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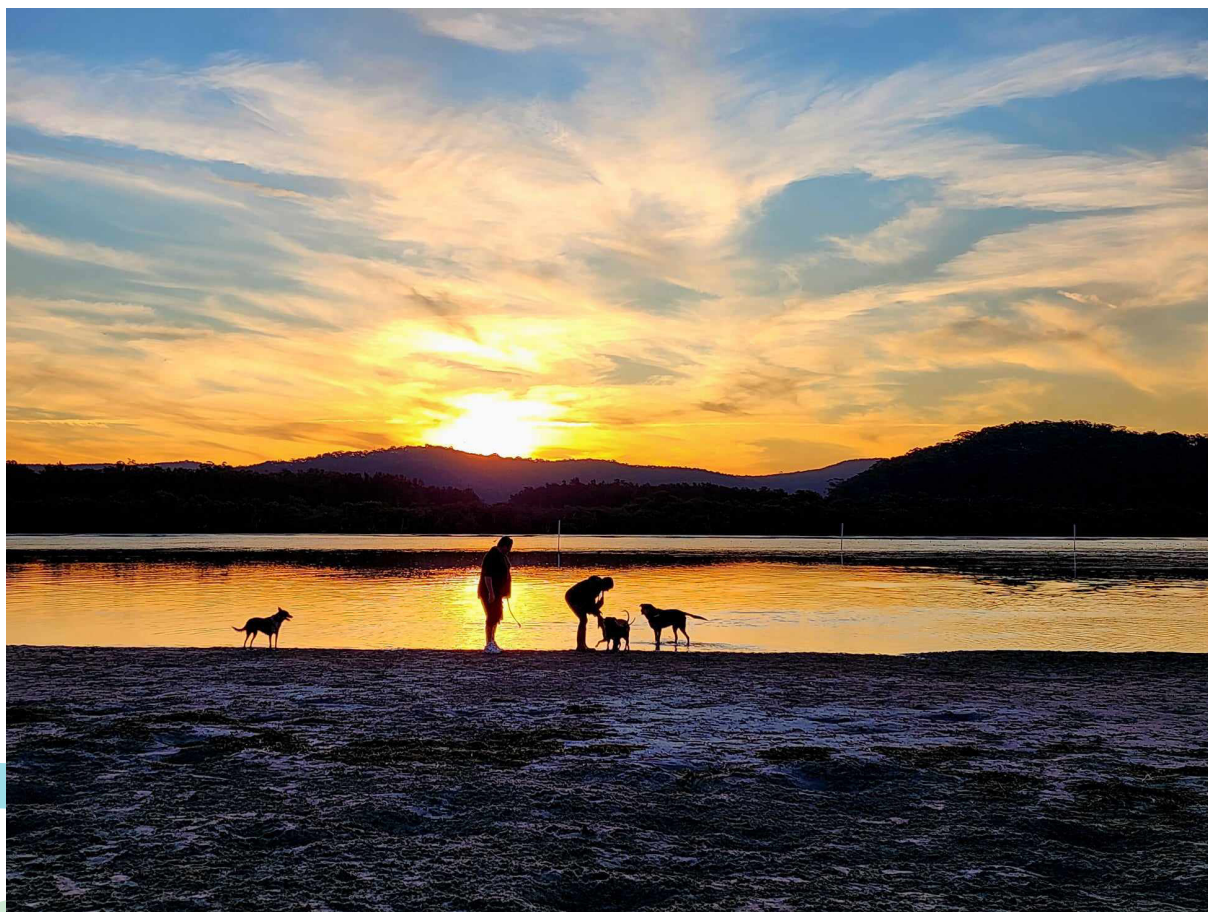


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Katherine Dale

Think we love Pippi Point more than our 7 year old Lili-dog because we get to catch up with other beautiful dog owners and collect a few shells to add to our front pathway. Pippi Point is kinda like our local pub, where you meet the regulars; have a catch up; give and receive love, and take a breath for another day.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than the things I haven't."

