

# THE PEARL BEACH

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# GEM

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Peter Doddrell



Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Gem.

Pearl Beach is more than just a place to live; it's a community. We would love you to contribute to the next edition of the Gem and celebrate events and activities past and future. Email me:

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



Apologies to J. Howard Miller - 1942

We also encourage you to become a member of our community association if you are not already:

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

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Victoria Crawford



What has been happening with the executive committee?

The last two months has seen some major changes within the Pearl Beach Progress Association. The executive committee team has had to reshape itself after resignations from **Karina Stafford, Nigel Tisdale, Amanda Winley and Peter Richardson**. This has left some holes in the executive but the remaining members have taken on extra responsibilities and also appointed two members of the Association to fill casual vacancies.

We have welcomed **Donna Higgins** as **Secretary** and **Margaret Westcott** as an **Ordinary Member**. Margaret is taking carriage of the Style Guide and other related signage issues.

**Victoria Crawford** has taken on the roles of **President** and **Treasurer**, while continuing to lead the hall sub-committee and the guidelines working party. **Gary Phillips** as **Vice-President** also manages our IT systems, including the website and Facebook.

**Lynne Lillico** continues with **Publicity** and with the resignation of several members of the events sub-committee is assisting **Robyn Barrett** who steps up as the **Events Coordinator**.

**Cathy Lancaster** continues to seek **Grants**, recently attending a Central Coast Council grants workshop. She also manages the monthly Lunch Club.

**Malcolm Davison** is the **Public Officer**, organiser for several community events such as Anzac and Remembrance Days and importantly managing the refreshments after general meetings. He is also coordinating our insurance and of course pursues his passion, the health of the lagoon.

**Paul Barclaire** is a member of the **Building** sub-committee and manages working bees and many of the repairs which crop up from time to time. His involvement is always practical.

All members contribute ideas and provide valuable positive input to discussions about the Association and the community.

## Working parties

**Roads and council liaison.** **Peter Richardson** continues to liaise with council about roads and other infrastructure including beach safety. Please report issues to:  
[roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au)

## Guidelines

The Pearl Beach Code of Conduct has been finalised and will hopefully be approved at the general meeting of 1 June 2024. This has been developed by **Gabby Crompton, Tanya Masters** and **Andrew Cordwell**. It has been a significant amount of work and we appreciate the feedback we have received. As I said when we first released the draft to the members last year, perhaps we could just "be nice".

## Community Support Centre.

The work on establishing this is completed. Big thanks to **Paul Toohey, Ben Kearney** and **Warren Greenway** for their work in finally putting in the spearpoint. We have had a couple of people indicate an interest in managing the equipment so we will organise a meeting with Paul Toohey in the near future and set up a team. We need to ensure we maintain the equipment and know how to use it – and hopefully never have a disaster that requires it.

## Sub-committees

### Hall.

There are many others who work with the sub-committees and ensure that the ongoing business of the Association and events are successful. I wish to acknowledge two in particular from the hall sub-committee. **Peter Romey** who has managed the hall ceiling refurbishment and other aspects of the hall management eg fire safety compliance. **Jeanne Albrecht** manages the hall hire which can be a time-consuming activity as she shows people through the hall and manages any problems that arise, and often does a bit of spot cleaning. Others on the hall sub-committee are **Tanya Masters** (secretary), **Duncan Bridel, Pauline Toohey, Gary Phillips** and **Malcolm Davison**.

We also have a team who keeps the gardens in good condition, **Margaret Moore, Anthony Maestri** and **Gaby Porter**.

## Events and Publicity.

The events sub-committee headed up by **Robyn Barrett** consists of **Malcolm McDonald, Lynne Lillico, Jacquie Bridel, Jill Eastbourne, Russell Grove** and **Pauline Toohey**. We miss those who decided to leave. However the sub-committee has been busy, with others in the community, coordinating many events over the last month and into the future – trivia, several concerts, movie shows, and the garage sale. **And of course the big event with the Arboretum on 12 October – The History of British Rock.**

Sadly we have seen the loss of several activities over the last two months. Primarily the monthly breakfasts and the jam making group. These were very popular, and it would be wonderful if they resumed. We are looking at how we can communicate with those who organised these activities to encourage them to continue to contribute their talents to the community. While both were successful fundraising activities their greater value was the benefit for the wider community. However, the breakfasts did require a lot of work and if the community wishes them to return we need a groundswell of volunteers.

