

THE PEARL BEACH

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GEM

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karina Stafford



Welcome to our summer addition of The Gem.

I wanted to thank our wonderful volunteers who are the backbone of the Pearl Beach community. Volunteers contribute their time, skills, and passion to make a positive impact on our village, and their dedication is truly commendable. For those who are not aware, the Community Memorial Hall is owned by the Pearl Beach community (not the Council) so we are responsible for paying for all maintenance, rates, insurance etc.

Volunteers contribute in various ways, such as managing the Hall, supporting local safety initiatives, helping those in need, and fostering a sense of community spirit. Their efforts create a stronger and more connected community, enhancing the overall quality of life and engagement of everyone involved.

They also contribute the lion's share of revenue for our Hall by organising and running a wide range of events. Whilst these events are highly successful, this is currently only a very small team. We need more people to share the load - on a regular basis or even for one-off events. You don't need to live here permanently!

A heartfelt thank you to all those who do volunteer their time. Their commitment is invaluable, and their actions exemplify the spirit we are continually trying to build throughout Pearl Beach.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I'd like to wish everyone a fabulous festive season and a safe and healthy New Year.

PS. A BIG thank you to Arthur Braidwood who not only donated some beautiful hand crafted timber office furniture, but then took the time to recreate it into a fantastic custom built office at the back of the Memorial Hall. It's very much appreciated & will be well used for years to come.

BUSHCARE

Stephen Parsons



Hi, Pearl Beach Bushcarers. We have had a productive, focussed year. We met at North Coral on December 2nd to follow up on our onslaught in recent months. The group split into 2, one to advance from the sea, the other from the trail.

We will go into recess and return on February 3rd at a site to be selected. Happy Christmas to all bushcarers!

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



Mary Knaggs



Meeting with Council representatives

Representatives of the Environment Sub-committee, together with the President of PBPA Karina Stafford, met with CCC Director of Environment and Planning, Dr Alice Howe, and Andrew Roach, Manager Development Assessment, on Thursday 5 October in Pearl Beach. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss examples of inappropriate development in Pearl Beach, and to raise the concern that the requirements of the Central Coast LEP and DCP are not being properly applied by CCC planners in determining development applications. The impact of approvals by private certifiers leading to overdevelopment and tree loss without the community or PBPA being notified was also a matter for discussion.

The meeting was cordial and productive, providing us with an opportunity to emphasise that the Pearl Beach community care deeply about protecting its special environment, including the flora and fauna that are at risk from inappropriate development. A key outcome of the meeting was confirmation that CCC is committed to more stringently applying the controls now that the consolidated CCC LEP and DCP have been adopted. Dr Howe provided advice as to how the Sub Committee could be more effective in preparing and directing submissions, and expressed her willingness to be contacted directly if we have concerns that we feel are not being adequately addressed.

Central Coast: Review of Environmental Zones for Deferred Lands

In November 2023 the Environment Subcommittee prepared a detailed response on behalf of the Pearl Beach Progress Association. The issue concerns the types of development that can be considered (subject to development approval) on Mt Ettalong; and on the larger blocks of private land at the back of Pearl Beach, as well as elsewhere on the Central Coast east of the Freeway.

Environment Subcommittee Plans for 2024

It is likely that Council will commence community consultation on reviews of the Local Environmental Plan and the Development Control Plan for the Central Coast in 2024. We will be encouraging everyone to participate. In preparation you might want to look at the existing special provisions for Pearl Beach in the current DCP. See Clause 5.10 via this link <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-build/planning-controls/central-coast-development-control-plan-2022>

The Environment Sub Committee plans to hold events in Pearl Beach every few months that highlight our special environment. In running these events we work cooperatively with the Arboretum and with Pearl Beach Bushcare and Dunecare.

We also plan to improve our community resources about the environment. You can already find some interesting resources and links via our webpage

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

Copies of the Pearl Beach Environmental Guide are also available. Email

pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com.

Joining Or Assisting The Environment Sub Committee

If you have an idea for an environmentally themed event or publication; or if you would like to join or assist our Sub Committee please email pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com.

