



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



WELCOME

"It does not matter how long you are spending on the earth, how much money you have gathered or how much attention you have received. It is the amount of positive vibration you have radiated in life that matters."

— Amit Ray

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Colin Slack's "Breakfast in Saratoga"

We have been watching these feathered lovers coming and going for the past couple of years. This year it was such a special treat to see them with their two beautiful babies demanding "Breakfast in Saratoga"

Become a member of the 3 Villages Community Group, and support the group that supports our community. Simply visit www.3villages.com.au

So many beautiful homes on show!

Please nominate and send a pic for the

Christmas Lights Competition



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PROJECT REPORT

So, the end of the year is right around the corner and there is no slowing down just yet. **Let's Light up the Villages!** The 3 Villages Christmas Lights Competition is now on.

The Christmas Party Trivia Night at The Davo was a wonderful success and thanks to everyone who attended the popular fundraiser. What a wonderful night it was! Many thanks go to **Paula Taylor's, The Agency**, the **Major Sponsor** once again.

Jirramba Playground, Saratoga

Our liaisons with Council continue to pay off seeing the installation of a new picnic shelter at the park which is going to be much appreciated by all. Thank you, Central Coast Council, for providing this.

Saratoga Community Hall

3VCG has submitted an expression of interest in taking up custodianship of the hall in the new year, but before we can take this up, we do need a couple of extra hands-on volunteers for jobs including managing bookings. Should it be possible we would like to introduce some fresh ideas and activities to do at the hall - let us know if you can help.

The 3 Villages 2024 Community Calendars

Each calendar displays locally taken photos and are available at just \$10 each or three for \$25. Contact one of our team to get your copy.

From all of us at 3VCG we wish you a happy New Year. We look forward to all of what next year may bring and wish you well. Stay safe and happy holidays.

Taia Sansom, 3VCG President



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Christmas Winter Wonderland Central Coast returns for our 4th year in a row.

We are glad to support the amazing Coast Shelter charity for donations. We are humbled to have the greater Central Coast community support us every year!

3 snow making machines for kids of all ages to enjoy and interact with snow storms every night from Dec 1st to 24th inclusive.

You can make your own snow balls on Dec 23 and Dec 24 also!

Our exceptional remarkable popular 5 metre Cold Spark Fireworks events return and runs at 9pm every Friday and weekends till Christmas eve. We had kids who have never seen fireworks before be amazed. the fireworks are synchronised to music from Superman movie YouTube video on a screen.

We have new latest tech light displays this year for the first time!

The 7,000+ piece Lego displays on electric turntables also make a return for everyone to enjoy.

Over 1000 people visited last December and was featured on NBN news.

The 3 Villages *Christmas Lights* Competition is Proudly Sponsored by



THANK YOU 3 VILLAGES

From Abby, MADE Designer Jewellery

Dear 3 Villages Community,

Earlier this year my handmade jewellery business MADE designer jewellery experienced significant damage after a water leak. It resulted in the ceiling collapsing and flooding the store. Sadly this lead us to the difficult decision to close our shopfront at Saratoga, we are truly saddened to say farewell to the three villages we have grown to love, along with the cherished friends we have made. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your on going support of our jewellery store; in a few months we would have been celebrating 10 years in our shop!

However, after every storm there is a rainbow and we are excited to be back to business! We are now working via appointment only and taking appointments in our new location at 3/201 Mann St, Gosford.

Thank you for the incredible support. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time. If you would like to talk to us about a custom made jewellery item, jewellery remodelling, repairs or have a gemstone sourced for a design or if you wish to have a browse of our jewellery please call or message us to make an appointment 0422743588, we would love to see you.

JEWELLERY CARE TIP

You can give your jewellery a little TLC at home between professional cleans and polish. Gently clean your jewellery busing a soft toothbrush with room temperature water and a little bit of washing up liquid. The brush will get to the back of the settings and loosen any build up. If your jewellery requires extra cleaning. Book an appointment with us!

Abby & Ryan

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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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| ✓ 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.

COMMUNITY

A very big thank you to the students and teachers of Brisbania Public School for their help in making our 3 Villages area festive for Christmas. Each class has decorated a candy cane which will be placed around our area in the lead up to Christmas. The photo shows just two of the 17 candy canes that will join the Christmas tin soldiers decorated by the school last year. I'm sure you will agree they look fantastic.



\$150,000 For New Public Amenities At Saratoga

Here is some fabulous news many of you have been waiting to hear! Central Coast Council were successful in a grant application to build new toilet amenities at Jirramba Playground, Saratoga. This has been high on the bucket list of the 3 Villages Community Group, and we are all delighted about the news. Thank you CCC for making the application and well done on winning the bid to make this happen.

Thanks to Adam Crouch MP, Member for Terrigal for announcing the \$150,000 approved grant funding going to Central Coast Council through the NSW State Government grant program. This is wonderful news for the community.

Taia Sansom



MEET THE LOCALS

Daniel Hargreaves

I grew up here on the Central Coast in the Gosford area. My wife Megan and I moved to our house in Davistown 10 years ago next year. Our extended family is still based here on the Central Coast. The things we love about the 3 Villages are the laid-back lifestyle, the waterfront and that the community is a nice one to live in.

I have been gardening since I was 17 and completed my Cert 111 at Credit Level in Parks and Gardening, becoming a qualified Horticulturist.

When I left school, I worked at Palmdale Memorial Park for 13 years, first working in the gardens and then I became a grave digger for Palmdale for 5 years.

After this I moved to the Café Function Centre and coordinated Wakes at the facility. I managed this for several years for the last 9 years of my time, I did both my job at Palmdale while also working on my own Horticultural business after hours.

