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THE
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COMMUNITY GROUP INC
YATTALUNGA - SARATOGA - DAVISTOWN

David Waugh

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



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Friendship with one’s self is all important, because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.”

”Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Jenny Hartich

“Shove off, I’m not sharing my dinner with you.”

I was lucky enough to photograph the cheeky corellas down on the Davistown bike track.

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

Spring is in the Air - Thanks to DAVO RSL

So this month, we find ourselves welcoming spring and admiring all the colourful blooms on display. Most of them started blooming early this year, and now it's also time for new plantings.

This brings me to express our gratitude to the Davo RSL Board members for considering a recent grant application submitted by 3VCG and generously donating \$1500 from the Club Grants Funds. This donation will help build some accessible garden beds at Saratoga Hall. The project is intended for the entire community to enjoy. If you are a "gardening bug" who loves the pleasures of growing fruits and vegetables and would like to participate once the garden is operational, please send your name and details to us via the 3 Villages website, attention Tracey Ellis, Leader of 3 Villages Bush Urban Garden Group (BUGG). We will contact you to provide updates on the project's progress and upcoming events.

Saratoga Hall - AED (Heart Defibrillator)

An AED unit, purchased from the Lego® BrickFest Day, has been installed next to the notice board at Saratoga Hall. It is easy to access and is contained in an unlocked cabinet. An alarm will sound when the cabinet is opened, but do not be concerned about this if you need the unit. It is important to note that almost anyone can use an AED as it provides verbal instructions once opened. It will guide you on what to do in a medical emergency that requires its use. Please familiarise yourselves with AEDs by watching instructional videos on YouTube. You never know when you may need to use one or assist someone else in locating one. Always call 000 for medical help prior to retrieving an AED.

Many special thanks to David Lyle and Samantha Washington from STONE REAL ESTATE for a very generous contribution of \$500 towards the AED Unit.

Taia Sansom, 3VCG President



MEET THE LOCALS



Phil Loveridge — a 3 Villages "Postie"

Phil has been a "postie" in the area for three years. Along with his mates, they deliver mail to approximately 3000 homes in the 3 Villages. Ian covers Davistown, Steve covers Saratoga, and Phil handles deliveries to Saratoga and Yattalunga.

Phil believes his role in the community is an important one and loves a chat along the way and saying hello.

He says, "I don't have any pets at the moment, but I see your pets as my pets". Phil gets to know them well and delivers to the homes of "some wonderful dogs" along the way. He has "favourites" on Broadwater Drive - Lucy, Archie, and two pugs. "You know who you are," he says, and also Connor and Johnny in Malumba. Phil has three adult children and has tried marriage a couple of times but couldn't make it past 14 years, so he says, "never again".

Phil loves to play golf on the weekends, go to

Cont. P3

Pictured: Taia Sansom and Stephanie Blower; Leanne Ball, Maggie Vincent, (3VCG Committee); David Lyle & Samantha Washington (Stone Real Estate); Jim Watts (Green Point Avoca Lions Club); Tracey & Trevor Ellis, (3VCG Committee).

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MEET THE LOCALS



From P2 trivia nights, and his favourite sport to watch is NRL. He says, "Don't hold this against me, but I'm a mad Sea Eagles supporter". Known as a competition junkie, Phil has appeared on eight television game shows that you are all familiar with, some including Deal or No Deal (missing out with just \$2 in his case), Millionaire Hot Seat (missing out on the \$20,000 question), The Price is Right and currently on the waiting list for "Tipping Point". Additionally, Phil won the first-ever 100m race at the Olympic stadium while dressed as a sumo wrestler, proving he is always up for a challenge!

Make sure you say hello to Phil on the Yattalunga and part Saratoga run. He may be delivering some 3V newsletters to you, as he is kind enough to help out with deliveries in some streets when needed.