(Note Gary Phillips will now be our representative on the Executive Committee).

ARBORETUM

Victoria Crawford

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



Pearl Beach
ARBORETUM

Arboretum Committee 2023 - 2024

Following our AGM in October 2023 the Arboretum management committee is as follows:

President: Victoria Crawford;
Vice President: Phil Rich;
Secretary: Mary Knaggs;
Treasurer: Frances Alter; and
Ordinary Members - Gabby Crompton, Marijke Greenway, Carolyn Marks, Robert Payne, Gary Phillips, Jennifer Price, Rachel Shea, Di Swalwell, Mary van der Westhuyzen and Bronwen Young.

Life Membership to Mary van der Westhuyzen

Mary van der Westhuyzen has been awarded life membership of the Arboretum.



Mary has worked in the Arboretum for over 10 years and has been on the committee since 2013. She has a great interest in plants and the propagation of native species, and has researched propagation, trialling different methods. Mary often pops across to the Arboretum to look after the propagation area. She is always thinking of what can be done to enhance the Arboretum plantings. It is because of her we have some beautiful native orchids that we will plant out in autumn. Mary has also been instrumental in ensuring our tree signs are accurate. From 2021 until early 2023 Mary managed the weddings and other events in the Arboretum, setting up systems and base documents that we continue to use and improve upon. Most importantly though, Mary has been a staunch supporter of the Arboretum and its unique place in Pearl Beach. She is a supportive member of the committee and provides great wisdom in our discussions.

Ephemeral Art Trail 2023 Survey

The Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail (PBEAT) 2023 ran from Saturday 16 September to Sunday 15 October. The event was well received and if you attended we invite you to complete the quick post event survey via this link. [PBEAT Survey](#), A short video of PBEAT 2023 is available here [PBEAT Video](#). You can see the winning entries on the [PBEAT2023 Webpage](#).



Liesl Tesch presenting the certificate to PBEAT2023 winner Kasia Niedzielak. (Image by Duncan Bridel)

Become an Arboretum Member

New members are always welcome. See our website for more info and a copy of our constitution [HERE](#). Or call President Victoria Crawford on 0407 272 495. Membership fees help with Arboretum management costs, including tree maintenance and equipment maintenance. We also have some new exciting projects planned for 2024!

Native Bee Hives

At our November 2023 Working Bee, Gary Phillips successfully split two of our active native bee hives to create four beehives, using hive boxes that he had carefully repaired. This was a chance to see the amazing spiral brood mass inside the hive of the Native Stingless Bee (*Tetragonula carbonaria*).



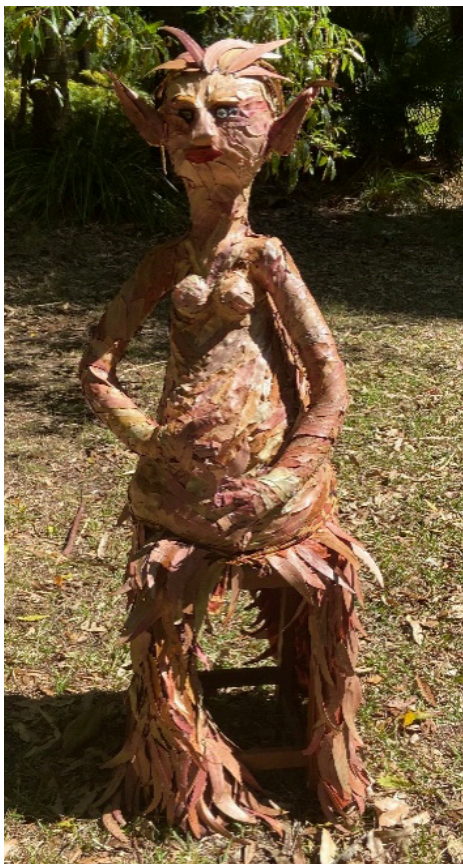
The new beehive created from the split beehive. The roofs were made by the Umina Men's Shed.



