



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

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Steven Dean

I'm a builder, and as most tradies do, we start early. If there is one benefit from being up early to start the work day, it's seeing these amazing sunrises over our beautiful bay and region. Every day is different and the sunrise changes very quickly. I just caught that one at the right time! It was a very dramatic looking sunrise that day. I take a lot of sunrise pics for my daughter Grace, as she is not up that early to see the sunrise.

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



WELCOME

It's been so lovely seeing members of our community helping out and doing things we shouldn't need too - like mowing council strips of lawn and public areas, cleaning bus stops and signs, and of course an honourable mention to the wonderful "pothole warrior" Jenny Hartich. This is one of the reasons why I love this community so much - everyone is willing to take the time to help out and make our 3 Villages shine!

"It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform." — Roy T. Bennett
Ally Adamson

PROJECT REPORT

Supporting local businesses

Along with community enhancement one of the ideas behind the work of the 3 Villages Community Group is to ensure we have a local thriving economy. Having a booming local economy has many benefits for all the residents. Not only does it ensure local jobs and employment, it also means local business have more money to invest in other local businesses. Less vacant shops, more local consumers are all a big plus for our community.

The 3VCG has always supported local. We offer advertising in our newsletter, and promote businesses who support our fundraising events. We also have tidied up the garden at Saratoga shopping village. We have other bigger plans as well which are awaiting approvals from Council.

We have recently started a local business directory on our website. All businesses from the 3 villages or connected to the 3 villages are invited to register on the website by filling out the form. Your details will then be transferred to the directory for locals to use. Over time we hope to fill it with as many small businesses as possible. Ensuring that every time someone asks "does anyone know a local" they can look at the directory and find exactly what they need.

We now have this QR code which you can scan and it will take you directly to the page so it can be easily viewed. Keep this QR code easily accessible, possibly on your fridge, so that whenever you need a local business it's as simple as scanning and having all our local businesses in one spot.

If you are a local business and haven't added yourself to the list please do so, the more business that join the more everyone will benefit.



 SCAN ME

THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

Centennial Ave Picnic Reserve, Saratoga.

It's been wonderful watching the waterfront picnic area at Centennial Ave come alive again with so many being able to finally use the area and the new park furniture. It seemed to take forever to get the project going after so many obstacles to jump over, but hooray we got there in the end.

What an amazing transformation this area has had with all the new picnic tables, one with a beautiful, cantilevered shelter and two



fancy wave chairs side by side. It's so nice to see the area getting used as it should be. When I drive by every day it puts a huge smile on my face to see so many people enjoying it.

I'd like to thank the Green Point/Avoca Beach Lions Club for donating two of the picnic settings. The Lions Clubs are valuable community organisations with goals to strengthen communities and support those in need. The Green Point/Avoca Beach Club meet twice a month at the Davistown RSL. New members are always welcome to join this fun and social club. Enquiries can be made with Norma Seitam on 0402 829 949 or tonyseitam@gmail.com

Many thanks also for the very generous grant funding awarded by Adam Crouch MP – Member for Terrigal, providing the remainder of the park furniture for everyone to enjoy. Communities do rely heavily on grant fundings of which there are so many, but this funding came to us from the State Government Community Building Partnerships Grant and recently, through the 3 Villages Community Group, I have just applied for new park furniture to replace the old set at Lintern St Wharf area in Davistown. Let's hope we get it!

Let me know if you hear of a grant availability which could be applied to another project.

Taia Sansom

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HERITAGE

Davistown Progress Hall - 100 Birthday



Battling the 2022 'East Coast Lows', the Davistown Progress Hall had not one, but two, One Hundred Year Birthday Celebrations. On the water were canoe races, history ferry tours and the putt-putts paraded past, while around the Hall there were heritage displays of the pre putt-putt sailing ships, also many local small businesses were represented, great food, entertainment, lots of traditional activities like quoits, tug-o-war, etc. Two great days! "Happy Birthday, Hall".





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MEET THE LOCALS

Glen Gulliver is a local Real Estate Agent with Paula Taylor- The Agency, Davistown. He moved to the central coast 13 years ago with the past 6 being spent in the 3 Villages.



Glen and his multi-generational family live in the villages with their 2 cats and Max their Labrador. He loves the support the community has for local dog owners.

Glen's favourite spot is the waterfront at Centennial Ave, especially now the playground and picnic facilities have been upgraded. When he's not there you might find him at the Davo, where he's a member or at home in his garden.