Lucille Ball

"If I cannot do great things, I will do small things in a great way."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Monthly Prizes for Photo of the Month Winner

Receives: \$30 voucher from Shelly's Cafe;

\$10 PuppCo voucher from Jas Brewer;

\$50 voucher donated by 3 Villages Community Group for drinks or dining at a local cafe or the DAVO RSL.

Many thanks to our sponsors for their support of the Photo of the Month Comp.



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PROJECT REPORT

3 VILLAGES LEGO BRICK FEST DAY SARATOGA HALL

The 3 Villages Lego Brick Fest Day is almost here, to be held on 23 June at Saratoga Hall. (See ad for details.) Come along for an enjoyable day out and see what the SYDLUG creators have built this year for their displays. On site will be a coffee van, kids' slushies and lots of Lego bricks to play with. A BBQ sausage sizzle is generously sponsored by David Lyle from **Stone Real Estate**, raffles and lucky door prizes. With lots more going on, we look forward to seeing you there.

AED (HEART DEFIBRILLATOR) FOR SARATOGA HALL

The Lego Brick Fest Day will be a community fundraiser with proceeds going towards an AED (Heart Defibrillator) located at Saratoga Hall in Kyeema Ave. The unit will be accessible to all and will be easy to get to quickly.

Should you be in a position and can donate towards the defibrillator purchase, please let us know. All donations, large or small will be greatly appreciated. People need it without any warning and all the instructions come with the unit and with a voice prompt in the machine to help you.

You never know who will need it, whether it might be the result of a motor vehicle accident, an incident in the swimming pool, or problems with the heart; whether it's a tradie, young child or an elderly neighbour.

Having more AEDs in our community can only be a good thing, and it's essential to have quick access to defibrillators in our community. Please support the fundraiser. It could save the life of someone you know, someone you love.

NB Sincere thanks to David Lyle from **STONE REAL ESTATE** for already donating \$500 towards the AED unit.

Taia Sansom, President, 3VCG



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ACTIVITIES

GREAT WALKING WEATHER



Photo above and right: Tracey Ellis

Now that the weather is cooling and it feels like there's less to do in the garden, it's a great time to get out and about and check out Mother Nature's garden. We have so many lovely bushwalks around our area and on the Central Coast in general, both coastal and hinterland.

From most parts of the Three Villages, it's not too far to get to the base of Mt Pleasant and go for a walk up to the top. If you don't have a car, it's ideal. You could even take a picnic up with you, but remember to bring everything (including rubbish) back with you.

If you have a car, it's a short drive to Kincumba Mountain, where there are several fairly easy walks. There's also a large grassy area where the kids can run around and burn off some energy.

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Finding bushwalks a little further afield is easy by looking at websites such as wildwalks.com where length and difficulty are noted.

It's important to plan ahead, and safety tips to bear in mind include telling someone where you're going and what time you expect to be back; maybe let your friend know you're home again. Keep to the track/path and stay away from the edges of cliffs or other drops. Avoid treading on plants and please don't pick anything. Even though the weather is cooler, be sun safe—take water with you and some food, even if it's only a snack and you don't eat it, and pack some warm clothes in case the weather changes drastically. Pop in some insect repellent, and you might find that an offline map app can also be useful.

Tracey Ellis



Photo below: Taia Sansom



CHARITY

DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB and WE CARE CONNECT

Since 2023, your local bowling club has supported the children's charity "We Care Connect." This charity supports vulnerable children in the Central Coast and Hunter region. With an estimated 30,000 children living in poverty, there is a great need for us, as a community, to rally together to support the work of this organization. "We Care Connect" provides essential items to these vulnerable children and their families to try to ease some of the difficulties they face in life.

"We Care Connect" does not receive any government funding and relies totally on community donations of quality children's clothing (0 to 18 years) and equipment such as cots, car seats, linen, toys, blankets and toiletries. These goods are then sorted, cleaned, repaired and packed into handmade cloth bags which are sewn by many volunteer community hands. This volunteer-based charity organization has over 90 volunteers who pack the bags and prepare any equipment ready for collection by case workers from over 400 services who are supporting these identified families in need.

