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Photo:
Glenn Cambell



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Glenn Cambell
this month's winner!

The ferry Pippie, one of the newer vessels on Brisbane Water, moored in Cockle Channel as the setting sun sinks into its own sea of gold.

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

— Winston Churchill

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

— C.S. Lewis



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THE AGENCY

Update – School Morning Traffic – Davistown Road / Avoca Drive Roundabout

After meeting up with Adam Crouch MP, Member for Terrigal Electorate on site, and showing him the seriousness of the school morning traffic congestion, he has called a meeting with the Regional Director of Transport NSW to discuss the issue and propose a temporary lane-change trial.

In correspondence last year, Transport for NSW rejected this idea, hence Adam is now having a direct meeting to discuss the trial.

Adam has also advised he has put the NSW Government and Transport for NSW, ON NOTICE in Parliament regarding this.

Saratoga Community Hall

Saratoga Hall is busier than ever! People drop in for jigsaw puzzle swaps, they find good quality second-hand school uniforms and many have joined the community garden group.

A new mahjong group is on Wednesday mornings at 9.30 – come along and enjoy a game and morning tea.

Regular activities at the hall include pickleball, pilates, boxing, tai-chi, dancing, line dancing, and Miss Katie's Jump Street classes.

Once a month, (except over Easter), RareTreats hosts the Saturday night **Saratoga Social Dance Night** – generally held on the **first Saturday of each month**.

There is always something happening. To start a group, book a party or create a social activity, please get in touch via 3villages.com.au.

Saratoga Hall Community Garden Open Day This will be held at the hall on **Sunday, April 19th from 10 am to 2 pm** — come and see what's growing.

Taia Sansom, President, 3 VCG - Ph 0414 425301



DAVO PUTTERS SHITBOX RALLY 2026 Raising Vital funds for the Cancer Council Of Australia

Meet Keith Lambert and Peter Hartley, long-time locals from Davistown, who are once again hitting the road for a cause close to their hearts. From May 1–9, the pair will take part in the Shitbox Rally, driving from Port Douglas to Melbourne to raise vital funds for Cancer Council Australia.

The Shitbox Rally challenges teams to buy and drive a car worth less than \$1,500 across thousands of kilometres of Australian roads, all while raising money for cancer research, prevention and support services. Every dollar raised goes directly to the Cancer Council — a cause that means a great deal to Keith and Peter.

This year they picked up a 1990 Holden Rodeo for just \$500. Being bright blue, there was only one fitting name — Bluey! Inspired by the beloved Australian animated series, the car now sports ears, a tail and even a “barking dog” horn. Bluey has already become a familiar sight around Davistown, with many locals curious about the story behind it.

This isn't their first rally. Last May they drove from Canberra to Townsville and loved the experience so much they decided to do it again.

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Left: Adam Crouch MP, Member for Terrigal Electorate & Taia Sansom, President 3 VCG – Meeting at Davistown Rd / Avoca Dr Roundabout, discussing the traffic congestion.

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If you see Bluey around town, give them a wave!
Donations can be made by scanning the barcode below
or by purchasing lanyards from The Little Tea Pot. Every
contribution helps make a difference.

Follow their journey on Facebook:
Davo Putters Shitbox Rally Autumn 2026.

*Story: Keith Lambert &
Peter Hartley, Davistown*



*Below: Peter Hartley (L) and Keith Lambert (R)
with their pride and joy 'Shitbox'.*



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MEET THE LOCALS

HARDY SCHACKER

Owner of Davistown Cellars – Paringa Road, Davistown

Hardy and his wife, Lidia moved to Saratoga 18 months ago. He had moved from Germany to Brisbane in 2002 to study. Hardy now describes Saratoga as his perfect family home, surrounded by bush and only 15 minutes to the beach.

Hardy and Lidia have two children. Leah has just turned 1 and Liam, who will be 4 in May, is already booked into Brisbania Public School.

With a background in restaurant operations, the community based bottle-shop had real appeal. Hardy approached the previous owner Colin and said to let him know if he ever wanted to sell Davistown Cellars and the rest is history. Hardy took over the business in November 2025.

Andrew has continued working there as a key part of the business and is well known by the regulars. Renovations are now complete. Fishing tackle, milk, ice-creams and snacks continue to be stocked, with new additions planned to include bread on weekends, some grocery lines and regular wine tastings. Home delivery is offered on request, but Hardy is hoping to grow this into a regular weekly service across Yattalunga, Saratoga and Davistown.

Hardy has Thor, his beloved dalmatian, and whenever Hardy is at Davistown Cellars, so is Thor. And when Andrew is there, so is his rescue greyhound, Vini.

Story: Sue Garling



Above: Hardy Schacker, Andrew Cameron, Thor and Vini

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DAVO' RSL AMATEUR FISHING CLUB

The Davistown RSL Amateur Fishing Club hosted an exciting March competition, welcoming anglers from Bateau Bay Hotel Fishing Club and Gosford RSL Fishing Club for a three-club, three-round challenge.

Fishing on home waters, the Davistown crew rose to the occasion and took out the round in fine style. Leading the charge was top rod Adam Overton who landed a superb 37kg marlin to secure first place and set a new club record, an outstanding achievement.

Second place went to Ian Henderson, while Kane Tait rounded out the podium in third, capping off a strong showing for the home club.

The day was about more than just the fishing. Members and visiting competitors enjoyed great food, plenty of laughs, and a fantastic atmosphere as the three clubs came together for a friendly but competitive round.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped organise and run the event. From those working behind the scenes to the anglers on the water, your efforts made it a memorable and successful day for all involved.