The jam making group faced some problems including criticism from some and interference including stolen produce. I guess all activities will receive criticism, and it can be hard to take and discouraging, but theft is a whole other issue. We can offer secure storage, but it is heartbreaking to think that anyone within our community would do so.

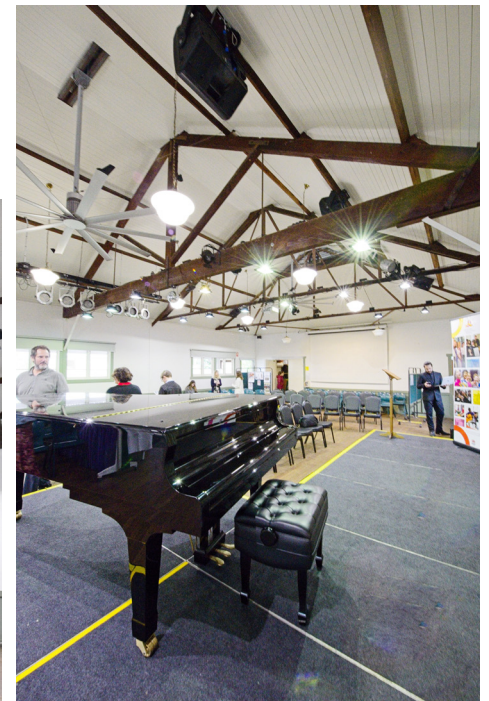
However, I believe that out of problem times we can grow and become a better organisation. We just have to look at the amazing people who live here and the activities which are available, some arranged by the Association and other groups growing organically such as art, music, book clubs, morning teas, swimming, walking, bowling, tennis and group holidays.

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)



The Hall ready for Scholarship Concerts





# ENVIRONMENT GROUP (PBEG)



Mary Knaggs

The Pearl Beach community greatly values its mature trees and its bushland setting. An objective of the Pearl Beach Progress Association (PBPA) 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 are to:

- To protect, enhance, maintain and manage the Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach, N.S.W.;
- To promote and encourage nature conservation at Pearl Beach and elsewhere.

Both the PBPA and the Arboretum are not for profit entities and donations are always welcome. Donations to the Arboretum are tax deductible.

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

The PBPA (Environment Group) , in association with the Pearl Beach Arboretum, hold a competition for the annual National Tree Day each year. In 2024 the prize money for the best artwork, photograph and/ or poem inspired by a tree (or trees) is provided thanks to the Pearl Beach Environment Group Inc.

There are prizes for artworks, photographs and poems inspired by a tree (or trees) are as follows:

- **Best Artwork over 16** (\$125)
- **Best Artwork 8-16 years** (\$50)
- **Best Photo over 16** (\$125)
- **Best Photo 8-16 years** (\$50)
- **Best Poem over 16** (\$125)
- **Best Poem 8-16 years** (\$50)

There may also be some highly commended works. The Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc. will hold joint copyright of the works submitted with the artists or author.

To enter please email your entry, name, age and email contact details to:

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

**Entries close 5pm 25 July 2024.**

If you are under 18 years of age you will also need to give us the name and contact details of your legal guardian, or school teacher. A video version of the 2024 major entries and prize winners is available here.

<https://youtu.be/elj9iq6a4Cw>

# ARBORETUM



Mary Knaggs (Secretary)

## Our New Verandah/Pavilion

Work is about to start on our new Verandah/ Pavilion attached to the Arboretum cottage with completion expected in late July 2024. The structure will provide about 70 square metres of covered outdoor space - perfect for the Arboretum’s environmental, educational and community activities or for your next function!



We have been very lucky to receive financial assistance through Bendigo Bank’s Community Funding; and from the generous donations of our members and others. And this month we have just heard the good news that we have been successful with our grant application made back in December 2023 to the NSW Government! This will enable us to also do some repairs to our cottage and to improve access and landscaping around the new pavilion.

A special community BYO community picnic with entertainment is planned to celebrate the new pavilion on Sunday 18 August 2025 - Save the Date!

Proudly supported by the NSW Government in association with Bendigo Bank, the Pearl Beach Arboretum and our community fund raising program.



**Bendigo Bank**



**NSW GOVERNMENT**



**Pearl Beach ARBORETUM**

# pearl beach environment group

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PLANETARKI TOYOTA

Sunday 28 July 2024



**Pearl Beach ARBORETUM**

[www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/](http://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/)



*From up in the tree  
The shapes, are they different?  
Comprised all the same*

Design and Haiku by Ari Byrnes. Winner of the 2023 Tree Day Competition.