Glen is a qualified chef by trade, before becoming a real estate agent he was in hospitality for 17 years. He spent the majority of his career at Berowra Waters where he started at the age of 16 and worked his way up to be the General Manager of 3 venues.

Glen feels very privileged to be living in the 3 villages because it has a true sense of community and care. "I feel it's such a safe place to bring up my children. I know the locals are always looking out for each other and when someone is in need of help everybody bands together".

Glen would like to acknowledge and thank the community for all the support they give locally owned businesses. Especially over the last couple of years. It really demonstrates the true spirit of community.

WHAT'S ON

8th – 17th July

Childrens Basic Knitting class,
Grumpy Ginger Yarn Co. Wyong

8th July

Movie Turbo, The Davo

10th July

Morning Chores, Grace Spring Farm

15th July

Daryl Braithwaite, Drifters Wharf
15th July - Fleetwood Mac Tribute,
The Entrance Leagues Club

16th July

Roosters V Dragons, Central Coast Stadium

17th July

Gosford City Farmers Market, Gosford Showground

20th July

Tech Savy Seniors Introduction to Tablets, Kincumber Library

22nd July

Magic Men, The Davo

23rd July

Christmas in July, Avoca Beach House

23rd July

Lano & Woodley, The Art House Wyong

23rd July

Talking Weeds, Erina Library

24th July

Brisbane Water History Ferry Tour

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24th & 25th July

Roald Dahl The Imagination Seekers,
The Peninsula Theatre Woy Woy

29th July

Hawkesbury/Broken Bay History Ferry Tour

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29th July

3 Villages Trivia night, The Davo

30th July

Showcase Tour, The Arthouse Wyong

30th July

Kids Festival, Glenworth Valley

31st July

Scottish Ceilidh, The Entertainment Grounds

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WHAT'S ON NEXT YEAR

In 1823 James Webb occupied land at Blackwall, soon to be followed by Robert Henderson at Saratoga.

In 2023 the 3 Villages Community Group is supporting events to mark the Bicentennial of European Settlement in the Brisbane Water District, this will include acknowledgement of the original inhabitants.

SO WATCH THIS SPACE...

SPECIAL

Good News Bandits

We have many wonderful, quiet heroes among us who frequently act out of kindness and generosity for the benefit of our community. This month we acknowledge MICHAEL STRONG.

Every morning Michael looks out from his back deck and says to himself, as he takes in his amazing view, "How did I get to be so lucky, a bloke like me?" From listening to his story I know that it took lots of hard work and good decisions.

Michael is a busy man with his maintenance work and commitments however, he found time to improve our area. He saw the appeal Taia put out on Davistown/Saratoga/Yattalunga Chit Chat Group, for volunteers to clean up the neglected bus shelter near the Saratoga Shopping Centre. While people were still stepping up and sorting out which days they could and couldn't, Michael turned up the next day with his Hydrocell, "Simply because I had the equipment, the time and the motivation to do something for our community."



Is this a position for you or someone you know? FUND RAISING TEAM LEADER

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SCHOOLS

We Recognise Sorry Day

On Wednesday 25 May at both our Secondary and Primary Chapels our students watched a video by former Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd explaining the origins and traditions of 'Sorry Day'.



Our Primary Chapel was led by our Student Representative Councillors. Primary students also watched a video with Mr Kevin Rudd, introducing the book 'Sorry Day', written by Coral Vass, illustrated by Dub Leffler, read by Trevor Jamieson.

Year 6 students prepared 'Sorry Day' speeches and read them in their classes.

Our ATSI Observances in 2022 include National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) represents an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our country's shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians can be strengthened, in order to build momentum for national reconciliation.

Our Year 12 Aboriginal Studies students are hosting an HSC Major Project Display Night at the College.

NAIDOC Week (3 – 10 July), we have many activities and events planned including a Reconciliation Meal and a guest speaker at our 'To the Point' Lecture series with Brooke Prentice speaking on 'Aboriginal Justice and the possibilities of the Statement from the Heart'.

During this time our library has a display of books relating to all these topics.



DISCO FEVER HITS BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The very dedicated P&C at Brisbania Public School held their first disco of the year. Although it was a chilly evening, this did not deter the 320 students from dressing up as their favourite movie characters. It was an A-list crowd, with appearances from the likes of Scooby Doo, Spiderman and Elsa to Cinderella, Avengers and the Queen of Hearts. There were lucky door prizes, a photo booth and yummy food to enjoy.



As the students danced the evening away with their friends inside the hall, parents enjoyed a sausage sizzle and chat outside. The air was filled with community spirit. Over \$2000 was raised from this event.



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