



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



WELCOME

"We don't need more money, we don't need greater success or fame, we don't need the perfect body or even the perfect mate. Right now, at this very moment, we have a mind, which is all the basic equipment we need to achieve complete happiness."

— Dalai Lama

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Janine Arrua

I was walking along the pathway, as I do as often as I am able. Heard the distinctive "peeps" so I looked for the Sacred Kingfisher that was making them. There was one in the tree in the yard near where the saltmarsh starts which was just sitting still. Then the other dived down and caught something in the lawn and took it back and fed the first one. The photos are of what I believe was the adult, and you can see the concentration as it's on the hunt for prey below.



PROJECT REPORT

Christmas Light Competition

It's that time of year again when we make the 3 villages the most Christmassy place on the coast. Now into its 3rd year, the 3 Villages Christmas light comp has grown year on year in popularity and this year will be no different. Anybody who lives on a street with a nominated house is well aware of the extra traffic as locals cruise by to admire the magnificent displays.

This year we are changing the comp slightly and giving more power to the community. There will be no entry fee for participating houses. Instead, locals will nominate their favourite houses and then vote on the best. We will have a few different category's and we will also have best business category again, encouraging local businesses to get involved.

We are also planning decorations for display in the daytime to bring the Christmas feel beyond evening hours. This is to be in the form of an art project in co-operation with local schools and community groups.

While the Christmas light comp is a great community activity, it's also great for local businesses. As locals cruise through the villages to view the nominated houses we encourage you to make a night of it and support one of our local restaurants or the Davo and grab some dinner as part of your tour.

So get decorating everyone and let's really make the 3 villages the central coasts no.1 Christmas lights viewing destination!

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THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

Saratoga Sailing Club – Sunday 4th December 2022 50th Anniversary Boat Show – 10 am to 4 pm

Saratoga Sailing Club is opening to the community for their 50th anniversary Boat Show and Club Expo, held in conjunction with Deepwater Dragon Boat Club and other local community clubs and associations.

The event will:

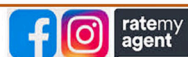
- Celebrate Saratoga Sailing Club's 50th birthday
- Celebrate the completion of works relating to Saratoga Sailing Club's Sustainability, Equity, Access, and Security (SEAS) project, funded by the NSW Government
- Include a colourful and exciting 12ft skiff regatta that you can watch from the elevated clubhouse deck
- Allow you to get up close and personal with the different sailing, dragon, paddle and rowing boats available on Brisbane Water, with members available to answer all your questions
- Provide details on sail training and She Sails program available at Gosford Sailing Club
- Provide an opportunity to have a go at sailing or dragon boating (pre-registration is essential)
- Allow you to meet representatives from many local



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- clubs and associations
- Include displays of artwork from acclaimed local artists
- Enjoy BBQ, sandwiches and drinks available for purchase throughout the day
- Include announcements of future planned works to improve access to water activities
- and much more to come!!

Mark the day in your diaries and look forward to a warm welcome and lots of fun!

Morning program includes try out of dragon boating and sailing.

Afternoon program includes Skiff race 1 and Skiff race 2 and with racing presentations afterwards.

All day includes the boat show and local club expo and local artist gallery in the first-floor hall.

Interested? Keep up to date by visiting the website: <https://www.sarasail.org.au/the-club/openday> or to register your interest in attending via the ads SSC Facebook page,

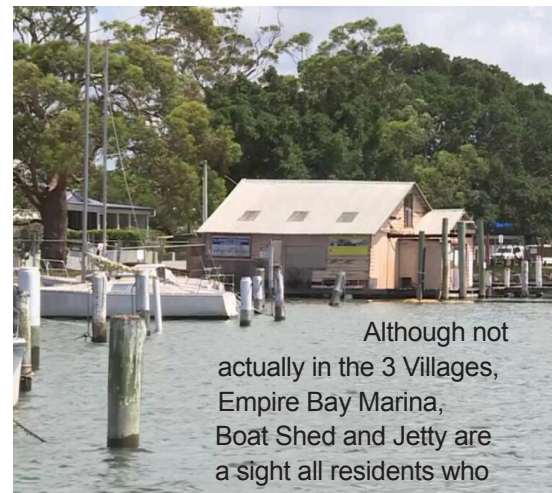
Use the Contact us page if your club would like a stand at the expo (select 'Expo stand' from the drop-down menu).

