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*Vernon Howard*

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

**Michael Hruby**

This particular evening there were a few storms about so I headed down to Davistown to see what I could find to photograph. I always try to have a subject with the moody sky as a back drop. I was almost going to give up when I saw in the distance a jet ski and a tinny flat chat racing each other doing tight turns, creating back wash. I took the drone up and here is the result.



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## COMMUNITY PROJECT

### Behind the Scenes of the 3 Villages Christmas Decorations

Thank you to all our 3 Villages community members who have given us such fantastic feedback on how much they have enjoyed seeing our Tin Soldiers and Candy Canes highlight the beginning of the Christmas Celebrations for the past 2 years.

While we did have an issue with some serious damage to and theft of some of the decorations, we prefer to focus on wonderful 3 Villagers community who support our efforts to add joy and community connection to our area.

We thought you may be interested to know just what is involved in getting the decorations ready and in place for us all to enjoy, so here it is, our step-by-step process that is already in the planning for Christmas 2024.

1. At our first committee meeting of the year, we decide on a theme for the cutouts.
2. One of our clever committee members designs the template for the year's designs.
3. Liaison with Brisbania Public School occurs on the number of cutouts needed by the school and an agreed timeframe for drop off and pick up of the cutouts.
4. The committee sources either donations or purchase of 12 mm marine ply.
5. The committee then takes the marine ply and template to Erina Mens Shed who then cut out and seal the cutouts ready for decoration.
6. The cutouts are collected from The Mens Shed and dropped at Brisbania School.
7. Each class designs, paints and decorates a cutout.

This year 2 classes even added lights to their candy canes to add to their festive flair.

8. We are so grateful to the wonderful staff and children and in particular the School Principal who has supported our efforts for the past two years. Decorating the cutouts is an extra workload for the school and one they have not hesitated to be involved in.
9. The completed cutouts are collected from the school and returned to The Mens Shed for the clear lacquer seal.
10. The completed cutouts are then placed around our community by our wonderful volunteers and committee members to be enjoyed by all.
11. After Christmas the cutouts are collected by volunteers and stored for next year's celebrations.

If you would have any ideas for next years theme or how we can protect the cutouts from vandalism or if you would like to be involved in any way at all in next years theme we would love to hear from you, just message us on our Facebook page or email me [maggieandjamie@gmail.com](mailto:maggieandjamie@gmail.com) as we would love to hear from you.

*Maggie Vincent - 3 Villages Committee*

#### Monthly Prizes for Photo of the Month Winner

Receives: \$30 voucher from Shelly's Cafe.  
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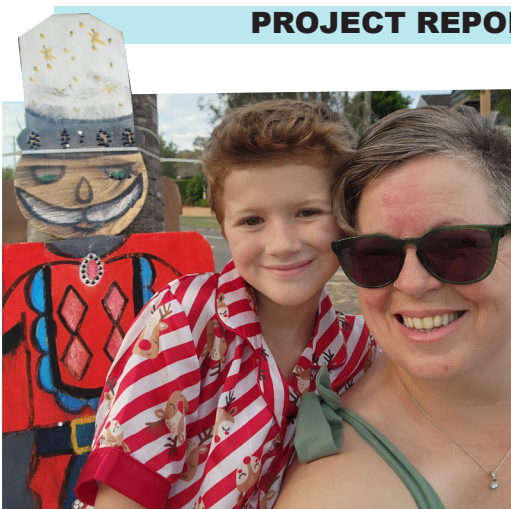


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## PROJECT REPORT



*Happy New Year everyone and onwards we go to another eventful year for 3 Villages Community Group in 2024.*

Above: Great job, Isla Patterson and Mum, Laura volunteering their time to help put up some of the Children's Christmas Decorations along Davistown Rd in December. Your help was very much appreciated.

