



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

Early on a March morning, my family and I were lucky enough to see a large bird swoop down to skim the water just near a jetty along Steyne Road. To our surprise, the bird caught a large fish in its talons and quickly lifted itself up with the wriggling victim only to land on a pole just off the end of the nearby jetty. The fish was still alive when we rushed down to see what type of bird it was. But it had no chance. Within a few moments we realised, this was not the usual Sea Eagle but another very clever bird of prey, an Osprey. We revisited it throughout the day as it peacefully enjoyed its fresh seafood meal for one with a lovely view over the bay. It was on that pole eating away for over 5 hours, talk about a long 'sushi' lunch! But hey, it's only the best when in 'Sunny Saradise'.



Photo Of The Month: Leesa Pratt

Leesa receives a \$30 voucher from Shelly's Cafe and Jas Art Brewer Nutrimeretics, who we thank for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.

WELCOME

When you invite your woundedness out of subversiveness and into your awareness you finally begin to honor the past pain. You also minimize its contractive influence on your life. And you begin to offer yourself the potential of something more."

Markus William Kasunich



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PROJECT REPORT

Calling for Volunteers

Over the last years, since the inception of the 3 Villages Community Group, much has been achieved, but there is so much more yet to do, and to achieve this we need more hands on deck.

Committee Members have responsibilities for specific projects, but everyone is super busy concentrating on their project(s), as well as helping others on theirs. We therefore need to expand the Committee, and establish small teams of volunteers to support Committee Members on specific projects.

If you have a spare hour or two each week we would love to hear from you, and if there is a specific area that you have an interest in (I know everyone will say what is a spare hour I'm just so busy, but we all know a busy person is the one who gets the jobs done).

Some of the areas that we need assistance with are:

Public Relations – someone to assist in promoting the various activities we are undertaking, such as our Annual Trivia Night fundraiser, the Christmas Light's competition, our participation in the Ship Builders Heritage Walk etc. etc. etc.

Newsletter – write an article, proof read the Newsletter prior to printing, co-ordinate our delivery volunteers, or become a delivery person on your local streets.

Trivia Night – seeking prizes and auction items, coordinating the evening, help on the night

Christmas Lights Competition – organising, promoting and judging

Council Reviews – ensure that nothing that affects the 3 Villages slips passed without residents being aware of this, such as the recent classifications of public land, and the reviews of the off leash dog areas.

Our list is endless, but we are also happy to consider any ideas that you may have, if you are happy to lead the project involved.

Keen to see that the 3 Villages continue to be improved, and remains a vibrant and friendly community.

Then drop an email to threevillagesgroup@gmail.com, letting us know:

- Name
- Phone
- Email
- Areas of particular interest

Someone will then be in touch with you to discuss the best fit for your interests.



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Your Local Pest Management Company. Servicing the 3 Villages of Yattalunga, Saratoga and Davistown since 1998. As we move into winter it will be a very busy rodent period following the wet cool summer that we have just gone through. We can assist people to prepare for it!

THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

Veteran Hall Graveyard - 1827

Have you come across the old graveyard situated on Henderson Rd opposite Kenneth Ave in Saratoga? There are around 16 graves containing family and employees of the Garey, Henderson and Cox families, together with some employees. Six of the graves are dated 1868, four of which belong to young children, one of whom was 5 yr old Annie Cox who drowned nearby at the wharf.

The oldest headstone dates 1827 and is Patrick Garey's, father-in-law to Robert Henderson. Garey's grant of 100 acres went to Robert after his death, and this land became known as Veteran Hall, supposedly in honour of Patricks' earlier time in the NSW Corps. Another headstone dated 1832 is that of John Jacob Pester, employed by Henderson to build the brigantine "Maid of Australia", but was never completed in Pestors' lifetime due to his sudden death. The last of the burials in the cemetery was of Madeline Mary Garey Henderson Ward, granddaughter of Henderson, with headstone dating 1934.

Robert Henderson was born in Parramatta from Irish parents and was married in 1817 to Elizabeth Catherine Garey at St Johns Church of England, Parramatta. He was known of to be a farmer, shipbuilder, mariner, publican, District Constable of Brisbane Water from 1824 – 1929, man of wealth, and of having implications in rum smuggling. He did avoid sentencing though through legal technicalities.

Henderson was described as having a buccaneering aura, but one thing shocked and unsettled him. After a ketch was wrecked in Brisbane Water, three of the crew were buried in shallow graves while just loosely wrapped in sail cloth. Unfortunately, their bodies were dug up by wild pigs, on hearing this Henderson enclosed the graveyard with thick sandstone walls.



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Not long before he died, Henderson organised an inscription on a slab of stone which can still be seen against the northern wall inside the cemetery.

It reads: "This land, enclosed by a wall of stone, is bequeathed and willed by me to the dead, who sleep within its walls during eternity. Robert Henderson, Brisbane Water, September 1869." Henderson died on 11 November 1869, aged 73 after a long illness from cancer of the face.

Written by Taia Sansom with thanks to Dianna Scott.

Ref: *The Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate* 7 Nov 1952. "The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW" by Gwen Dundon & "Find A Grave" website.

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MEET THE LOCALS



The Caspian, A new restaurant at Davistown

3VN sat down with Donya Haddad, who runs Mediterranean and Middle Eastern restaurant The Caspian in Davistown...