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Although not actually in the 3 Villages, Empire Bay Marina, Boat Shed and Jetty are a sight all residents who enjoy the Davistown Waterfront would know, standing out across Cockle Creek Channel.

The structures are also important because the very last service in the over 135 year history of ferries operating on Brisbane Water, Central Coast Ferries, relied on the Boat Shed's facilities to operate. Central Coast ferries which runs daily between Empire Bay, Davistown, Saratoga and Woy Woy is owned and operated by a Saratoga family.

Now more than a one hundred years old the Boat Shed facility was the subject of a NSW Government report which found that the marina building and jetties had structural defects and were unsafe. That was more than 12 months ago, but no decision has yet been made on whether or not the Boat Shed will be restored or be demolished.

On the 5 November well over two hundred people including many from the 3 Villages, gathered near the Boat Shed to show their support for retaining the historic facility.



Visit Deepwater Dragon Boat Club Facebook page to register to try dragon boating
 Use Contact us if you are interested in trying sailing (select 'try sailing' from the drop-down menu)

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HERITAGE

This is a real grass roots campaign led by Errol Baker who is the local barber and a person passionate about preserving the local identity. Most of those at the meeting, joined a new Association, donating more than enough funds to cover costs.

The gathering was attended and supported by Member for Robertson, Gordon Reid, and Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch. Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Adam Crouch, who was unable to attend the public meeting due to a prior engagement, is reported as saying he is expecting to meet with the Association and Crown Lands representatives later in this month.

Three days after the waterfront gathering Liesl Tesch gave an impassioned speech in Parliament calling on the Government to work with Crown Lands and the community to save the "gorgeous heritage boatshed".

The area has a strong connection to nationally significant 200 year old maritime history of Brisbane Water.

Jenny McCulla, Davistown Progress Assoc. President, is reported as saying 'The boatshed is listed under the Gosford LEP on the State Heritage Register and described as an important heritage component of the waterfront precinct. The Shed could activate the waterfront reserve for numerous activities that benefit the Community as well as providing certainty for Central Coast Ferries who currently have no permanent mooring site for their vessels'.

Partridge Heritage Structural Engineers have provided a structural review and recommendation report that strongly recommends the structure be restored and have provided a methodology to stabilise the structure long term that they feel is an economical approach to its retention.

A new Empire Bay Boatshed page is being included on 4hresearch.com.au. also keep up to date with Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed Association Facebook page.



MEET THE LOCALS

Catharine Retter

It is rumoured that it was Catharine's dog, Mischa the Weimaraner, who quietly decided the Central Coast would be a pretty good place for her to live. There were lots of waterways for swims and so many sandy beaches that didn't exclude an important member of the family. And it was pretty enticing for humans too.

When Catharine and Miss Misch moved to Saradise five years ago, the important thing for Catharine was where to find the cafes that served the best coffee;

where the breathtaking coastal walks could be found; where to find the meandering weekend hinterland drives and their farmers' markets. She didn't yet know enough locals to ask and couldn't find a magazine that showcased this beautiful, but often under-rated region. So Catharine, a book publisher and writer, decided to launch her own magazine to share the best of the Coast with everyone.

And that's how COAST magazine came to be launched from a studio in Saratoga. Four years later it reaches around 120,000 readers per issue as the go-to reference on the best of the Coast.

It's the best move I ever made,' says Catharine. In the 3 Villages, there's a sense of community I've never experienced anywhere else. I've made lots of lovely friends to walk and kayak with, to 'book club' with, and of course interesting locals to write about in COAST!

