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WELCOME

"Everything is set for us to win this future. We have a plan. We know what to do. There is a path to sustainability. It is a path that could lead to a better future for all life on Earth. We must let our politicians and business leaders know that we understand this, that this vision for the future is not just something we need, it is something, above all, that we want.

"A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future".
David Attenborough.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Emily, Aged 7

"I love living in Saratoga and one of my favourite things to do is play at the waterfront park. Fridays afternoons with mum and Katie are the best fun down there and I loved taking this photo."

Winners receive a \$30 voucher from **Shelly's Cafe** and a \$20 voucher from **Jas Art Brewer Nutrimerics**, who we thank for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.



PROJECT REPORT

MEMBERSHIP - 3 Villages Community Group is incorporated as an Association, and as such we are required to have financial members. I know a lot of people are assisting on various projects, such as the Newsletter deliveries etc. but out of approx. 3,000 households at present we have only 75 financial members of the Association. We would really like to increase this to 1,000 members over the coming years, so we can truly say that we represent the residents of the area when we approach Government and outside bodies at all levels. So please give some thought to joining, and showing your support for the work that is currently being done on your behalf, by a small group of willing volunteers. It should be noted that there are NO paid staff and all funds raised by Membership Fees and Fundraising events goes back into your community.

The cost of Membership is just \$15 to join and \$10 per year thereafter. Go to QR CODE or website <https://www.3villages.com.au/become-a-member>

Now that I have your attention re Membership can I also point out that the small Committee is currently DROWNING IN IDEAS and NO MORE TIME to complete these.

VOLUNTEERING - There are so many projects that 3VCG would like to get involved in to ensure the very best opportunities for our community, but we sometimes feel that there is no time to come up for air.

We need more help, we have great support for things like delivering the Newsletters, planting in the gardens etc., but really need some more people on the ground to lead some of our projects.

In the past we have asked people to put themselves forward to join the Committee, but have come to realise that some people may feel that they are not prepared for such a commitment, (although we do only meet once a month), but would be happy to take on just one particular project.

We are therefore looking to spread the load a little lighter for everyone and ask people to just take on one task and manage this. Such as:

- The artwork competitions for the Children, and where these are displayed (either permanently or temporarily).
- Artwork on the bins in the area
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Trivia Night
 - seeking articles for our silent auction
 - Decoration of the Room
 - Liaison with the Venue

THE BELLS AND WHISTLES



- Filling out Grant Applications
 - Planning for the Community Garden
 - Leading a Bushcare Group (i.e at present harassing Central Coast Council to support such a group)
- PLEASE sign yourself up for Membership and give some thought as to what sort of project you might be willing to take on. Any of the Committee would be happy to talk with you about ideas, so feel free to reach out to one of us.

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Taia Sansom (Vice President)

Tracey Ellis (Bush and Urban Gardening Group (BUGGS))

Stephanie Blower (Secretary)

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PS If you are already a member you will have recently received a renewal invoice in your email. If you haven't already paid this can you please do so ASAP.

SCAN to link to our website and sign up as a volunteer



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MEET THE LOCALS

Peter Stuckey

I have lived in the 3 Villages Community for around 4 years (my partner for around 12 years) and have been delighted by the level of acceptance by the locals.

There's a real sense of community here.

I am owner/director of several businesses but Cockle Channel Creatives is a brand new venture. It's not so much a business as an expression of who I am...a poet, philosopher and guide.

(I was a tutor in the School of Practical Philosophy and a corporate/trainer facilitator and my poetry featured in the Australian Spirit project and the recently released Artists of the Central Coast; In Their Own Words).

Cockle Channel Creatives is all about broadening what it means to be a "Creative" through joyful creativity.

Poetry is so often seen through a lens of pretentious gravitas; we want to play in the space as poets, so there is joy in the writing, joy in the reading and joy in the sharing...poetry from joy!

As an aged care and community consultant physiotherapist for over 40 years, I happily help older community members in falls and frailty management.

I also lead trekking and cricket tours to the Nepalese Himalaya and other wild places of the world (again focusing on more mature travellers).

For my sins, I was President of Narara Wyoming Cricket Club and lead tenor for St. Patrick's Choir East Gosford for around 30 years.

My partner runs a very successful family business in Gosford.

Between us we have 5 adult children and 8 rascally grandchildren who love nothing better than to explore the Cockle Channel waterfront and islands with our mischievous Jack Russell, Alfie.

We just love the serenity and diversity of Davistown waterfront, bays and islands where we walk, cycle or kayak regularly. We are also enchanted by the birdlife

Many people have grown up knowing One For Sorrow, Two For Joy, the popular magpie nursery rhyme where the number of birds seen at any one time will determine whether you have bad luck or good luck.

