  
ground that once was shaded  
Even ants and insects find no  
kitchen  
A Barren place, gone, the  
splendour of the lone sentinel.*



Goanna in the Bush - Orlando McMaster



Treow - Harry Higson



Glisten - Meredith Ramsay

# ARBORETUM



**Victoria Crawford** (President)

The Arboretum is a registered charity with environmental conservation and community well-being as our primary aims. Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

We had a wonderful picnic in the arboretum on 18 August. This was the official opening of the new verandah and our 48th anniversary. The verandah was financed through grants from the NSW Government, the Bendigo Bank and private contributions by members and friends. We also used some of our reserve funds. Fifty members and guests sat at our long tables, chatted, shared their food and enjoyed tea, coffee and cakes. Only one kookaburra came for some treats!

The verandah will be a wonderful amenity for school groups, walking groups, Probus clubs, events like the opera and celebrations such as weddings. It has been part of our planning for several years and it is great to see it come to fruition. My personal thanks to the management committee and all the volunteers who have worked together to get to this point.

Come for a walk and enjoy the peace and quiet. The arboretum is looking wonderful for the spring.

Our next lot of projects include improving the accessibility of our paths, creating a sensory garden and making our entrances clearer and welcoming. If you'd like to join us at working bees you would be very welcome. Third Sunday of each month except December. Dates for the rest of the year are 22/09, 20/10 and 17/11.

You can also be a member for just \$20 per year. Go to our website [www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/get-involved](http://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/get-involved)



Sunset Silhouette - Quinn van Dam



Arboretum picnic under the verandah



Myrtle Nouvea - Martha Wells



Completed Arboretum verandah



Pearl Beach  
ARBORETUM



## BUSH CARE

Stephen Parsons



We have received new shirts and new tools from Council and 2 trays of plants, Acacias and Banksias.

We have had a welcome surge in volunteers, to 11 early in August. Several of us are also attending Dunecare and vice-versa.

The September 7th session will be a combined Bushcare and Dunecare at North Coral Crescent, to work on the frontal dune and also the northerly section adjacent to the rocks.

We will have a delicious cake to share over coffee and tea.

I have the Council registration forms so you can be properly enrolled.

Phil in Dunecare and myself are continuing to work closely with some pleasing achievements.

Stephen Parsons 0448751595



Paul Blinkhorn



Klaas Woldring



Celebrating 90th

## BOWLS

Robert Lillico



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, 9:00am 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.

Further Information contact Robert Lillico, 0477 486 065

## TENNIS & RECREATION



Leonie Furnell

After eight years of commendable service, Paul Blinkhorn, President of the Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club, is stepping down from the position at the AGM on September 8th. Paul has certainly "done his bit". The improvements carried out during Paul's presidency are numerous and include: the resurfacing of both tennis courts, new fencing for both courts, resurfacing of the bowling green, addition of a shade cloth structure for the bowling green, Colorbond fascia on both "clubhouses", to name a few.

Paul has worked hard to achieve grants to help fund the various projects and has always had time to listen to any suggestions. He has deservedly earned the respect of the committee and members alike.

Many thanks Paul, and we wish you well for the future.

Other happenings at the PBT&RC include the introduction of pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the world - which has also been supported by Paul. We initially experimented in the community hall with a slightly reduced-sized court but are now running 2 sessions a week on the tennis courts. We're still sorting out court markings/costings etc, but hope to offer it to the entire membership before too long.

Looking forward to seeing as many members of the Tennis and Rec Club as possible at the AGM in the Community Hall at 3pm on Sunday September 8th for a short AGM and light refreshments.

## TENNIS CELEBRATION

Barbara Grantham

Pearl Beach Tennis & Recreation Club held a celebratory lunch on 21st June 2024, at The Empire Bay Tavern, for Klaas Woldring, one of their regular Friday morning players, who turned 90 on the 2nd July. Klaas still plays a top class game, proving that "Age is just a number".

Klaas and his wife Aafke, have been residents of Pearl Beach for 24 years. Klaas has had an interesting life, originally from The Netherlands, where he had a career in hotel management, and was an active soccer player & renowned coach into his 60s. Sport has always been an important part of his life.