When the time was right, I moved into my own business full time, the business grew and is still going strong with our 25 years in business anniversary next year.

My business is here on the Central Coast based on a mixture of residential and business with soft landscaping and maintenance. I used to have a team of staff but narrowed the business back to me working on my own.

I like working with the community to meet their needs at their premises. This work includes many businesses, and all patrons of the community including self-managed NDIS and aged home care recipients.

I have an Instagram link for our business if you are interested in looking at some of our jobs: @dhppm

Outside of work I am a member of the Davistown RSL and I love fishing, socialising and holidays.





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HERITAGE/COMMUNITY EVENT

Three years ago our local Rotary Club, along with three other Rotary Clubs and supported by the *National Australia Day Council* held an event at Sea Breeze Reserve on the Kincumber Broadwater. Now for a third year we are again leading the four *Rotary Clubs of Kincumber, Erina, Terrigal and Kariong/Somersby* to hold an 'Historic' Australia Day event, this time at Terrigal Haven.

The Haven was chosen because in the latter half of the 1800s it was the site of a timber mill and shipyard owned by one of the four shipbuilding Davis brothers. The brothers were orphaned at an early age and taken under the wing of Johnathan Piper, known as the father of Brisbane Water shipbuilding, the shipyard was at today's Yattalunga. All four brothers eventually established their own shipyards on Cockle Creek Channel at a place that became known as Davistown.

In 1869 Thomas Davis moved his operations to Terrigal Haven, he dammed a small creek and created a lagoon in the area which is now the sports oval. From this he drew the fresh water needed for the boiler of a steam engine, which powered the timber mill. He began logging the area, timber from north Avoca and also Avoca which he floated across Avoca Lagoon, it then was brought up the steep hill via a tramway he built. The route of this tramway is today marked by a road joining Scenic Highway called Tramway Road.

A stone slipway was built into the waters of the Haven upon which twenty one ships were built over a twenty three year

period. The most famous of these ships, infact one of the most significant Australian ships in our history, the 'General Gordon', known as "The vessel that linked the Nation" when it filled the gap in 2,700kms of Inter-Capital City railway while Hawkesbury Bridge was built.

In 2024 an 'Historic' Australia Day event will be held at Terrigal Haven. There will be a **History Display** telling:

- **The story of Thomas Davis and his Ship Building.**
There will be models of:

- **A steam operated saw mill**
- **The vessel General Gordon**
- **Working General Gordon's engines**
- **Other models, dioramas and information**

Commencing with a:

- **Welcome To Country and a Smoking Ceremony**

Then a:

- Free -**
- **Sausage Sizzle**
 - **Bottled Water**
 - **Other Aussie treats, like Lamingtons**

There is also:

- **An entertaining M/C and Magician**
- **Live Music**

Why not park in the Free Terrigal Multi-Story Car Park and take the short but wonderful cliff face boardwalk to 'The Haven'.

Thanks to Rotary, National Australia Day Council and other partners for presenting some amazing 3 Village heritage at Terrigal Haven on Australia Day.

Peter Rea



This picture The shipyard and Saw Mill at the Haven. Right: 1880s and today (P 6.)



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WHAT'S ON IN DEC. & JAN

- Thu. 28 Dec. – Mon. 1 Jan.** **Lost Paradise Festival, Glenworth Valley**
Across four glorious summer nights, Lost Paradise will transform Glenworth Valley into a kaleidoscopic alternate reality.
- Sun. 31 Dec.** **Central Coast Council New Years Eve Celebration, Leagues Club Park, Gosford**
A free and fun celebration with the spectacular display of fireworks beginning at 9pm.
New Years Eve Ferries to New Years Eve
Central Coast Ferries Adults \$40, kids \$15.
Call 0418631313 for info and bookings
- January**
- Sun. 7** **History Ferry Tour - Brisbane Water**
areahistorytours.com.au - Ph: 0418 631 313
- Sun 7** **The Whitlams Coastal Tour**
6.30pm, Drifters Wharf, Gosford
- Sat. 13** **History Ferry Tour - Brisbane Water**
areahistorytours.com.au - Ph: 0418 631 313
- Sat. 13** **Hypnotist Greg Hudson -**
A Night of Laughs with Comedy
7pm Killcare Surf Life Saving Club
- Sat. 16** **History Ferry Tour -**
Broken Bay/ Hawkesbury River
areahistorytours.com.au - Ph: 0418 631 313
- Wed. 20** **Gin and Jazz with the music of Sting**
6.30pm Avoca Beach Theatre
- Sun. 21** **History Ferry Tour -**
Broken Bay/ Hawkesbury River
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- Mon. 22** **Central Coast Dance Camp Musical Extravaganza (for kids) -** Learn Dance, Singing and Drama,
- Wed. 24**
- Sun. 21** **History Ferry Tour -**
Broken Bay/ Hawkesbury River
areahistorytours.com.au - Ph: 0418 631 313
- Tue. 23** **Mario Racing in the Library -**
10.30am Kincumber Library

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THONG THROWING COMPETITIONS
FACE PAINTING & GAMES
KOALA RACE
LIVE MUSIC



THE DAVO
DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB



- Wed. 24** **Raw Challenge (5-10 year olds)**
9.30am – 1pm, Back of Doylo Car Park
- Sat. 27** **Avoca Beach Comedy Club**
8pm Avoca Beach Theatre
- Sun. 28** **Brave Words Live**
True stories told well 5pm Lyons Den, Gosford
- Mon. 29** **Central Coast Women in Business 2024 Veterans Virtual Job Fair**
The Berkeley Centre, Glenning Valley

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