The spiral brood mass inside the hive of the Native Stingless Bee (*Tetragonula carbonaria*). Image by Francisco Garcia

Volunteering

You don't have to be a member or live in Pearl Beach to be an Arboretum volunteer! We meet at 9 am on the third Sunday of every month (except December), followed by a lovely morning tea at 11am. Volunteers can also help out at any time in daylight hours! We are particularly keen to have additional volunteers with a passion for propagation (we can teach you!) and for looking after our flora and fauna.



PBEAT2023 entry Eucalypt Sprite by Pim Sarti.

Arboretum Management
Plan and Landscape
Masterplan 2023

During 2023 the Arboretum completed a Management Plan and a Draft Landscape Masterplan. These will be available on our website shortly.

PLODDERS

Bev Lapeck

“The Pearl Beach Plodders have had a successful year of ‘plodding’. Our walks, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except December and January, have included the Sensory Garden at The Entrance, a Picnic at The Basin, a walk to Parsley Bay on the Hawkesbury, Point Clare to West Gosford, Kariong to Mt.Penang (Riding for the disabled), Crackneck Lookout to Shelly Beach (see photograph) and Rumbalara Reserve.

At the end of February 29 Plodders spent a fantastic 5 nights in Mudjee staying in the 4 Getaway Cottages with an amazing walk to The Drip in the Goulburn River NP and many Happy Hours.

2024 looks very promising with 24 already booked for 5 nights in the River Myall Holiday Resort at Bulahdelah, (Sunday 5th-Friday 10th May). I still have a couple of vacancies so if you are interested please get in touch with me ASAP.

Anyone can join in our gentle walks so if you are not on my email list let me know please.

Bev Lapacek (0349623818)
bevlapacek91@gmailcom



The Plodders on the Crackneck lookout to Shelly Beach walk

PBSAG
Safety Advisory Group –
Helping you stay safe in
Pearl Beach



Paul Toohey

Bushfire Danger Ratings and
Warnings

All residents and visitors to Pearl Beach need to be watching the forecast fire danger ratings alerts and be ready to act quickly. If a fire starts you will have only minutes to act.

| FIRE DANGER RATING How easy is it for a fire to start, and how severe will it be if one does? | |
|--|--|
| NO RATING | Fire risk is not significantly elevated |
| MODERATE | Fire is a real risk. If a fire starts, monitor closely and be prepared to leave quickly |
| HIGH | A fire poses a major danger. Leave early unless you are well prepared to stay and defend. |
| EXTREME | Any fire will be extreme and move quickly. Leave ASAP unless you and your home are prepared to the highest level |
| CATASTROPHIC | A fire cannot be stopped and your home can't be defended. Leave bushfire risk areas NOW. |

Unless you and your home are prepared to the highest level, with PPE (personal protective equipment) and an independent water supply that will work in a power outage, it is not safe to STAY. Your only safe plan is to GO.

BUSHFIRE ALERT LEVELS

A fire has started, you need to be ready to implement your PLAN quickly.



Your only options are STAY or GO. If you are not well prepared to STAY and defend your property, then GO. If you don't choose one, you will be TRAPPED when the fire arrives.



ADVICE

A fire has started, but is not an immediate danger. Monitor as the situation changes



WATCH AND ACT

Heightened threat. Conditions are changing and you need to act now to protect you and your family. If your plan is to GO, leave now while you can



EMERGENCY

Highest level alert. You are in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

SHELTER IN PLACE warning may be issued at any time. It is too late to leave, you are trapped. Find the safest place you can.

Don't WATCH – ACT. Now. The next level EMERGENCY alert could come at any time, and by then it is too late to leave.

Key to Fire Danger Ratings

| | |
|--------------|---|
| NO RATING | No rating issued |
| MODERATE | Plan and prepare |
| HIGH | Be ready to act |
| EXTREME | Take action now to protect your life and property |
| CATASTROPHIC | For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas |

Total Fire Ban – There is total fire ban in place

In EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC fire weather, leave IMMEDIATELY for ANY fire (even ADVICE level). If your home is not fire rated it is not safe to defend in EXTREME fire weather. NO fire is stoppable and NO HOME is defensible in CATASTROPHIC fire weather – LEAVE ASAP.