How long have you been in the 3 Villages community? And what drew you to the area?

"The Caspian opened its doors in January 2023. I am from Sydney's Western Suburbs, but the beautiful waterfront drew me to Davistown."

What was the inspiration behind The Caspian and what can locals expect there?

"The 'Caspian' means the largest sea in the Middle East. My background is Jordanian and my business partner's background is Iranian. The inspiration was simply the waterfront view. How could you say no to coming into work each day with a relaxing view such as the one we have here in Davistown? And the feedback we have had so far from locals (and non-locals) is that people have absolutely loved it – our customers walk out of The Caspian with full bellies and happy smiles! Diners are in for perfect service and delicious, mouth-watering food."

What should people go for?

"The BBQ Mix Plate and Garlic Prawns. What makes our BBQ Mix Plate very popular is that it's cooked on an actual coal barbecue. I'm sure most people would know how good and tender meat is when it's been cooked on coal!"

What does The Caspian bring to the local community?

"The Caspian has joined the small community of Davistown, and I believe our role is to provide delicious food and continue to put smiles on people's faces. And also, to assure everyone we are not leaving! We have noticed some locals are worried we will discontinue The Caspian, which is not the case."

When you're not busy running a restaurant, how do you like to enjoy the area?

"I love going to the gym, walking, swimming, etc. Or I head over to the nearest beach and read a book whilst sitting on the sand. I also go to Erina Fair on a shopping spree once a week to spoil myself!"

What's your favourite thing about the 3 Villages Community?

"How everyone looks out for each other. It's like something you see in a movie. It's like everyone is each other's neighbours, which is something unique and different."

Something people might not know about you is...

"I have a long-hair chocolate dapple dachshund. One of the hardest parts of moving from Sydney to the Central Coast was leaving 'Arlo' (my pup) at home with my parents. I do consider him as basically my son. That's how much love I have for him. He's brought so much joy to my life. Another thing people might not know is that I never really liked the beach until I moved here. I've always liked farms and animals, which I still do but sitting by a beach is also very relaxing."



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SCHOOLS



K – Year 12 Easter Chapel

At the end of Term 2 our Primary and Secondary students came together to celebrate Easter. We enjoyed performances from our Secondary school band, Primary choir, Year 10 live artwork creation, Year 9 Drama performance and an Easter message from our Principal, Mr Phillip Nash. Winners of our Easter Art competition were announced.

Sustainability Week

This wonderful initiative was brought about by the enthusiasm of our Primary School Captain, Xavier and Prefect, Monty. Both of these students expressed a heart to increase the awareness of sustainability practices across the student body.

They wrote and performed a 'mini musical' at Chapel, created a week of focus on reducing our soft plastics across the Primary school and encouraged us all to think about ways we can be better stewards of the world that we have been given. Thank you boys and Primary student leaders – outstanding work.



SEE YOU AT THE DAVO'

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

APRIL 25TH, ANZAC DAY
**LEST WE
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6.00 am
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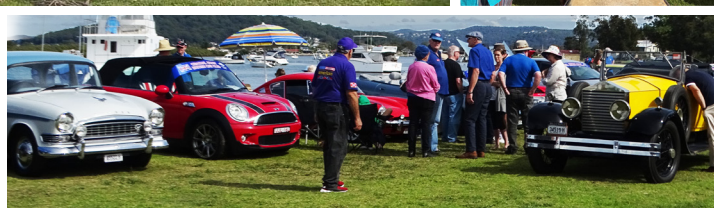
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SCHOOLS



Local Swimming Champion

Summer Quinn has had a fabulous start to her final year at Brisbania Public School by achieving a personal best and breaking the 17-year-old school record held by Georgia Maskell for the 12-year-old girls 50m freestyle. She then went on to the Zone Swimming Carnival and was not only awarded the Senior Girls Champion, but also Girls Swimmer of the Meet. At the time this article was being written, she was waiting to attend the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Summer started swimming lessons when she was 4 years old and her true passion for the love of the pool began when she joined the Kincumber Pacific Squad at 5 Star Swim School when she was 9 years

old and competed at state level in freestyle and butterfly. Summer trains 4 mornings per week and competes in weekend meets all over NSW. Her goal is to be an Olympian swimmer in 50m freestyle and butterfly at the Brisbane Olympics 2032.



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Every Sunday - Gosford Cities Farmers Market - Gosford Showground

APRIL

22nd - Kyle Lionheart regional tour, The Sunken Monkey

22nd - 23rd Gosford Regional Show

Gosford Show Ground

25th - Anzac Day

27th - History Ferry Tour, Brisbane Water

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27th - BANJO, the Art House, Wyong

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29th - The Ultimate Battle of the Decades,

30th - My Kids Market PCYC Bateau Bay

MAY

6th - Samhain Celebration, Bamboo Bhudda Café Holgate

12th - The 7 Comedians show - Wyong Milk Factory

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13th - Central Coast Air Show

20th - Hard Quiz Live - The Art House Wyong

21st - 4 Villages Shipbuilders Heritage Walk

25th - Spacy Jane, Drifters Wharf

Diary For JUNE

17th - 3 Villages Biggest Lego display - Saratoga Community Hall

BOOK FOR JUNE

1st - History Ferry Tour, Brisbane Water

25th - Sunday, History Ferry Tour, Hawkesbury

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