



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

‘You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.’
 — Dr. Seuss

Just don’t give up trying to do what you really want to do.”
 — Ella Fitzgerald

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

“Why would you want to live anywhere else?”
 Congratulations to **Katherine Dale**, this month’s WINNER!
 Katherine writes, “Taken at Buddy’s Beach, between Pyang Avenue and Lintern Street. Here children can cheerfully swing at the water’s edge, sheltered beneath whispering she-oak trees.”

Many thanks to our sponsors for donating the following prizes:
 \$30 voucher to spend at Village Cafe Co in Saratoga Shopping Village;
 \$10 @pupppo voucher from Jas Art Brewer.

Keep snapping and post your favourite pic on the 3 Villages Facebook Page. You’ve got to be in it to WIN IT!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

3 Villages Community Garden - Update



Recently we had an exciting step forward with "Organic Raised Bed Soil", blown in! This meant no piles of soil everywhere and no shovelling! There are a few more beds to fill even though a whole truck load was used - 15 cubic/m ! And, all done quick and easy in 1.5 hrs.

Fortunately, the rain helped settle it down and reduced the loose soil blowing away and kept the odour down.

The next step is to erect the plant climbing frames.

Roz Bailey, Garden Manager

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMP WINNERS



WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:

Best Decorated House Overall: Major prize of \$400
11 The Corso Saratoga;

Best Mini-Displays: Prize of \$150 each
9 Bourke Ave Yattalunga, 4 View Pde Saratoga
and 38 Mirreen Ave Davistown.

Best Decorated Houses: Prize of \$300 each
24 Pyang Ave Davistown and 19 Mundoora Ave Yattalunga

Best Street: Pyang Avenue

Best Business: Beauty on the Bay, Saratoga.

Prizes were only available with thanks to Major Sponsor, Ty Van Emdem from McGrath Real Estate, and also sponsorships from Tim Conway of Central Coast Ferries and Corey Van Vogt, The Village Café.

"Pirate Park" Playground, Davistown

This wonderful new park is due to open very soon and inside the school holiday period. I can already envisage the queue for the flying fox!

Local Business Connect - 3 V Facebook Page

This page connects businesses to locals, so if you have a business to promote, go to the 3 V Facebook page and post comments about your business or a pic of your business card in the comments section of the post which goes up each Monday. This has helped many businesses locally, who may go unnoticed. Maybe give it a try?

Taia Sansom, President, 3 VCG

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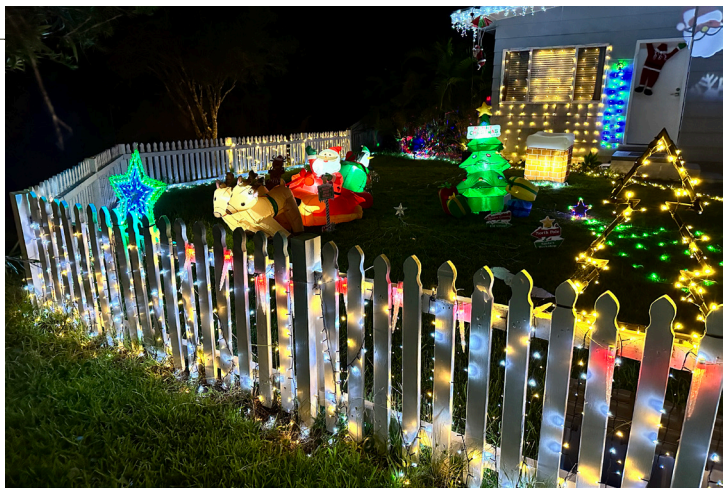
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Top Left: Stephanie Blower
 Above: Jenny Hartich
 Left and Below: Taia Sansom





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COSS - THE COASTAL OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

The Coastal Open Space System (COSS) explained

Have you admired the lush green ridge tops surrounding our region or wondered what COSS is?

The Coastal Open Space System (COSS) is one of the Central Coast's greatest assets. It continues a visionary network of natural bushland reserves that has protected over 2,600 hectares of ridgelines and green spaces across the former Gosford City since the 1980s .

That far-sighted decision gifted our region something incredibly rare: an expansive network of reserves that protects biodiversity and offers green spaces that defined the character of Gosford City for decades. It ensures our natural ridgetops will always be a vision for everyone to enjoy and provides relief to the urban areas. It ensures natural areas with water catchments remain undeveloped, thus not causing deterioration in water quality.

COSS lands provide important ecological habitats and essential wildlife corridors for diverse fauna and flora making a considerable contribution towards protecting the special qualities of the NSW coast, and the scenic, recreational and



Photo: Jenny Hartich

Mount Pleasant and hills in the background are part of the 'Eastern COSS'

environmental values that it holds for local communities and tourists. A budget is held in trust by Central Coast Council for future purchases of land meeting the criteria.

