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## WELCOME

It's almost winter and there is definitely a new chill in the air! What a beautiful time of the year, especially in the 3 Villages. The trees are changing, and there has been a buzz of excitement in Yattalunga with the opening of the new cafe. Lots of positive change, and it's so lovely to see the community out and about supporting local businesses.

There are several upcoming projects that we are so excited about, and can't wait to see how it all pans out. There are more details inside about one of these projects, so be sure to check it out and have a read.

"If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." - Michelle Ruiz

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

A lovely sunrise in Saratoga taken with a Mavic 2 drone by

**Shelley Van den Hooven**

Winners receive a \$30 voucher from Shelly's cafe and a \$20 voucher from Jas Art Photography, for whom we thank so much for their support of the 3 Villages Newsletter.



## PROJECT REPORT

### COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

After a lot of planning and many conversations with Council we have finally been given permission to start on the next phase of the Community Garden.

The garden will be operated by the BUGGs (Bush Urban Garden Group) who manage and run all environmental projects for the 3 Villages Community Group.

The Community Garden has been inspired by nature itself and the garden beds will take the shape of a flower if seen from above. Garden seating will be included in the design so everyone can come by, sit, and enjoy the space. Importantly one of the key features is that it will be accessible to people of all capabilities.

We have lots of exciting ideas for the garden such as a play group, a community composting programme and a harvest garden.

We're currently applying for grants for equipment and for building the garden itself as well as some landscaping that's required for the space. We are looking for sponsors for the garden project and perhaps your local business may be keen to become one.

We're also planning some working bees with the aim of kick starting the garden and involving the local community from the very start of the project.

If you're interested in getting involved either by becoming a sponsor or coming along to one of our working bees, follow the Facebook page for details or get in touch via the website [3villages.com.au](http://3villages.com.au).

Monique Roy

## LOCAL BUSINESS

You may have noticed a new Cafe open up in the Old Yattalunga General Store on Davistown Road. Here is their story:

Kindred Spirits Cafe is a new collaborative hub located at the Old Yattalunga General Store.

It is a space where the community can meet and enjoy - pups & people alike - with a food truck on site as well as pet boutique, dog cafe and general store.

Elyse Vella started a small online pet boutique last year named Cute AF Pets, with a focus on Australian hand made and natural products. She grew up in Saratoga & Davistown and felt that the store was the perfect progression, having been a chef for the past 11 years she also wanted to incorporate her love of food into the venue so she came up with the idea of making it a dog cafe, complete with woofles, puppychinos, hot dogolattes and more!

Fear not humans, they cater for you too! In store you can find; local sourdough bread, kombucha on tap, pastries, flower arrangements, warming soups daily and more. As well as the 16 Seeds Juice Co. food truck on site serving up locally roasted organic coffee, cold pressed juice and healthy, delicious food run by Hayley Mast.

The girls have come together as separate businesses but run the venue as a collaborative space and even invite local musicians down to play every Sunday, a tarot reader every Tuesday and other local businesses such as a mobile dog wash and food truck nights.



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## THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

For those that don't know we are lucky enough to have a Fire Station within Saratoga. Saratoga Fire Station was opened in 1988 and is currently under the command of Captain Craig Dodds. The station is staffed by 17 "On Call Firefighters" who are available 24/7 and prepared for anything to protect

each year and also assist in state-wide emergencies like the Port Macquarie floods in March this year and the 19/20 bushfires.

The station is serviced by two appliances, an urban pumper and a 4WD bush fire tanker both of which provide the resources staff require to attend such incidents.

Captain Craig Dodds said the majority of house fires we attend are caused by cooking left unattended.

"As part of our community education program we try to encourage the community to keep looking while cooking, and never leave the stove unattended.

"As we head into the cooler months it is important to ensure gas heaters are serviced regularly, never use outdoor heaters indoors and to ensure your smoke alarms are working."

"Now is the time to discuss your own fire escape plan with your family, talk about what to do in the event of a fire, organise an evacuation meeting point and discuss how to call 000 in the event of an emergency," he said.

