

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



#### **WELCOME**

There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind."
—Mister Rogers

#### PHOTO OF THE MONTH

#### **Jenny Hartich**

I was very fortunate to be able to photograph the NSW State Titles Windsurfer Regatta which was held at the Saratoga Sailing Club on the 18th/19th Feb . I had never seen so many colourful sails so close to home.

Jenny receives a \$30 voucher from **Shelly's Cafe** and **Jas Art Brewer Nutrimetics**, who we thank for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.



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#### **PROJECT REPORT**

Long Term Planning for the 3 Villages

We started the 3VCG with the intention of getting an upgraded swing set in Jirramba Playground, however as we undertook this journey, we began to see that planning and investment was needed across the entire 3 Villages.

We highlighted 5 Community Activation Zones which need integrated planning to meet the needs of the community. Upgraded and new equipment, better design, increased community use are some of the tasks we have identified that need work.



- Jirramba Park & Centennial waterfront
- Saratoga oval sport and recreation zone
- Lintern st wharf and picnic area
- Memorial Oval
- Davistown Pirate park, picnic area and swim baths

We have spent the past 3 years building a strong relationship with council and government and are excited to announce that the many emails and meetings have resulted in a great opportunity for the suburbs of Davistown, Saratoga and Yattalunga. Recently council employed a new role Open Space Recreation and Planner and he has decided to use the Davistown, Saratoga and Yattalunga as an example for long term planning for the entire central coast.

Essentially through community consultation he will work with us to develop a plan that will integrate all 5 key zones ensuring all spaces work together to meet the needs of the community. Using us as a case study for the coast ensures we will be at the top of the list for planning and therefore funding and installation. It's a fantastic and unique opportunity that will have immense benefit for all residents.

How can you help? Make sure you engage, vote, answer questions when we ask; community input is a vital part of this process. Inform us if you come across a grant opportunity, it doesn't matter how large or small, private or public, every grant we can apply for, brings extra funding to support the plan and help bring it together so we get the best results for the community.











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Your Local Pest Management Company. Servicing the 3 Villages of Yattalunga, Saratoga and Davistown since 1998. As we move into winter it will be a very busy rodent period following the wet cool summer that we have just gone through. We can assist people to prepare for it!







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## SPEND EASTER @ THE DAVO

#### **WEDNESDAY 29. MAR**

7 pm EASTER EGG RAFFLE



Tickets at reception or scan the QR

#### **GOOD FRIDAY 7. APRIL**

10.30 am EGG HUNT - backyard /



Egg Hunt tickets at reception or scan the QR. bookings essential

7 pm Raffle, over \$3k in prizes 7.30 pm Live entertainment

#### **EASTER SATURDAY 8. APRIL**

2.30 pm Raffle 7.30 pm Live entertainment

#### **EASTER SUNDAY 9. APRIL**

6 pm Raffle - \$1,000.00 worth of meat trays to win

#### **EASTER MONDAY 10. APRIL**

12 noon Live entertainment







25th -Bull Hits Artist, the Quarters, Forresters Beach

25th -Flavours by the Sea, Terrigal foreshore

25th -Raw Challenge, Doyalson

26th -Bonsai Course, Lions Club Community Hall East Gosford

26th -History Ferry Tour, Brisbane Water areahistorytours.com.au - Phone 0418 631 313

26th -Gosford City Farmers Market. Gosford Show Ground

31st -Celtic Beat Legends of Ireland, The Art House Wyong

April Rod Stewart, Roche Estate Hunter Valley 1st -

1st -Central Coast Mariners V Brisbane Roar. Central Coast Stadium

2nd -Putt Putt Regatta, Davistown

2nd -Gosford City Farmers Market, Gosford Show Ground

8th -Avoca Beach Comedy Club, Avoca Beach Theatre

9th -Gosford City Farmers Market, Gosford Show Ground

15th -Prada Clutch All Drag Revue, Art House Wyong

15th -Cirque Mother Africa, Laycock St Theatre Wyoming

15th -Central Coast Mariners V Melbourne City, Central Coast Stadium

16th -Gosford City Farmers Market. Gosford Show Ground

17th -History Ferry Tour, Broken Bay/Hawkesbury

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Chart a course for the... 4 Villages - Shipbuilders Heritage Walk **Sunday 21 May 2023** 

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#### **How I Can Support You**

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- Family and Community Services

#### **MEET THE LOCALS**

#### **Barry & Connie Spence**

Lived in Yattalunga since 2000. Previously in Castle Hill they moved to Green Point, and then into Yattalunga.