These areas provide wonderful recreation for locals or tourists who enjoy bushwalking, picnicking, or just enjoying the native vegetation. Dogs are not allowed at all.

Rumbalara, Kincumba Mountain, Putty Beach Reserve, Cockrone Lagoon and some lands adjacent to the Avoca Lagoon are part of the many parcels of COSS lands.

Carey Buls, Saratoga Resident

DAVO RSL FISHING CLUB

The Davistown RSL Fishing Club kicked off the 2026 season with a fresh slate, a new year, and a brand-new competition starting everyone from scratch. Spirits were high as members hit the water eager to make their mark early.

The sub-juniors saw Hamish and Fraser sharing the honours. In the ladies' division, Bobbie-Jean Cole got off to a flying start, taking first position ahead of Carla Quirk.

The men's competition picked up right from last season, with Simon Cole claiming first, followed closely by Adam Overton in second and Jason Splatt rounding out the podium in third. The men's veterans went to Greg Atchison, with last year's winner Rick "The Wild Card" Williams finishing second. In the ladies' veterans, Karen Atchison took out top spot and is eagerly awaiting some friendly competition from the more 'experienced' ladies.

Offshore, Rockin Beach proved the favourite, with Dave

Wilson taking first and the Woodley boys having a solid crack in second and third. Everyone also enjoyed the Christmas weigh-in, made extra special by our surprise guest.

Congratulations to last season's winners, and a big thank you to everyone who contributes to keeping the club strong.

Story and photo: Simon Cole, President



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SCHOOLS



KINDER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Kindergarten enjoying a wonderful Christmas luncheon, sharing food, laughter, and festive cheer together!

It was a joyful way to celebrate the end of a great year and reflect on how much the students have grown. We are so proud of everything they have achieved in their very first year of school and the confidence they've gained along the way!

Information and photo from PBS Facebook



Green Point Christian College recently marked an exciting new chapter with the official opening of our Administration and Student Services Centre, a significant milestone in the life of our school community.

The event was a wonderful celebration, attended by students, staff, families, and friends of the College. We extend our sincere thanks to Dr Gordon Reid MP and Mr Adam Crouch MP, who joined us for the occasion and performed the ribbon cutting to officially open the building. We also appreciate the thoughtful words shared by Dr Reid, our Principal Mr Joel van Bentum, and our MELOS Executive Principal, Mr Phillip Nash, each reflecting on the importance of this development for our growing College.

We were honoured to welcome members of our College Board, PAG, and representatives from the many organisations whose partnership, expertise, and support helped bring this project from vision to reality. Their commitment has enabled us to create a modern, functional, and welcoming space that will benefit students, families, and staff for many years to come.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this milestone a reality.

Story and Photo: Christina Hutchinson



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Thu 5th	The Travelling Wilburys Collection 7.30pm - 9.45pm - The Art House Theatre, Wyong
Fri 6th	Saradise Social Dance featuring RareTreats 6.30pm - Saratoga Community Hall - Kyeema Ave
Fri 6th	The Album Show: Eagles Up Close (Live Tribute Show) 8.00pm - 10.30pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 7th	Hit Parade Of The 50's and 60's 2.00pm - 4.30pm - The Art House Theatre, Wyong
Sun 8th	Prinnie Stevens - Ladies Of R&B 5.00pm - 7.00pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Wed 11th	Abstract Touring Presents - Legends Of Motown 8pm - 10.00pm - The Art House Theatre, Wyong
Thurs 12th	Harry Manx (Seven Times Maple Blues Award Winner) 8pm - 10.15pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 14th	Ballet Of Lights: Sleeping Beauty In A Sparkling Show 4.00pm & 6.00pm (60 mins duration) - The Art House Theatre, Wyong
Sat 14th	A Night Of Love Songs (Live Tribute Show) 8.00pm - 10.30pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Tues 17th	Brisbane Water History Ferry Tour - Central Coast Ferries 9.35am - 12.45pm. Bookings essential. Booking online.
Thurs 19th	Heath Franklin's Chopper Gold 7.00pm - 9.00pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Fri 20th	The Sounds Of Simon & Garfunkel 8.00pm - 10.00pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 22nd	Melinda Schneider - The "Tender" Tour (Performing Her Golden Guitar Award-Winning Hits) 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Mon 23rd	Hawkesbury River History Tour Central Coast Ferries 9.35am - 12.45pm - Bookings essential. Book online.
Tue 24 & Wed 25th	Silent Partner Presents - Retired Laughing 2.00pm & 7.00pm (1 hr 30 min duration) - The Art House Theatre, Wyong
Fri 27th - Sat 14 Mar	Lionel Bart's - Oliver! 1.30pm & 7.30pm (2 hr 20 min duration) - Laycock Theatre, Wyoming
Sat 28th	Rockin' The 70's With The Classic Kings 8.00pm - 10.15pm - Avoca Beach Theatre

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