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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Saratoga Hall Bookings

Please go to the website 3villages.com.au to enquire about bookings or to see what regular activities there are at the hall. There is a smaller meeting room separate to the hall which has a large screen TV & WiFi, and there is a great kitchen.

The hall can also be booked to play pickleball.

Mahjong

A Mahjong ladies group meets each Wednesday at Saratoga Hall, commencing at 9.30am. If you have played Mahjong before and would enjoy a friendly morning of games and conversation, please come along. It is \$5 to play and morning tea is provided.



Kids Free "Waffle/Pikelet Brekky Day" - Have you heard about it?

Children under 16 are invited to come along and enjoy free waffles and/or pikelets, with so many toppings available.

Anyone can purchase Bacon & Egg rolls for just \$6, and there is coffee, hot chocolate and various teas to choose from.

Dine in or take away – Saratoga Hall – Sunday, May 31st, 8.30-10.30am.

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

MEET THE LOCALS

Pete Little

Originally, I was a shire boy, born and raised at Caringbah. Radio was my big passion and after completing a basic announcer course in Sydney, I left home in 1969 for my first radio job in chilly Lithgow at 2LT. I remember my first day on air, man stood on the moon.

While in Lithgow, I met up with a local girl and we've been together ever since.

We moved to Berkeley Vale when 2GO opened back in the early 70s, and discovered Saratoga when one of 2GO's announcers invited us home for a BBQ. His name was Doug Mulray.

Soon after, Teresa and I chose Saratoga as our happy place. Our two children went to beautiful Brisbania and we made many friends over the years.

In the 80s we left the coast and chased career opportunities in Noosa and Coffs Harbour. Then I was offered a position as General Manager of 2GO and we were happy to return and bought a lovely house at Saratoga, which we still live in today.

Even today it's surprising how relatively few people know about the suburb, so let's keep it a secret. There have been so many improvements, like better roads, parks and shops.

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School Formal Wear

3 VCG has begun collecting formal wear to help support local families in preparing for school formals.

If you have dresses, suits, shoes, jewellery or other suitable formal wear items you can donate, please let us know.

All donated items will be made available to the community ahead of the upcoming formal wear season.

School Uniform Seconds Available

Need extras or replacements for items that are lost, outgrown, worn or damaged? We have some uniforms from various feeder schools, all in really good condition.

Taia Sansom,
President, 3 VCG

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Above: Pete Little

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For us, village life is perfect. In particular, we love the yummy selection at Amanda's hot bread shop. (Why is it still called Horries?)

Now in retirement, our kids have moved on to build their lives in Newcastle. I work at EasyFM93.3 as a volunteer presenter, on Tuesday and Friday Breakfast 6am – 9am, and many locals listen in and ring up to say hi.

Story: Sue Garling, Saratoga


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DAVO' RSL AMATEUR FISHING CLUB

April's competition saw the much-anticipated annual Settree Fishing Classic finally arrive, with competitors casting their lines in pursuit of the heaviest "Davo Barra" mullet. A strong field of 27 keen fishos turned out, all eager for a shot at the trophy and, of course, the bragging rights for 2026.

Taking top honours in the Classic was Simon Cole, landing an impressive Davo Barra weighing 480g, enough to secure him the win in a tightly contested field.

In club results, it was fantastic to see our up-and-coming talent shine, with new sub-junior angler Nyan Laurie taking out first place in the division. In the men's veterans, Jimmy K claimed top spot, while Lisa Wells led the ladies' category, closely followed by Nicky Woodley in second.

The men's division saw one of our rising stars, Aris K, continue to impress, taking first place with Ian Henderson not far behind in second. Over in the rock and beach competition, Dave "The Dart" Wilson reeled in the win, with Jay Woodley finishing as runner-up.

The day wrapped up with a lovely barbecue, plenty of smiles, and a great presentation. It was especially nice to see the Settree family there to present the prizes and be part of the day's celebrations.

Story and photo:
Simon Cole,
President

Below: Simon Cole, Nyan Laurie, Settree Family: Karen, Laurie, Jimmy, Lisa & Aris





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Charlotte Takes on the Lunchbox Rally for Cancer Research

GPCC Year 9 student Charlotte is once again taking part in the Lunchbox Rally 2026, raising funds for cancer research in memory of her grandfather, John, who sadly passed away after battling cancer.