You may ask, how can a bowling club like Davo help? They hold a charity day, a business sponsors event, a Christmas toy collection campaign, and every wrong bias bowled on the green gives an extra dollar to this charity. Davistown RSL Bowling Club is proud of their association with "We Care Connect." If you would like to know more about this charity, the drop-off points, and ways you can support, volunteer, or donate, please visit their webpage: wecareconnect.org.au.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to come along and try your hand at bowls. We welcome everyone of all ages from 8 years up. Contact us for free coaching to get you started and the chance to meet a great group of community-minded people who enjoy the social and community aspects of belonging to your local bowling club.

If you or a family member is interested in trying your hand at bowls, please contact either Freddy Dowse at 0418 251 238 or myself by sending an SMS message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ariane Dixon 0419 693 871

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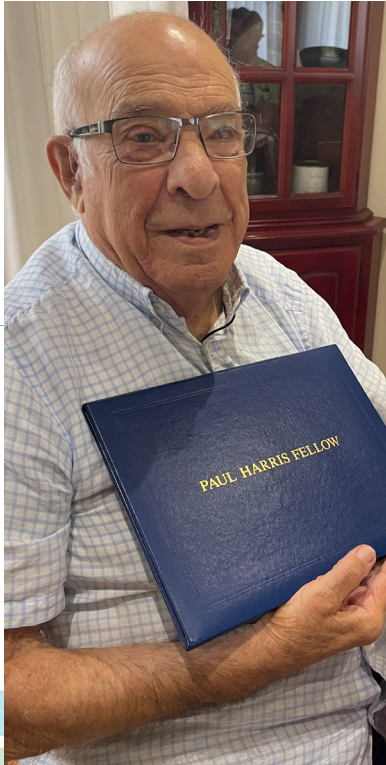
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MEET THE LOCALS

HECTOR (HEC) PETRONI



I was born in Suez, Egypt, to Maltese parents in 1926. I am one of eight children—six boys and two girls. One sister turned 101 last week. Even though I was born in Egypt, I am not an Egyptian citizen, as you must be at least third generation Egyptian-born to be classified as an Egyptian citizen.

I was educated in English schools and can speak five languages: Italian, French, Arabic, Maltese, and English. I have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. I began working in a shipping firm as a shipping clerk; however, around 1946, Europeans were being moved out of Egypt due to world conflict. My uncle was living in Australia, so I asked him if he would support me to immigrate. I asked my boss if I could go on one of our wheat cargo ships, the *King Alfred*, and he agreed.

I arrived in Port Adelaide, went to Melbourne, and then arrived in Matraville. I began work at General Motors Holden. I stayed two years and then began work with ICI Chemical Factory as a tradesman assistant and then moved on to a production clerk. My manager was happy with my work and suggested I study accountancy. By this time, I was married with three children and one on the way. I worked all day and studied at night for my English Equivalent School Certificate as I had no paperwork from my schooling. I eventually became a CPA and stayed with ICI for ten years. I then moved to Boral Refinery with the blessing of my old manager and stayed there for ten years.

I branched out again and started my own accounting practice, but this was a battle, so I joined with a partner to start Kelly Staines and Petroni Accounting. This did

not end well, so I was working on my own again, but by then, I had met my second wife. We had many happy years together, including moving to Davistown in 1998, where we built our own home on Illoura Reserve. I was auditing accounts for the Solicitors Trust Fund, the Real Estate Agents Trust, and the Travel Agents Trust Account.

My interests have included:

- Being a member of St Vincent de Paul
- Being a Rotarian until I moved to the Central Coast, including holding the position of Treasurer and also Auditor for the Rotary Club of Maroubra Randwick Market Account. I received a Paul Harris Award during my time in Rotary.



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- Pro Bono Auditor for the Davistown Wooden Boat Association and Treasurer for the Davistown Progress Association

- Treasurer for Saratoga and Districts Probus Club
- When my house at Davistown became too big for me, I moved to Alloura Waters, where I had a lot of friends from Probus.

I have travelled to many countries in my lifetime, including Canada to visit my daughter, America, Europe, Egypt, Malta, Greece and Jerusalem.

I'm now in the autumn of my life. I have had my ups and downs, but I can say:

God bless Australia, and I love 'youse' all.