Hazards Near Me – Real-time alerts

If you don't have the official NSW Emergency Services Hazards Near Me app (formerly Fires Near Me), download it and set up alerts around Pearl Beach NSW. Once a Watch Zone is set-up, you will receive automatically alerts of any Fire, Flood & Tsunami near by.

Other emergency info sources:

- Call 1800 679737 for major bushfire information
- NSW RFS Website – rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Local radio stations – ABC FM 92.5 and AM 702
- Your neighbours – Support and inform each other, especially vulnerable neighbours

Be Aware of Pearl Beach 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 is most likely to involve hot westerly or northerly winds which quickly push a bushfire into and through Pearl Beach.

Whilst Pearl Beach RFS Brigade may be able to assist, in a bushfire you cannot rely upon Emergency Services, including the RFS, being able to rescue residents and visitors.



The RFS and the Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group have supplied RFS's Bushfire Survival Plan to all residents over the past years and is a MUST HAVE, so be sure to complete the plan within the brochure. This brochure can be downloaded online from

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/36597/BFSP-Complete.pdf

The RFS strongly recommends Pearl Beach residents have a LEAVE EARLY plan on receipt of an actual bushfire alert. Why?....because Pearl Beach has only one exit road easily cut off in a bushfire.

If residents and visitors become trapped in Pearl Beach there are two Neighbourhood Safer Place locations:

- Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall, 9 Diamond Road which has fire protection sprinklers and backup power.
- Beach by the Amenities Block.

Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall - "Neighbourhood Safer Place" (NSP)

The project is complete and operational, with just the installation of a spearpoint pump ongoing to provide extra water for fire protection sprinklers and RFS trucks.

In conjunction with the RFS we are planning a joint presentation at the Hall to the community on a date to be confirmed in December under the theme of "What happens when a Bushfire impacts Pearl Beach". There will be a demonstration of the NSP as a familiarisation exercise showing residents what occurs should the NSP need to be activated. Details of this event, date & time will be advised to members by email, Facebook and the Progress Association website.

FTTP NBN connection for the hall is being arranged ASAP, which offers significant NBN WIFI reliability improvement (and possibly the ONLY communications out of Pearl Beach in a power outage / bushfire).

Beach Safety

Pearl Beach is UNPATROLLED, the drop-off is steep, and waves and rips are strong - particularly at the Northern end of our beach. Residents and visitors need to be mindful the danger, and especially careful with children and weaker swimmers. The Southern end of the beach and ocean pool are safer compared to other areas of the beach.

We have Yellow Rescue Tubes near the Amenities block and Northern end of the beach, and a Red Life Preserver Ring at the ocean rock pool. Additionally, in the case of emergency either call 000 or use the Emergency Alert Beacon located at the Agate Ave entrance of the beach; the alert button is a direct voice and camera link to Surf Lifesaving NSW who will immediately alert emergency services including an assistance call out to the local Umina and Ocean Beach surf clubs.

SAG has been in regular contact with the Council regarding:

- Rock pool, the next clean is being scheduled, tides permitting, prior to Xmas school holidays.
- Clearer signage for use of the Emergency Response Beacon (ERB) – with Surf Lifesaving NSW. Timeframe to be advised.
- The installation of new Yellow Rescue Tubes cabinets – one at the Nth Coral beach entrance, another at the laneway entry off Coral and move Agate to next to the ERB. Again, this is with Surf Lifesaving NSW not only for Pearl beach as they are looking to install 30 Yellow Tube Cabinets at other Central Coast beaches. Build and installation time yet to be advised.
- Additional signage at several beach entry locations that show a map location of both the ERB and the AED. Timeframe is linked to 2nd and 3rd points above.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving

Louise & Peter Lambeth, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving's education team, will be holding beach safety presentations during the Xmas School Holidays. Two education sessions will be held over the Christmas/New Year period with further holiday sessions to be determined. Dates will be advertised closer to Christmas via the Pearl Beach community noticeboard and on Facebook.

