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Our weekly Bingo and Cash Housie events across the Central Coast are a chance to win cash, prizes and support Fairhaven, your local disability charity.

Cash Housie

Thursdays 7.30pm
Ettalong Bowling Club
103 Springwood St, Umina Beach

Bingo

Mondays 11.00am
Ettalong Bowling Club
103 Springwood St, Umina Beach

Fridays 10.30am
Everglades Country Club
Dunban Rd, Woy Woy





Active Bowlers 21 Ends

Mixed team of 4 Corporate \$200 per team

Non-Corporate \$30 per Player \$120 per Team

Novice Bowl ers \$30 per Player 15 End

Entry Fee includes BBQ lunch

(Aprox 1:00 to 1:30pm)

Start times: Novice 9:00am

Active 9:30am

Novice Spider \$30 Wish Card

Active Spider \$30 Wish Card - Time for this TBA Prizes Active Bowlers 1st \$400, 2nd \$20

Novice 1st \$120, 2nd \$80

Auction to be held with Prizes Valued over \$100. and Raffles available

OP SHOP DONATIONS

By donating your unwanted goods, you're not only giving a once loved item another home, you are helping Fairhaven continue to create opportunities where people living with disability can achieve what they want from life.

Fairhaven Op Shopping Village Donation Hours Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2:30pm.



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2024 has been another successful financial year for Fairhaven thanks to all the staff, volunteers, clients, residents and our valued stakeholders!



Many thanks to our supporters particularly:

- Central Coast Council for their grant to support our drumming and jamming group,
- Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club Grants as well as Bendigo Bank for their support of our Work Experience Program for Central Coast high school students in their final year of school
- Bunnings West Gosford store & the White Group for their generous donations to reinvigorate our Plant Nursery at Point Clare
- Davistown RSL for their grant to provide a grant to erect a covered outdoor living and recreation area at our supported living accommodation Kincumber
- Everglades Country Club for their grant to replace dishwashers in our supported living accommodation at Kincumber and extending the use of their premises for the "Fun on the Greens" Charity day to benefit Fairhaven, held in September 2023

Our success as a registered Charity and NDIS service provider would extremely without the help of the above supporters and also volunteers who give so generously of their time to Fairhaven.

During the 2024 year we extended our Family Forum to include the families, guardians and carers of our supported employees working at our CoPack packaging facility at Tuggerah. This coupled with our Point Clare Family Forum allows us to provide current information on the continual changes to the NDIS Scheme and better ways to communicate with the Scheme representatives.

We have all had the opportunity to extend our condolences to the family of Adrian Wheeldon who had been a resident of Fairhaven for nearly 30 years. Adrian passed away on 26 June 2024 and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

The leadership team have worked with the Board of Directors to prepare our next strategic plan for the financial years 2025 -2027 and our operating budget for the 2025 year. With clear direction and the good governance framework in operation, Fairhaven will continue to be successful into the future.

Rhonda Wheatley,

CEO.



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Grease Is The Word



The Grease musical was certainly "Electrifying". We were all transported to a world of high school romance with musical hits that we all knew and sang along to like Summer Nights, The One that I want and everyone's favourite "Greased Lightnin". with one of everyone's favourites singers Marcia Hines as Teen Angel. And what a great atmosphere at the beautiful historic Capitol theatre with its ornate statues and decorative foyer. There was time to purchase some T-Shirts and have a few photos as well.



Steamfest

Everyone was so excited to board the steam train at Maitland station and as we learnt was built in 1917 and travel in first class style with the sounds and smell of the by gone days of steam. After a short stop at Newcastle we headed back to Maitland arriving to join two other steam trains at the platform with a great opportunity for photos.

We then nestled in front of the band playing tunes of the big band era



and had our lunch (lots of yummy food to choose from the vendors) and spent the afternoon exploring the stalls and displays. Some old books were purchased, steam train pictures and souvenirs. A wonderful day was had by all who went along.





Vivid



Vivid on Sydney Harbour, once again proved to be a great experience for the group that attended, many for the second year in a row.

The highlights were the spectacular light-show, the illuminated sails of the Opera House and the scenes on Sydney Harbour of vessels lit and sparkling on the waters.

The group also enjoyed a delicious meal on board a Dinner Cruise, taking on the sights of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in all it's glory.