. They have been married for 60 years and have 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 61/2 great grandchildren that keep them very busy.

Connie used to work for Medicare, and it was a job at Erina Fair that persuaded them to move to the coast permanently. Barry worked for a labour hire company managing 1400 people, in Fairfield, and he commuted there every day, watching the improvements to the roads and transport over the years.

The community spirit, neighbours and the beautiful environment – everything that makes for a good life is what they feel is available in the 3 Villages and they have no intention of moving away.

Connie's grandfather used to own Buena Vista, which was a guest house, built in 1916. As a child she used to take the train to Woy Woy and then ferry across to Saratoga in the school holidays with her family to enjoy the escape from the City.

Both have played tennis for many years, and Connie still plays with the Gosford District Tennis Association. Over the years they have run 160 Fun Runs including 14 City to Surfs, needless to say fitness is a priority in their lives.

Travel was one of their great pleasures, having travelled to most parts of the world, until COVID put a stop to overseas travel, but gave them the opportunity to appreciate what they have in the close surrounds.



Mentoring – Barry has been a Mentor at a number of High Schools since 2000, but now Kincumber High and Narara Valley are the only public schools on the coast that offer this program. The Programme is specifically aimed at those children who are likely to leave school at year 10, and ensure they have the tools to either stay on, or find employment if they leave. Over that time he has mentored over 80 students and feels this is one of the most important roles he has had over the years, and he still really enjoys it.

#### **VOLINTEERS NEEDED**

#### **Mentors Required**

For many years now Kincumber High School has been running a volunteer mentoring programme to assist Year 10 students navigate the pathway through their senior years and beyond.

Unfortunately COVID19 interrupted school studies and caused a great deal of stress and anxiety to the point that some students are becoming disengaged from school. This makes the mentoring programme even more important. If you or someone you know, would like to experience the satisfaction of knowing that you have made a difference to a young person just by being there to listen to their ambitions and dreams, and maybe help them on their way – come and join the group at Kincumber High.

All that is required is a couple of hours a week, for a period of 10 weeks, a positive attitude, and an interest in helping young people. No previous experience is necessary and training is provided. You will also make new friends, and enjoy a delicious morning tea.

For further information contact Barbara Behan on 0421 552 884



### STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

Mentors Needed- can you help?







Get your Souvenir 4 Villages Passport and 4 Question Q&A Card at Kincumber, Adults \$5, Kids \$2 Kids dressed-up Free\* Take the 1.2km nice flat walk along the 4 Villages waterfront. At each Village Border Post have your 4 Villages Passport officially stamped. Enjoy the History Display at each stop, find the answer to the relevant history question, mark your Q&A card to go in the draw to win History Ferry Tours.



Place your Q&A card in the treasure chest at Davistown, there is a special treasure chest for kids Q&A.

Free Shuttle Busses between Kinvcumber and Davistown Food - Music - Stalls - Face Painting

Addotional History Displays in the Hall

SUNDAY MAY 21st shipbuildersheritagewalk.com.au



HOLIDAY TIME IN SARATOGA - CIRCA 1920's Continued...

Firstly, you may well be asking after having read the last edition, (newsletter No 35), "who was President and who was Lady Royal?" Answer: The Sunday

Times Comic and Children's Section was conducted by "President" and "Lady Royal" (both pen names) had written the story which was selected for inclusion. Entrants for stories of all kinds were to be under the age of 16. Lady Royal was from Hamilton, Newcastle. Dianna Scott, (a local resident), shares here another holiday story from the Sydney Sunday Times 5 March 1922. From "White Rose" to "Mr President".

