

**Pearl Beach Progress Association Awards
Local Resident Paul Barclaire
with Life Membership**

Saturday 11th November, 2023

Paul Barclaire was recognised at the recent Pearl Beach Progress Association 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”.

End: Lynne Lillico

Pearl Beach Progress Association, Publicity Officer

Photo: Paul Barclaire with Victoria Crawford, and President, Pearl Beach Progress Association, Karina Stafford.

