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## WELCOME

Spring is in the air! It's certainly been a cold winter, and while I do love the cold, I'm definitely looking forward to some warmer weather (but not the allergies that accompany it!).

This month I have again expressed my concerns to the council about placing a bin at the Green Point bus stop opposite GPCC and the 7/11. My first request was declined because they didn't want an extra bin to empty. On a single day, my 2 daughters collected 6 coles bags full of rubbish from the bus stop and surrounding bushland. I've yet again made a report to council regarding this, so I'm hoping that soon we might finally get a bin there and people will actually use it rather than dump their rubbish in the bush and at the bus stop.

During these tough times, I find it refreshing to focus on the things we can do something about, rather than worrying about the things we have no control over.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference - IT DOES."

- William James



PHOTO OF THE MONTH - **Peter Ogle**

"Photo was taken in the late afternoon light. He was hunting in the shallows, and just landed in a new spot."

*Photo of the Month 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.*

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## PROJECT REPORT

### "KIDS ART" UPDATE

Last month we spoke about the children's art gallery, and about the opportunity for them to create beautiful works of art from sunsets to sea creatures, and scenes, themes and ideas from within the 3 villages. There were two separate projects for the kids to work on, one being the new water bottle refill station at Jirramba Playground and the other being Bin Art. It's pleasing to report that both projects will be installed for the whole community to see in the 2nd week of September. The bin art being on the aluminium council bins at Pirate Park Playground in Davistown, using the same vinyl wrap style art that can be seen on the bins at Saratoga boat ramp picnic reserve. This bin has 5 separate panels, covered with around 27 different contributions of artwork, while the water refill station has 15 pieces. The bin is the 2nd one in our roll out of covering all the public aluminium style bins in the 3 villages with a variety of different art and/or photos. If you would like to personally sponsor one of the public bins or just one panel of a bin, please get in touch via the 3 villages website.

Some good news is that last month we applied for a club grant to help fund yet another children's art project and have just been notified our application was successful. We are in the planning process right now of finalising the

## KIDS CROSSWORD

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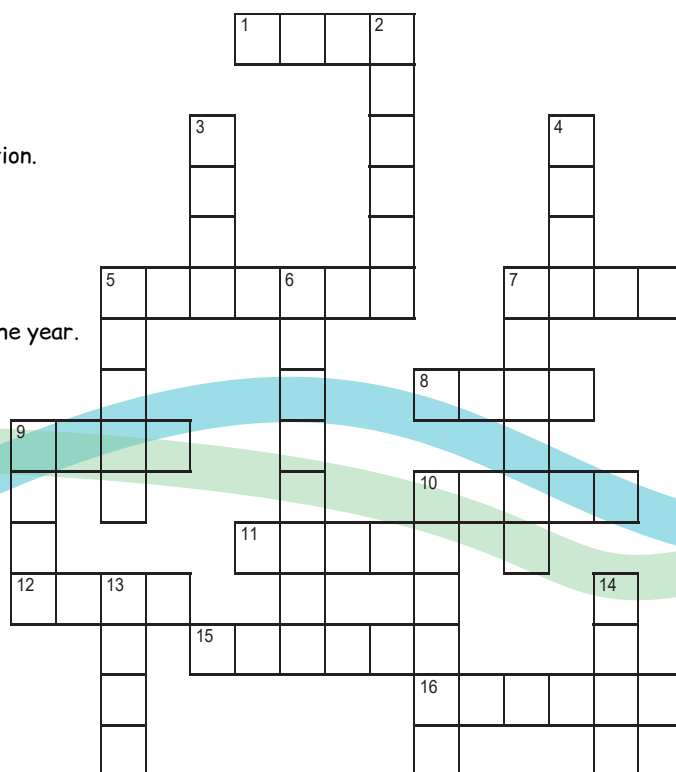


### Across

1. Grains on the beach.
5. Living in a tent.
7. It warms you up.
8. Two wheeled transportation.
9. Comes with a shovel.
10. Full of daylight.
11. A sandy shore.
12. Area of inland water.
15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
16. Top for warm weather.

### Down

2. Plunging into the water.
3. Move through the water.
4. Summer hazard.
5. House in the woods.
6. Frozen treat.
7. Trail walking.
9. A place to swim
10. Pants for hot weather.
13. Toy for a windy day.
14. Mildly hot.



### Word Bank

BEACH, BIKE, CABIN, CAMPING, DIVING, FIRE, HEAT, HIKING, ICE CREAM, KITE, LAKE, PAIL, POOL, SAND, SHORTS, SUMMER, SUNNY, SWIM, T-SHIRT, WARM

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## PROJECT REPORT Cont.

display options so the whole community can enjoy them. Thank you very much to Davo RSL for the grant funds and we will update you soon on where the art display will be.