Mobile Phone Reception Issue

Mobile Phone reception in fringe village areas remains poor.

Despite best efforts through communications with Dr. Gordon Reid MP and Minister Michelle Rowlands in July/August23, nothing has or is likely to happen in the absence of the Telcos being willing to improve/upgrade their Mobile Ph technology at Mt Ettalong.

We will however remain in contact with Dr. Gordon Reid PM next year when the Round 3 of the Peri-Urban Mobile Program (PUMP) becomes available. PUMP is providing \$28.2 million in funding to Optus, Telstra and TPG to deliver 66 4G and 5G mobile coverage solutions at 50 locations on the peri-urban fringe of Australia's major cities.

RFS Community Fire Unit

Efforts by RFS and the Pearl Beach SAG in recent months to recruit new members to the CFU have been unsuccessful. The future of the CFU looks bleak, without enough volunteers for the CFU trailer to be activated, and the risk is that the RFS will disband the CFU.

If we can get 12+ neighbours to form a CFU, subject to RFS approval, we will relocate the CFU trailer to their street for their use. Talk to your neighbours and let us know ASAP. RFS meets Tuesday nights at Emerald Street station.

Tennis Court Defibrillator

Unfortunately, the AED was stolen at the end of September which had to be immediately replaced at a cost of \$2395. Unfortunately the AED was not covered by the Progress Association's insurance policy meaning that the replacement cost had to be met by the Progress Association. The fortunate and appreciative news is the Tennis Club agreed to meet 50% of the cost for the AED replacement.

Subsequently insurance coverage has been included in the current Progress Association insurance policy with any future theft risk being subject to an excess payment of \$500.

With risk mitigation in mind the Tennis Club and the Progress Association decided that the ongoing theft risk be minimised by relocating the AED to the tennis court club house meaning that the AED will only be available when the club house is opened for all tennis and bowls players.

RFS THANKYOU

Community 'Thank You' to Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade Afternoon Tea - 3pm Saturday 18th November 2023



A large crowd of residents and friends gathered at the Pearl Beach Brigade enjoying a lovely afternoon tea generously provided by those who came along.

All appreciated the opportunity to say 'thank you' to our hard working volunteers and to have a chat and learn first hand how our brigade with other local brigades manage a variety of emergencies that arise. Members of the brigade mixed and mingled with locals and encouraged families with small children to sit up in the big tanker. The brigade also reminded the visitors that they are always looking for new volunteers



As we know bush fires were a major concern for the early settlers in Pearl Beach. The formation of a brigade to fight bush fires came very early and for many years was a significant reason for the continuing existence of the Progress Association which was formed in 1929.





In more recent years we have experienced devastating fires in December 1990 when houses and property were lost, and in more recent times when fire once again threatened our unique and fragile environment. In 1994 we were isolated when the M1 (F3) was closed and train access disrupted.

November 2001 two helicopters and 17 tankers were called to contain a fire at the waterfall, and New Year's Day 2006 residents at the northern end were ushered down to the beach joining a large holiday crowd watching helicopters with their buckets delivering water to the fire, thankfully the wind turned.

The message at the afternoon tea was 'Be Fire Prepared'

BEATLES REBOOTED

in the Pearl Beach Arboretum - October 7

The Beatles Rebooted in the Pearl Beach Arboretum was a roaring success.

While we have had music events in the Pearl Beach Arboretum since 1995, this is the first concert with a rock vibe. This concert provided two and a half hours of entertainment by a very popular Beatles tribute band in a relaxing bushland setting.



JAM & CHUTNEY

Ruby Slade



The Jam and Chutney making volunteers work in the hall kitchen on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. We make a variety of quality jams, marmalades, pickles and chutneys, which are sold with all profits going to the hall maintenance/improvement fund.

