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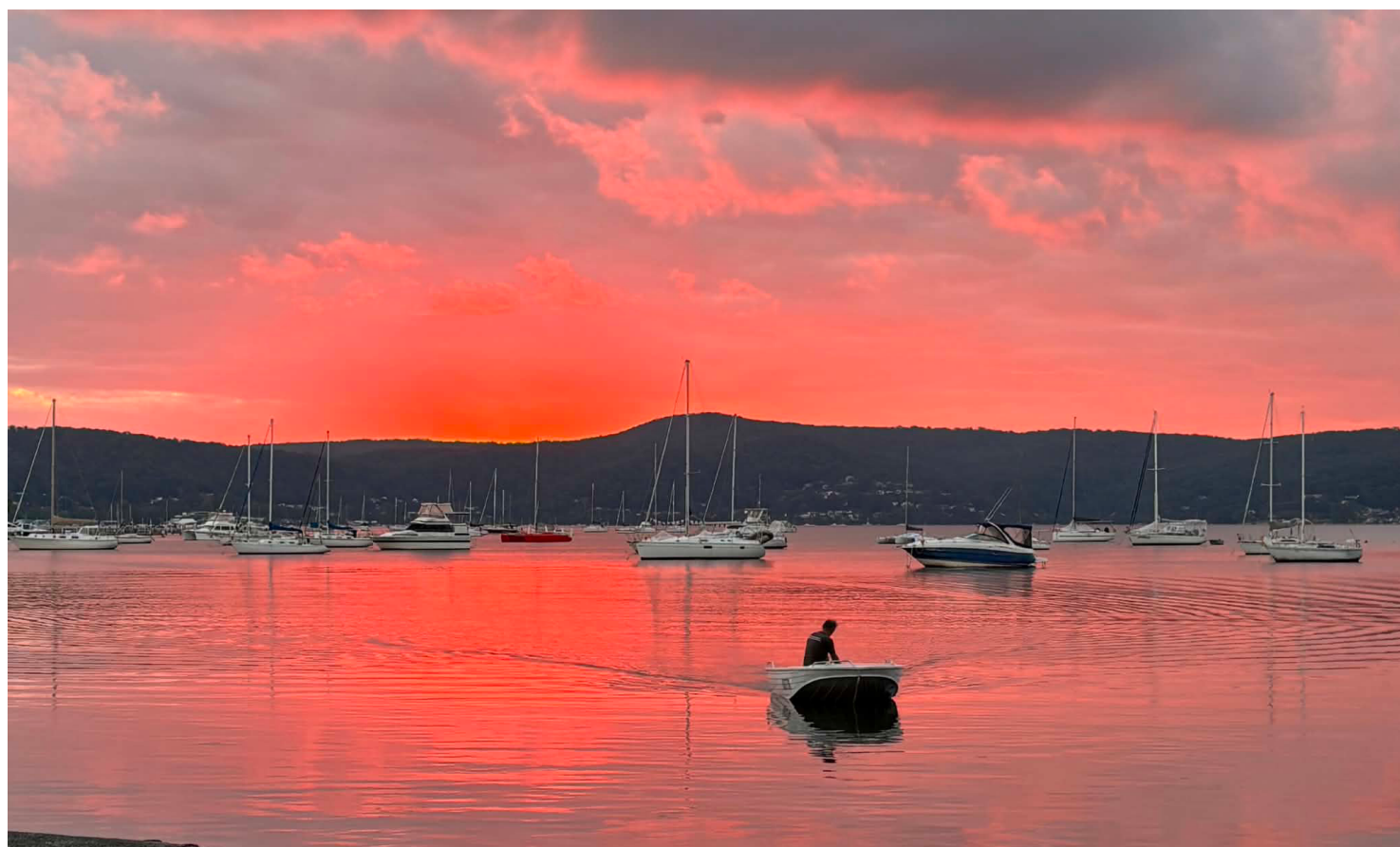


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Congratulations
to this month's

WINNER!

Trudy Van Laar

'Mother's Day Sunset in Saradise'
Taken at Centennial Ave Boat Ramp,
Saratoga.

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"As you grow older, you will discover that you
have two hands — one for helping yourself,
the other for helping others."

– Audrey Hepburn

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart."

– Elizabeth Andrew



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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Amenities Block – see photo P 5. – Jirramba Playground, Saratoga

Following years of advocacy since 2022, the 3 Villages Community Group has welcomed the start of construction on the new amenities block at Jirramba Playground by Central Coast Council.