## Tree Day 2024 Community Competition

## PBEAT 2025 and our first Artist in Residence Program

The **Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail** will be held again from Saturday 22 March to Sunday 27 April 2025. PBEAT creates inspiring temporary public art in a beautiful bushland setting. The installations must promote nature conservation, support community identity, and increase the cultural vibrancy on the NSW Central Coast. Community groups and artists will be invited to enter ideas in all art forms inspired by the local environment of Pearl Beach and the Central Coast.

PBEAT2025 will be open to the public free of charge during daylight hours. There will be at least 30 artworks on display and we encourage everyone to vote in the People's Choice Award. Over five weekends the Arboretum Cottage will feature music, dance and creative workshops.

A special part of PBEAT2025 will be an 'Artist in Residence' proudly supported by Central Coast Council through their 'Creative Art Central' Program. The theme for PBEAT2025 will #Harmony in Nature".

To learn more about PBEAT2025 and how you can get involved email [secretary@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au](mailto:secretary@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au).

To read more about PBEAT and watch our videos go to our website using this [LINK](#).

## Arboretum Working Bees

Arboretum 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 winter 2024 are Sun 16/06; 21/07; 18/08; 22/09; 20/10 and 17/11. You don't have to be a member - we hope to see you there!

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.

We are particularly keen to involve new volunteers with a knowledge or passion for Australian native plants and animals.



King Parrot



Victoria & Grandchildren

## Arboretum Membership and/or Donations

Join or renew now for your 2024/2025 Pearl Beach Arboretum membership! Our new system allows you to join anytime and either have an auto renewal until cancelled every 12 months, or a reminder to renew every 12 months.

The Arboretum is a not-for-profit organisation with environmental conservation and community well-being as our primary aims. Donations are tax deductible!

[www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/get-involved](http://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/get-involved)



## PLODDERS

Gillian Telford

### THE PLODDERS ANNUAL ADVENTURE - 5 NIGHTS IN THE MYALL LAKES REGION

Sunday, 5th to Friday, 10th May @ The River Myall Holiday Resort, Bulahdelah

Undeterred by weather forecasts, 27 Plodders headed off on 5th May for an afternoon check-in at the B4 resort at Bulahdelah. Our ever-inspiring leader, Bev Lapacek, had organised the week's programme meticulously so that there were always choices available for pursuing individual interests and challenges while also sharing part of the day together - the Plodders remain famous for their Happy Hours!

Members chose whether to stay in one of the resort's 5 villas or one of 8 Deluxe Glamping Tents, with magical views of the Myall river, through trees swarming with very vocal bird-life, morning and evening. Happy hours and some evening BBQ's

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# PBEAT 2025

Saturday 22 March to Sunday 27 April 2025



were held in the recreation areas, inside, or on covered decks. Despite the constant and unpredictable deluges of rain, we somehow managed to complete every planned activity, even walking from one area to another, mostly without getting wet!

Our day trips with car-pooling, included visiting the Myall Shores Resort, being re-built after flooding destroyed where we stayed in 2009. Some then went on towards Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens via the Bumbah Punt. Another day started by driving through the beautiful coastal forests of the Myall Lakes N.P. and then continuing on towards Seal Rocks. Some then worked on their calf muscles by taking the climb up to Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse (and some stopped halfway to

paint!) Mid-week was a free-choice day with a suggested climb for the hardy up Alum Mountain, a stunning backdrop to the resort and town. On the final full day, we drove to charming and historic Stroud, and walked (or drove) around the Heritage Walk as well as enjoying the various shops, cafes and nurseries.

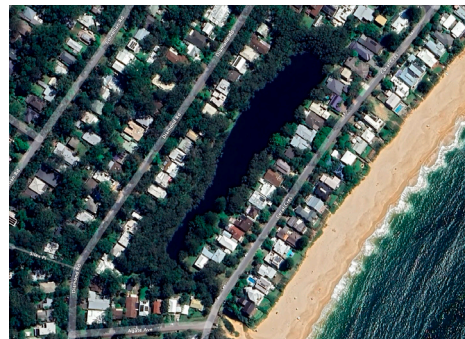
Mostly we took breakfast and snack foods with us but throughout the trip, Bev always had options arranged for meals along the way and restaurants close at hand for evening dinners. After our final dinner, we were happy to once again thank our Chief Plodder, Bev, for all the time and care she had put into giving so many others a wonderful time, regardless of any personal concerns.