And the best coast walk? 'Definitely Bouddi Coast Walk ... although Box Head is pretty spectacular too. Or along the local foreshore just watching the seal hang out in Brisbane Water.'

C'mon, the best café? 'Strangely, it's not one place but the variety of cafés that is so special: I love sitting in an Adirondak chair with my feet up on the seawall at The Box in Ettalong. Watching the surfers at The Point Café in Avoca. The Barefoot Café while sitting under the beautiful Norfolk pines at Macmasters. The friendliness of the Little Teapot in Davo after an early morning walk...'



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WHAT'S ON

- 6th-13th Nov.** The Lakes Festival
- 6th Nov.** Central Coast Kids Day Out, Narara Valley High School
- 9th Nov.** Lets Talk Gems, Erina Library
- 10th Nov.** Country Women's Association Card Making Workshop, Erina Library
- 11th Nov.** Katchafire, Drifters Wharf
- 11th Nov.** Found Object Sculpture Workshop, The Entrance
- 12th Nov.** Garage Sale Trail, Central Coast
- 12th Nov.** Pianos for the People, The Entrance Concert
- 12th Nov.** Bouddi Coastal Run, Bouddi National Park
- 13th Nov.** Colour Our Coast Fun Run, The Entrance
- 17th Nov.** Opera in The Wild, Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary, Calga
- 18th Nov.** Karaoke, Elanora Hotel, East Gosford
- 19th Nov.** Comedy for a Cause, Central Coast Leagues Club
- 19th Nov.** WAAX, The Sunken Monkey Hotel
- 19th Nov.** Central Coast Edible Garden Trail, Central Coast
- 21st Nov.** History Ferry Tour, Broken Bay/Hawkesbury River
- 25th Nov.** Van-Anh Nguyen live in concert, Avoca Beach Picture Theatre
- 26th Nov.** The Corrs, Hope Estate Hunter Valley
- 27th Nov.** Central Coast Women In Business 2022, The Berkeley Centre, Glenning Valley
- 27th Nov.** Pick Your Own, Meliora Farm, Peats Ridge
- 29th Nov.** A Celtic Christmas, Laycock Street Theatre

SEE YOU AT THE DAVO

Christmas is just around the corner and the club has lots of fun events and raffles coming up over the next few months

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See you at the Davo...

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Ride for Compassion Coast to Coast 2022 – Perth to Newcastle

On Friday 21 October, Green Point Christian College welcomed back our Academic in Residence, Dr Martin Dowson who has been riding his bicycle with a team supporting Compassion Australia on a fundraiser from Perth to Newcastle. They arrived in Newcastle on Wednesday 19 October to officially end the event, but Dr Dowson rode into school on Friday 21 October to an enthusiastic welcome from our students. He has ridden 4,800 kilometres in 34 days sleeping in Church halls, in tents and with only a couple of motel nights.

The team overall raised \$919,430 in support of vulnerable children, including those affected by the global food crisis, and 173 children have been sponsored through Compassion Australia. Dr Dowson has raised \$11,412, an incredible effort.

Dr Dowson says "When we see children living in poverty with limited opportunities, we can sit on the sidelines and do nothing, or we can get on our bikes and make a difference."

Congratulations Dr Dowson and the team, you have made a huge difference. GPCC are so proud of you in taking part in the Compassion Coast to Coast fundraising ride. We look forward to you sharing this incredible experience with our students and staff at GPCC.



Central Coast Speaking Competition

Each year, Brisbania PS participates in the Central Coast Speaking Competition, where we have experienced many years of success.

After a two year break due to Covid, we had 45 students participate in a school level competition where two winners were chosen from each stage.

These eight students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, successfully represented our school in the finals at Holgate PS, where we won Stage One and Stage Two.

Our two winning students then went on to the grand finals at Somersby. The standard there was extremely high with each of our students delivering their personal best.

Congratulations to all and looking forward to next year's entertaining speeches!



Top: Finalists - ES1 S1 S2 S3. L: Winner S1. R Winner S1



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