# TRAFFIC

Margaret Westcott (for PBPA)

There is considerable concern in the community regarding the wheelies and drag racing and the ensuing noise emanating from the top of Pearl Beach Drive. The noise is an issue to residents but also most importantly, to the safety of motorists and of course, the safety of the risk takers .

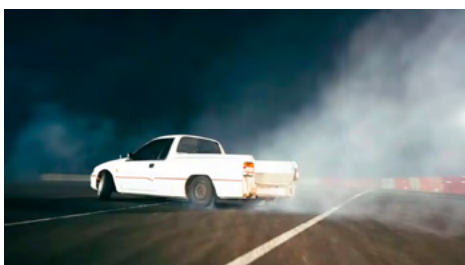
Outcomes of the steps to solve this problem follow:

- An application can be made to Council requesting cctv cameras be placed at the top of Pearl Beach Drive. Advice to Council to inform them of the damage of infrastructure is currently underway.
- Police will support our application.
- CCTV cameras are the responsibility of Council.
- Only Police can access this footage upon request to Council.
- The cameras will not be monitored until an incident has occurred.

What can residents do?

Contact the Police information line on 131444.

Liesl Tesch has requested residents record dates and times for a month. Send your reports to the Secretary PBPA. With a month's evidence Liesl could take this information further.



# LIVING IN A FIRE ZONE

Lynne Lillico



'Embers of Attachment' written by Pearl Beach local Cassie Phillips for her University project is not just about a Pearl Beach Hero, Paul Barclair, but also as a warning about living and surviving in the Fire Zone of Pearl Beach, which Paul has done all his life. The Fire Season will be upon us sooner than we like!

I believe there is a strong message within this article which affects many locations across the Central Coast as well as Australia. Paul has lived in Pearl Beach all his life and has demonstrated a strong community spirit, last year the Pearl Beach Progress Association presented him with a "Life Membership". The photo shows Paul and his gorgeous companion 'Red' who travels all over Australia with him. The full article accessed from following link:

[EmbersofattachmentbyCassandraPhillips](#)



# BOOK DONATIONS WANTED



Alison Phillips

Dear Members  
Good Quality Book and Puzzle donations are required after the October Long Weekend up until Christmas for the Summer Book Sale on 28 December.

Please deliver to the Memorial Hall back deck so they can be sorted ready for sale. For any questions or assistance please email me

[alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk)



RFS



Carolyn Blackburn

The Brigade is entering its fourth year since restructuring and since 2021 have had 30 new members (14 in 2024) strengthening our resources. Training has seen key skills and certification increase for our members and we will continue to expand this. We continue to work closely with the Progress Association and community.

In the last year we have had 42 call outs. The CFU has been wrapped up but our additional resources more than make up for it. Supporting the various community activities, including the Opera proves valuable for our recruiting and engagement.

Our AGM on 13 July was well attended, and included members of the general community.

We look forward to our continued growth and contributing to the Pearl Beach and wider communities.

Note the Get Ready Weekend is scheduled for **21 & 22 September.**

# THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Dr John Palmer

*This is a summary of the presentation that Dr John Palmer gave to the August Lunch Club:*

The concept that global warming has been produced by industrial activities that increase the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere remains a subject of controversy, despite a mountain of scientific evidence and its acceptance by all the world's major scientific bodies.

It is my view that the scientific evidence is so strong that it is time that all the world should unite in an endeavour to avoid the disaster that would ensue if the average world temperature was to rise too far. If we fail to adequately tackle this problem average temperature will be some 2.5 to 3.5 degrees centigrade by the end of this century, and human life, if it survives, will be under enormous stress.

It is often assumed that concern regarding atmospheric "greenhouse gases" did not occur until the mid-20th century, and sceptics seem to believe it is a scam introduced by "lefties", "greenies", and scientists eager for research grants. In reality, it dates to the early 19th century.

