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PHOTO OF THE MONTH WINNER

Jill Whitebrook

As I age, I have gained so much enjoyment from the increasing observation of plants and animals by means of close-up photography. Beautiful small creatures are so plentiful and often only noticeable when one pauses to examine flowers, shrubs and tree trunks. This dragonfly was seen on a magnolia tree while I was on a routine trip to the garbage bin.

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

And just like that, January is behind us, kids are back at school and the year of 2022 is in full swing!

While Summer has been amazing, I'm very much looking forward to my favourite season of the year - Autumn.

I'm also looking forward to seeing our

community come together and Clean Up Australia in March, and make our 3 Villages shine even brighter.

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PROJECT REPORT

Finally after almost 3 years of work the plans for the upgraded playground at Jirramba park are complete! Based on a similar design to Broadwater park at Kincumber the new play equipment will include climbing structures such as monkey bars, slides, an imaginative play café, a merry-go-round and multiple swings.

Excitingly through the 3 Villages Community Group fundraising efforts we are able to donate \$9,000 for a scooter track to surround the playground, this will also increase accessibility for the community to softfall sections of the playground. These funds will also include an additional bucket/net swing. The whole play space will be relocating to be under more shade from the existing trees as well as a few additional trees to be planted to create natural shade from the afternoon sun. Re locating the play equipment will expand the green space area allowing it to accommodate kite flying and ball sports. An extra gate will also be installed near the road access to improve safety for little ones.

Of course, we would have always liked more equipment however this is a great start to improving the play space and will allow us to add additional equipment over time as we continue our fundraising efforts. We have many ideas to add to the space and as community funds are raised, locals can take pride in a play space they are contributing to.

The upgraded playground was what originally led to the creation of the 3 villages community group. Back in 2019 we applied, unsuccessfully, for a grant for a new set of swings at the playground. This then inspired the formation of the community group who work to improve our public use spaces for local residents to enjoy.

We are so happy to see the realisation of this play space upgrade. The playground was contracted out on the 3 Feb and will be completed by the end of June at the latest. The upgrade contract has been given to Moduplay Commercial Systems. The 3VCG would like to thank the community for their support through our fundraising efforts, it's with your support we are able to enhance this playground for improved community use.

Monique Roy

THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

WHAT'S ON OFFER HERE IN THE 3 VILLAGES! AND WHAT'S AT RISK!

What an amazing place we have here to live, with breathtaking spectacular water views, waterways, beautiful walking tracks, ferry service, RSL, cafes, restaurants, playgrounds, swim baths and so many things to do without leaving the area. Though, sadly, our monthly markets are not being held any more due to insufficient stall holder bookings.

There are several tuition classes at the Davistown Progress Hall ranging from water colour painting, crocheting, knitting, dancing, pilates. Then at the Saratoga Community Hall providing boxing, meditation, Tai Chi and dancing classes there, too.

The RSL provides trivia nights, Australian League Poker competitions, Drag Queen Music Bingo, lawn bowls competition or barefoot social bowls, snooker, and the family friendly Fishing Club.

At Saratoga Oval there is Junior AFL and "free to use" tennis courts.

With quite a scenic bike and walking track from Davistown to Kincumber you can find a pretty good playground towards the Kincumber end. The Alloura Waters walking track is a little hidden gem and it starts at the Davistown waterfront, then heads west along the foreshore and walks around to Lintern St Wharf. If you have never walked it, perhaps it's time to see how beautiful it is. Another, is the walk from



Above: The 3VCG will be contributing the extra path seen in the front to ensure the scooter path circles the playground, as well as an additional swing.

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Malumba Ave Saratoga, going all the way along the waterfront past the Yattalunga jetty. For the fitter, there is the Mt Pleasant climb which starts at Lydred St Saratoga.

One of the loveliest things we need to protect in the villages are the established trees, especially along our waterfronts. This brings me to mention that the current method used by council to eliminate weeds around the trees, and those growing over the tree roots, is to spray them with herbicide. Amongst many questions specifically regarding this form of "weed killing", are "Does this have a long-term effect on the trees?" and "Will it end up killing our beautiful trees over years of continued use?" Or, do we believe, as the Council have told us "There is no danger to the tree in any form as the chemical only kills the foliage." "Does it affect the waterways at all?"

Hmmm. What are your thoughts? I'd very much appreciate it if there is a qualified specialist who could help clear this matter up for us. Please call me or email through the 3 Villages Community Group website which is www.3villages.com.au should you wish to have your say.

Taia Sansom, Ph 0414425301



WHATS ON

6th March

Clean Up Australia Day, Coast Wide

11th March

Troy Cassar-Daley, The Art House, Wyong

13th March

Rockin Through The Ages, The Art House, Wyong

19th March

Client Liaison, Great Southern Nights, Drifter Wharf Gosford

27th March

Central Coast wedding Fair, The Entertainment Grounds

31st March

Nerve, Drifters Wharf Gosford

3rd April

Daylight saving ends

10th April

The Whitlams, The Arthouse, Wyong

30th April

Street Paws Festival, Mount Penang Gardens



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MEET THE LOCALS



Stephen "Beetle" Bailey

What a fantastic privilege to live here in Davistown and within the 3 villages Community. Geographically it's simply one of the best locations on the Central Coast.

My wife and I relocated here nearly 5 years ago after retirement from the Air Force. After serving over 42 years mostly on C130 Hercules and Boeing 707 Loadmaster and having deployed many times overseas

both in peace time and active service. I've travelled to over 150 countries with the RAAF and amassed over 10,000 flying hours which is quite an achievement for Loadmasters.