The new amenities will be a welcome addition to the playground and foreshore park area, benefiting the many families, residents, visitors, and waterfront users who enjoy this popular location. The upgraded facilities will not only improve accessibility and convenience but also enhance the overall appearance of this much-loved community space.

We have to thank Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch, who secured \$150,000 in NSW Government funding back in 2023 to replace the very ageing amenities block.

3 VCG is now pushing for the upgrade of the Jirramba Playground car park as, quite simply, "it's a bit of a mess!"

Kids U16 Free "Waffle/Pikelet Brekky Day" – Saratoga Hall

WHEN: Check the notice boards at Saratoga or Davistown Shops.

Volunteers' Appreciation Night - May 2026

The Volunteers' Appreciation Night held in May at Davistown RSL Club, provided an opportunity for volunteers to come together to enjoy meeting other volunteers, and be recognised for their wonderful contributions over the past year.

The evening was a small token of appreciation for their dedication and had over 40 in attendance. So many projects would not be possible without their support.

A special thank you to the volunteers who were unable to attend, because your contributions also help make our 3 Villages community such a better place, and we hope to see you next year.

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MEET THE LOCALS

Ben Shine

Having grown up in Saratoga, I've spent most of my life in the 3 Villages and feel incredibly fortunate to call this area home. Some of my favourite childhood memories are riding bikes with my mates around the villages and exploring Brisbane Water in our tinnies. It was a fantastic place to grow up and, all these years later, it still offers the same sense of community and outdoor lifestyle for my own family.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time outdoors, whether that's mountain biking on Kincumber Mountain, getting out on the boat with family, or heading down to the wharf for a fishing session with the kids. Our French Bulldog, Bruce, is also well known locally after he recently took himself on an unscheduled neighbourhood walk. His adventure sparked plenty of discussion on the 3 Villages chat, with some people suggesting he looked more like a wombat than a dog!

Professionally, I own Shine Timber Flooring, which has been servicing the Central Coast, Hunter and Sydney regions for more than 25 years. We specialise in supplying and installing solid timber and engineered flooring, as well as sanding and refinishing existing timber floors and decks.

I've also been involved with the Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club for around 30 years. While my playing days are behind me, I still enjoy giving back as a coach for the junior teams. Interestingly, my career in timber flooring began after I answered an advertisement in TNT magazine while living in London and playing rugby — a decision that ultimately led to a 25-year career in the industry.

Story and photo:
Sue Garling, Saratoga



Above: Ben Shine of Shine Timber Flooring - Saratoga.

DAVO' RSL AMATEUR FISHING CLUB

Davistown RSL Fishing Club June Competition

The start of the winter competition certainly brought some chilly conditions to the estuary, with regular standout Jimmy Kalameris giving the men's veterans a chance by sitting this round out.

The ladies' division ended in a tie, with Bobbie- Jean and Jenny sharing top honours after both recorded impressive results. In the men's estuary competition, Jason Splat secured first place ahead of Ian Henderson in a strong field.

The sub-juniors saw a friendly family rivalry, with Tullock Woodley taking first position over his brother Malakai in the battle of the Woodley boys.



Offshore, Daniel, Bobbie-Jean, Hamish and Brian were successful in their respective divisions aboard Shark Bait, continuing some excellent form on the water. Meanwhile, Dave "The Dart" Wilson claimed top honours in the rock and beach competition. **Cont: P4**

Left: Sub-Junior Fraser with a nice bream.



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DAVISTOWN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CENTENARY

On June 6, 2026 the Davistown Progress Association (DPA) celebrated its historic centenary with a 1920s-themed community festival and gala dinner.

For 100 years, the organisation has been a vital, volunteer-driven advocate for the local waterfront, environmental preservation, and the management of the community-owned Progress Hall.

The Association's origins go back to the early 1920s, the local branch of the Brisbane Water Progress Association (BWPA) organising film nights, dances, and a Masquerade Ball.

The first official meeting was held on June 6, 1926.

*Story and photo:
Peter Rea*



Above: Some DPA members in 1920s dress at the Centenary of the Davistown Progress Association MC Jamie Carter entertains the crowd. Also popular was the history display provided by Rotary Kincumber, Brisbane Water Historical Society and 4HResearch (History & Heritage Hunter to Hawkesbury Research).