The lead up to Christmas has been hectic and very productive. We will have some lovely goodies for Christmas Shoppers at the December BBQ Breakfast including gift wrapped trios of jams, savoury items and some fabulous handmade shortbread. Its a great opportunity to buy a lovely gift between \$8 and \$25.

Our team is entirely volunteer based, and not everyone is a confident cook. Its also a lovely social outlet. We have a great time working together. We need help with chopping, mixing and ladelling, dish-washing, packing, stocktaking, labelling and wrapping skills there's plenty of ways to participate. If you would like to join us in the kitchen, please call me on 0438 088 859 for details or check the FB pages for updates.

Donations of produce are always gratefully accepted. We always have demand for lemons, citrus fruit, berries, stone fruit, tomatoes and onions. Exotic or unusual ingredients are especially appreciated. If you have an abundance of anything, we'd love to weave some magic with it. Please either call me to arrange pick up, or drop them off to me at the Raine and Horne office in the village.

Note that we're taking a break from cooking in December and will start back again on 17 January.

CRAFTERS

AlisonPhillips



Calling all Pearl Beach Crafters

This year will be our 47th annual EASTER BOOK FAIR and will be held as usual on Easter Saturday 30th March from 9am until 5pm.

The 'Made by Locals' Stall 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 appreciate our talented crafting locals to use the next few months 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. Please email or sms me once you have dropped off your books.

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



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP



Lynne Lillico

Paul Barclair was recognised at the recent Annual General Meeting on Saturday 11th November, 2023. Presented by Victoria Crawford, Convener Pearl Beach Memorial Hall Sub-committee with the following citation -

"Paul was born in Pearl Beach, in 1945, and took his first steps here.

As a very young child, he disappeared much to the worry of family and friends. A search beside the creek found him sitting on steps eating cheese out of a foil pack, quite oblivious to the consternation of others. That quiet, contemplative approach to life has continued.

As a child he quickly learnt the area where he lived, and loved and appreciated the natural environment of Pearl Beach.

He showed great interest watching his grandfather and other family members being involved in the building of the Hall. The hall has become a lifetime commitment.

Being community minded, Paul joined the Progress Association over fifty years ago and he has been an avid contributor, especially when there have been problems to be solved. Paul uses his skills and is always ready, willing, and able to provide 'know how' when building or for other Pearl Beach issues. If we need a working bee organised Paul is the "go to" person.

Paul has been on the executive many times - at least 33 times!!

And has been invaluable on the Hall Sub-committee as he holds so much valuable "corporate" history and has practical skills which he is very willing to apply.

As a member of the Ambulance Service he was often called to give medical advice by members of Pearl Beach. Paul has also worked in the community through other organisations such as the RFS, SES and the Arboretum.

His drive, enthusiasm and tenacity have improved the community life of Pearl Beach. He has never boasted about his contributions but quietly made endeavours to support the village which he loves.

A very worthy recipient of a Lifetime Membership."



Recently we sadly have lost loved and notable members of the Pearl Beach community who over many years have enjoyed living in our lovely village and participating in a variety of community and social activities, always contributing with their experience and knowledge.

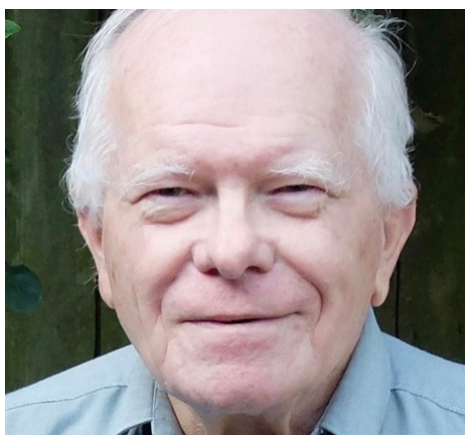
Rosemary Freeman

Rosemary (AKA Rosie) Freeman very sadly passed away on the 20 October 2023. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, and a retired criminal lawyer, expert cook and Pearl Beach resident. Her vivacious spirit will be greatly missed by all of us. Photo: Karen Wakefield



Peter Duke

His great loves were his family, his ophthalmology practice, and Norfolk Island where he was born. He loved sitting under the NI Pines on the Pearl Beach beach front. He was a very private person. Meryl, his wife introduced him to Pearl Beach on their honeymoon, and he fell in love with it.