Roz and I have 2 adult children, Lauren (primary school teacher) & Hannah (dental and veterinary nurse) both the girls are either married or engaged and live and work in the Penrith area. We are fortunate to see them regularly and our 2 grandchildren Ivy and Austin.

We have blended into the local community and have

some fantastic neighbours and friends. I joined Gosford North Rotary and assisted in many community projects and fundraising activities. More recently I joined Legacy as a Legatee and assisted the elderly Central Coast war widows. Additionally, I volunteer with maintenance and improvements to our Davistown Progress Hall which is a fantastic community asset

Roz is a keen gardener and is President of the Green Point Garden Club that has about 60 members that hold monthly meetings and regular trips and outings. I'm keen on most sports but my preference is Rugby League as a loyal Panther supporter and Golf. I keep busy with personal fitness that includes gym, cycling and swimming, generally I will have a crack at most activities providing my injuries allow.

I have an old half cabin clinker that's moored at Davistown putt putt wharf and hold a committee position as Slipway manager that includes responsibilities such as co-ordinating the slipping of our Co Op members boats for maintenance and general repairs. I think we are blessed to have some lovely restaurants and shops within the 3 villages but my favourite location is along the Davistown waterfront reserve.

We also look forward to the re-opening of the Little Tea Pot.



Clean Up

6TH MARCH

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HERITAGE

As advised in the last edition of the 3 Villages News an Australia Day Heritage Exhibition and BBQ organised by Rotary on behalf of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) was held at Broadwater Park, Seabreeze Ave Kincumber. Here along the Shipbuilders Memorial Path that runs along the waterfronts of Davistown, Saratoga, Yattalunga and Kincumber over 300 people enjoyed the history displays, food, refreshments and entertainment. The gourmet sausages, bread rolls, drinks, fresh fruit and mini jars of Vegemite were all provided totally free to celebrate Australia Day.

The Heritage Exhibition opened at 9am, at 11am a 'Welcome' and other ceremonies were conducted by the Girri Girra Aboriginal Group, Rotary served the food from 11.30am, while Youth In Performing Arts, buskers entertained the crowds. This family Australia Day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and I know as co-ordinator of the event all involved are hoping to be able to do it all again next year.

Also thanks to 4HResearch, Central Coast Model Makers Mens Shed, Davistown resident Ray Isaacs and Saratoga Quality Meats for the gourmet sausages at cost price.

Credit goes to both the NADC and Rotary who accepted the concept that this should not be a 'Fire-Works-Event' all gone in a short time with nothing to show for it. Therefore NADC funds were also directed toward making a 15 minute Video about our shipbuilding heritage and to new history displays, all which have proven very popular. It was obvious the new history displays could not be completed in the short lead-up time, so they were presented as 'works-in-progress' to be finished over the next 12 months. The important thing is once finished they will remain available to the community for years to come.

The video was produced very quickly, shooting commenced early on Monday 17 Jan to first edit, Monday 24 Jan. to final edit and release on Youtube at 9 am on Australia Day, Wed. 26 Jan.

The story recounts a basic outline of Brisbane Water shipbuilding over a 125 year period, based on the book 'The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water' by Gwen Dundon OAM. I wrote the script, did additional research and all

the other pre-production work, I was fortunate in being able to call on my friend Chris Haywood, acclaimed for his work both in front and behind the cameras, who lifted the production to a different level, the videographer and editor was Matt Bragg from Lemon Aide Springs Productions.

As of the 5 Feb. 'Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW' had received almost 1,000 views on Youtube, 670 views on Facebook, all up it reaching 1350, termed an important historical record its received only great reviews.

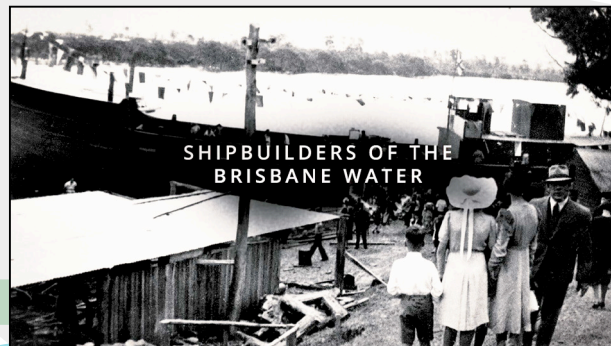
The 15 minute production proved too short to tell the whole story so we will expand the Video to at least 30 minutes.

To see the video go to; Shipbuilders of the Brisbane Water Youtube or here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8rbwilalO4>

And don't miss seeing the new history displays at the next 4 Villages - Shipbuilders Heritage Walk 15th May.

Peter Rea



From the Video (left) Chris Haywood and myself talk about the Davis Brothers shipbuilding (below)



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TUESDAY NIGHT WINGS & WINGS 15/17

1kg chicken wings choice of buffalo, barbeque or salt & pepper
served with crunchy steakhouse fries

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STEAK NIGHT 20/22

Ebony Black Angus rump steak 250gram served with salt & pepper
prawns, creamy slaw and steakhouse fries

THURSDAY NIGHT SNITTY NIGHT 17/19

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February and March

\$15/\$17
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Salt & pepper prawn cutlets (5)
dressed house salad and crunchy fries

Pork schnitzel burger
with slaw, sriracha mayonnaise and crunchy fries

Israeli cous cous salad
with mesclun, capsicum, olives, fetta, cherry tomatoes,
avocado and ranch dressing

Murray Valley pork belly stir fry
with thin egg noodles, bok choy, carrot, green beans,
onion, sprouts and a sweet chilli soy sauce

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Above L to R:
Brisket & cheese pie
Israeli salad
Pork schnitzel burger
Salt & pepper prawn cutlets



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May 2022

shipbuildersheritagewalk.com.au

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