



We pay our respects and acknowledge all the traditional custodians of this land, the elders and the descendants, past and present

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Jenny Hartich

I attended the wonderful talk on Frogs & their habitat held at Davistown Progress Assc. on Wed 16th March given by Dr Jodi Rowley from The Australian Museum. This special evening was very well attended by 45 people. Following the talk a group of us went for a walk around the wetlands listening, learning & looking for frogs. We hit the jackpot on Magnolia Ave when Dr Jodi spotted a

green & golden bell frog who seemed very happy to pose for photos. It was definitely the highlight of the evening. Many thanks to Jenny McCulla for organising the evening.

Photo of the Month Winners receive a \$30 voucher from Shelly's Cafe and a \$20 voucher from Jas Art Photography, who we thank so much for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.

WELCOME

This month, I'm doing something a little different. I'm dedicating my welcome piece to an excerpt from one of my favourite books and if you can guess it correctly (without cheating!) I'll shout you a coffee!

"Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it."

Ally Adamson



PROJECT REPORT

The 3VCG is proud to announce the receiving of a \$16,704 grant as part of the State Governments Community Building Partnership Grants program. The money from this grant will be used to purchase a picnic table with shelter and a bench seat.

These new additions will add to the enhancement of the Saratoga waterfront recreation area. Along with the upgraded play space we announced last week, and the donated picnic tables from the Lions Club. All these projects combined together are ensuring the waterfront is finally getting the attention it needs to ensure it's a thriving community space for all ages to enjoy.

The grants process is incredibly hard, competition is high among all community, sporting groups and schools to try and get funds for much sort after community projects. A lot of work goes in behinds the scenes of each grant. Many hours of research, preparation and communication are spent to try and ensure each grant application is as successful as it can be. As a community group we work hard building strong relationships to ensure the needs of the community are met and adequate funds can be found through the various grants that are available.

I'm so proud of our team who goes the extra mile to ensure we can really have these amazing outcomes, so that the entire 3 Villages Community can have public spaces we can all enjoy for many years to come.



THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

WILDLIFE ARC RESCUING OUR WILDLIFE

Wildlife ARC, (Animal Rescue & Care) established in 1987, due to the explosion of development on the Central Coast. The enormous clearing of bush land for housing created an urgent need for a group dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of native animals affected.

Here in the 3 Villages, with the ongoing building work and natural accidents, there is a prolific amount of wildlife including a huge variety of native birds, mice, endangered frogs, bats, reptiles, including land mullets (giant skinks), echidnas, wallabies etc all needing to be rescued at some time. Tawny Frogmouths are notorious for getting themselves stuck behind brick BBQ's and cheeky possums get into awkward places.

Sugar gliders habitat here but are rarely seen as they are nocturnal and in the treetops. Babies, also called joeys, are injured when they fall from their mothers and need care before releasing them.



Birds are constantly requiring rescue after being entangled in discarded face masks and fishing lines or with fishing hooks embedded in their beaks. One difficult rescue was when a Nankeen Night Heron caught itself on a telephone line from a fishing line around its wing. Luckily, the bird was cut down by a knife on the end of a swimming pool extendable net, caught and released without serious injury!

Remember to cut the loops of masks and dispose of the fishing line appropriately.

Many rescues come from car accidents but surprisingly, the tiny pink joeys from possums and wallabies can be successfully reared from as small as 100 grams so check the pouches of dead marsupials

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as joeys can survive up to around 24 hours. Call ARC immediately and leave the joey in its pouch.

ARC is totally volunteer based and receiving over 5000 rescue calls per year, help in all sorts of ways is appreciated. With a small annual fee, all training is totally free of charge. Suzanne Mannion of Yattalunga says "I became a volunteer in 2017. After retiring I wanted to give back to my community and do something worthwhile. Many roles are available, including rescuing, caring, transporting animals from one carer to another or local vet pick-ups. The roster for the rescue answering service can be carried out easily from anywhere." Suzanne goes on to say, "Don't worry, you don't have to be another Steve Irwin!"