Writing around 1820 Joseph Ferrier noted that calculations indicated that the distance of the earth from the sun was such that the earth should be much colder. He postulated that something in the atmosphere was acting to increase the temperature: but he did not know what it was.

Only recently has the work of the American scientist Eunice Newton Foote been recognised. In experiments using an air pump, glass cylinders and thermometers, she found that increasing the proportion of carbon dioxide or water vapour in a cylinder filled with air caused a rise in

temperature when exposed to sunlight. This did not happen with other gases such as nitrogen. Her findings were reported in 1856. She theorised that "an atmosphere of this gas would give our earth a high temperature; and if the air had mixed with it a larger proportion than at present an increased temperature would necessarily result".

Three years later in, 1859, John Tyndall described his own similar experiments but with a different methodology (It is not known whether he was aware of Foote's work). He found that oxygen and nitrogen are almost transparent to radiant heat, whilst carbon dioxide and water vapour absorb and then re-emit radiant heat. He suggested that without these gases in the atmosphere "the earth would be held in the iron grip of frost."

Then in 1896 Svante Arrhenius calculated how effective raised levels of carbon dioxide would be in raising temperatures and found that "The temperature of the Arctic regions would rise about 8 or 9 degrees if the carbon dioxide level increased to 2.5 to 3.5 degrees times its present value".

The Swedish meteorologist Gustaf Ekholm in 1899 speculated that the continued burning of coal would double the atmospheric carbon dioxide which "would undoubtedly cause a very obvious rise in the mean temperature of the earth".

In 1938 Guy Stewart Callender outlined research that showed that during the earth's history temperatures had closely followed the level of atmospheric carbon dioxide. Like others before him he thought a rise might be beneficial "by delaying a return of the deadly glaciers".

By 1960 scientists were warning of the extent of the problem. Charles Keating began to take measurements of atmospheric carbon dioxide in locations around the world and found that they were inexorably rising. By now there was a great deal of scientific evidence available, and it had become

increasingly difficult to deny that the "greenhouse effect" was not real, and the prospect of severe weather conditions that would ensue.

More widespread public concern was raised by a interview with Gilbert Plass in Time magazine. He warned "At the present rate of increase the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will raise the earth's temperature 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit every hundred years for centuries to come".

By 1980 there was by now a large amount of research publications on this subject in peer-reviewed journals. The atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide was continuing to rise, as were average world temperatures. By the beginning of the 21st century almost all scientists working in this field supported the theory of man-induced global warming and this was endorsed by the world's science academies and societies.

Rising temperatures bring with them many dangers:

- Heat waves. 1,800 people died at the recent Hajj in Mecca, and temperatures of 52 degrees centigrade were reported. At about the same time many deaths, and temperatures of 49C, were recorded in India. Closer to home, on January 4th 2020 the Sydney suburb of Penrith sweltered at 48.9 C
- Increased rainfall with increased episodes of flooding. A flood in Afghanistan this year killed 300 people.
- Longer and more intense episodes of drought.
- Wildfires. In 2023 the total area burned was eight times higher than the previous average.
- Higher sea water levels effecting islands and coastal areas.
- Deleterious effects on agriculture. Areas of famine.
- Shrinking of glaciers.

# PREVIOUS EVENTS

## LUNCH CLUB

Cathy Lancaster & Bev Lapacek

The Lunch Club is now regularly attended by about 30 people. This is largely due to the yummy winter warmers that have been served up over the past few months! But the success of the Lunch Club is also due to the fact that our hall offers a great chance to meet a friendly group of people.

Another ingredient to its success is that each month there is a guest speaker. This month **Dr. John Palmer** gave an informative talk about the science which underlies climate change and the probable impacts (See excerpt in this edition of the Gem).

Next month, 2 September, the lunch will be held on the Hall Deck so we leave the refurbished floor to cure well. Hopefully, the weather warms up by then - otherwise more comfort food will be served up (Thanks, Brian Lancaster and Sandra Timewell).

The Lunch Club will not meet in October due to school holidays. In November the Lunch Club will resume and a special lunch is being planned for the end of year in December.

