



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



Michael Hruby
PHOTOGRAPHY

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will."

— *George Bernard Shaw*

"The man who has no imagination has no wings."

— *Muhammad Ali*

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Michael Hruby

"Sunrise on the morning of the 2024 Putt Putt Regatta."

Prizes of \$140 value go to Winner of "Photo of the Month"

\$50 pet grooming voucher from Barks and Bubbles Pet Pawtique

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\$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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3 Villages Christmas Party & Trivia Night

Friday 29 November, 6.30 pm

Celebrate the holiday season at the DAVO RSL with an evening of fun & games. This event has become a highlight for locals, wishing to wrap up the year in holiday festivities. Feel free to dress up or decorate your table in a Christmas theme on the night.

The Davo RSL is a great supporter of 3 VCG and you can book with them easily on Ph 4363 0199. Special thanks to Paula Taylor's The Agency at Davistown for their amazing sponsorship once again. Don't miss out—book your seats early!

3 VCG Fundraising & Community Projects

The Group's fundraising dollars have gradually built up and it is intended to direct the funds into the upcoming new playground at Davistown by Central Coast Council. This follows Davistown Progress Association's ex-President, Jenny McCulla managing to achieve grant funding for the playspace. 3 VCG intends to add funds to council's dollars to include a flying fox and a swing set similar to those at Jirramba Playground, Saratoga making it a fantastic space for families. The group has already pledged \$18,000 to CCC for the project but will contribute more, should it be needed.

3 VCG Annual Christmas Lights Competition

Let's light up the villages once again! This year's major sponsor helping with prizes is David Lyle Stone Real Estate, and also Barks & Bubbles Paw Boutique and "Olive" by Luna Cafe, Saratoga adding support, too. Prizes will go to each suburb for best houses and streets.

Taia Sansom, 3VCG President

The 3 Villages

Christmas Party
TRIVIA NIGHT

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Friday 29th Nov 6.30 pm

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MEET THE LOCALS

I would like to introduce you to **Joy Collier**. I first met this beautiful lady at one of her regular visits to "Days for Girls", Avoca Beach.

Joy, an ex-Textiles, Design, and Food Tech teacher, volunteers each Thursday alongside 40 other ladies and sews reusable sanitary kits for girls and women, and also volunteers with "Global Kids Clothing", making new clothes for children in Australia and third-world countries.

Born in Bega, Joy met her future husband, Bill, on their first day of teaching at Bega High School and married in 1969. After saving for a few years, the young couple purchased a block of land in Saratoga and then moved to the UK for three years teaching and travelling throughout Europe and Africa in the back of an old Bedford truck. They also journeyed to Kabul after refitting a ten-year-old ambulance in the UK.

Once back in Australia in 1974, Joy taught in Albury before starting a family, moved to Deniliquin, and had their second son there.

The Central Coast called, and they built their family home. The boys attended Brisbania Public School and then Central Coast Grammar. Joy taught at St. Joseph's, East Gosford and Bill at Henry Kendall High School.

They all continued on overseas adventures backpacking through Indonesia and India with only a train pass each. Joining a home exchange organisation, they enjoyed around 30 exchanges throughout the world and within Australia.

Three years ago, they moved into a new townhouse 400 metres from their family home and luckily, they could still enjoy beautiful Brisbane Water views. Joy said there is nowhere else they would rather be, and having their sons and grandchildren living in Newcastle.

In Joy's words: "After 55 years of great marriage and 40 years in Saratoga, I think life is good."

Maggie Vincent

IN THE GARDEN

Bug attack? Attack back!

I've been battling with some bugs over the last few weeks and perhaps you might be too.

These particular bugs are on my navel orange tree, but they'll inhabit any citrus tree, and are called bronze orange bugs (*Musgravia sulciventris*). They're also known as 'stink bugs' for the nasty smelling and caustic defence mechanism that they can emit when disturbed.

They are sap-suckers and will weaken your tree to the point of stopping fruit production if left unchecked.

If you noticed these shield-like bugs on your fruit trees, you might think you have a few different bugs to deal with. The ones you'll probably see at first will vary from light green, to orange then to brown as adults. They're all the same bug.

Look at the underside of the leaves. You might spot the eggs: a little cluster of lime green dots in a honeycomb type pattern.

Cont. P4





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IN THE GARDEN

From P3. Put on some gloves and squish 'em. If you find a cluster but they're white, you're too late, they've already hatched. The next stage is the nymph, which I've never seen but are little lime green critters.