Suzanne thanks everyone who voted in the February Greater Bank Community giveaway. ARC received \$2,000 much-needed funds from this. ARC's number is 43250666 seven days pw. Vets do accept injured native wildlife without charging.

Taia Sansom

MEET THE LOCALS



Jasmin Mills brought Organic Beauty to Saratoga in 2020, 5 years after moving here with her family to the Corso. Organic Beauty operates out of the detached cottage which many locals will recognise as winner of the 3 Villages Christmas Light Competition last year.

Jasmin lives in the villages with her husband and 4 children. Jasmin's favourite thing about the villages is the community spirit. "we live in an amazing village, everyone is friendly, smiles as you walk by, it's such a nice place to be. I enjoy the waterfront area for walks and paddle boarding. We really are lucky to have such beautiful surroundings"

Organic Beauty offers a range of beauty treatments specialising in Lash, brow and skin treatments all from the relaxed, clean and friendly local salon. Unique to Organic Beauty is Jasmin's very own SKN Food skin



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care range which is made and packaged in Australia. It's all plant based with clean ingredients that are good for your skin.

Jasmin created Organic Beauty as she wanted to create a space that delivers quality personalised service that uses Australian products. It was important to use products that are clean without nasty ingredients. My facial treatments are plant based using a high-grade cosmeceutical Synergie Skin products. My most popular treatment is an eyebrow design, Henna, eyelash lift and tint. With this combination of treatments, you walk out with perfectly waxed into shape brows, defined with colour and lifted lashes.

"I have been working within the Beauty and skin industry for 22 years and have the knowledge and expertise to help you achieve your skin goals. Whip your brows into shape and lift your lashes."

"I look forward to meeting you."

ANZAC DAY 25th April We would like to invite members of our local community and ex-service personnel to attend our ANZAC DAY Dawn service on Monday 25th April.

Mother's Day 8th May is just around the corner. The club will be open for a special Mother's Day Breakfast menu from 8.00 am. There will be Lunch & dinner specials as well as a sumptuous Mother's Day Buffet lunch.

Who doesn't love a designer handbag?

Bring mum to the club on Mother's Day for our Bags n' Brollies Raffle. There's over \$2,000.00 worth of prizes including 2 X DKNY Overnight bags & matching cosmetic bags rrp \$339.00 per set and 3 X Guess handbags rrp \$179.00 ea plus lots of other assorted bags and cute umbrella's. Mum will love it!!

Raffle Tickets available on the day, from the Bar.

Draw takes place in the main lounge at 3pm

Winners MUST be here to select their prize.

For information on any of our event please check out the clubs website or Facebook page. www.davistownrsl.com.au or phone the club on 02 4363 0199.

See You At The Davo!

ANZAC DAY

APRIL 25, 2022



6.00 am
Dawn Service at the Memorial wall.

12.00 - 3.30 pm
live entertainment.

1.00 - 4.00 pm
Two-Up
in the auditorium.

6.30 AM COFFEES AVAILABLE
BACON & EGG BRIOCHE
BUN WITH TOMATO
CHUTNEY \$12M / \$14V

BAGS & BROLLIES RAFFLE

MOTHERS DAY
SUN 8TH MAY
3PM



Purchase tickets from the bar on the day

Winners must be here to select their prize

T&G's apply



**DAVISTOWN
RSL CLUB**

WHATS ON

15th April- Good Friday

17th April- Easter Sunday

17th April- The Entrance Oyster Festival

18th April- Easter Monday

22nd April- Family Day,
Australian Reptile Park

24th April- 100yr anniversary, Davistown
Progress Association Hall

25th April- Anzac Day

27th April- School Holidays End

29th April- Blues Brothers Rebooted-
Avoca Beach Picture Theatre

30th April- Street Paws festival,
Mt Penang Gardens

30th April- Central Coast Mariners
V Western United

7th May- The Coast Race day,
Entertainment Grounds

8th May- Mothers Day

14th May- Central Coast Airshow

15th May- 4 Villages-
Shipbuilders Heritage Walk

School Holidays Central Coast Library
School holiday program
<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries/whats-on>

Congratulations to the 2022 Terrigal Local Woman of the Year Nominees

Rachel Hilditch
Terrigal Woman of the Year 2022

Kristal Naividi
Waverney Innes
Dr Yantra de Vilder
Kristin Downing
Allison Sharkey-Smith
Nada Potter
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RECIPE

Orange Blossom Almond Layer Cake

This month we thought we share a recipe that showcases oranges as a tribute to the orange orchards that use to grow all over the 3 villages.