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

## OUR LAGOON

**Malcolm Davison**

Some of you may have read in the local papers this week of a state government grant to help bring our lagoon back to a healthy position.



We have in our village an ancient lagoon that some say was here in the ice age.

It has become home of large numbers of native wild life, including Black Ducks, Wood Ducks, Chestnut and Grey Teals, Swamp fowl, Dusty Moore Hens, Herons, Spoon Bills, Pelicans and Cormorants. It is a very important Lagoon.

When we first moved to Pearl Beach, nearly 28 years ago it was a quite deep waterway. Now it has become quite shallow.

The real impact on the lagoon happened about 14 to 20 years ago. You may remember an accident that lead the Council doing an audit if it's drains. Some may remember the stop/go men on our road, for months. All the drains were directed into three drains into the lagoon. No silt traps were installed and the lagoon started to silt up.

Over the years we started started agitating the council.

The group of us; including **Ann and Stephen Parsons, Jane Borton, Fay Austin, Taras Mencinsky, David & Bev George, Vickii & I (and others)**, have worked with the council to improve the state of the lagoon. This resulted in obtaining three grants over the years.



Plodders @ Alum Mountain



Bev @ Myall Resort



Bev @ Myall Lakes National Park



Plodders @ Bulahdelah Bowlo



This resulted in two significant, but inaccurate reports on the lagoon. What a waste of money.

This grant the council has received from the from the state government is specifically for the installation of stilt traps, on two drains into the lagoon, thus reducing the silt washing into the lagoon. It will also be used for planting of native plants around the lagoon.

Ideally we would like to see an island in the lagoon, as we have had in the past, to assist with the breeding of our native birds. This will mean applying for further grants through the council. Over the years we have worked closely with the council, in particular and more recently with our local state member; Leisl Tesch. I want to thank them for their work towards this.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE



Paul Toohey

The Pearl Beach Progress Association (PBPA) in 2022 was fortunate to receive \$91K funding from the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants to upgrade our Memorial Community Hall (Hall) with substantial bushfire resilience measures to offer our community a place of refuge with significantly improved safety compared to retreating to the current unsheltered beach location in the event of a major bushfire.



Ben Kearney, Paul Toohey & Warren Geenway- the job is completed

With the implementation and installation of active bushfire protection sprinklers to protect the Hall buildings, independent water supply with 18kl steel rainwater tanks and due to delays recently installed a spearpoint pump giving extended operating time for sprinklers and additional water to supply RFS trucks. Also a backup power supply with solar, batteries and generator giving highly reliable supply for 48+ hours, Central Coast Bushfire Management Committee and NSW Rural Fire Service approved the Hall as a Neighbourhood Safer Place. The Hall infrastructure includes an AED, first aid supplies, toilet washroom facilities, NBN/phone and a functioning kitchen.

The PBPA's Hall project has successfully created a substantially more resilient "last resort" place for residents to shelter if unable to evacuate from a major fire. The Hall will also be an excellent resource in other catastrophic events such as major storms, road closures and power outages within the village. The Hall project was designed, project managed and installed by community volunteers.

The Hall / Neighbourhood Safety Place is also available for use by all NSW Emergency Services as a hub during a fire or storm when power is out in the village. NSP Operations Manual is in place and physical training in the activation and operation of the NSP commenced in March 2023.

Further training (to refresh existing and skill up new operators, and familiarisation for residents), will be held each year in September ahead of the start of bushfire season. The hall bushfire safety sprinkler systems provide a safe haven for residents trapped in Pearl Beach by a fire, which is likely to cut the road and power for hours. We hope we won't have to use it, but if and when we do it will save lives.

Pearl Beach Overview - located in the Central Coast Council (LGS Category 2) is at high risk from both bushfire and severe storms emanating from the effects of climate change. In particular:

- Pearl Beach is surrounded by the Brisbane Water National Park on ridges hemming the village on three sides, and up to 4km of dense bush. Fires in this area are an ever-present risk.
- Around 120 of the 660 properties in the village directly abut the National Park and all are within 500m of the bush. Many people in these properties may need to be evacuated. The village is heavily vegetated and vulnerable to prolonged ember attack.
- The village is served by a single 2km road surrounded by dense bushland on either side. The risks of this road being cut off are as follows:
- Fire or fallen trees, isolating the village for hours or in catastrophic event possibly days.
- Single overhead powerline could be out for hours or days.
- Many residents are elderly/frail some requiring medical equipment or medicines which need refrigeration.