White Rose Enjoys a Fishing Holiday.

Classic Cars - History Boat Trips...And Moore

"We reached Woy Woy at about two o'clock and found, to our great disgust, that the Mount Pleasant launch did not leave till four. Well, what can't be cured must be endured, so we sat down on the bank of the river and refreshed ourselves with a bottle of lemonade and some sweets. At last, the launch came into sight and in a few minutes, we were on our way to Mount Pleasant. Very soon we arrived at Veteran Hall, the place where we stayed. After journeying practically all day we were very glad to go to bed early, but next morning we were up with the lark, and sallied forth to fish. But alas! The fish would not suffer themselves to be caught, so we gave it up as a bad job. That day we walked to Saratoga, a couple of miles away and when we reached there, we were nearly dropping with the heat for it was a fearful day, and there was no shelter on the road. Well, after the first day the time seemed to fly, and what with swimming, fishing, and boating our holiday came to an end in time, but the whole of the time we were there we did not get a really good haul of fish. There were plenty of stingarees to be caught but they are not edible. At last, we managed to catch fifteen small whiting, just enough for a meal. Well, President, all good things cannot last forever, and once more we found ourselves back in Sydney."

Historically, the "fearful weather" in the article for the time recorded was 26 degrees.

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#### **SCHOOLS**



In February 2023, a group of fifteen girls from Year 10 and 11 went on a mission trip to Brewarrina in Far West NSW, with the purpose of supporting the work of Pastor Isaac Gordon and Pastor Henry

Louie. After arriving, the girls stayed in the girls' dormitory at Brewarrina Christian School at the Gongolgon campus. The team enjoyed a night of fellowship with local youth and youth leaders. The next day, they visited a small community called Weilmoringle where they met Josie Byno, an Aboriginal elder who shared her memories and experiences of growing up in the area. The team also visited the local pool before heading to church on Sunday where one of the girls shared her testimony and the team sang a few songs. After the church service, they were invited to a meal prepared by Pastor Isaac's wife, Eileen. On Monday, the team went for a walk around the property, visited the Old Mission site and worked with one of the GPCC leaders to run some activities for the students at Brewarrina Christian School. On the team's last night in Brewarrina, two of the girls were baptized, and the locals were invited to the school for a meal and fellowship. The team spent their last day at the Brewarrina Aboriginal Museum before heading to Gulargambone. They camped there and shared their testimonies before heading into Gilgandra to pick up Pastor Henry Louie. They spent time sharing stories and listening to Henry tell of some of his life. The team spent time at Hickey's Falls and in the Warrumbungle National Park before heading to the Pillaga Hot Bore Baths for a soak and a sausage sizzle. They finished their trip at Pastor Henry's church in Pillaga, where the girls sang worship songs and Pastor Henry gave the team words of encouragement.

Below: Years 10 and 11 students from GPCC







Congratulations to Brisbania Public School's Student Representative Council (SRC) for Semester One 2023. Each class from Years 2 to 6 elected two students to become their

student voice for the school. The SRC members discuss ideas with their class to organise events to help raise funds to make their school and community an even better place to learn and live.

This year, Brisbania will focus on our beautiful environment within the school. With community support, this should have a flow-on effect throughout our 3 Villages. The whole school Waste Reduction Project kicked off last term when Stage 3 students were guided by staff from Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre to collect data on the type of rubbish we accumulate, how much is sent to landfill, how much could be recycled, and what could be avoided! The money paid by the school to empty the many skip bins SHOULD be spent on exciting, new learning equipment and activities!

The Waste Reduction Project includes Kindy to Year 2 sending their fruit & vegies scraps to be composted, Years 3 & 4 will learn about plastics at school (and hopefully at home). Stage 3 will investigate what happens to rubbish 'beyond the bin'.

The SRC coordinates classroom recycling of papers and cardboards using the Yellow bins. We will introduce 'Curvy' plastic recycling and 'Return & Earn' bins to recycle the many plastic drink bottles. Please support your children as they actively learn about caring for our environment. Brisbania Public School has a lot of work ahead, but WE CAN DO IT!