Ingredients

250g butter, softened
2 ½ cups self raising flour
1 1/3 cups caster sugar
1 cup almond meal
4 eggs
1tbsp orange blossom water
2 tsp grated orange rind
1 cup milk
250g cream cheese
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/3 cup icing sugar mixture
1 cup Greek yoghurt
Candied Citrus

Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 160C/140C. Grease a 7cm-deep, 20cm (base) round cake pan. Line base and side with 2 layers of baking paper.

Step 2

Using an electric mixer, beat butter, flour, caster sugar, almond meal, eggs, orange blossom water, orange rind and milk on low speed for 1 minute or until just combined. Beat on high speed for 4 minutes or until mixture is creamy. Spoon into prepared pan.

Step 3

Bake for 1 hour 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of cake comes out clean (cover cake loosely with foil if over-browning). Stand cake in pan for



10 minutes. Turn, top-side up, onto a baking paper-lined wire rack to cool completely.

Step 4

Meanwhile, make Candied Citrus: Place caster sugar and 1 cup of water in a large, heavy-based frying pan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes or until sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Add orange slices. Simmer, turning occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until the pith of the orange is just translucent. Using tongs, transfer to a baking paper-lined tray. Repeat with lemon and grapefruit slices.

Step 5

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and vanilla until smooth. Add icing sugar. Beat until combined. Add yoghurt. Beat on low speed until just combined and mixture thickens slightly.

Step 6

Using a serrated knife, cut cake horizontally into 3 even layers. Place base on a serving plate. Spread with 1/3 of the yoghurt mixture. Top with middle layer of cake and 1/2 the remaining yoghurt mixture. Top with remaining cake layer and yoghurt mixture. Top with citrus slices. Serve immediately.

Recipe is from Taste.com.au



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Lucy Wicks and the Morrison Government are investing in infrastructure for Davistown



Funding a shared pathway along Malinya Road, Davistown from Coomal Avenue towards Henderson Road, making the pathway safer for families, pedestrians and cyclists.



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SCHOOLS



Green Point Christian College Northern NSW Flood Relief

Green Point Christian College is supporting Hinterland Christian College to provide flood relief.

Hinterland Christian College are working with their school families and the broader community that have been affected by the recent floods in Northern NSW.

Green Point Christian College were invited to partner in this work to support the school community of Hinterland Christian College, as they help restore and bring recovery to their Mullumbimby community at this challenging time.

GPCC staff, students and their families have generously donated \$3,000 in gift cards, over \$3,000 in cash donations, kids packs, bathroom and medical packs, and cleaning packs to support the community of Mullumbimby and the wider Northern regions. Students have made a box full of beautiful cards for those affected by the floods to encourage and to show that we care about them. A van full of the donated goods is being personally delivered by a staff member to Hinterland Christian College.

This is a demonstration of community spirit and support at its best.



STEM Sprints in Mathematics at Brisbania Public School

Experts estimate that 60% of young people are studying for jobs that will not exist, or will be rapidly affected by automation, in the next 10 to 15 years.



It's a reminder of just how important education in science, technology, engineering and maths can be (STEM). Around 75% of all future jobs are expected to call for qualifications or skills in STEM areas, while 90% of jobs will need digital skills in the next 2 to 5 years.

Learning STEM gives students the chance to gain vital life skills including active problem-solving, critical analysis and

clear communication. It also leads to other transferable skills such as creativity, teamwork and independent thinking.

Students at Brisbania Public School participate in STEM sprints once a week, aligned with mathematics. The children are given a problem to solve and then work through the STEM Design Process to define a problem, brainstorm solutions, research and plan, create a product, test and improve the product and then evaluate and share their experience with others.

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