Charlotte's grandfather left behind his much-loved old Corolla, which is now preparing to complete its fourth rally in his honour. Over the years, the car has travelled across the country, tackling dirt roads, breakdowns, and plenty of repairs along the way, all part of the adventure!



Charlotte hopes to raise around \$5,000, with every donation going directly towards cancer research. All rally costs, repairs, and accommodation are personally funded by the team.

We wish Charlotte and her team the very best as they journey to Lightning Ridge this year. If you would like to support Charlotte's fundraising efforts.

Please see the link below:

<https://2026.lunchboxrally.com.au/lottie>

Story and photo:

Christina Hutchinson



PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

What a fantastic start to the Premier's Debating Challenge season!

Our team took out Round 1 in the Education round, debating against the topic: "That primary schools should have a four-day week."

We are so proud of the confidence, teamwork, critical thinking and public speaking skills our students demonstrated throughout the debate. Their preparation, passion and thoughtful rebuttals were outstanding!

Congratulations to all students involved on an excellent first round — we can't wait to see what the rest of the competition brings!

Story and photo:

Brisbania P.S. Facebook



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Come along and discover local businesses at the Local Business Expo, on the waterfront. Supported by Central Coast Council.

And, enquire about the Gala Dinner at the Davistown RSL Club, also on 6th June..

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ON THE WATER

Brisbane Water Paddlers Compete at National Championships

From the ripples of Davistown waterfront to the nation's capital, Canberra, seven of our paddlers competed with some of Australia's best at the 2026 Canoe Marathon National Championships.

The paddlers embraced the challenge of the freshwater course and its demanding portage sections, pushing through tough, exciting racing across four days of the April weekend.

Our small club represented proudly, competed hard, and brought back a dozen shiny new medals, along with thrilling race stories. The top medal scorer was Jen Hartich, who was awarded 3 gold medals for her efforts across the short and long courses in a single and the long course in a double.

If you would like to learn more about paddling, etc., either competitively or socially, consider joining the Brisbane Water

Paddlers Club, which hosts regular sessions from the Davistown waterfront.

For more information, email brisbanewaterpaddlers@gmail.com or visit <https://bwpaddlers.wixsite.com/brisbanewater>

Story and photo: Rick White

Below: Left to right Craig Dodd, Aidan Shipton, Mick Carroll, Allen Matzen & Rick White & Jennifer Hartich



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Heritage Work Boat Challenge & Putt About – Sat. Nov. 7th
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Putt-Putt Regatta & Wooden Boat Festival – Sun. Nov. 8th
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Wed 3rd	Who's Bad - The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience 7.30pm - 9.45pm – The Art house Theatre Wyong
Fri 5th	The Ultimate Girls Night Out 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Davistown RSL Club
Sat 6th	Social Dance Featuring RareTreats 6.30pm – Saratoga Community Hall – Kyeema Ave
Sat-Sun 6th - 7th	Harvest Festival Various Rural Locations Across The Central Coast
Fri 5th	The Album Show Presents - The Beatles The Live Singalong 7.30pm - 9.45pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 6th	Ballet Of Lights - Sleeping Beauty In A Sparkling Show 4.00pm & 6.00pm – The Art house Theatre Wyong
Wed 10th	Tribute To The Vallies - Frankie Valli Motown & Rock 'N' Roll 11.00am - 12.15pm – Laycock Theatre Gosford
Thu 11th	BABBA - The Ultimate ABBA Experience 7.30pm - 9.45pm – The Arthouse Theatre Wyong
Fri 12th	Celebrating The Music Of Count Down Classic Countdown Hits 1974-87 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 13th	You Got It! – A Salute To Roy Orbison 3.00pm - 5.00pm – The Art house Theatre Wyong
Sat 13th	Craig McLachlan with Dave Williams Six String Stories Part 2 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 14th	The Album Show Presents – 60 Years Of 1966 1.30pm - 3.35pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 20th	Genesis & Tribute Band Cinema Show (Playing Music By Genesis, Peter Gabriel & Phil Collins) 7.30pm - 9.45pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 20th	Toni Childs In Concert 7.30pm - 10.20pm – The Art House Theatre Wyong
Sat 21st	Mark Vincent – Amore With Australian Symphony Orchestra 2.00pm - 4.00pm – Laycock Theatre Gosford
Wed 24th	Drink Tea for MND 10 am Start – The Little Teapot, Davistown, Tickets \$30
Wed 24th	The Sweet Caroline Tour - A Tribute To Neil Diamond 7.30pm - 9.45pm – Avoca Beach Theatre

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