## YULE FEST

Lynne Lillico



Christmas in July Lunch, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, Saturday 20th July 2024.

90 locals and friends gathered to enjoy 'Two Turkeys' delicious lunch, Pim's Ham and happy community friendship plus Piano and song with Santa! Raffles were won by Margaret and Klaas.

Thank you to Bev and her merry band of helpers, raising \$1,559.00 toward hall upkeep.



Yule Fest



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Lunch Club



Lunch Club



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# 80 STORIES HIGH

Lynne Lillico

Book Launch and conversation with Dr John Irvine, Sunday 28th July 2024.

An enthusiastic audience was not just entertained with the conversation between Dr John and Patrick Brennan but deeply moved by the uplifting tales of humble heroes, and how dementia impacts on our lives!

The audience was treated with piano recitals by Emily Robertson and Mathias Way students from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Book Sales from the afternoon raised \$600 for Dementia Research.



80 Stories High



Dr John & Patrick



80 Stories High

# A MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Lynne Lillico

Originally a Glee Club which was formed in the nineteen fifties to raise funds to complete the building of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall by putting on a number of "Grand Concerts". Local music lovers performed a number of years ago as the Pearl Beach Singers who have continued to meet regularly and enjoy music and song and community friendship in the Memorial Hall which remains a very special gathering place.

The Pearl Beach Singers have maintained the tradition that has passed down through the years and the recent Musical Afternoon was no exception. A loud and enthusiastic audience of locals and visitors came together in a wonderful afternoon of singing and music we all know and love.

Concert co-ordinator, Pauline Toohey has passed her thank you and congratulations to all who were involved.

*"Well we did it!. You did it! Thank you each and everyone of you for your continued dedication to making our musical such a success. We are a scream really. When you pull us apart you think How on earth? And collectively well, we work wonders. That is how it should be. To Stephanie, Phil and Lynette without you it just wouldn't happen. To Margaret Westcott who helps so much in her steady, quiet way. I thank you."*

*Lynne who stood at the door and reminded me to give Grace something, Robbie who despite not being in the best of health organised the coffee. David for his wonderful rendition of Pam Ayres, John Haymes and Gaby for putting it out there and strutting their stuff. Michael and young vocalist Grace Mitchel who brought the house down, to beautiful Peggy and John Parkinson for their generous donation of fine wine. We are truly blessed.*

*To those who helped with the setting up, afternoon tea and plus clean up at the end a truly marvellous joint community effort coming together helped make the day such a success.*

*Last but not least Cecile for her gift to Peggy and to Malcolm for his lovely presentation which is now in my pot plant. Five potential singers gave me their names after our performance. Three live in Ettalong/Umina and two from PB. A couple of sopranos no less.*

*Thank you one and all, we will take a break now until October, once again the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall resounded in happy song and music".*



A Musical Afternoon





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The full Musical Afternoon ensemble

## COMING EVENTS

### UNREAL FLOWERS



@ The Pink Onion Sculpture Garden

If you haven't visited the Piano Palace and Pink Onion Sculpture Garden, this could be your opportunity.

On **7th and 8th September** an exhibition "Unreal Flowers" of ceramic sculpture is being held by the sculpture workshop - Gaby Porter, Jan Hohne, Maggs, Dianne Swalwell and Mary V in the garden. Hours are 10:00am - 4:00pm.

**Gaby Porter** and **John Haymes** installed the piano 3 years ago, housed in the Piano Palace in front of the sculpture garden. Passers by are welcomed to play the piano and wander through the sculpture garden at 61 Crystal Avenue. There are over 50 sculptures created by Gaby over the years, but this event is special.

**Gaby Porter : 0414 525 216**



### THE HISTORY OF BRITISH ROCK

**Saturday 12 October 2024, 2.30 pm, Pearl Beach Arboretum**

The History of British Rock is coming to the Pearl Beach Arboretum. The Album Show, brings you a 2 hour showcase of this period. With a Full Live Band of some of the most accomplished musicians from all over the country, this show will lead you from the early 60's all the way through to the late 70's.