**The Hall / Neighbourhood Safer Place will primarily ensure the survival and refuge of not only the Pearl Beach community/residents but also to the significant number of holiday makers and visitors to Pearl Beach.**



# HALL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Paul Wickham, who has been the sound and lighting person for the Pearl Beach Hall for many years, is stepping down from that roll at the end of the year.

The Progress Association is obviously keen to find a replacement for him so we are looking for someone to take over that role, or maybe a team to share the responsibilities. We are looking for anyone who may have experience in theatre production, TV work or a Hi Fi enthusiast. Paul will be available to train people in the role until the end of the year.



Thank you Paul for all your tireless work over many years.

If you are interested and want to learn more about the role please call Paul on 0434 521 206.



# TRIBUTE

Lynne Lilico



## In recognition of Involvement and years of service to the Pearl Beach Community by Dr John & Jean Irvine

At the recent Pearl Beach Music and Piano Scholarship Concerts Jean and Dr John Irvine were acknowledged for their long time involvement and commitment to the Pearl Beach Community. The Irvine story started many years ago, John is one of four brothers and their Pearl Beach visits actually started in the early 1940's. Their mother had been visiting Pearl Beach since 1926 staying at one of the earliest built houses - 'Noonameena' .

As the brothers grew older it became an annual ritual for the family to pack up at Christmas time and head for Pearl Beach and 'Noonameena', or other houses. They would catch the steam train to Woy Woy, and then the Pearl Beach bus and this family ritual eventually included taking their dog.

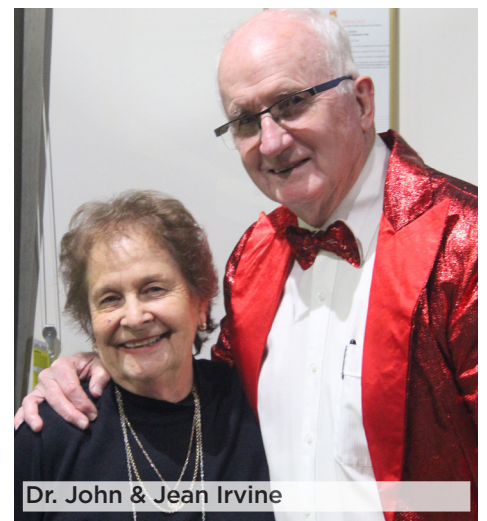
The bus journey to Pearl Beach was always an adventure with the bumpy ride on the dirt road for most of the trip and early experience the bus drove on the cliff road around Mt Ettalong. At one stage all four of the 'Irvine boys' owned land and houses at Pearl Beach. John continued his passion for Pearl Beach when he and his wife Jean moved to Cornelian Road. Their community commitment journey continued.

John's parents were passionate about music and music education and John and his brothers decided to donate a lovely piano to the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in their memory, hence the Pearl Beach Piano and Scholarship concerts were introduced in 2005.

Dr John Irvine, one of Australia's most seen, heard and read paediatric psychologists has recently launched his new book '80 Stories High' sharing 80 uplifting stories from his illustrious career working with children and their families.

Jean Irvine, an educator and as a musician and pianist works and encourages aspiring young students generously sharing her love of music and professional skills in numerous ways. Over many years she has involved herself in Pearl Beach musical concerts and Kids Club activities. Jean was instrumental in helping to re-establish the Pearl Beach Glee Club concerts as musical conductor and at times directing the annual concerts. Her musical involvement has continued with the Pearl Beach Singers and the annual Scholarship and Showcase concerts.

Jean and John continue to dedicate their time and professional skills to the Pearl Beach Community and we thank them.



# PREVIOUS EVENTS

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Bev Lapacek

The Pearl Beach Australia's Biggest Morning, held in the Memorial Hall on 24 May, was a very successful fund raiser for the Cancer Council with over \$3,138 donated. Over 40 attended with catering from The **Two Turkeys**, **Alison Phillips** (Sausage rolls) and **Keith Woods** (super scones).

A team of volunteers did a sterling job setting up and clearing away. Thanks to the community, great effort all round.



Enjoying the event



## ART TRAIL 2024



Margaret Westcott

The Easter Pearl Beach Art Trail held on a lovely autumn day of sunshine was considered a success with many people visiting artist studios. It was a great turnout and the general feeling from the artists and the public was very positive.

