



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to this month's winner!

Michael Hruby

"I felt there was going to be a great sunset at Davistown,
my go-to spot for sunset shots. I'm glad I did

— it was worth it."

NOTE: Apologies for the wrong name applied to last
months winner which was **Glenn Cameron** not **Campbell**

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"If you fell down yesterday,
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— H. G. Wells

"Believe you can and
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— Theodore Roosevelt



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COMMUNITY NEWS

3 Villages Community Group Volunteers' Appreciation Night

All Volunteers are kindly invited to come along to the Davistown RSL Club on Monday, May 18th, at 6pm for a drink "on us" and some nibbles. This is our opportunity to show our sincere appreciation to each and every one of you. RSVP by Wednesday, May 13th, by contacting one of the committee members.

Kids Free "Waffle/Pikelet Brekky Day"

Have you heard about it?

Kids U16 eat free waffles and/or pikelets, O'16's just \$4, and options for all with a Bacon & Egg roll at just \$6. Tea and coffee are available. Dine in or dine out at Saratoga Hall.

Please check the notice boards at Saratoga or Davistown shops for news of the next one in May.

New Ladies Social Group for the Over 60's

After recognising a need, a social group was created, and they meet at Davistown RSL for Trivia on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm. Please join us if you love trivia!

More outings, including dinners, movies, theatre visits, and possibly day trips, are being considered for the near future.

If you'd like to join in, we'd love to hear from you please get in touch via

email: taia.3villagescommunitygroup@gmail.com.

School Uniform Seconds Available (Great Condition)

Need extras or replacements for items that are lost, outgrown, worn or damaged?

Most uniforms are **FREE!** Gold coin donations are gratefully accepted.

If you're in need—or would like to help—please get in touch via email: taia.3villagescommunitygroup@gmail.com. We're always looking for assistance with sorting, washing, organising, and keeping an up-to-date list of available items.

Taia Sansom, President, 3 VCG

Right: The wonderful brekky helpers who cooked up a storm. L to R: Grace Lucille, Denise Hopkins, Juanita Davidson, Lucinda Sneddon, Wendy Craig, Kim Hayes, Sue Roe

MEET THE LOCALS

MARK STINSON

Owner of Saratoga Mechanical

Mark and Natasha moved to Saratoga in 2016 with their 5 boys, Daniel, Callum, Rohan, Connor and Finn. At the time, Mark was working as a fly-in, fly-out heavy diesel mechanic in Western Australia on mining equipment.

Mark's dream was to buy his own mechanics business. One sleepless night, he was looking at workshops for sale and was shocked to see Saratoga Mechanical listed. The next day he did a handshake deal and a couple of months later left the mining industry.

The family bought in Wilkie-King and really settled into the community, enjoying the birds, wildlife and fishing as the boys grew up. Mark is an avid cook and gardener, with a vegetable patch behind the workshop and another at home. And in his spare time now manages three hives as a successful beekeeper.

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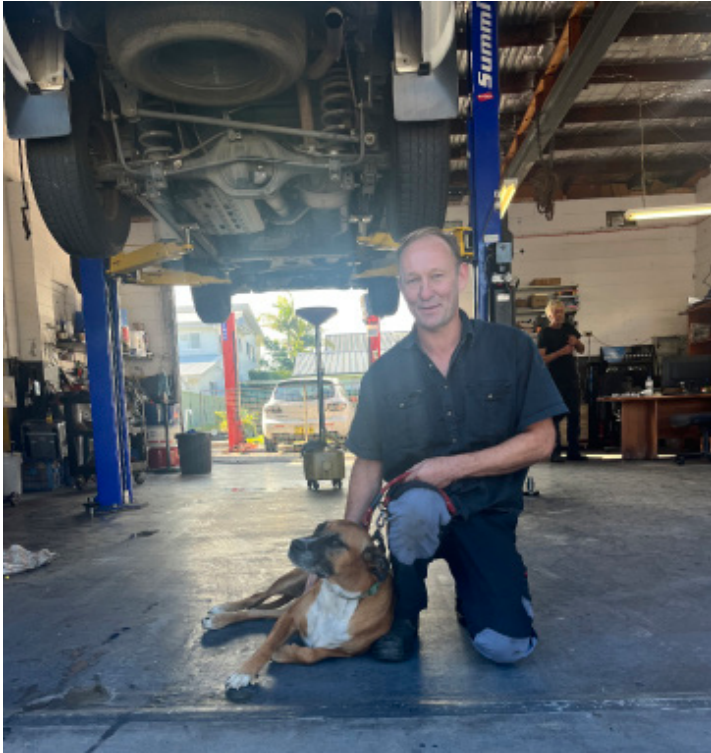
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Above: Mark and Nina
from P 2.