Covering artists from The Beatles to Queen, from The Hollies to T-Rex. From the Stones to ELO. The concert promises to be a memorable afternoon filled with more iconic songs than you can imagine, from a time in music that will remain pivotal from both a creative and social perspective.

We have had music events in the Pearl Beach Arboretum since 1995, and continue the tradition. The Arboretum has a capacity of 800 people at an event such as the History of British Rock, 60's & 70's, come along enjoy a memorable afternoon with lots of dancing under the trees.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Pearl Beach Arboretum are not-for-profit community-based organisations which rely on revenue from events and activities to manage environmental projects and local facilities.

Don't miss out on this unique musical opportunity, book early. Patrons are encouraged to bring a chair, picnic and drinks. There will be ample parking available near the Tennis Courts, access via Tourmaline Avenue..

Bookings essential

- Ticket cost \$50
- Children under 15 \$25
- Groups ten or more \$45 per ticket (All tickets have a booking fee)

To Book go to:

[british-rock-in-the-arboretum.eventbrite.com.au](http://british-rock-in-the-arboretum.eventbrite.com.au)

Or scan the QR code

Enquiries: **0407 272495 / 4344 2319**



# PEARL BEACH FOOD AND WINE FARE

**10am – 4.30pm: Saturday 26  
October 2024**, Pearl Beach  
Memorial Hall

Join in the 17th annual **Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fare** and enjoy tasting and purchasing from boutique wineries and a variety of delicious fine foods from local and Hunter producers. Including award winning cheeses, salami's, olives, mushrooms, chocolates, honey, delicious cakes, smoked & spice products, Miso organic sauces, gluten free, local eggs bread. Pearly's Cafe and refreshments available on the back deck.

Don't miss out on this unique community event – there will be a hamper raffle with contents provided by the participants. Proceeds toward the upkeep and management of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Entry is free

Further information:

[www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au)  
Lynne Lilloco 4344 2319



# ALLEGRIA & PAELLA`OLE

**6pm Friday 22 November,  
2024**, Pearl Beach Memorial  
Hall

Featuring music from Spain and Latin America played by GREAT GUITARS, Guy Strazz and Mark Johns. Enjoy a special guest performance by young guitarist, and Pearl Beach Community Scholarship recipient Jerome Droboff.

Catering by - **'The Big Paella'** includes vegetarian, salads and dessert.

Tickets - \$57.00 includes  
welcome drink & booking fee  
other Drinks BYO  
Bookings essential:

[https://great-guitars-allegria.  
eventbrite.com.au](https://great-guitars-allegria.eventbrite.com.au)



# GET READY WEEKEND

**21 & 22 September, 2024**

As the bush fire season approaches, it's crucial for everyone to be aware of their risk and take steps to protect their homes and properties. To help you prepare, the RFS hosts **Get Ready Weekend** events providing valuable information and resources to ensure you're ready for the upcoming bush fire season.

Contact the Pearl Beach RFS brigade to learn more about the Get Ready Weekend events. By attending these events, you can gain insights into creating a Bush Fire Survival Plan, maintaining a defensible space around your property, and understanding Fire Danger Ratings.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your local RFS brigade, access essential resources, and ensure you're well-prepared for the bush fire season.



# WORDS @ PEARLS

2 November, 2024, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Be part of the inaugural Words at Pearls one-day literary celebration! Join us for a day of author panels, in-conversation sessions and all things literary when we launch **Words at Pearls**.

Created in partnership between **Words on the Waves** and the **Pearl Beach Progress Association**, Words at Pearls will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall.

We are delighted to reveal that one of our guests is none other than the amazing **James O'Loughlin**. James' latest novel, a brilliant crime thriller called **LIARS** is set in our own Central Coast backyard and, at Words at Pearls, you'll have the chance to listen to James talk about writing a 'local' book, his life on radio and much more.

There are many more announcements to come as we reveal the full line-up of talented authors who will entertain and challenge you so make sure you check back in.