The next event will be The Art Fair in the Arboretum on the 5/10/24. We anticipate there will be at least 15 exhibitors taking part. Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Jewellery and Sculptures.

Please save the date and for those artists wishing to participate please contact me on:

[mwestcottartist@gmail.com](mailto:mwestcottartist@gmail.com),  
0401968947



On the Art Trail

## PEARL BEACH SCHOLARSHIP CONCERTS



Lynne Lilico

**Pearl Beach Progress Association & Irvine Family Junior Showcase & Scholarship Concerts performed by students from the Central Coast Conservatorium.**

The recent Junior Showcase and Scholarship concerts held on Saturday 25th May were extremely successful. As an annual Pearl Beach event showcases the best of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music's talented junior and senior students incorporating the popular Pearl Beach Junior Showcase, Irvine Family Piano Scholarship and Pearl Beach Music Scholarship Concert.

In 2005 the Pearl Beach Progress Association together with the Irvine Family and enthusiastic support from the Pearl Beach community created the Piano and Music Scholarship program and have continued to support Central Coast Conservatorium students with scholarships being awarded this year to the value of \$3,500.00

In the morning, junior students of the Conservatorium performed a showcase concert, including a performance by the 2024 Irvine Family Piano Scholarship recipient's who will have the pleasure of playing on a Grand Piano generously sponsored by **Kawai**.

Now in its 11th year, this annual showcase is a wonderful opportunity to hear amazing performances from the Coast's talented young musicians on a range of instruments.



Back of house for the event



The afternoon audience enjoyed breathtaking performances from eight of the best high school & tertiary aged students on a variety of instruments including electric guitar, voice, trombone, bassoon, violin and flute! A special guest performance by the 2023 Scholarship winner, violinist **Kaito Deed** wowed the audience with his virtuoso playing.

Kaito's story represents the importance of the annual Pearl Beach Showcase and Scholarship concert program. Kaito first performed as a junior in 2015, returning for the next three years before as a senior in 2019 winning the 'Peoples Choice Award' which he continued to win in 2021 and 2022.



Kaito Deed

The recipients of the 2024 scholarship awards are -

- **Pearl Beach Music Scholarship, \$1,000 sponsored by Pearly's Cafe - Elana Sydenham, Flute.** Elana is a year 11 student at Central Coast Grammar. She started playing flute at age 8, is a member of Central Coast Youth Orchestra, Grammar School Symphony, and the Senior Concert Band and principle flute with Regional Youth Orchestra NSW.
- **The Rising Star Award, \$500 in memory of Peter Duke - Mia Cross, vocal.** Mia currently studies at Sydney Conservatorium of Music for a Bachelor (Musical Theatre) and she has starred in over 18 musicals and has won several scholarships and competitions. sponsored by Meryl Duke in memory of Peter Duke
- **Pearl Beach Community Award, \$500 - Jerome Drobot, guitar.** Sponsored by locals - Aafke & Klaas Woldring, Vickii & Malcolm Davison, Pauline & Paul Toohey, Lynne & Robert Lillico and Jill Easterbrook in memory of John Hill. Jerome currently attends Kincumber High School and has many notable experiences in his music career and won numerous scholarships.

- **Peoples Choice Award, \$500** sponsored by Russell Grove in memory of Frances Grove - **Minjy Lee, violin.** Minjy, 16 years old is a year 11 student studying at Gosford High School and has been playing the violin for 10 years, a member of local youth orchestras, and runner up and finalist in a number of Central Coast scholarships.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association are delighted to host the concerts and provide the Memorial Hall at no cost and contribute \$500 toward the accompanist and adjudicator fees

This year members of Pearl Beach felt that due to the importance of maintaining a link with Central Coast music students decided to sponsor a 'Community Achievement Award'.

Also it is important to note that the **Irvine Family** and **Pearly's Cafe** continue to sponsor the two major scholarships at \$1,000 each.



Piano Recital by Dr. Terrence Hay



Winter sunset over the beach



# COMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATES

# MONSTER GARAGE SALE



**SATURDAY 8 JUNE 9-3pm**

**Pearl Beach Memorial Hall**

**Loads of Pre-loved items for sale**

**RAFFLE and BBQ**

**Stallholder Enquiries  
0449 980 165**

**GRAB A BARGAIN**

**STALLS \$35**



**Coming to Pearl Beach Memorial Hall**

*Perform a Rhythm & Blues Concert*

*2.30pm Sunday 9 June BYO Drinks & Nibbles*

*Tickets – Members \$15 Others \$25*

*Booking details – 0422 515365 or*

<https://www.trybooking.com/CRLRL>



*enquiries – 4344 2319*



*Proceeds toward Pearl Beach Memorial Hall upkeep and maintenance*



## PEARL BEACH LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club will meet at the Memorial Hall the first Monday of every month.