Taia Sansom

OUR WILDLIFE

For those who do the Kincumber to Davistown–Broadwater walk, I'd like to point out something a lot of you may be missing – a real David Attenborough event.

Look to the water and you will see 100+ birds hunting as a pack. Why? This time of year, the fish have spawned, and the bay is full of newly-spawned fry. This triggers a feeding frenzy for everyone where birds and fish hunt together.

What is amazing is how they all work together – friend and foe – cormorants, darters, grebes, terns, seagulls, pelicans, herons and more.

Fish (often taylor) that are the prey to most of the birds are accepted. Birds that would normally not tolerate another water bird are accepted. Each have a role to play and they are very much like an army.

Here's how I see it working;

The taylor's roughly round-up the fry. In go the Australasian grebe's that have migrated here for the event. These guys look like the cormorants but a third of the size, and faster.

Next are the cormorants and darter closely behind. Just like the infantry.

Don't forget you still have the taylor working below. Some fry jump only to be caught by the hovering terns. Sitting on the surface are seagulls snapping at any injured and dead fish. They are the airforce.

Behind the lot, are the pelicans. These guys are the tanks. They get anything trying to slip past.

The water waders seem to know when the events will head to shore. They get in there and wait. All three egrets we get in this area (great, intermediate and little egrets) will be on the shoreline along with nankeen night herons and white-faced herons.

So, next time you're on your morning walk, look to the water, there's always something interesting going on.

Give me a wave as you walk past and you'll always get a g'day back from me.

Brad Walker



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IN THE GARDEN

"Spring has sprung!"

Can you feel the change in the weather? Have you noticed the sun shining in windows at a different angle? Yes! Spring is on the way!



When we bought our first home, the man who lived next door said to me, "If you don't have your tomatoes planted by August, you won't have tomatoes for your Christmas lunch and he was pretty much right. So if you haven't got tomatoes growing yet, it's time! And if not, it's not too late to get started.

Think Spring, think salad veggies. So, why not have a go at growing whatever you enjoy eating? Lettuce that have hearts like Cos or Iceberg, loose leaf varieties that you can pick as needed, as well as cucumbers, chillies, capsicum, cabbage, onions, pumpkin. The list is long.

If you're stuck for ideas, this website has been a great help to me over the years.

<https://www.gardenate.com/zones/Australia+-+temperate>

Our community garden plans are progressing well, and we are very excited about the prospect of finally breaking ground at the Saratoga Community Hall.

And remember, you're never too old to play in the dirt!

Tracey Ellis, BUGG

HERITAGE

In last month's 3 Villages News, I told of a recent trip to Newcastle Harbour with two mates to see a replica of a very historic ship, the *William IV* which was the first ocean going steam ship built in Australia. The replica we went on board was built for the Bicentenary in 1987. The original *William IV* was built in 1829 and purchased by the Brisbane Water Steam Packet Co. in 1840. For many years, twice a week, the ship passed by Saratoga en-route to its usual mooring at East Gosford wharf. If the ship was carrying horses it would probably off-load this cargo at Saratoga's Veteran Hall Wharf. One of the gentlemen who accompanied me to Newcastle was Bill Bollard, a retired Naval Architect, who was responsible for re-designing the ship's below deck spaces to accommodate a new engine and carrying out the necessary stability test after the engine was fitted.

We were all inspired by the visit to see *William IV*, but none more so than Bill, who had done all the drawings of the vessel, and the very next day started building a model of the ship. The other member of our party was Bob Hornby, a retired engineer whom I contacted after viewing Bill's work-in-

progress to ask if he would construct working paddles for the project. I will probably be employed to rig the ship and then it will go on permanent public exhibition.

We expect to have the model much more advanced and with the paddles fitted by the time of the Putt-Putt Regatta & Wooden Boat Festival where it will be previewed. Come along to the Rotary / 4HResearch / Model Makers Mens Shed stand and see this example of an important part of Australian history and an integral part of our local heritage.