## Tickets

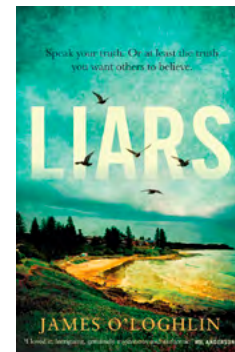
**Day pass : \$95**  
(+ booking fee).

**Early Bird Day Pass : \$85**  
(+booking fee). Be one of the first to book your spot with our Early Bird offer available 28 August through to 17 September.

Tickets can be booked at

<https://wordsonthewaves.com.au/latest-news/words-at-pearls-2024/>

or by using the QR code.



## SOME USEFUL PEARL BEACH CONTACTS

### Aboriginal History

Peggy Todd - 0455 511 045

### Arboretum

Victoria Crawford - 0407 272 495

### Art Group

Marg Westcott - 0401 968 947

### Bushcare

Stephen Parsons - 0448 751 595

### Classic Cinema Club

Lynne Lillico - 4344 2319

### Craft Group

Bev Lapacek - 0439 623 818

### Dunecare

Phil Rich - 0422 505 365

### Environment Group

Mary Knaggs - 0427 502 042

### Hall Bookings

Jeanne Albrecht - 0449 980 165

### Lunch Club

Catherine Lancaster - 0403 704 985

### Men's Bowls

Robert - 0477 486 065

### Pilates

Michelle Baker - 0403 305 424

### Plodders

Bev Lapacek - 0439 623 818

### Salsa

Cruz Vazquez - 0413 279 944

### Singers

Pauline Toohey - 0411 752 834

### Stretch / Gym

Hilton Denis- hiltondenisfitness@gmail.com

### Tennis & Bowls

Judy McFairlane - 0418 436 225

### Yoga

Hayley Saunders - 0402 180 912

## EVENTS INFORMATION

### Unreal Flowers



An Exhibition by the  
Sculpture Workshop

Gaby Porter, Jan Hohne,  
Maggs, Di Swalwell, Mary V.

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th Sept. 2024

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Pink Onion Sculpture Garden  
61 Crystal Ave, Pearl Beach NSW 2256

☎ 02 4344 3771 ☎ 0414 525 216

✉ gaby@thepinkonion.com

🌐 www.thepinkonion.com

You are invited to

## Afternoon Tea



### MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Tuesday 5th November 1:30pm  
Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

- Glass of bubbles on arrival
- Fascinator and Hat Parade
- Sweepstake prizes
- Watch on the big screen
- BYO drinks and nibbles
- Bookings are advised



## Pearl Beach ART TRAIL

Saturday, 5 October 2024

10:00am to 4:00pm



Margaret Westcott

Over 15 artists will be opening their studios for you to  
explore, browse and select.  
Paintings, Jewellery, Ceramics, Photography, Sculpture.

Sausage sizzle and Raffle @ the Hall

### 'AN INVITATION'

from the Pearl Beach Bowlers to

'Guide Dogs Charity Bowls Day'

Ettalong Bowling Club

9am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Bowlers & visitors welcome  
come along to raise much needed funds for

## Guide Dogs.



Participate or enjoy club facilities

**Raffle & Auction & Merchandise**

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Meet members of the Central Coast  
Guide Dogs volunteer support group

Cost - \$10 Per Bowler

enquiries: 4344 2319



ETTALONG  
BOWLING CLUB

# Morning Tea Coffee & Cake

**Sunday 22 September**  
**8:30 until 11:00**

at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall



a selection of cakes and pastries FOR SALE from

## Burnt Honey Bakery

\$2 entry includes a cup of tea or coffee

# PEARL BEACH Food and Wine Fare



**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER**  
**10AM - 4PM**

PEARL BEACH MEMORIAL HALL

Enquiries: 4344 2319

Enjoy tasting and  
purchasing Hunter district  
and local wines and  
products.

Raffle with contents donated by  
exhibitors

# PEARL BEACH Food and Wine Fare



# The History of BRITISH ROCK The Sixties and Seventies

**Saturday**  
**12 October**

**2:30pm - 5:00pm**

in the Pearl Beach Arboretum

A live band show and dancing under  
the trees!