The next Lunch Club meeting is on Monday 3 June, 2024 followed by Monday 1 July, 2024.

Midday to 2pm.

All Welcome



Join a friendly group for lunch at midday followed by a presentation:

June - Russell Grove will discuss his career at NSW Parliament.

July - Andrew Alter will treat us to a piano recital.

Come at midday to enjoy a light lunch.

**Please RSVP & bring \$5 to contribute to catering costs.**

**Enquires or RSVP:**

**Catherine Lancaster - 0403 704 985**

**Bev Lapacek - 0439 623 818**



Looking for something to do this winter, why not become a member or renew previous membership ...

**2.00pm for 2.30 – 4.30pm  
Memorial Hall**

**Be early and share a cuppa !  
First & third Wednesdays each month from  
1<sup>st</sup> May**

Come along and enjoy a variety of different film experiences through the eyes of the movie camera over the winter months.

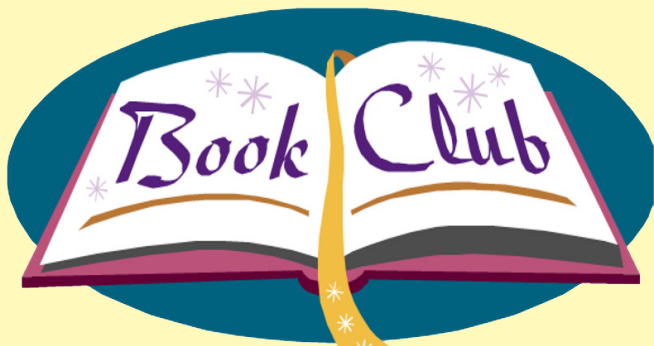
Existing members re-joining fee is \$10  
New members \$20

Cost for each film afternoon is \$5 and includes light refreshments and opportunity to have light hearted discussion and socialise in a warm and friendly place.

**Enquiries & Bookings – Lynne 4344 2319**



PEARL BEACH



**3RD WEDNESDAYS  
OF THE MONTH**

Contact Helen O'Loughlin  
[pbbookclub34@gmail.com](mailto:pbbookclub34@gmail.com)

*Christmas in*



**Lunch in the Hall  
Saturday 20 July  
12:00 for 12:30**

Two Turkeys catering  
**\$50 per head plus a raffle**  
Tickets from Eventbrite or  
cash to Bev Lapaceck 0439 623 818  
Tables of 8 - book early

**PEARL BEACH SINGERS**

**MUSICAL  
AFTERNOON**



**17 AUGUST @ 2:30**

Memorial Hall  
Enquiries 0411 752 834



**5 Lands Walk**  
DARKINJUNG COUNTRY • CENTRAL COAST NSW

**22  
JUNE  
2024**

**“CONNECTING  
PEOPLE TO  
PEOPLE  
AND  
PEOPLE TO  
PLACE”**

ART EXHIBITIONS  
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
SPIRITUAL CEREMONIES  
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES



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PLANET ARK TOYOTA

Sunday 28 July 2024



**Pearl Beach  
ARBORETUM**

[www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/](http://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/)

**Tree Day 2024  
Community Competition**

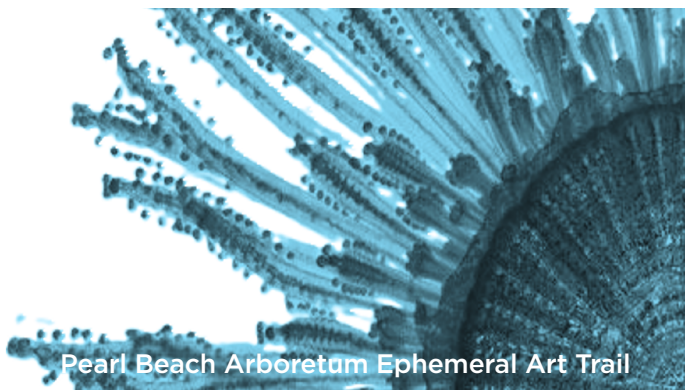
**Entries close 5pm 25 July 2024**  
To enter please email your entry, name, age and email  
contact details to:  
[pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pearlbeachenvironmentgroup@gmail.com)