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THOMAS DAVIS AND THE GENERAL - Part 1

In 1829, Joseph Spears received a 60-acre land grant at the northern head of the 'Kincumba' Broadwater, which he named *Brisbania*. Not long after, Jonathan Piper, a shipwright, established residence on the southwestern portion of this land, adjacent to the modern suburb of Yattalunga.

It is likely Piper soon commenced shipbuilding; however, ship registrations had not yet commenced, so his first documented ship was the *Peacock* in 1844. Over the next 125 years, around 600 named ships were constructed in the Brisbane Water District, with Jonathan Piper considered the father of the industry.

In 1833, teacher William Davis, his wife Sarah, and their eight children arrived in Port Jackson aboard the ship *Mary Catherine*. Following the birth of another son, the family took up residence in the Brisbane Water District where William worked as a "parochial teacher" at a school near the old St Paul's Church. Tragically, Sarah passed away in 1845 at the age of 47 with William dying the following year.

Jonathan Piper then took four of the orphaned Davis brothers, Benjamin, Rock, Edward and Thomas under his wing, teaching them the shipbuilding trade. The brothers later established their own shipyards about 2 km south of Piper's yard along the Cockle Creek Channel, an area that, due to the many Davis families living there, became known as 'Davistown'.

Thomas Davis went on to build 23 ships at Davistown, but as local timber resources became depleted, he moved his enterprise to Terrigal Haven where he constructed another 21 ships. He constructed a stone slipway and established a sawmill. An open creek once discharged into the Haven which was dammed, creating a lagoon where the sports oval is today. Davis eventually gained ownership of most of Terrigal and North Avoca which he logged extensively. A tramway was built to transport timber up the steep North Avoca hill; today, Tramway Rd. follows much of the original route.

Peter Rea

*Acknowledgement to: Gwen Dundon AOM
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Pic: Diorama of *General Gordon* in Hawkesbury the River.



Next Month Part 2,
Thomas Davis builds *General Gordon* one of the most significant merchant ships in Australian history.

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JUNE

- Thu. 20 **History Ferry Tour - Brisbane Water**
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- Fri. 21 **The Grandparents Club**
The Art House, Wyong
- Sat. 22 **Intro to Autosomal DNA – East Gosford**
Central Coast Family History Society Ph. 4324 5164
- Sat. 22 **Comedy for a Cause**
7 pm Davistown RSL Club
- Sat. 22 **Prinnie Stevens: Lady Sings the Blues**
7.30 pm Avoca Beach Theatre
- Sun. 23 **Avoca Beach Markets**
- Sun. 23 **Lego Brickfest**
10-4 pm Saratoga Community Hall
- Sun. 23 **Sydney Male Choir**
2-4 pm Wyong Art House
- Mon. 24 **Advanced Family Research**
Central Coast Family History Society East Gosford.
Ph. 4324 5164
- Mon. 24 **Picasso. A Rebel in Paris: Story of a Life**
12 noon Avoca Beach Theatre
- Fri. 28 **Simon Tedeschi and George Washingmachine**
7.30 pm Avoca Beach Theatre
- Sat. 29 **Coastal Cabaret**
7 pm Davistown RSL Club
- Fri. 28
Sat. 29 **Ride the Cyclone, Musical**
8 pm The Art House
- Sat. 29 **Inxsive: The INXS Tribute Show**
8.30 pm Erina
- Sun. 30 **Beliza: Samba rock, funk band, sounds of Brazil**
2 pm Funhaus Factory, Gosford

JULY

- Fri. 5 **Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase**
7.30 pm Laycock St Theatre.
- Sat. 6 **Kirtan Jam! Free Event, Heart Healing Arts**
7 pm Umina Beach.
- Mon. 8 **"Under the Sea" Princess party**
1 pm The Little Teapot
- Tue. 9 **School Holiday Fun: Sand Art**
10 am Davistown RSL Club
- Sat. 13 **Advanced Family Research,**
East Gosford
History Society – Tel. 4324 5164
- Tue. 16 **Jingle Bell Rock Out, Christmas in July**
11 am Davistown RSL Club



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