Story and Photo: Simon Cole, President



Above: Adam Overton, Club Record Catch, Marlin

SCHOOLS



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival Recently Kicked Off!

The energy was high, the competition was fierce and the team spirit shone bright

on the day!

All our swimmers did their very best, they raced hard and gave it their all in the pool.

We should remember it's not just about winning, but about participation, perseverance, and having fun!

We thank all our staff and supporters who helped make the day such a fantastic event.

Story and photo: Brisbania Public School Facebook



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Recently, students very proudly took part in the Clean Up Australia Day, demonstrating a strong commitment to caring for their environment and school community.

Primary students enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and worked together to tidy not only their own learning spaces, but also the senior side of the campus.

Armed with gloves and bags, students collected litter, cleared garden areas and left everything looking neat and welcoming.

It was a wonderful day of teamwork in action, with many hands making light work. The students learned the importance of sustainability and environmental responsibility. It showed that caring for their surroundings is everyone's responsibility.

Staff were impressed by everyone's positive attitudes, cooperation and willingness to contribute.

Story and photo: Christina Hutchinson



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ON THE WATER

PUTT-PUTT REGATTA & WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL



Rotary
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Photo: Putt-Putt Regatta

The modern Putt-Putt Regatta started in 1998 and the events committees are already busy organising the events for this year's Putt-Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival. Kids With Cancer will again benefit from the events.

In the early years *Rotary Kincumber was involved in establishing and running the event and three years ago they returned to lend administrative resources, joining with the established dedicated group of traditional boat enthusiasts to ensure the event successfully continues.

The first thing to note is we are moving the events from the traditional date in the first half of October to the weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th of November.

This is to align with Central Coast Council's Lakes Festival which we are hoping will provide additional resources to make our Putt-Putt Regatta even better.

This year we are working particularly hard on getting the Saturday Wooden Work Boat and Ferry Challenge up and

running again, this event has not run for two years.

The three events that make up the Putt-Putt Regatta are:

- Friday 6 Nov. - The Putt-Putt Dinner at the Davo'
- Saturday 7 Nov. - The Wooden Work Boat and Ferry Challenge on Brisbane Water
- Sunday 8 Nov. - The Putt-Putt and Wooden Boat Festival at Davistown.

Story: Peter Rea, Chair,
Putt-Putt & Wooden Boat Festival

Rotary Kincumber meets
at the Davo, Monday nights

Brisbane Water Paddlers

We are proud to announce the launch of their new Rubber Duck, made possible through a generous funding of \$17,000 from a NSW Govt grant. The club extends its sincere thanks to Adam Crouch MP, Member for Terrigal and club member Darren Bragg for their support in securing the funding to purchase this much-needed craft. The vessel was recently christened at a club gathering and fittingly named "Braggy" in recognition of Darren's contribution and commitment to the club.

The new Rubber Duck will greatly enhance safety and support during training sessions, events, and on-water activities, ensuring Brisbane Water Paddlers continue to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all members.

Brisbane Water Paddlers launch from Restella Ave Davistown welcoming both social and competitive paddlers.

For more information: email:
brisbanewaterpaddlers@gmail.com

Left: Vice
President, Craig
Dodd (at front of
boat) & Darren
Bragg
(aka Braggy) from
Saratoga.



Story and photo:
Jennifer Hartich

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Thu 2nd	Christine Anu 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Thu 2nd	Base Entertainment Presents - Ireland The Voyage 7.30pm - 9.20pm – The Art House Wyong
Sun 5th	Johnny G & The E-Types present Aretha Franklin & Friends Soul Revue 8.00pm - 10.15pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 5th	X-Mentals - Featuring 100% ex Mental As Anything Live 1.30pm - 3.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Fri 10th	The History Of American Rock - The Sixties And Seventies 7.30pm - 10.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Fri 10th - Tue 14th	Wyong Musical Theatre Company Presents - Paws And Claws - The Musical Times Vary – Check the website – The Art House Wyong
Sat 11th	The Australian Beach Boys Show - Tribute Show 8.00pm - 10.30pm – The Art House Wyong
Sat 11th & Sun 12th	James Morrison Quintet Featuring Darren Percival 7.30pm - 10.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 12th	Unforgettable - Legends Of The 50's & 60's 'Nathan Foley' Starting at 2.00pm – Laycock St Community Theatre Gosford
Thu 16th	The Jazz Room 'The Heart Of New Orleans' 6.30pm - 8.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Thu 17th	The Harbour Agency Presents – Australian Bee Gees Show – 30th Anniversary Tour 8.00pm - 10.00pm – The Art House Wyong
Sun 19th	I Love Your Faces 'The Don Lan Story' 1.30pm - 4.00pm – Avoca Beach Theatre
Sun 19th	The Ten Sopranos In Mamma Mia Starting at 2.00pm – Laycock St Community Theatre Gosford
Sun 19th	Casey Donovan - This Is Me 3.00pm - 5.00pm – The Art House Wyong
Sun 19th	Saratoga Hall Community Garden Open Day 10am - 2.00pm – Saratoga Hall Come and see what's growing
Wed 22nd	Abstract Touring Presents - 'The Italian Tenors' 7.30pm - 9.00pm – The Art House Wyong
Sat 25th	The Australian Van Morrison Show - 'Live Tribute Show' 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Avoca Beach Theatre

LOCAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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