**Tickets @**

[british-rock-in-the-arboretum.eventbrite.com.au](http://british-rock-in-the-arboretum.eventbrite.com.au)

Email: [contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au](mailto:contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au)



# WORDS @ PEARLS

**Saturday, 2 November 2024**

**10:00am to 4:00pm**



Be part of the inaugural Words at Pearls one-day literary celebration! Join us for a day of author panels, in-conversation sessions and all things literary. A partnership between Words on the Waves and the Pearl Beach Progress Association, Words at Pearls will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall.

### TICKETS

**Day pass - \$95** including GST (+ booking fee).

**Early Bird - \$85** including GST (+booking fee).

This early bird offer starts on 28 August and saves \$10 on your day pass when you book before 17 September.

Tickets can be booked at

<https://wordsonthewaves.com.au/latest-news/words-at-pearls-2024/>  
or by using the QR code.



## MONDAY LUNCH CLUB



The first Monday each month

**2 September, 4 November**

Memorial Hall

**12 noon to 2pm**

All welcome, contact:

Catherine 0403 704985

or Bev 0439 623818

## BOOK CLUB



Third Wednesday each month

**18 September, 16 October,**

**20 November**

Memorial Hall

**11:00am - 12.30pm**

Enquires: Helen O'Loughlin

[pbbookclub34@gmail.com](mailto:pbbookclub34@gmail.com)

## CLASSIC CINEMA CLUB



The first & third Wednesday each month

**4 & 18 Sept**

Memorial Hall

**2.30 - 4.30pm**

\$20 to join & \$5 for refreshments

Enquires & bookings: Lynne 4344 2319



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

**7 December, 2024**, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SANTA

**23 December, 2024**, Pearl Beach Arboretum



Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail

# PBEAT 2025

Saturday 22 March to Sunday 27 April 2025



### PEARL BEACH SUMMER BOOK FAIR

**FOR ALL YOUR SUMMER READING!  
CHOOSE FROM A WIDE SELECTION OF  
BOOKS INCLUDING FAVOURITE AUTHORS**

**FICTION & BIOGRAPHY  
PLUS CHILDRENS BOOKS AND GAMES**

**28TH DECEMBER  
9AM - 1PM**

**PEARL BEACH MEMORIAL HALL, 9 DIAMOND ROAD  
ALL PROFITS TO THE PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

[WWW.PEARLBEACHPROGRESS.ORG.AU](http://WWW.PEARLBEACHPROGRESS.ORG.AU)

# VALE

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

## JOHN McFARLANE

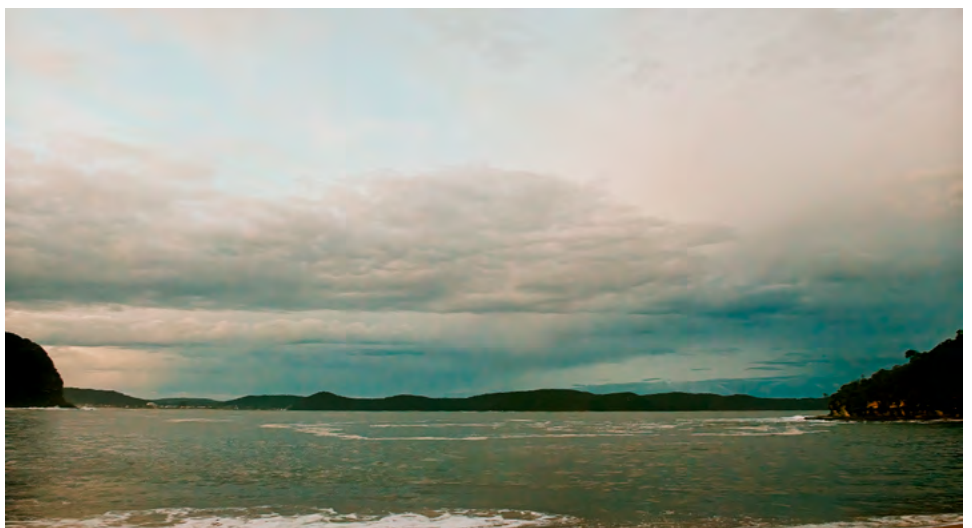
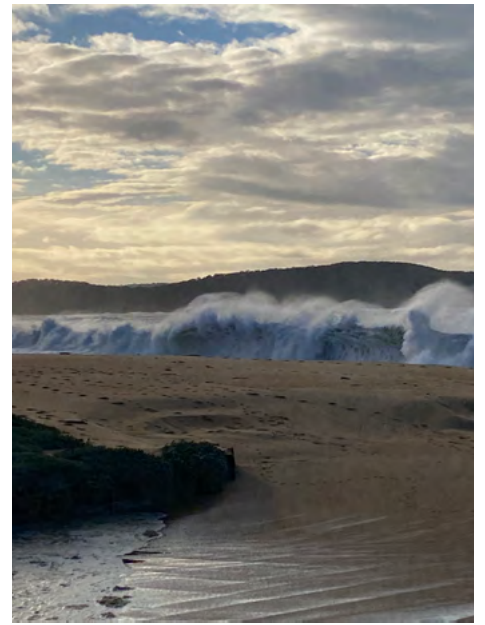
John's Funeral and Farewell was held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday 29th June, 2024 where a large crowd gathered. The past twelve months he was very unwell and he spent this time in a Nursing Home.

