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THE 3 VILLAGES

NEWSLETTER

YATTALUNGA - SARATOGA - DAVISTOWN

We pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Darkinjung people, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.

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WELCOME

What a year it's been, and our first edition of the newsletter back in April seems like such a long time ago. We started this newsletter with mixed feelings about how it would be received, if the community would embrace it or not - and I think it's safe to say that it's been welcomed with open arms with so many offers and suggestions along the way.

As we come to the end of the year, we have a bit of a "Year in Review" inside from the Committee Members for the 3 Villages Community Group.

From my family to yours, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we can't wait to keep sharing amazing content with you in 2021. Keep smiling, stay positive, and let's continue to look after each other.

Love and light,
Ally Adamson

Media and Communications Leader

PHOTO OF THE MONTH COMPETITION



And the winner for December is...

Andrew Smith

In my role as a pilot at the Central Coast Aero Club, I see our beautiful region every day from the best vantage point imaginable. This shot in particular was taken at a time of the day which really accentuated the colours in Cockle Channel between Empire Bay and Davistown. The image shows the whole of Davistown, much of Saratoga in the background, Empire Bay in the Foreground and South Kincumber to the right of shot. For more info on the aero club check out their Facebook page: [ccaeroclub](https://www.facebook.com/ccaeroclub)

Andrew is the lucky winner of a \$30 voucher from Shelly's cafe, and a \$20 voucher from Jas Art Photography, for whom we thank so much for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.



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Taia: My favourite thing for this year has been seeing the 3 Villages community come together so nicely with so many people putting their hands up to help each other out. ANZAC Day and the bushfire relief stands out for me.

for us pram pushers. My favourite route hits hills on View Parade, The Corso, Henderson Road, and Kapala Avenue, logging about 100m elevation gain in less than 5km.



Ally: I have loved becoming more involved in the community via the newsletter, and getting to know more people and more about the community. There is so much love and passion for our area, it makes me proud to call the 3 Villages home.

Monique: I think we can all agree that 2020 has been a year like no other. However there have been some amazing things grow from these adverse times. For me the 3 Villages Community Group is one of these things. Watching the group grow has been really special and for me peaked with our stand at the first Davistown water front markets. Seeing so many community members come by to say thank you for the work we are doing was very special. I'm so excited for what the next year brings and the bright future for our community.

Jenny: I've recently joined the 3villages team. I'm amazed by how much has been achieved in such a short amount of time and am excited to see the completion of projects I'm involved in.

Lyndall: I have enjoyed organising and installing The Little Free Libraries, it was a lot of fun, and so great to see them accepted so well by our Community. Also meeting and working with such a committed bunch of locals.

Nichole: The steep hills around Saratoga provide challenging local running and walking routes, especially



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COASTAL PHYSIE FAIRIES

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CONTACT KYLIE ON 0412 206 313



MEET THE LOCALS



My name is Paula Taylor, Principal of The Agency Davistown, and I have lived in the 3 Villages Community for over 10 years.

I love being a resident and business

owner in the 3 Villages Community as the local community spirit and support are amazing. I have been in real estate for nearly 17 years and have a passion for connecting people to property.

My team and I love saying hello to everyone walking past our Davistown office, which is right next to the Little Teapot Café. We have a doggie water bowl for all of the local fur babies whilst out walking and many of their photos on our TV Screen in the office.

My favourite places within the 3 Villages are the Davistown Waterfront with the amazing sunsets, the local restaurants & cafes and of course my morning coffee from Shelly's Café. We also love boating and water skiing in the Kincumber Broadwater area with friends and family.

I am a proud sponsor of the Davistown Progress Association Hall and the Davistown RSL Bowls Club. I have been a member of the Davistown RSL Club for years and love watching the bowls and attending the raffles with the family.

I have 2 doggies, Bailey and Bella, who are very much a part of our family. We love to take them for a walk on the Davistown waterfront. I really love entertaining family & friends and known for whipping up one of my famous cheese platters.

I have recently discovered chalk painting and absolutely love it. I have just completed an heirloom cradle, which has been passed down through my daughter inlaw's family from Denmark, for my first grand baby, which we are all so excited about.

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SEE YOU AT THE DAVO

What a year it's been! I think we can all share in a sense of relief that 2020 will soon be over and look optimistically towards 2021. Residents of the 3 Villages have really come together to support each other and get through what has been a



difficult time. I'm sure you will agree that we are lucky to live in such an incredible community. I'm confident that 2021 will bring with it some positive changes. Your club 'the Davo' is proud to be part of such a resilient community and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours, a joyful Christmas and thank you for your support of our venue.

December is a time for catching up, meals and drinks with friends and family. I invite you to come in and check out our New Menu. We have kept our most favourite dishes and added over 23 new ones. New head chef Mark Ferarro has introduced some different flavours as well as a Seniors Menu, Vegan options and his signature steamed mussels dish. We are sure there will be something to tempt you. The menu is not the only thing that has changed, the Chefs and wait staff have new uniforms. We hope you will agree they all look very contemporary, cool and coastal. Come and check it out.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Bradley,

General Manager

Davistown RSL Club



Chart a course for the...
4 Villages - Shipbuilders Heritage Walk
Sunday 3 May 2021
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NATURE



Take a walk along any one of the 3 Villages waterfront reserves right now and you're likely to meet a visitor from Asia or the US State of Alaska. **Bar-tailed Godwits** can be recognised by their long bills that allow them to probe deeply in the sand and sediment for aquatic worms and molluscs. In their winter range, they flock together where food is plentiful. They frequent tidal shorelines, breeding in northern climates in the summer there and migrating south for the summer here.

These birds are the world record holders for non-stop flight: recently recorded travelling 11,000 km from Alaska in only 8 days, flying at an average speed of more than 50 km/h. This journey is also a fantastic weight-loss program, as the birds lose almost half of their body weight along the way. Luckily, once they arrive in Australia, our mudflats are waiting, filled with tasty morsels to help them recuperate. Birds breeding in Alaska migrate directly across the Pacific to Australasia, while those from Siberia follow the coast of Asia.

World wide the numbers of these birds is in serious decline, a detailed study showed numbers in New Zealand went from over 100,000 in the late 1980s to 67,500 in 2018. Threats to the birds include hunting in Alaska, however, one of the major problems for the Asian birds has been the shoreline of the Yellow Sea has been transformed dramatically over the last half-century as mudflats have been filled in with solid ground for farmland, ports and related industry. Losing the intertidal flats has proved devastating for the millions of shorebirds that funnel through the Yellow Sea during migration.



WHAT'S ON

Enjoy a great day out on the beautiful Brisbane Water. Get some last minute Xmas shopping done with a fantastic selection of stalls. Kick back to the sounds of local musicians while enjoying some delicious street style food. The Roundabout circus will also be there to entertain the kids.

Christmas Market
13th DECEMBER 9-2

DAVISTOWN WATERFRONT MARKET
Illoura Reserve (near the kids Pirate Park)

Following a campaign by both Chinese and international environmentalists in January 2018, the Chinese government announced a sweeping package of reforms aimed at ending much of the land reclamation taking place on the mudflats, hopefully, this will have a positive effect and the numbers of these wonderful visitors will no longer be in decline.

Why not go for a walk on one of our waterfronts today, see if you can spot a Godwid. *Peter Rea*

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