On 15th August, Mark will celebrate 10 years as our local mechanic, with Nina, his daily companion for the last 8 years.

When asked about the future, Mark responded:

"I am hoping the next 10 years are as fun – working, meeting new customers, as well as keeping my regular customers' cars reliable and serviced. I love being part of the 3 Villages; people are friendly, and my customers are loyal. Saratoga is a great place to work and live on the coast."

Story and photo: Sue Garling, Saratoga

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Davistown Progress Association's Centenary of Community Service

On Saturday 6th June, Davistown Progress Association (DPA) will be celebrating its centenary. Few community organisations can boast 100 years of uninterrupted service to their local community. Four years ago, the Davistown Progress Hall turned 100 years old – now the Association has reached its centenary, too, and plans to acknowledge its past and present community who have made it happen.

The celebrations will include a Local Business Expo from 9am to 2pm, in the Progress Hall and along the waterfront reserve, followed by a Gala Dinner with local dignitaries, guest speakers and (of course) a birthday cake, at Davistown RSL from 7pm.

Home-based businesses in the 3 Villages area are invited to participate in the Local Business Expo; for more information go to davistownprogress.org. All members of the community are invited to the Gala Dinner, although booking priority will be given to current DPA members.

Davistown Progress Association looks forward to residents discovering local businesses at the Expo, attending the Gala Dinner, joining the Association (\$15pa) to benefit from its monthly newsletter and members' discounts, and helping to keep our local community strong and vibrant.

Davistown Progress Association's centenary events are supported by Central Coast Council.

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Kindergarten Fairytale Day

Today our Kindergarten children stepped into a magical fairytale, where princes, princesses and heroes learned and played along the way. With their Year 5 buddies by their side, they crafted sparkling crowns and shared stories full of wonder and delight. Through games and laughter, spells and rhyme, they made enchanted memories to treasure for all time.

Story and photo: Brisbane P.S. Facebook



Holocaust Survivor Inspires Students

Green Point Christian College recently took part in a powerful educational experience through a visit from Courage to Care, a volunteer-led organisation delivering Upstander Programs across Australia

that challenge discrimination and promote courageous action. Year 10 students explored the impact of prejudice, silence and indifference through the lens of the Holocaust, while learning how individuals can make a positive difference in the face of injustice. A key moment was hearing the firsthand account of Holocaust survivor Peter Baruch (pictured), who as an 18-month-old, escaped the Lodz Ghetto in Poland with his parents in 1940. Their journey to



safety took them through several countries, including Lithuania, where they were aided by Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, whose decision to issue visas helped save thousands of Jewish lives.

After travelling to Japan, the family's safety was again threatened before they secured passage to Wellington, New Zealand, in 1941.

The presentation reinforced the importance of empathy, respect, and moral responsibility, encouraging students to stand up against discrimination in their own lives.

Story and photo: Christina Hutchinson



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Water Quality and Marine life

Some years ago I was involved in *Community Environment Network* seagrass monitoring at Davistown, becoming fascinated by the subject, I learned a few important things:

1. Water quality relies on creatures like Oysters, Cockles and Whelks, which are all marine invertebrates that can filter up to about 200 litres (about 50 gallons) of water per day.
2. The 'Whelk' thrive in sea-grass much more so than mangroves and the advance of mangroves in Brisbane Water seems to be one of the greatest threats to sea-grass.
3. The inter-tidal areas in Yattalunga Bay have some of the best seagrass meadows on Brisbane Water.

On the morning of 28 December 2025, it was low tide in Yattalunga Bay, a resident noticed two women in the Bay about 100m off shore, with large plastic bags. A man, who seemed to be associated with them, was walking up and down

the public wharf. The resident thought the activity suspicious and stood in plain sight, he then decided to record the activities. The man seemed un-settled by this, quickly walking off the wharf and along the Reserves dirt access-track to his car. At the same time the two women had quickly come to the shore-line, dropping the plastic bags on the foreshore rocks they got in the car and left.