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Don't miss this exciting community event packed with colourful displays, hands-on activities, and plenty of LEGO® fun!

From P3. Fishing News

Congratulations to all our winners and competitors. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the water as the winter season begins.

Interested in joining us? The Davistown RSL Fishing Club fish on the weekend of the first Sunday of every month, with weigh-in held at 2:30pm on Sunday at Davistown RSL Club. New members are always welcome, so come along and join the fun! Phone Davo RSL to get in touch on 4363 0199.

*Story and photo:
Simon Cole, President*



3 Villages Brick Fair

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CONGRATULATIONS MRS WRIGHT



Congratulations to Mrs Wright who received a Rotary 'Pride of Workmanship' Award on Monday night, recognising her dedication to Brisbane Public School and her contribution to our school community as a valued Student Learning Support Officer!

The Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award is a long-running Rotary recognition program that celebrates people who take genuine pride in their work and consistently demonstrate dedication, commitment, initiative, and a positive attitude.

Thank you, Mrs Wright, for all that you do!

Source: Brisbane facebook

Above L to R: Ruth Vumbaca – Rotary District 9685 Vocational Director, Mrs Wright & Jan Brown – President, Kincumber Rotary.

to their own communities. By stepping out of their comfort zones, the GPCC boys not only provided valuable support to the Brewarrina community but also returned home with a broader perspective of our diverse nation and a deeper understanding of what it means to serve others.

Story and photo:
Christina Hutchinson, GPCC



From the Coast to the Outback – Brewarrina



Recently swapping the coastal sea breezes for the red dust of the NSW outback, some Year 9 boys embarked on a meaningful trip to the small remote, historic township of Brewarrina. (Situated approximately 760 km in northwest NSW, a solid nine-hour drive.) Brewarrina is rich in Indigenous culture, and sits on the banks of the Barwon River.

Brewarrina Christian School is a dedicated partner school of GPCC, established in 2021, and the purpose of the trip was to give hands-on service to the students and families, building connections, pitching in where needed, and experiencing the remote, rural setting.

The vision is to see outback students given the opportunity for a quality Christian education that will equip them to seize opportunities in life and give back



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3 EVENTS – BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER

Putt-Putt Regatta Charity Dinner – Fri. Nov. 6th
Heritage Work Boat Challenge & Putt About – Sat. Nov. 7th
Putt-Putt Regatta & Wooden Boat Festival – Sun. Nov. 8th

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Fri 3rd	Unlocking The Doors – A Tribute To The Doors 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 4th	The Sicarios - Tribute To Creedence, Neil Young, Tom Petty 7.30pm - 9.45pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 4th	Social Dance Featuring RareTreats 6.30pm – Saratoga Community Hall – Kyeema Ave
Sun 5th	Live Tribute Show - Ringo Starr Birthday Celebration 1.30pm - 3.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Wed 8th	Wacky Wednesday Kids Bingo "Bookings Essential" 10.30am - 11.30am – Davistown RSL Club
Thu 9th	Pop Up Putt Putt Golf "\$10 per Child" 11.00am - 3.00pm – Davistown RSL Club
Fri 10th	Movie Night - A Minecraft Movie "Bookings Essential" 5.30pm - 7.30pm - Davistown RSL Club
Fri 10th	Live Tribute Show - Running In The Shadows Fleetwood MAC 7.30pm - 10.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 11th & Sun 12th	Central Coast Vintage & Collectables Fair 9.00am - 2.00pm – Lions Community Hall 8 Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford
Wed 15th	Jingle Bell Rockout - Christmas In July Celebration Entertainment By Shane Edwards "Bookings Essential" 11.00am - 3.00pm – Davistown RSL Club
Fri 17th	The Album Show Presents – The West Coast 70's 7.30pm - 10.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 18th	Majesty Rising – 12 Piece Soul – Gospel Band 1.00pm - 3.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 19th	Tribute To The Music Of Andrew Lloyd Webber Music Of The Night 1.30pm - 3.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Thu 23rd	An Intimate Evening With Mark Wilkinson 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 25th	3 Villages Brick Fest Lego® Day 10.00am - 4.00pm - Saratoga Hall, Kyeema Ave
Sat 25th	Girls Night Comedy Road Trip "Bookings Essential" 6.30pm - 8.00pm – Davistown RSL Club
Sat 25th	A Night in Casablanca + Full Jazz Orchestra 1.00pm - 3.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre

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