

**East Ward candidates
welcomed at Empire Bay
Wednesday night,
11 September 2024**



On Wednesday evening the Empire Bay Progress Association hosted a “Meet the Candidate” forum at the Empire Bay Progress Hall, providing residents the opportunity to hear from and question each candidate standing for election in the East Ward of the Central Coast Council.

The event was well patronised, with approximately 50 – 60 people in attendance, most of whom were “local”, but which included residents from neighbouring coastal locales and the media.

Based on the level of engagement between the audience and candidates, The Progress Association is confident attendees finished the evening with a better understanding of candidate backgrounds and policies; their suitability to fulfill the role of councillor; their priorities for the central coast and what they perceive as the key challenges if elected.

Handouts covering “How to Vote” and information on the Referendum were also prepared and provided by the EBPA for distribution on the night.

The EBPA is very grateful for the commitment shown by candidates to attend and willingness to remain for supper and further questioning by attendees, especially given their gruelling schedule over the last few weeks, attending polling booths and campaigning hard.

To everyone who came along to listen and ask questions, many thanks for your time.

Ken Shaw
President, Empire Bay Progress Association

Confirmed Candidates Attendance

Group A Independents, Pat Farmer, George Paterson

Group B Labor Sharon Walsh

Group C Liberal Dee Bocking

Independents Sharon Andrews, David Kings, Rosemary De Lambert

Apologies: Lawrie McKinna (Group A Independent), David Kings (Independent), Jared Wright (Liberal)