Probably the most well-known version recited is as follows:

*One for sorrow,
Two for joy,
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy,
Five for silver,
Six for gold,
Seven for a secret,
Never to be told.*

Unfortunately, earlier this month up to 10 magpies were found deceased in Davistown both in the garden of The Little Teapot and out the front of The Real Estate Agency.

BELLS AND WHISTLES Cont.

After speaking to the owner of The Little Teapot; Helen reported finding several deceased magpies in the cafe backyard over a period of days.

Helen reported the unusual deaths to the local ranger who collected one of the dead birds and liaised with the Environmental Protection Agency to both report the spate of deaths and to seek an autopsy on the bird to find the cause of death. Unfortunately, due to cost no autopsy was undertaken, however, it is believed the birds were poisoned.

Subsequently the EPA undertook a letter box drop to residents in the area reminding everyone that there is a fine of up to \$120,000 for deliberately killing a magpie.

We do however understand that rogue magpies do pose a threat when swooping and as spring approaches encourage you to report your concerns to Council Rangers.

Maggie Vincent



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and other wild life (I have a list of over 80 birds that we see on the waterfront from our bedroom of a morning). And of course we love our garden, writing poetry, painting, singing but our great passion is travelling to the wild places (here and around the globe), trekking, camping and living with locals. Nietzsche talked of travel as “expanding our concept of man and making it more beautiful” and Wallace Stegner described the wild places “as a part of our geography of hope”...these two ideals drive my travelling.

Something that people may not know about me...I am the only person who has ever done the Smallest to Tallest trek. I climbed the smallest registered mountain in the world, Mt. Wycheproof in Victoria (Wycheproof means “grass on a hill”! and that’s what it is at 148m, about the height of the light on the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge) and took rocks from Wycheproof to Mt. Everest and brought rocks from Everest back to Wycheproof. It was an outrageous and quirky thing to do but I loved every minute of it.

It’s an absolute delight living in this community, waking up to magic dawns over the waterfront, kayaking to quiet little places in the bays, cycling the bike track, walking to the top of the hill over Saratoga or Kincumber Mountain, grabbing a chai at Shelley’s cafe, oysters from Barney or dinner at the Dart & Feather.

This is where I fell in love with my wonderful partner, at the same time falling in love with the 3 Villages.

WHAT’S ON

- 4th Aug** French Film Festival,
Avoca Beach Picture Theatre
 - 5th Aug** Terrigal BMX Club State Series,
Terrigal BMX club
 - 5th Aug** Brisbane Water History Ferry Tour - **FULL**
Book for Sept, Central Coast Ferries - 0418 631 313
 - 6th Aug** Cars under the stars, Tuggerah Sports Complex
 - 6th & 7th Aug** Household chemical cleanout Kincumber
 - 10th Aug** Creative writing workshop, Central Coast Libraries
 - 11th Aug** Bruichladdich Whisky Tasting,
Bam Vino East Gosford
 - 11th Aug** Family History Forum, Central Coast Libraries
 - 13th Aug** Woy Woy waterfront markets, Woy Woy
 - 14th Aug** Ash Grunwald, Shout the Noise,
Laycock St theatre
 - 17th Aug** Central Coast Schools Showcase,
Laycock St theatre
 - 17th Aug** Hawkesbury History Ferry Tour - **FULL**
Book for Sept, Central Coast Ferries - 0418 631 313
 - 20th Aug** Drag Queen Bingo, the Davo
 - 20th Aug** Sand Surf and Cars, Lakes Beach Budgewoi
 - 20th-23rd Aug** Gosford Art Prize, Gosford Regional Gallery
 - 24th Aug** Researching Your House and Property,
Central Coast Libraries
 - 25th Aug** Family History Forum, Central Coast Libraries
 - 26th Aug** Submissions close Dogs in open spaces.
<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/dogs?fs=e&s=cl>
 - 26th Aug** Top Dog Film Festival,
Avoca Beach Picture Theatre
 - 28th Aug** Central Coast Retirement village and Resort
expo, Mingara
 - 31st Aug** The Italian Tenors, The Arthouse Wyong
- Throughout August- Ozobots robotics experience for kids, lake haven library, bookings essential



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How I Can Support You

My friendly team and I are always happy to support you in matters relating to the Central Coast.

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| ✓ Health and Hospitals | ✓ Social Housing |
| ✓ Education | ✓ National Parks |
| ✓ Police | ✓ Family and Community Services |
| ✓ Emergency Services | |

Authorised by Adam Crouch MP, Shop 3 Fountain Plaza, 148-158 The Entrance Road, Erina NSW 2250, funded with parliamentary entitlements.

SCHOOLS



What a great day we had at **Brisbania Public School** celebrating NAIDOC week! Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoyed learning about Aboriginal traditions, customs and what NAIDOC week

is all about. Highlights of the day included creating a whale out of natural resources, the girls learning about traditional Aboriginal dance while the boys had a go at learning the didgeridoo, students also had the opportunity to taste test damper, crocodile, kangaroo and emu sausages (crocodile were the favourite) and play some traditional Aboriginal games.