Fire and Rescue NSW provide a free home safety visit service where firefighters come and discuss fire safety at your home. Smoke detectors can be installed, and

batteries changed if needed, all free of charge. Please contact our Zone office on (02) 4337 9700 to book a visit.

We are currently looking for "On Call Firefighters" in Saratoga. For more information and to apply visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/retained](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/retained) or call 02 4337 9700. For more information visit the station on Saturday 15 May for our 2021 Open Day.



the irreplaceable. Staff are trained in not only fires but in rescue, hazardous material incidents, support agencies for the EPA, NSW Police, medical response, providing humanitarian relief during natural disasters and most importantly community education.

Of the 17 staff four remain on call at any one time through a roster system and as a result must live within 3km of the fire station. Fortunately, Saratoga is a relatively quiet station attending on average 150 calls

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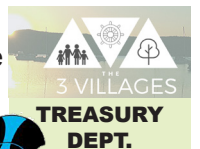
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### TREASURER NEEDED

The 3 Villages Community Group is looking for someone to join the committee as the Treasurer. It is with great sadness that our current treasurer Rod Lolyd is moving out the 3 Villages and there for has given up his position as group treasurer. Rod was an asset to the group, he will be missed, we thank Rod for all he has done. If you are interested in the treasurer role.

Please get in touch via the website [3villages.com.au](http://3villages.com.au)



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## SEE YOU AT THE DAVO

### A Laugh At The Davo

Like your Saturday nights to be filled with racy humour, awesome music and the odd air guitar or lip sync battle? Then get down to the Davo on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drag Queen Music Bingo hosted by Khandi K Loudly kicks off at 7.30pm in the auditorium, it's free and strictly adults only.



Here's how it works:

1. Get your bingo card
2. Listen to the music...  
Mark off your songs
3. If you get a line ...  
Win Prizes!
4. Come along if you dare!



Bookings:  
highly recommended, phone the club on 4363 0199.



## WHAT'S ON

**9th May & 13th June:** Davistown Waterfront markets

**15th May:** Drag Queen Music Bingo. Davistown RSL. 7pm-10pm

**27th May- 9th June:** French Film Festival at Avoca Beach Picture Theatre. Visit [avocatheatre.com.au](http://avocatheatre.com.au) to view the program and to book your tickets

**28th May:** Australian Flavours - The Dart and Feather Davistown. Bringing you Flavours of Down Under, they're showcasing a 7-course Australian inspired degustation, showcasing some of Australia's best produce & flavours. Book your tickets via website [thedartandfeather.com.au](http://thedartandfeather.com.au)

**June 12/13:** Central Coast Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival program is designed for attendees to follow an event trail that encourages visitation at multiple local farms, food hubs, family activities and event hubs. The event is delivered in partnership with their Central Coast farming community, to show off the beautiful hinterland areas and promote the Coast as a supplier of quality products. Visit Central Coast Council website for more details.

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## SCHOOLS



### GREEN POINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLEAN SHORES EXCURSION

Service in our Local Community

Congratulations to 14 of our students from Years 9, 10 and 11 and our Geography teacher, Mrs Erasmus who assisted Clean4Shore to remove litter from the foreshores of Kincumber Broadwater and Cockle Bay at the end of Term 1. Among the rubbish they collected were plastic drink bottles, plastic packaging, plastic bags, glass, straws, plastic cups, plates and cutlery. They also collected other larger items such as an old surf ski and marine craft ply. Thank you to Isaac E, Gemma G, Hamish H, Chloe H, Noah H, Aliya H, Charlotte H, Tara J, Zara L, Lily M, Madeline N, Siena P, Sasha R, Emelia W for serving in our local community.



### BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL HOPPING INTO EASTER

There was a buzz of excitement in the air when our students arrived at school on the last day of Term One, for a special visitor had been the night before; the Easter Bunny! The students donned their crazy hair (Years 3-6) and fabulous Easter hat creations (Years K-2) and made their way to their classrooms to find their delicious treats.