### WHERE'S WALLY

Have you seen Wally this week? Keep your eyes out on your daily walk. Wally is out and about in windows, by letter boxes on poles all around the villages. If you'd like to join in the fun, there are "where's wally" pictures available on the 3 villages facebook page to print off.

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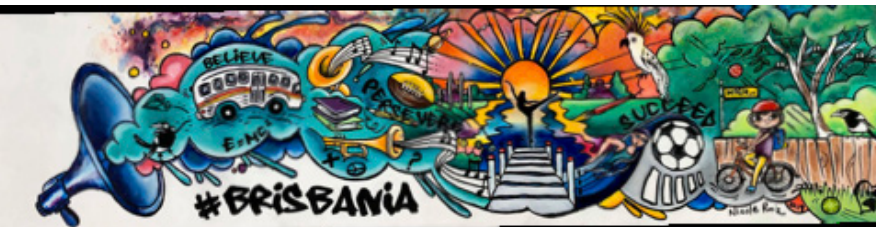
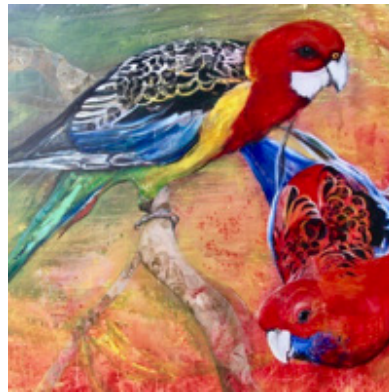


Nicole Ruiz is a local artist and creative, who grew up in the country with her parents and siblings, before moving to Forster and later, the Central Coast. Nicole and her family of two boys and her husband now reside in Saratoga and have done so for the last 15 years. Over the Years Nicole has owned and operated art galleries between the city and coast; Ruiz & Mackell-Wong (Mosman) co

owned with her equally talented cousin Narelle, HANG (Brooklyn) and most recently in 2017 - Alberts Line (Gosford) also co owned with Narelle. Nicoles artwork is an intimate study & celebration of the effortless beauty found in nature.

"I have been interested in the creative process for as long as I can remember. From as young as three I was constantly picking up & studying elements from nature, such as leaves & bark, & would be compelled to create something with them. I believe my artistic drive & love of mixed media is innate, and very much connected to the natural environment."

Nicole and her family have enjoyed the community that the Three Villages provides, both her boys attended Brisbania Public School and played for the Saratoga hawks AFL club. If you're wondering through Brisbania School - you may notice a beautiful mural that



Nicole gifted to the school as a thank you gift for teaching her boys.

## WHAT'S ON

A few things to look forward to (providing restrictions ease)

- **School Holidays** - 20th Sept.

- **Daylight savings** begins - 3rd Oct.

- **Halloween** - 31st Oct.

- **Light house Festival** - 13th Nov.

Lighthouse Festival is one-day boutique music, food & wine gathering, staged at Norah Head lighthouse reserve on the NSW Central Coast. This event features some of Australia's finest musical acts, matched with boutique wines and craft beer, and gourmet food.

- **James Morrison Quartet**

27th Nov. Laycock street Theatre. The name James Morrison is known throughout the world for his sheer brilliance as a jazz musician and an all-round entertainer.

- **Avoca Beach Christmas Twilight Market** 11th Dec.

- **Light Up Three Villages** - Christmas light competition December

- **Rotary Christmas Trees**

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## THE BELLS AND WHISTLES

Many of you may have heard or perhaps seen the seal in Brisbane Waters, keeping many people, fortunate enough to see it, well entertained.

Most recently, the seal decided to get up close and personal with a couple of kayakers. Bernie Nichols was out in her new kayak and was with Jennifer Hartich when with some delight the seal appeared near the pair while they were paddling at Davistown. They were so surprised, and you can see Bernie scrambling to get her camera working on her phone. Bernie says "We were so delighted and excited. It was just lazing on its side totally unafraid of us. We floated with it for about fifteen minutes. It was an experience of a lifetime."

Last year, a seal was spotted from June through to August. It's thought that this may be the same one visiting now, seeming to be alone but having lots of fun, so playful and curious with the locals and swimming all around Brisbane Waters.

After reading a variety of comments on Facebook, the seal has had several names such as Barnaby, Flipper, Sammy and Ziggy suggested. The most interesting one I found was from Daniel Rond, Ferry Driver, suggesting Jila Bunji (Aboriginal for water friend).

Fact time:

There are 35 species of seals, all of whom belong to the Order Pinnipedia which is divided into three general families: fur seals and sea lions; walruses; and 'true' seals. The differences between the seals depends primarily on whether they have external ears, how well they move around on land and whether they have a thick or thin coat. Some seals can walk on land whilst others shuffle or slide around.

