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For those of you I've not met, I've been the President of the Pearl Beach Progress Association (PBPA) for the past year. My Pearl Beach journey started as a child with my Grandparents who lived in Coral Crescent, culminating in my partner and I making the permanent move to Crystal Avenue 3.5 years ago.

My true passion lies in uniting people to foster a stronger sense of community and belonging. With our community-owned Memorial Hall and our beautiful local environment, the key lies in offering diverse activities for all age groups, engaging willing volunteers, and ensuring a steady revenue stream.



Community Engagement and New Initiatives (2022/2023)

- **Local Pearl Beach Community Hub Facebook Page:** Launching a dedicated resource and communication platform.
- **Monthly Sunday Community BBQs & Fresh Food Market:** Creating regular community events and fundraising.
- **Jam Making for a Purpose:** Turning food waste into delicious produce with profits going to hall refurbishment.
- **Broadening Participation:** Alternating General and Community Meetings to encourage participation and discussions.

PBPA focus over the past year

- **Environmental Integration:** Successfully incorporating the Pearl Beach Environment Group (PBEG).
- **Enhanced Transparency:** Publishing minutes and financial reports for greater openness.
- **Efficiency Improvements:** Boosting Executive Committee productivity and processes.
- **Closer Council Collaboration:** Building a more collaborative relationship with Central Coast Council.

2022/23 Key PBPA Achievements

- **Improved:** website and communication
- **New:** accounting software, online payments, and improved processes
- **Revised:** Constitution
- **Development:** of Hall Masterplan
- **Increased:** fundraising revenue and social activities
- **Improved:** roads, drainage, and maintenance of parkland areas
- **Stronger:** relationship with RFS
- **Increased:** membership and participation

Key Focus Ahead

- **Sustainable Revenue:** Identifying ongoing revenue sources, including grants, for Hall upgrades.
- **Community Cohesion:** Fostering a greater sense of belonging and neighbourhood support.
- **Hall Refurbishment:** Completing Stage 1 of the Hall refurbishment project.
- **Balanced Governance:** Ensuring harmony between environmental preservation and future development.