Unlike the previous year where lock-downs and restrictions had forced the cancellation of major events, this year, our last day of term was a celebration of things getting back

to normal at Brisbania PS and what better way to do it then with the Easter Hat Parade. This year, we decided to hold our parade outdoors with an extra long runway for the students to show off their creations. The sunny day, the families and spectators and of course the students and teachers all contributed to making the event a huge success. For many of our K-2 students, this was their first whole school event and they sure did dazzle and impress as they danced, skipped and marched their way along the parade. We would like to thank the P & C for organising and the school community for generously supporting our Easter raffle, which saw 37 hampers drawn and given away. Brisbania PS loved having our community back through the gates, celebrating a fantastic term of fun and learning!

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## RECIPE

### TASTY SALMON PASTA



**Serves:** 2

#### Ingredients:

I&J Frozen Salmon Portions (Skin Off)	2
Guzzi's Pappardelle Pasta or Homemade Pasta *	1/2 Packet
Juice of 1/2 lemon	
Chopped Dill	1 tablespoon
Lemon Zest	1 teaspoon
Frozen Baby Peas (Cooked)	1/2 Cup
Baby Capers	1 teaspoon
Olive Oil	Drizzle
Spanish Onion Jam *	2 tablespoons
Salt & Pepper for seasoning	
Parmesan Cheese Finely Grated	1/4 Cup

#### Method:

1. In a large pot bring water to boil, add a pinch of salt.
2. Thaw Salmon (do not take out of individual bags)
3. In a medium sized pot, bring water to a slight simmer. Carefully lower Salmon pieces into water, leaving them in their bags, for 10 minutes. Then take bags out of water and set aside.
4. Cook pasta as per directions. Once cooked, do not rinse with water, strain and tip into a large mixing bowl.
5. Gently take salmon out of bags and carefully flake pieces off.
6. Gently mix salmon, dill, zest, peas, capers, lemon juice and olive oil through the pasta and divide into 2 bowls.
7. Top with onion jam in each bowl, season with salt/pepper and parmesan cheese.

Recipe and photos can be found on

<https://www.glengulliver.net/februaryrecipe>

## HISTORY

The 4 Villages - Shipbuilders Heritage Walk, 2 May was an outstandingly successful heritage celebration for our 3 Villages and adjoining Kincumber. Thousands of people attended ensuring the event will now take its place a major one on the Annual Central Coast Community and Tourist Calendar.

Kincumber Rotary commenced the event eight years ago as a Kincumba Mountain Fun-Run, before evolving into a much less strenuous walk along the waterfront where many of the 500 recorded ships built in the Brisbane Water District were constructed.

The event popularity ebbed and flowed over the years to where in 2016 only a few dozen 'Walkers' were attracted, people commenting 'why should we buy a Passport for something we can do for free 24/7.' As a result of this Rotary cancelled the 2017 'Walk', proposing the event be totally abandoned. Instead, however, for 2018 an idea was trialled to 'value add' to the event by giving it a distinct Maritime theme with historical displays placed along the route and Q & A Card provided to participants. This concept proved popular with the public in 2018 with the numbers of Walkers increasing to about 200, then in 2019, titled as the 'Shipbuilders Heritage Walk', over 300 people purchased a Passport and did the walk. The 2020 event survived a move to turn it into a Markets, however, this was a Covid cancellation. This year of 2021 has seen 1,082 people gain a Passport and view the specially constructed displays of model ships and accompanying artwork telling the story of the vessels and the builders. Ours is a unique historical area within Australia, it is fitting for us to have a unique celebration of it. We sincerely thank everyone who has supported making it so.

*Peter Rea,*

*4V-SHW co-ordinator 2018, 2019, 2021*



*Above: Five specially developed historical displays about the ships and the shipbuilders of the 3 Villages area drew a lot of interest.*

## A 3 villages Community Group Fundraiser

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