

The Pearl Beach Gem

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COASTAL TRACK REMEDIATION

The Association was very appreciative that the recently elected Mayor of the amalgamated Central Coast Council, Councillor Jane Smith, was able to attend its February meeting. Councillor Smith responded to questions from the floor about a number of issues that are concerning the residents of Pearl Beach, in particular the condition of the coastal track that was the original road connecting Pearl Beach to Umina. The road had been replaced by Pearl Beach Drive connecting with Patonga Drive in 1952 but has deteriorated since that time due to the effects of weather and tides, and is also subject to occasional rock falls. However, the track is still well used by walkers and cyclists, despite the poor condition of the surface and the risk of rocks from above, that has led to the Council posting warning signs at each end. In theory at least, the track provides the only alternative access in and out of Pearl Beach in the event of Pearl Beach Drive being blocked due to a bushfire or other emergency. It is also worth noting that the coastal track is one of only three heritage items in Pearl Beach listed on the Gosford LEP 2014 (Roadworks, old Pearl Beach Road, Item 133), so Council is under some obligation to conserve the track. Following the meeting, the President followed up in writing these concerns and on behalf of the Association requested that the Council consider undertaking upgrading works to reduce the risk to those using the track. A working group has also been established, led by Stephen Parsons and Brenda Orłowski, to prepare a more comprehensive submission, included to the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan released by the Council. The Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group, a subcommittee of the Association, are also contributing by outlining the potential risks to the community of not having an alternative to Pearl Beach Drive in the case of an emergency.

Any residents who are interested in this issue should contact Brenda at: twobuzzu@hotmail.com

Peter Romey



OUR BRIGADE CALLING

The Pearl Beach Brigade is recruiting for firefighter and support members, to increase its membership base to better protect Pearl Beach and surrounds. Firefighters are those most often associated with the Rural Fire Service, attending fire callouts and hazard reduction activities. To be a firefighter, you must have a reasonable level of fitness, and undertake training on how to operate safely when fighting a fire.

Support people are those unsung heroes who allow the firefighters to get their job done. They help in maintaining operational readiness by assisting with checking and restocking the vehicles and equipment and performing maintenance of the station. They also provide admin support, helping in 'community engagement' campaigns to educate the community on how to prepare their home and family for bushfires. Support members are an important and valuable part of the team, and are as vital to the RFS as the firefighters who jump in the trucks to respond to callouts.

If you're interested in joining us, get in touch - we'd like to hear from you. No matter what your background, your ability or your interests, you can be part of the RFS team. Whatever time you can commit to assisting the Brigade is gratefully accepted and appreciated, please email me at lukestevenson.rfs@gmail.com

Luke Stevenson

LAGOON LANGUIDITY

As reported in the Peninsula News on 22 Dec 2017, the Central Coast Council has applied to the Minister Environment to approve its Central Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Pearl Beach.

The CCC has applied to the Minister to approve its CZMP for Pearl Beach Lagoon.

The CZMP recommended management actions are:

1. Provide information to the community
2. Prepare a vegetation and access master plan
3. Works staff & contractor training program
4. Retrofit stormwater quality improvement measures
5. Rehabilitate habitats within creek lines of the catchment
6. Improved compliance for construction activities
7. Include Pearl Beach lagoon in Council Lagoon Opening Policy and Procedure
8. Investigate options to modify the weir
9. Investigate options for removing material from the lagoon bed

The CCC has also made application for a coastal and estuary grant for Management actions 4, 8 and 9. As most in our community believe that those items are the most urgent you are invited to send requests to the Minister supporting these council actions. Address your letters or emails of support to the Minister for the Environment, Local Government & Heritage, Ms. Gabrielle Upton: Email: vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au Via post: The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, NSW Parliament House, 6 Macquarie Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Greg McPhee



TWO TAWNYS' TALE

We'd just opened our Friday night bottle of red when the phone rang. It was our first night as wildlife carers and neighbours had saved a baby tawny frogmouth from the road. As the small bundle of feathers outgrew our spare bedroom and moved into an aviary, the tawny, now called Archimedes, became the talk of our street. Neighbours we didn't know would eagerly stop us to inquire about his progress. Archimedes is now free, released with a female orphan of his kind. When neighbours ask what they can do to help him live a long life, this is our advice:

Cars kill many tawnys so please drive slowly especially at dawn and dusk. Don't let cats and dogs wander the streets, particularly at night. Think before using rat or insect poison. Tawnys are natural pest controllers and often die from second hand poisoning. For injured or sick wildlife call Wildlife A.R.C. on 4325 0666 or WIRES on 1300 094 737. Read the full heartwarming story of A Tale of Two Tawnys on the PBPA website at pearlbeachprogress.org.au

Augusta Miller & Michael Dahlstrom

JEAN & DAVID'S FAREWELL

Jean and I were overwhelmed by the 120 or so of you who came along to the Hall on 14th January to wish us well for the future. Catching up with the PB family was very special, as was the granting of Life Membership of the PBPA. A big thanks to you all, after 34 years at Pearl Beach we will miss you and the village community that we had the pleasure and opportunity to enjoy. We hope to see you sometime!

Jean & David Denton



PEARL BEACH ARTISTS CHOSEN

The annual Gosford Art Prize is a hotly contested event with local and national artists engaged in friendly competition and with over \$24,000 in total prizes. In 2017, 520 entries were received for this prize and only 161 were chosen for exhibition. Three artists from Pearl Beach were amongst those chosen, Peter Baka, Robyne Palmer and Marijke Greenway. Robyne had both her paintings selected, 'Early Morning beside the Murray' and 'Guardian of Rumbalara', Peter Baka painted 'Brush Turkey Man' and Marijke Greenway painted a composite of 15 small works entitled 'The Daily Weather Report, Pearl Beach'. Congratulations to all three, Pearl Beach can be proud!

Carolyn Everett

A THANK YOU FROM ALYCE FAITH



Alyce is a flautist who performed at our Scholarship Concerts, winning the Progress Scholarship in 2012 and returning to perform at the 10th anniversary concert in 2015. Alyce has sent the following letter of thanks:

"I will always be so grateful to the PBPA and the Central Coast Conservatorium for the support and encouragement I received from

from the age of about eight, in my ambition to build a career as a flautist. I have now completed a Bachelor of Music (Flute Performance) at The Melbourne Conservatorium, The University of Melbourne, completing my honours year in 2017.

I am excited to have had a successful audition into the Royal Academy of music (RAM) in London to study a Masters of Arts in Performance Degree from September this year.

I really feel so fortunate to have started my career on the Central Coast with the wonderful tuition and backing I received and I will always be proud to acknowledge this help."

Lynne Lillico



ARBORETUM NEWS

The Arboretum 'Wedding Tree' was recently vandalised by youths with bows and arrows using it for target shooting. This has been reported to the police and Central Coast Council. Council signage stipulates that bows and arrows are prohibited.

Our good news is that the cottage extension has almost been completed. A big thanks to our hard working volunteers. The Council has finally signed our licence agreement after 2 ½ years of negotiation and our \$5,000 grant that we received 18 months ago from Council has finally been paid.

The Arboretum is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you would like to join, please contact the Honorary Secretary at pearlbeacharboretum@gmail.com Arboretum membership is \$20 per year.

Ann Parsons

V A L E

VIOLET GRAHAM

Violet, formerly of 29 Crystal Avenue, died peacefully on Tuesday 30 January at Lutheran Aged Care Centre Albury, aged 97 years. Violet loved Pearl Beach especially the wildlife, lyrebirds, monitors and wallabies who were daily visitors. Violet was a colourful character until the end.

Event Highlights

This year, after much debate regarding our PB Australia Day celebrations it was decided to scale back the day to kids beach races and a BBQ. The aim this year was to enlist more residents to volunteer their time to make this event happen – and we were overwhelmed by how many people stepped up. It was also important that it was a safe and fun event. From all reports the main event, the kids races on the beach, proved to be a success. Everyone involved was surprised and rewarded with the many smiles evident that day and special thanks go to Greg McPhee, Larry Nelson, Stephen Parsons and the team who organized the races. The BBQ, under the control of Peggy Todd, raised \$1300 for charity. Thanks go to Ross Hillyard, of Pearl Beach Patonga Real Estate, for his generous sponsorship to the BBQ, to PBPA for their support and to Peggy and her team on a job well done. Local Aboriginal charity Mingaletta Early Intervention Education Program was the worthy recipient and we wish them well in their activities. Also thanks go to those who manned the first aid table, the RFS local Brigade who brought their fire truck along, much to the delight of the kids and of course the helpers who did the setting up and taking down of the equipment.