### 2023 Christmas Light Competition Results

Winners were:

#### BEST HOUSE OVERALL

– Drew Hong, Colin St Saratoga

#### BEST HOUSES

YATTALUNGA – Stevens Family 228 Davistown Rd

SARATOGA – Mills Family 11 The Corso

DAVISTOWN – Dean English 14 Pyang Ave

#### BEST MINI DISPLAYS

YATTALUNGA – 21 Mundoora Ave

SARATOGA – Taylor 2a Hopkin Pl

DAVISTOWN – LOVELL 11 Pyang Ave

BEST BUSINESS – Fred & Mags Davistown

#### BEST STREET

– The Corso

**Saratoga Community Hall** - The 3 VCG committee is currently in meetings and discussions with Central Coast Council to perhaps become the new custodians of the Hall in Kyeema St. This is exciting news for the group, and we do hope things fall into place for us to do so. We are still looking for a couple of extra volunteers who may have an interest in helping with a few light duties.

**Pickle Ball** - Also in the pipeline and to kick off the year is to introduce the game of Pickle Ball. Meetings with Central Coast Council and Pickle Ball representatives are set up to see what can be done to make this wonderful sport available for us. (Currently looking at the Saratoga Tennis Courts site.) Pickle Ball is growing extremely fast on the coast being an all-round sport for all ages and especially so for ex squash or tennis players. For now, you can check the game and learn how to play at the PCYC in Bateau Bay. More news on this next month.

### Seniors Week For the Over 65's

Save the date for 15 March at 11 am for a special luncheon coming up. More information is coming soon.

Just \$10 per ticket at the DAVO.

*Taia Sansom, 3VCG Group President*

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## MEET THE LOCALS

### David and Pam Roberts

I was born in Liverpool where I met my wife Pam and married her 47 years ago. We initially came to Australia by accident, when as a Civil Engineer with British Rail I was offered the opportunity to come to Australia on a secondment as a consultant. At this time our children were 6 and 3 and we were here for 2 years; we fell in love with the place. When we first arrived in Australia we stayed initially in a hotel in Manly and woke up each day to a view of the Pacific Ocean.

I got involved with some interesting projects, such as the Perisher Ski Tube, where we had a role in ensuring the developer met the suitability requirements for operation. In the worst snowfall there for 40 years, our team carried out the pre-commissioning inspections and operational testing.

We returned to the UK after that initial posting, but never stopped thinking about Oz and our friends here. Five years later in 1994, I was offered a job designing the original light rail in Sydney. As a family we jumped at the opportunity to come back and settle permanently. We lived in the Cheltenham – Beecroft area during that time.

Later in my career, I became Director Technical Services at Transport for NSW Projects Division, leading a team of 240 professional engineers, planning and environmental specialists and safety and quality managers. During that time I was involved in most of the major rail projects in NSW, such as the Epping to Chatswood Rail Link.

Pam volunteered in Britain for British Red Cross and with the Liverpool Children's Hospital. When we moved here Pam was a volunteer helping Mums with children who are living with Autism. She also trained and qualified as a Lifeline Counsellor. During this time, she also worked part time as a telephone counsellor on the Domestic Violence Help Line.

Pam's other roles included working for Douglas Hanly Moir, both in the laboratory and as a pathology collector in one of the collection centres. She went on to be a full time Community Aid Coordinator.

When it was time to retire, we decided to move to the Central Coast after a friend of ours moved here. We always loved the beach and still do; we take drives to visit the local beaches as often as we can.



## GARDENING

Thinking about having a go at growing something? Vegetables? Flowers?

How about growing an interest in where food comes from?

If you're home during the school holidays and looking for something to amuse the kids, why not have a go? You don't need anything fancy, or even a lot of space. You can grow plants in a pot.

How about some yummy strawberries? They grow well in a pot and if you can get the pot off the ground, you might even beat the local blue tongue lizard to the ripe berries! You might know someone who has some plants that are throwing runners that can be cut off and planted. Lettuce is another good crop. Quick growing and if you choose the loose leaf types, you can pick leaves as needed. Rocket is good too. So are cherry tomatoes and baby carrots. Choose something that has a short grow time to maintain interest.

If you'd rather grow flowers, sunflowers are a fun thing to grow. Big smiley faces, with edible seeds. Grab a packet of seeds from your local nursery and scatter them about. Cosmos, daisies, marigolds, and poppies are all pretty in the garden. Or for a surprise, try a Bee and Butterfly attracting mix. And remember, you're never too old to play in the dirt!!

Tracey Ellis

We put our name down at the over 55's village in Davistown and were lucky enough to find our current home in 2022. We love it here in the 3 Villages, we have met some wonderful people, and we are able to walk to the club for dinner with our friends!