Here are some student testimonies:

My favourite activity was GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP! We learnt about the meaning and watched a video of a lady (Ryhia Dank, a young Gudanji/Wakaja artist from the NT) who won \$10,000 for standing up for her family. The meaning of GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP! Is to encourage all people to stand up for themselves and the Aboriginals. Cheyenne

One of the traditional games we learnt about was touch football (Buroinjin), but you can pass the ball (traditionally made from kangaroo skin) in any direction and you don't have to place the ball on the try line – you only need to run over it. Ainsley

On NAIDOC Day we were shown how to weave the traditional way. We wove bracelets together with wool in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours. Mia



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HIGH TEA AND CHAMPAGNE EVENT

Join Claudia from TIKKA TOURS, your local India destination expert for an informative afternoon hearing about her ROYAL RAJASTHAN HOLI & JAZZ small group journey in February 2023. Special "Royal" guest presenter from India!

When: Thursday 25th August Where: The Little Teapot Cafe, Davistown

Time: 2.30-4pm Cost: \$10 per person

Included: High tea and a glass of champagne

RSVP: By Tuesday 23rd August claudia@tikkatours.com.au

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Davistown

Gin lovers will be spoilt for choice at the **Davistown Gin & Jazz Festival** featuring 5 Gin Distilleries. Set on the rolling lawn overlooking Brisbane Water the Festival will showcase local and Australian specialty Gin Distillers each with their own distinct flavours and each offering gins to sample and signature cocktails.

But wait there's more. If all that gin from some of the world's best distilleries wasn't enough, you could also be enjoying VIP balcony seating and sumptuous catering for the first 100 people who nab Big Shot Lunch tickets.



And that's all before we get to the music. Headlining the jazz portion of the festival is Topsy Jazz. A Sydney based sextet of dapper retrobrates reimagining and playing swinging jazz spanning many eras, think Benny Goodman chugging a Resch's at The SCG! Their music will guarantee to have you enjoying yourself.

The Bathtub Gin Orchestra will also be rolling into Davistown. This swinging sextet is two parts 1920s stomp, one-part early 1930s swing, and just a dash of Gypsy Jazz. You're going to want to wear your best dancing shoes!

IN THE BACKYARD 11AM - 5.30PM SAT. 15th OCT 2022

Sound like fun? Well, you better make sure to buy your ticket quickly as places are strictly limited entry to this event is by ticket only. For all the details, and to nab tickets for yourself scan the QR code, visit the Events section of the club's website www.davistownrsl.com.au or call into reception.



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A Serious Sirius Bicentennial Exhibition.

Broken Bay had been identified by Cook in 1770 and so it was that only six weeks after the First Fleet dropped anchor at Sydney Cove that Governor Arthur Phillip came to the place, in cutter and longboat from HMS Sirius. Phillip was desperately searching for fertile farmland, the soils at Botany Bay proving of far less quality than described by Cook eighteen years earlier and those at Port Jackson were little better.

The first area explored by Phillip on his Broken Bay exploration, he named the North East Arm, an extensive waterway, 11kms long and 7km wide, featuring numerous broad-waters, bays and inlets. While only 35 kms by sea, north from Sydney Heads it was, however, over thirty years before European settlement took place. Because of a Penal settlement established at Newcastle, Government policy was to maintain only bush between those intent on escape and the Hawkesbury River.

With the Newcastle Prison closed and the North East Arm renamed Brisbane Water after then Governor, James Webb became first settler, documented in 1823. This makes next year, 2023, our Bicentennial of European occupation. Plans for events are being supported by 4Hresearch, the 3 Villages Community Group, our local Rotary Club, Central Coast Model Makers Mens Shed, Sydney Model Shipbuilders Club, Council and our elected members have also been asked for support.

To mark Phillips exploration of Brisbane Water, Yattalunga based NFP, 4HResearch is building models of the Sirius Long Boat also a sectional model and a full model of HMS Sirius itself, the first two models are already completed and will be previewed at the Putt-Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival 30 Oct. 2022



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Above: The full model of HMS Sirius currently under construction, it features copper sheathing below the waterline which was used from about 1800 to protect ships wooden hulls from worm. This model is the same scale as the sectional view (right). The models are being built for Yattalunga based NFP, 4HResearch by Ralph Hannaford from the Sydney Model Shipbuilders Club. It will take about another six months to complete, hopefully ready for display at the special Brisbane Water Bicentennial 4 Village - Shipbuilders Heritage Walk, 20 May 2023.

Right: At almost 1m high a detailed sectional view shows the various decks, ladders, guns, cargo, hammocks etc. of HMS Sirius.

Below: Model of the Longboat from HMS Sirius, in which Governor Arthur Phillip came to Brisbane Water in 1788.