Dennis Green

A lover of the Pearl Beach environment and an industrious gardener and his beautiful beachfront street gardens around his Pearl Beach home received many compliments. A regular and avid Mah-jong player and an enthusiastic member of the Pearl Beach Singers, his special love was feeding the Kookaburras.



John Hill

Was born in 1932 in Bristol, UK. As a mining geologist his work took him on adventures to the Solomon Islands, Malaysia, Brazil Australia, Germany and Russia. After cattle farming for 17 years in Timor, NSW he retired to Pearl Beach in 2017. He was a true intellectual - author, poet and blogger with "an eccentric thespian drive". He and his antics will be greatly missed.



Val Taylor

A lifelong member of the Pearl Beach community, always a wonderful and positive person who loved being involved in many aspects of Pearl Beach life. An avid swimmer, walking and enjoying the natural environment that surrounds our village. Her joy of singing and performing has driven her since she was a little girl in the early Glee Club concerts raising money to build the Memorial Hall. In recent years she has starred in the annual Pearl Beach Singers Glee Club concerts. You will be missed Val.



Tony Grantham

Tony Grantham died peacefully in Perth WA on Friday 10 December 2023, aged 79, with Barbara and daughter Julie beside him. He was one of life's true gentlemen.



Tony and Barbara Grantham have owned a house in Pearl Beach since 1995 and lived here permanently since 2007. Tony provided sparkle to many Pearl Beach occasions in and out of the Hall, particularly when he was behind the bar.

As an old Brit, Tony continued to enjoy the homeland humour, and entertained us all with his re-writes of Monty Python or Flanders and Swan, performing in fine style with Barbara.

Tony spent many a happy time in the Arboretum. His life membership recognised his unique contribution. He devoted hours to the care of the plants and animals which he so loved including keeping the animal water bowls full. Tony was also a keen tennis and bowls player and enjoyed being a teacher with the ladies bowls group.

Tony's career as a sub editor with major British and later Australian newspapers instilled in him a love of the English language and a commitment to its correct use. Many a misplaced apostrophe trembled as he approached with a bottle of 'white out' and a black pen. He will be greatly missed by so many in Pearl Beach.



Santa photos at Beautiful Pearl Beach

2023 bookings now open

@ <https://koalendar.com/e/santa-photos-23>

Saturday & Sunday mornings from 9am

\$85 for 4-6 professionally edited prints emailed to you

Grandparents, kids, pets, groups - All welcome!

Saturday 25th November - 23rd December

SAVE THE DATES - COMING EVENTS

ART TRAIL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 10 - 4

FOLLOW THE RED FLAGS

PEARL BEACH ARTISTS ARE OPENING
THEIR STUDIOS

PAINTING, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, JEWELLERY, CARDS,
CANDLES



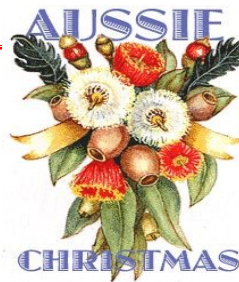
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PEARL BEACH BY Margaret Westcott



Pearl Beach

Twilight Carols

Friday 22nd December 2023

Pearl Beach Arboretum

(access via Tourmaline & Tennis Courts)

Starting 5pm, come along and join in
Santa will arrive with his bag of goodies and
this year there will be a sausage sizzle,
and drinks available for a small cost.

Families, friends &
locals invited to enjoy
a Sing-along with the
Pearl Beach Singers &
meet Santa !!!