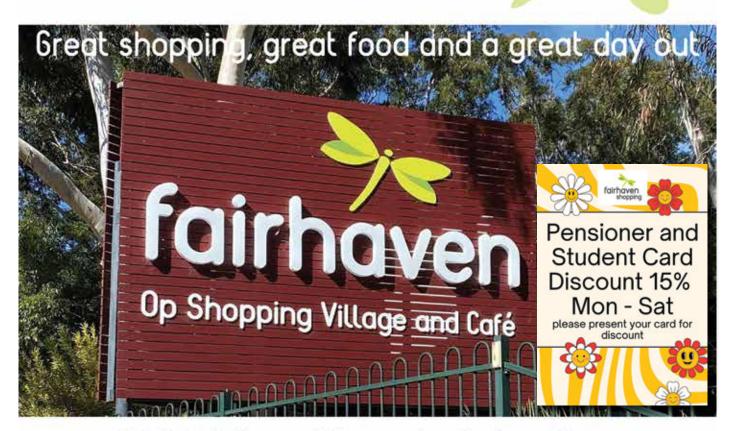
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Special Deals for Aged Care and Disability Support Group Outings

Enjoy your next social outing at Fairhaven

- Discount lunches \$10
- Coffee and Cake deals \$9.50
- Group bookings must be made in advance for Cafe discounts ph 0459 523 316
- Pensioner card discounts at the Op Shop (Mon Fri)
- Parking at rear for small buses
- Accessible site and facilities



209 Brisbane Water Dr. Point Clare

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Values Hallway Artworks

Retail Volunteers Julie and Aisha were given the task of creating some art work on mannequins to showcase the Fairhaven Values.

- > Always Improve
- > Be Enthusiastic
- Work Together
- > Be Fair
- > Have fun



These wonderful artworks are now on display in the hallway between the Café and Retail areas and have certainly brightened up the area! Make sure you check them out next time you are at Point Clare.

Generosity at its best!

We were given an extremely generous offer from wholesale company, 'Jack', and our local Bunnings Warehouse, who kindly offered to enliven and renovate our Retail Plant Nursery.



We were given everything from new shade cloth, decorative wall panels, pots and potting mix, fencing wire and fixings, decorative pebbles and planters as well as a big team of helping hands to bring it

all together. Our Plant Nursery has now risen to another level! Thank you so much to David Stead and the team from Jack https://meetjack.com.au/and the fabulous crew from Bunnings!

Dream Team

Dream Team Finalists and Best Decorated table at Volunteering Central Coast annual expo and awards

Fairhaven featured well at the recent Volunteering Central Coast Expo and Awards event by bringing



home the prize for the best dressed table display at the Volunteers Expo and scoring finalists for the Retail Team in the Dream Team category.



Pictured are Carol and Maria from our Bingettes team with the best dressed table display and Deb H and Sue G receiving the finalist's certificate for Volunteer Dream Team.

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2024 Central Coast Volunteer Expo Wrap Up

Wow! What a great day we had last Wednesday, welcoming over 350 people through the doors and into the 2024 Central Coast Volunteer Expo. This year we advertised the Expo through many avenues, including flyers, posters, radio advertising, social media advertising, two street-side banners, newspaper advertisements and local newsletters, resulting in this fantastic turn out.

Coast FM ran their morning show broadcast from 9am - 12pm from the Expo, giving us instant results! A number of attendees commented that they had heard the broadcast and came along after hearing the morning show. Well done Coast FM!

The jobs board was a hit yet again. The Volunteering Central Coast team have been inundated with potential volunteers looking to connect with our local not-for-profits. Our recruitment team is booked out with interviews until the last week of June! We will be sending suitable candidates through to our members in the coming weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for those referral emails.

If you are not a member of Volunteering Central Coast and would like to chat with us about how to sign up, please call our office on 02 4329 7122, or send an email to: members@volcc.org.au

And the Winner is...



We are pleased to announce that the winner of our "Best Decorated Table" award is Fairhaven Services. Well done to Leanne and the Fairhaven team for putting this eye-catching display together.

You have won

yourself a \$50 Officeworks voucher! Our team will be in touch shortly to arrange delivery. Well done!

NBN News Story

Did you catch the Expo on NBN News? If you missed it, click on the button below and you will be directed to our Facebook page. See if you can spot yourself in the footage!



Thank you to everyone who provided us with an evaluation form on the day. We greatly appreciate your feedback and use it to help make improvements for future expos. If you didn't get a chance to fill in the evaluation form and would like to provide your feedback, please feel free to click on the button below and complete our anonymous survey.

We would love to hear about your personal experiences from the day. If you have any stories that you would like to share with us, please let us know. You can email your story to members@volcc. org.au

Last but not least, the whole team here at VCC would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our exhibitors at the 2024 Expo. You all contributed to the success of the day and we hope that you have been able to connect with volunteers and each other, building a stronger not-for-profit network across the Coast.

We look forward to doing it again in 2025!



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Activities in the "HUB"



Jenny reading by the Waterfront



Emanuel feeding the ducks

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