Bill and the *William IV* model

Peter Rea

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THE BIGGEST EVENT IN THE 3 VILLAGES



DAVISTOWN PUTT PUTT REGATTA AND WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

REGATTA CHARITY DINNER



Friday 11th October 2024

Davistown RSL starting from 6:30pm.

Tickets: \$65 per head

On sale at the Davistown RSL.

The evening will provide a 2-course meal + tea/ coffee/cake and entertainment.

There will also be raffles, auctions (both live and silent) and Lucky Draws.

ALL PROCEEDS TO:



<https://davistownputtputt.com>

PUTT-PUTT REGATTA



Sunday 13th October 2024

Davistown Waterfront

– from 9.30 am. Putt-Putt judging along the waterfront

– 10.30am Putt-Putt Challenge

– 12 noon Grand Parade
led by the historic *Codock II*,
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WHAT'S ON

SEP

- Sun. 22 Paul Kelly vs Neil Finn/Crowded House**
7.30 pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
- Mon. 23 Miss Saigon (25th Anniversary Show)**
An epic Love Story in Cinemas
1.30 pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
- Mon. 23 Advanced Family Research**
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- Wed. 25 Joe Camilleri & the Black Sorrows**
7.30 pm - The Art House, Wyong
- Thurs. 26 Candlelight - Vivaldi's Four Seasons**
6.30 pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
- Fri. 27 Gosford Comedy Club**
7.30 pm Naughty Noodle FunHaus Factory, Gosford
- Sat. 28 Bark Park - Central Coast Dogs Day Out**
1 - 7 pm - Gosford Waterfront Park

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- Tues. 1 The Ultimate Magic Show with Jonas Jost**
For kids and adults alike
11 am & 1.30 pm - Laycock Street Theatre
- Thurs. 3 Rogue Traders**
7.30 pm - The Art House, 19-21 Margaret St, Wyong
- Thurs.-Sun. 3-6 Little Shop of Horrors**
2 pm or 8 pm - Art House, Wyong
- Fri. 4 Sportsman Dinner with Sterlo**
6.30 pm - The Gallery, Gosford RSL, West Gosford
- Sat.-Sun. 5-6 6.00 pm - From 9am Bouddi Peninsular Arts Trail,**
Killcare, Killcare Heights, Pretty Beach & Wagstaff
- Sat. 12 Lake Macquarie Kokoda Challenge**
7.30 am - Cooranbong Equestrian Park
- Sat.-Sun. 12-13 Mingara Relay for Life**
4 pm Mingara Athletics Track, Tumbi Umbi
- Sat. 12 Davistown Gin & Jazz Festival - Davistown RSL Club**
- Sat. 12 Dave Hughes - Fully Furnished**
8 pm - The Art House, Wyong
- Sun.13 Davistown Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival**
9 am - 4 pm - Illoura Reserve, Davistown
- Sun.13 Portraiture Charcoal & Ink Workshop**
with Karen Bloomfield

SCHOOLS



Primary GPCC Olympic Games 2024 Opening Ceremony

During Week 1 of Term 3, our Primary students participated in our very own GPCC Olympic Games 2024 Opening Ceremony. The theme for our 2024 Olympics is "You don't have to be the best, to give your best." All our Primary students represented 19 countries from across the globe. The athletes assembled in their country teams, dressed in their country colours, before heading down to the Multi-Purpose Centre.

The Head of our GPCC Olympic Committee and Principal, Mr. van Bentum, welcomed our athletes and declared the games open before each country was showcased in a parade across our stage. We had some talented teachers take part in the torch relay. Our House Captains recited the "Athlete's Oath," and Mr. McSwan, our Primary Sports Coordinator, recited the "Officials' Oath."

A special thank you to Mrs. Davis for organizing such a wonderful opening ceremony for the GPCC 2024 Olympic Games. Let the games begin!



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE 3 VILLAGES COMMUNITY GROUP

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