Discovered where the women had come to the shore, were dumped a number of plastic bags, containing about 200 'Whelk' each. The resident took the bags to the end of the wharf and threw the 'Whelk' into the water, dispersing them over a wider area as possible.

Recently a sign noticed at Amy St. wharf provided information in various languages of maximum numbers of 'Cockle' and 'Whelk' that may be taken, which is **'20 PER PERSON'**.

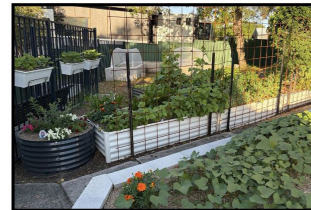
We all live in the catchment of the estuary know as Brisbane Water, through a combination of good luck, having no 'major' creeks or rivers running into it and a bit of good management, the current water quality is very good. Ecosystems, however, are fragile and they really do need looking after, we all need to play our part.

Story and photo: Peter Rea



Main Pic: Plastic bags full of hundreds of Whelk.
Above: A Whelk, they are about 8 cm long.

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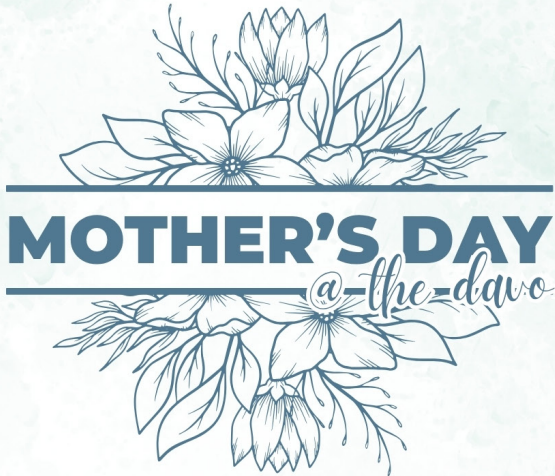
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MAY 2026

Fri 1st	It Takes Two Bryan Adams & Tina Turner Tribute Show 8.00pm - 11.00pm - Davistown RSL Club
Sat 2nd	Social Dance Featuring RareTreats 6.30pm - Saratoga Community Hall - Kyeema Ave
Sat 2nd	Tribute Show - The Eagles Greatest Hits 7.30pm - 9.50pm - The Arthouse Theatre, Wyong
Sun 3rd	A Tribute to R.E.M 1.30pm - 3.30pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 3rd	John Williamson: 55 Years "My Travellin' Days Are Done" 2.00pm - 4.30pm - The Arthouse Theatre, Wyong
Sun 3rd	80's & 90's Singalong Paint & Sip 1.00pm - 4.00pm - Davistown RSL Club
Mon 4th	Brisbane Water History & Heritage Tour Departs Woy Woy Wharf 9.30am , Bookings essential, online Central Coast Ferries
Fri 8th	Eric Bibb & One Band Mississippi 7.30pm - 9.30pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 9th	Live Tribute "The Creedence Clearwater Experience" 8.00pm - 10.15pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 10th	Carter Entertainment Australia Presents The Beatles Anthology 7.30pm - 9.45pm - The Arthouse Theatre, Wyong
Fri 15th	Live Tribute "The Man Who Souled The World" The Sounds Of David Bowie 7.30pm - 9.45pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 16th	Live Tribute The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver - Starring Darren Coggan" 7.30pm - 9pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 16th	Live & Original - Stiff Gins with Special Guest Kerryn Fields 7.30pm - 9.30pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 17th	Craig Bodinnar Presents Dancing in The Shadows Of Motown 2.00pm - 4.10pm - The Arthouse Theatre, Wyong
Sat 17th	Laycock Presents The Songs Of Rogers And Hammerstein 3.00pm - 4.15pm - Laycock Theatre, Gosford
Mon 18th	3Villages Volunteers' Appreciation Night 6pm - The Davistown RSL Club
Thurs 21st	Biggest Morning Tea - The Little Teapot 10am - Tickets \$30 - Davistown
Sat 22nd	Abbalanche - The Australian Abba Tribute Show 8.00pm - 10.30pm - Laycock Theatre, Gosford

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