Come early and bring a picnic, rug & chairs

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**Australia Day
2024**

FAMILY FUN AT PEARL BEACH

Friday 26 January 8am – 11am

'BBQ Sausage Sizzle'

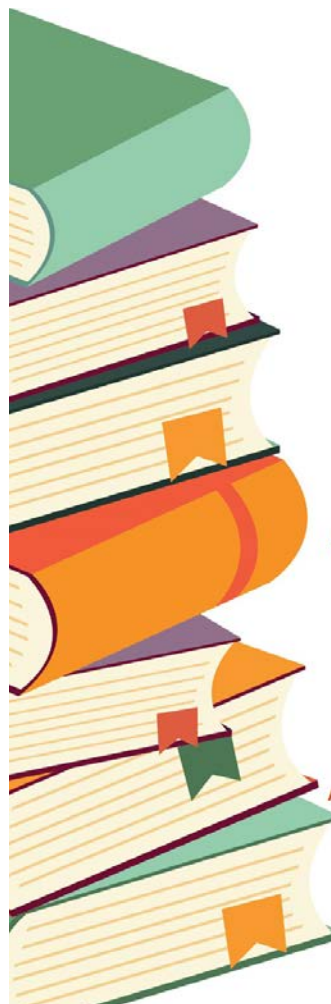
'Family Sand Castles'

'Kids Beach Races'

'Thong Throwing'



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BOOKS INCLUDING FAVOURITE AUTHORS**

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PLUS CHILDRENS BOOKS AND GAMES**

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

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

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**KIDS SUMMER FUN
@ PEARL BEACH**

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NOV 25TH - DEC 23RD
• SANTA PHOTOS ON THE BEACH

DECEMBER - 28TH @ 5.30PM
• BINGO

JANUARY @ 5.30PM
• MONDAYS - KIDS DISCOS
• WEDNESDAYS - BAREFOOT BOWLS & TENNIS FUN
• THURSDAYS - FAMILY BINGO @ 5PM

Sausage sizzle available for dinner



Pearl Beach



PEARL BEACH LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets at the Memorial Hall
The first Monday of the month
Next meeting – Monday 4th December & Monday 6th February 2024
Midday to 2pm
All Welcome



There will be no meeting in January..
Join other locals for lunch and informative chats at midday. Special guests will discuss interesting topics and careers.

Followed at 1:00pm by games & crafts – Bring your own projects & ideas to work on.

- Come at midday to enjoy a light lunch
- Or at 1:00pm if you'd just like to join the games & crafts

For those attending lunch, please RSVP & bring \$5 to contribute to catering costs

Enquires or RSVP:
Catherine Lancaster - 0403 704 985
Bev Lapacek - 0439 623 818

PEARL BEACH



Saturday 23rd 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



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

Sunday 10 December
BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce Market
8am – 10:30am
Memorial Hall
then
14 Jan & 11 Feb
All welcome!

Enquiries: 0459 551 543




Pearl Beach Progress Association presents:

BINGO

at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Ten Games for \$5

Thursdays starting 28 December 5:00pm

Fun and Cash Prizes for Young and Old

THE PEARL BEACH



CALENDAR

SUMMER 2023
SUMMARY

DECEMBER

1 Beach Photo with Santa

25 Nov to 23 Dec
[Pearl Beach](#)

1 Community Christmas Dinner

[PB Memorial Hall](#)

9 Art Trail
(Follow the red flags)

[Pearl Beach](#)

10 BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

[PB Memorial Hall](#)

22 Twilight Carols

[PB Arboretum](#)

28 Summer Book Fair

9:00am - 1:00pm
[PB Memorial Hall](#)

28 Bingo

5:00 pm
[PB Memorial Hall](#)

JANUARY

4 Bingo

11 5:00 pm
[PB Memorial Hall](#)

18

8 Kids Disco

15 [PB Memorial Hall](#)

22

10 Family Barefoot bowls & Tennis fun

17 [PB Tennis Club, Opal Close](#)

24

14 BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

[PB Memorial Hall](#)

26 Australia Day Family Fun

[Pearl Beach](#)

FEBRUARY

6 Lunch Club

[PB Memorial Hall](#)

11 BBQ Breakfast & Local Produce

[PB Memorial Hall](#)



For more details and any updates scan the code to visit the Pearl Beach Progress Association website and links to activities and events