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## WHAT'S ON IN JAN. / FEB.

### JAN

**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**  
024 Veterans Virtual Job Fair  
The Berkeley Centre, Glenning Valley

**FEB**  
**Sun. 4. Gosford City Farmers Market**  
11, 18, 25 7am-12noon Gosford Showgrounds  
Held every Sunday

**Fri. 9 Karise Eden Live in Concert**  
8-10.30pm Avoca Beach Theatre

**Sat. 10 Springloaded**  
3-7pm The Entertainment Grounds, Erina

**Sat. 10 Secret Comedy Club at Gosford**  
7.30-10pm Bay Road Brewing, Gosford

**Sat. 10 The Radiators**  
6pm Sunken Monkey Hotel, Erina

**Sun.11 Manpower Australia**  
7.30pm Central Coast Leagues Club

**Sun. 11 Return to Travel Expo**  
10am Breakers Country Club, Wamberal

**Wed. 14 History Ferry Tour**  
Broken Bay/Hawkesbury River  
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**Sat. 17 Gosford Waterfront Markets**  
8am-2pm Point Frederick

**Sat.17 An Evening with James Morison Quartet**  
8-10pm Avoca Beach Theatre

**Sun. 18 As You Like it @ Brentwood Village**  
4-6.30pm Brentwood Village, Kincumber

**Mon.19 History Ferry Tour - Brisbane water**  
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**Fri. 23 Faulty Towers the Dining Experience**  
(fundraiser for KSLSC)  
6pm Kilcare Surf Life Saving Club

**Sat. 24 Irish vs Scottish Comedy Central Coast**  
4-7pm The DAVO

**Mon. 26 Central Coast with the Most**  
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7.30pm The Element Building,  
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## COMMUNITY / HERITAGE

These days across the country, bit by bit 'heritage' seems to be disappearing, however, locally, for over a decade, a group has been quietly working away to recreate some of our lost history. They have been doing this by building scale models like the ships once built in the Brisbane Water District, warships wrecked in the Hawkesbury River and dioramas like that of George Frost's Shipyard on Kincumber Creek. There's fascinating working models, like the steam engines from the Terrigal built vessel General Gordon and a steam driven saw-mill plus artwork has been created to support telling the stories. At its height the local timber industry supported 80 sawmills and provided 4000 jobs. Over the years these works have been exhibited at many community events including, the Putt-Putt Regatta, 4 Villages-Shipbuilders Heritage Walk, Davistown Hall Centenary Event and the Gosford Regional Show. Selected works have also been taken to schools for Rotary supported history lessons.

By 2019 and seriously running out of space to both work on the projects and safely store them and/or also display some of them, a meeting took place and the Central Coast Community Model Makers Mens Shed (CCCMMMS) was formed. The primary aim remains providing support for mens health, however, secondary aims are to provide a place where school groups can learn of local history and encourage tourist visits to help cover expenses.

Various sites for a 'CCCMMS Shed' were trialed and failed before Gosford Showground was considered, two sites were identified but were rejected following detailed assessment

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by the management. A year passed before a third site was proposed and this time it was approved, however, another delay was experienced gaining State Government approval.

Earlier in December 2021, a very positive (zoom) meeting was held with David Harris, Member for Wyong. Following the 2023 NSW elections, a follow-up meeting took place with him, now as Minister for the Central Coast and this resulted in him contacting the Minister responsible for Crown Lands. Things then moved quickly and in January this year, almost five years since forming the CCCMMMS, a lease was signed for the site of a 'Shed', which is going to be a bit different from the norm, offering some additional community, educational and economic benefits.

Sponsorship is now required to get the building plans through the various approval stages. If you can help or are interested in joining or supporting CCCMMMS, please Contact Peter: 0438 417 739

ccmodelmakersmensshed@gmail.com

Footnote: A group of women interested in building doll houses/furniture have contacted the CCCMMMS asking about access to the facilities of the 'Shed' when built.

Above: 2.5m wide Diorama of the Thomas Davis built General Gordon departing Hawkesbury River for Gosford, the background artwork depicts the rail bridge being constructed.

Below: A Brig, one of a series of five models depicting the five main types of sailing ships built on Brisbane Water.