# ART FAIR Pearl Beach Arboretum

SATURDAY 5  
October

10am until 4pm



Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail

# PBEAT 2025

Saturday 22 March to Sunday 27 April 2025



THE BEATLES, THE ROLLING STONES, THE HOLLIES,  
THE FACES, THE KINKS, THE WHO, THE SEARCHERS,  
GERRY & THE PACEMAKERS, T Rex, ROD STEWART,  
LED ZEPPELIN AND MANY MORE

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER  
2.30PM

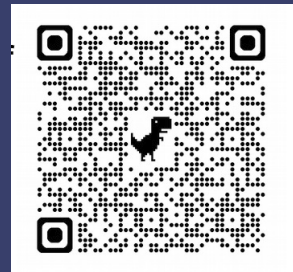
PEARL BEACH ARBORETUM

The history of British Rock takes you through the music of the early 60's and all the way through the late 70's. Bring a picnic, rug & chair\*

Tickets: \$45 - early bird bookings \$40 under 15 \$25 groups ten or more \$40 per ticket

[pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/history-of-british-rock](http://pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/history-of-british-rock)

0407 272495 / 4344 2319



SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM

PEARL BEACH MEMORIAL HALL

Enquiries: 4344 2319





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

## BILL ABBOTT

Long time resident Bill Abbott passed away disembarking from a recent cruise. Bill's Pearl Beach story started approximately fifty years ago when Bill and his mother, well known personality Dorothy Hart moved to Pearl Beach.

Origins of the book fair were to raise much needed funds toward the upkeep of the Pearl Beach Native Arboretum with a table of books outside the Pearl Beach shop managed by Bill and Dorothy. Once the Arboretum received a bequest they continued the concept by moving the book fair into the Memorial Hall with proceeds toward the hall upkeep.

Dorothy was also a member of the Pearl Beach executive and acted as the Publicity Officer. The two of them were always available to assist with events and sell raffle tickets at the cafe. When Dorothy passed away Bill continued managing what had become the Easter Saturday Book Fair with proceeds toward the Memorial Hall upkeep and repairs until he also decided to retire.

Bill was a passionate cruise passenger and over the years sailed on most of the Cunard ships as well as many others. He continued coming to Pearl Beach every weekend keeping a fairly private profile.

In recent years the book fair has been managed by Victoria Crawford, and more recently Alison Phillips has taken over the reigns. The book fair remains the large single fundraising activity undertaken by the Pearl Beach Progress Association with significant proceeds from book sales, plus back deck cafe, collectables, cakes and jams, a raffle and 'Made by Locals' stall toward the Memorial Hall upkeep and repairs.

The community continue to support this amazing initiative and in recent years the introduction of a "Summer Reading Sale" has also become an annual fundraising event. Thank you Bill and Dorothy for your legacy!



Historic photos of Pearl Beach



## JUNE

## JULY

## AUGUST

**1** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm

PB Memorial Hall

**1** Bushcare Working Bee

**3** Lunch Club

PB Memorial Hall

**5** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**8** Monster Garage Sale

9:00am - 3:00pm

PB Memorial Hall

**8** Dunecare Working Bee

**9** Troubadour Club

2:30pm

PB Memorial Hall

**16** Arboretum Working Bee

**19** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**22** 5 Lands Walk

[www.5landswalk.com.au](http://www.5landswalk.com.au)

**1** Lunch Club

PB Memorial Hall

**3** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**6** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm

PB Memorial Hall

**6** Bushcare Working Bee

**13** Dunecare Working Bee

Classic Cinema Club

**17** 2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**20** Christmas in July Lunch

12:00 for 12:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**25** Tree Day Competition Entries Close

5:00pm

**21** Arboretum Working Bee

**28** National Tree Day Competition Online Exhibition

**3** PBPA Community Meeting

5.00pm

PB Memorial Hall

**3** Bushcare Working Bee

**5** Lunch Club

PB Memorial Hall

**7** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**10** Dunecare Working Bee

**17** Pearl Beach Singers Musical Afternoon

2:30 pm

PB Memorial Hall

**18** Working Bee, Anniversary & New Verandah Celebration

BYO Picnic

Arboretum

**21** Classic Cinema Club

2:30 pm

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