I don't like to use sprays, so I go for eye protection and gloves (against their nasty squirts). Pick the bugs off and drop them into a bucket of water that has some liquid soap mixed in and they'll quickly drown. I've heard an old vacuum cleaner with a disposable bag can be used too. Just vacuum them then throw out the sealed bag. The smell is too bad to use your normal vacuum cleaner. A daily patrol, if you're able, will soon reduce their numbers. We found around 100 the first day and now, after a week, we're almost down to single figures. Good luck!

- Tracey Ellis, BUGG Leader



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Meals On Wheels In The Three Villages

If you need help with meals while recovering from illness or with permanent deliveries of nutritious meals, Meals on Wheels is in the 3 Villages every day.

For 70 years, Meals on Wheels have been delivering a smile, a healthy meal and even wellness checks. Our friendly volunteers are here daily between 9 am and 12 pm delivering healthy subsidised meals to your door. With over 145 meal options, our new menu is a blend of new meals and old-time favourites.

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Friendly trusted volunteers come in their own private vehicles and are always up for a chat if you have time and to reassure our volunteers of your wellbeing. Addressing social isolation and loneliness together as a community is what we love.

To organise an information pack, sample menu or the subsidised price list, please contact the friendly Meals on Wheels team on 02 4357 8444 or admin@ccmow.com.au

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WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER

Fri 1 - Fri 29	Art Exhibition – Multicultural Showcase The Art House – Wyong Foyer Exhibition Space
Sat. 16	Gather and Groove Music and Arts Festival 3.00 - 10.00 pm – The Lakes Festival, The Entrance
Sat. 16	Gather and Groove Music and Arts Festival – Arts Festival 3.00 - 10.00 pm – Lions Park, Woy Woy
Sat. 16	Rick Price – Hometown Album Tour 8.00 pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun. 17	Spiral Coast – The Lakes Festival 3.00 - 6.00 pm – Roundabout Circus - Kibble Park, Gosford
Sun. 17	Local Laughs Comedy Night – Lakes Festival 7.00 pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Thurs. 21	Central Academy – The Sequel 6.00 pm – The Art House, Wyong
Thurs. 21	Christmas Decoration Creations (Children 6-9) 3.30 - 4.15 pm – Umina Library
Sun. 23	Mexican Fiesta Brunch 1.00 - 3.00 pm – 18+ Event – Spice Up your Saturday 384 Ocean View Road, Ettalong – Book online
Sun. 24	A Farewell to Doris – Melinda Schneider Doris Day Tribute 2.00 - 4.00 pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Fri. 29	3 Villages Annual Christmas Trivia Night 6.30 pm – Davo RSL
Sat. 30	Central Coast Christmas Fair 2024 9.00 am – Gosford Showground
Sat.30 - Sat. 6 Dec	Central Coast Film Festival Red Carpet Event – Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong Beach

DECEMBER

Fri. 6	A Literary High Tea with Alexander McCall Smith 10.30 - 12.30 pm – Crowne Plaza, Terrigal
Sat. 7	Avoca Twilight Festival 4.00 - 9.00 pm – Avoca Beachside Markets Drive, Avoca Beach
Sun. 8	Green Point Community Carols 6.00 - 7.30 pm – petting zoo, jumping castle, face painting, live donkeys on the oval at Green Point Christian College then 7.30 - 9.00 pm – Carols by Candlelight Bring chairs or picnic rugs - celebration under the stars
Sat. 14	The James Morrison Quartet – featuring Darren Percival 8.00 pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Tues. 24	Carols in the Park 6.00 - 9.00 pm – Memorial Park, The Entrance
Sat. 28 - Wed. 1 Jan	Lost Paradise Festival 2024 Music & Culture – Glenworth Valley
Tues. 31	New Year's Eve at Gosford 2024 6.00 - 9.15 pm – Leagues Club Park, Gosford
Tues. 31	New Year's Eve at the Entrance 2024 6.00 - 9.15 pm – Marine Parade, Gosford

SCHOOLS



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Green Point Christian College has supported "Operation Christmas Child" for over 30 years. Our students and those from Yattalunga Valley Christian School contributed to a tally of 340 shoeboxes collected this year filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. Thank you to our Year 3 and 4 students for your help and enthusiasm in passing and packing all the shoeboxes into the OCC truck. The shoeboxes will be distributed to children in Ukraine, Vietnam and Cambodia. Mrs Davis and our students prayed for the safe delivery of each box and for the children who will be receiving these precious gifts.



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HERITAGE



Lizzie Frost Heritage Cottage tucked behind the old church at Kincumber is up for sale. Lizzie's husband, George was a well known shipbuilder. It would take a lot to tear myself away from my residence of 52 years on Yattalunga Bay but this historic cottage could almost do it. We'll bring you Lizzie & George Frost story next edition.

– Peter Rea

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