Lower: A work-in-progress, in a series remembering local personnel involved in Australia's many wars. The Australian Light Horse charge broke the Turkish defence line at Beersheba, in 1917. In the next eleven months the Palestine Campaign was won and the Australians crossed into Syria. They entered Damascus, 31 Oct. 1918, ahead of Prince Faisal's (Lawrence's) Arab army and twelve days before the end of WWI.



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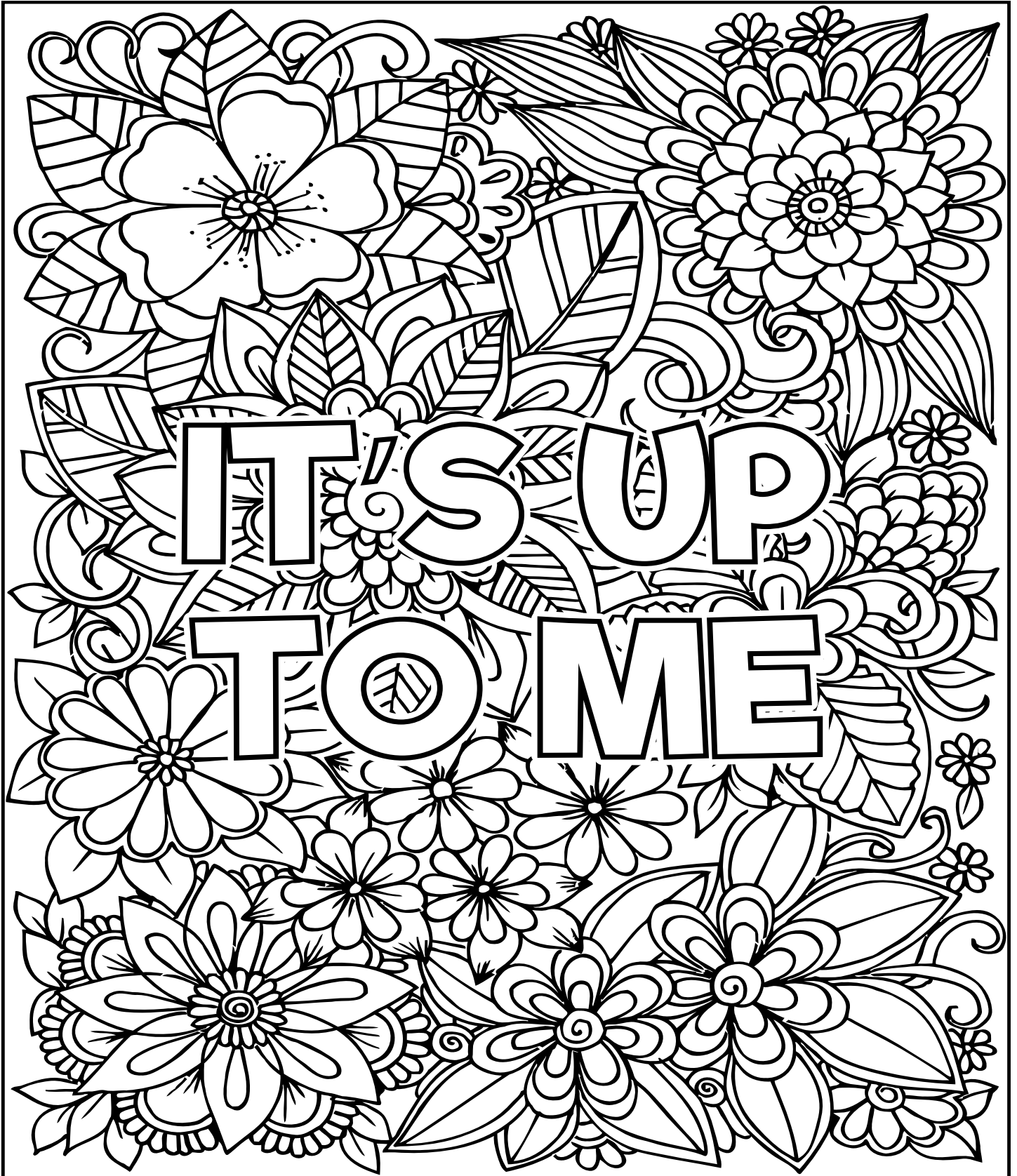
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