Our visiting seal has been identified by ORRCA as an Aussie Fur Seal.

They are warm-blooded mammals, living primarily in water, resting on land, giving birth to their pups on land and shed their skin on land yearly. Seals generally eat

octopus, squid, shellfish, cod, herring, flounder, salmon, mackerel and shrimp.

If you ever see their belly, a female will have no obvious openings

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on the lower abdomen, whilst males will have an obvious opening on the lower abdomen.

I really hope you did get to see our surprise visitor.  
Taia Sansom

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## HERITAGE

Well known local advocate for the preservation and presentation of our heritage, as well as contributor to our monthly Heritage and Environment page, Peter Rea, has been presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary District 9685 Governor Lindsay May OAM. This Award is one of the highest honours Rotary International can bestow upon an individual. Recipients are Rotarians and Community members in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary, 'Service Above Self'.

At the same time Peter was also honoured with the Rotary Club of Kincumber's 'Look Beyond Yourself' Award - which recognises his commitment to Club community projects. Peter received these recognitions for his co-ordination of the Club's signature event, the 4 Villages-Shipbuilders' Heritage Walk, as a clear demonstration of his commitment.

In 2017 the 4 Villages Walk attracted only a handful of participants resulting in cancellation in 2018. Peter then offered to Chair a committee for 2019 and Rotary threw their full support behind this, a distinct heritage theme was been adopted, historical displays were introduced along the route, these being linked to prizes available with a history Q & A Card provided with each '4 Villages Passport'. A Covid cancellation in 2020 provided an opportunity to strengthen the concept by constructing a number of high quality historical displays and also build on community/business connections. This plus additional attractions like, selected specialty and food stalls, classic cars, history boat tours, local schools presentations etc. has witnessed the event quickly grow to attracting over 3,000 people this year.

Already a recipient of a number of State and Local Government Awards, Peter acknowledges how important

recognition of this local project is. He added it was only possible, because of the support of his wife Dora and of so many Rotarians, plus various individuals, business, clubs, societies, groups, etc, including the 3 Villages Community Group.



All involved are confident that the 4 Villages - Shipbuilders' Heritage Walk will continue to grow as a unique history and heritage celebration reflecting a pride in our area.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINCUMBER is our local Rotary Club, taking in the three villages area, along the coast from Avoca to Killcare across to Wagstaffe and up to Empire Bay, the Club meets Mondays at Davistown RSL Club and on Zoom during Covid restrictions.

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## SCHOOLS



### Book Week 2021

A big congratulations to our students and staff (both online and onsite) on their costumes for our inaugural 'Virtual' Book Week dress up and parade. Our Library staff organised many fun games and activities for our Primary students. Colouring competitions were run for our K – Year 2 students and Years 3 – 6 students could make a diorama based on their favourite book.

Video's were recorded of our staff reading many of the short list books from the Children's Book Council of Australia for Book Week for our Primary students to enjoy.



As there is little happening at Brisbania these days, here is something from yesterday...

Before the establishment of the school, pupils travelled from Saratoga by ferry to Woy Woy wharf and walked from there to school. Davistown children rowed across Cockle Creek to Empire Bay and walked to school. Because of this, the community sought to have their own school and Pat Bourke donated the present site to the Department of Education.



*The original Brisbania portable building with one of the early enrolments (all of the primary)*

On 16 Sept. 1941, a one room school was opened with 11 boys and 11 girls aged between 6-13 years with Mr. G Walker as teacher. As a long dry was experienced after the school and its water tank were built, the pupils had to carry a water bottle to school each day. In 1947 Alan Davis was contracted to supply £70 (\$140) of materials for a 20 X 10 feet shelter shed and in Oct. another £28 (\$56) was spent on an addition to it.

The school remained a one teacher school until 1950, when Mr E. Malcolm and Mr W. Ford were appointed to their positions. Mr W. Ford conducted classes, for the Infants in the shelter shed till the second building was completed.

Gradually the school built up to five classrooms and teachers by 1969, more land was acquired and a double classroom, toilets, shelter area and administration block were opened in 1973. Portable buildings were added over time until in 1988 an eagerly awaited new School Building concept, comprising of a Library, Food Service Unit, Hall and ten classrooms.

Acknowledgement to the Australian Bicentennial Authority, Gosford Council and the Department of Education publication 'A History of Central Coast Schools'.

## Lucy Wicks and the Morrison Government are investing in infrastructure for Davistown



**Funding a shared pathway along Malinya Road, Davistown from Coomal Avenue towards Henderson Road, making the pathway safer for families, pedestrians and cyclists.**



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