Members of John's family related the story of his remarkable life describing him as a quiet achiever.

A man who was a prolific builder and in fact he actually built or renovated over 30 houses in Pearl Beach.

He loved Pearl Beach and spent many hours working in the Arboretum and encouraged his family to participate in many sporting activities.

To Judy and the family we send our condolences.







## SEPTEMBER

<b>2</b>	<b>Lunch Club</b> 12:00 - 2:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>4</b>	<b>Classic Cinema Club</b> 2:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>18</b>	<b>PBPA Meeting</b> 5:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>7</b>	<b>Bushcare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>7</b>	<b>Unreal Flowers</b> 10:00am - 4:00pm Pink Onion, Crystal Ave
<b>8</b>	<b>Tennis Club AGM</b> 3:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>14</b>	<b>Dunecare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>14</b>	<b>Central Coast Council Elections</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Book Club</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>21</b>	<b>RFS Get Ready Weekend</b>
<b>22</b>	TBA
<b>22</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Cake</b> 9:00 - 11:00am PB Memorial Hall
<b>22</b>	<b>Arboretum Working B</b> 9:00am Arboretum
<b>29</b>	<b>Bowls Charity Day</b> 9:00am Ettalong Bowling Club

## OCTOBER

<b>5</b>	<b>PBPA Meeting</b> 5:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>5</b>	<b>Art Trail</b> 10:00am - 4:00pm Artists Studios
<b>5</b>	<b>Bushcare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>12</b>	<b>History of British Rock</b> 2:30 - 5:00pm Pearl Beach Arboretum
<b>12</b>	<b>Dunecare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>16</b>	<b>Book Club</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>26</b>	<b>Food &amp; Wine Fare</b> 10:00am - 4:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>20</b>	<b>PBPA AGM</b> 3:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>20</b>	<b>Arboretum Working B</b> 9:00am Arboretum

## NOVEMBER

<b>2</b>	<b>PBPA Meeting</b> 5:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>2</b>	<b>Words @ Pearls</b> 9:00am PB Memorial Hall
<b>2</b>	<b>Bushcare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>4</b>	<b>Lunch Club</b> 12:00 - 2:00pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>6</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup</b> 1:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>9</b>	<b>Dunecare Working B</b> 9:00am Amenities Block
<b>17</b>	<b>Arboretum Working B</b> 9:00am Arboretum
<b>20</b>	<b>Book Club</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm PB Memorial Hall
<b>22</b>	<b>Paella &amp; Guitars</b> 6:00pm PB Memorial Hall

For more details and any updates scan the QR code or click on this link

[pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://pearlbeachprogress.org.au)

to visit the Pearl Beach Progress Association website for links to activities and events