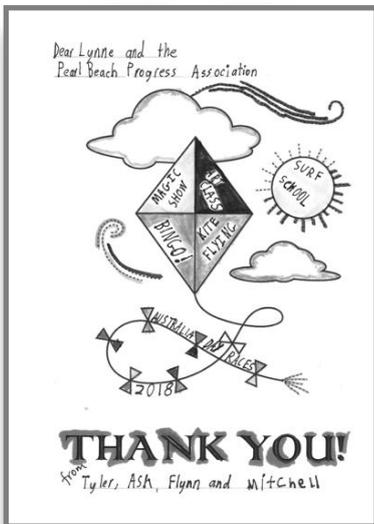
Carolyn Everett



Australia Day 2018



Kids Club



Christmas Joy



Family Beach Safety



Aboriginal History Events

In 2017 we ran Aboriginal film nights, some great bushwalks to see Aboriginal art, and an informative 'Afternoon tea with Bob' with local expert Bob Pankhurst. We also ran an Aboriginal astronomy night with local enthusiast, Paul Wickham and his wife Greti setting up their telescope and binoculars to view Pleiades and Orion, illustrating the Aboriginal story of the Songlines of the Seven Sisters. More activities are planned for this year including a film and art show in May. Our committee is seeking interest from the community to gain ideas for how to commemorate our Aboriginal history. If you would like to know more, please contact Justine (Justine@justineobrien.com) or Jeannette (dicksims@ozemail.com.au) and come to one of our monthly meetings.

Pam Ellis



DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Meet new people on Friday afternoons and join our group for an enjoyable experience

Members wanted for the

PEARL BEACH SINGERS

For more details ring Jean on 4342 1826

JOIN THE MAHJONG PLAYERS



Don't know how to play?

We will teach you!

At Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Monday 1.30 - 4pm

Half time refreshments provided

Contact: Shirley Green 0490 831 523

or Adriana Verduin 0412 889 347

MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

March

EASTER BOOK FAIR

Saturday 31st at 9am - 5pm

Books, Collectables, Cakes & Refreshments

April

PROGRESS MEETING

Saturday 8th at 5pm

EMERALD CITY SCREENING & DINNER

Saturday 14th at 5.30pm

Cost \$40 BYO Drinks

Bookings: twoturkeys catering@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 25th at 10am

Enquiries: 4344 2319

May

PROGRESS MEETING

Saturday 5th at 5pm

JUNIOR PIANO SHOWCASE CONCERT

Saturday 26th at 2 - 4pm

Entry by Donation

Enquiries: 4344 2319

PIANO SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

Sunday 27th at 2 - 4pm

Adults \$10 Children Free

Enquiries: 4344 2319

THE PEARL BEACH TENNIS & RECREATIONAL CLUB INC. SOCIAL DAY



The Pearl Beach Tennis & Recreational Club invites all residents and non residents to join in a day of fun, games and BBQ lunch on Sunday 22 April at the tennis courts and bowls green.

What: Tennis, bowls, the all new petanque BBQ lunch & drinks

When: 22nd April Final registration from 9.30 Games starting at 10.00am.

Venue: Courts & green, Tourmaline Avenue

Cost: \$10pp

To help with the catering and other arrangements we ask that you pre-register by calling Bookings Secretary, Judy McFarlane on 0418436225 by 12th April There will also be a form on the noticeboard at the courts.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE!

THE PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

*To promote the best interests of our rate payers and residents
To protect and enhance its environment and encourage nature conservation
To manage the Memorial Community Hall*

COMMUNITY GROUP CONTACTS

Arboretum: Ros Sumner - 0418 896 639

Plodders and Craft Group: Bev Lapacek - 0439 623 818

Bushcare: Stephen Parsons - 0448 751 595

Dune Care: Fay Austin - 4341 7669

Playgroup: Dawn Baker - 0408 786 878

Tennis Club Bookings: Judy McFarlane - 0418 436 225

Tennis Club Coaching: Kerrie 0438 358 225 or Mitch 0434 838 496

CURRENT PBPA EXECUTIVE GROUP

President: Peter Romey

Vice Presidents: Russell Grove and Malcolm Davison

Treasurer: Libby Nelson

Secretary: Gabby Crompton

Assistant Secretary: Donna Higgins

Publicity: Lynne Lillico

Committee Members:

Bev Kingston, Barry Marks, Gary Phillips and Di Swalwell

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Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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