



THE 3 VILLAGES

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YATTALUNGA - SARATOGA - DAVISTOWN

Photo:
Glenn Cameron



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to this month's WINNER!

Jenny Hartich

"I was down at Centennial Avenue Waterfront Reserve when I spotted the colourful sails — perfect timing!"

Thanks to our sponsors for donating the following prizes:

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– Jas Art Brewer

Emma Gilbert Massage Therapy, Davistown

a one hour voucher.

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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3 Villages Lego® Brickfest Day!

The day was an outstanding success and was held at Saratoga Hall on July 25th, in association with SYDLUG (Sydney LEGO® Users Group), who brought in all the wonderful models. There were Lego® play tables, raffles, prizes, a sausage sizzle including bacon & egg rolls, a cake stall, slushies and so much more!

Hundreds of people came; the weather was superb, and as a result, 3 VCG proudly donated \$4,000 to Brisbania Public School to help beautify and improve their Stage 3 Garden Area.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated prizes, BBQ'd, baked, and sponsored banners, all culminating in a wonderfully successful day.

Sincere thanks to committee member Melany Cossey for her incredible help with promoting the event.

And special thanks to Mitch Stone, The Sign Specialist, West Gosford, for kindly donating the fantastic novelty cheque.

Our next fundraiser will be the very popular annual 3 Villages Christmas Party Trivia Night, on Friday, 27th November at Davistown RSL Club.

School Traffic Davistown Rd / Avoca Drive

Adam Crouch MP and I have continued to advocate for changes to the problematic roundabout since March this year. Transport for NSW listened!

A trial of new line markings is about to be carried out as a short-term traffic adjustment. Look for an update in the next newsletter.

Taia Sansom,
President, 3 VCG
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TROY GRUDEN – TDG Building

Troy has called the 3 Villages home for more than 20 years. He bought his first home in Yattalunga as a single man in 2005 and now lives in Saratoga with his family and partner, Alenka.

His business, TDG Building, has been established since 2001, and many of Troy's clients are based within the 3 Villages or within a short 30 minute drive away. The business provides a wide range of building services, from knock-down rebuilds and complete apartment block facelifts to window and door replacements, bathroom renovations and much more. Troy also sponsored one of the signage banners to help promote the Lego® Brick Fair Day at Saratoga Hall in July.

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Below Left: VCG's proud donation to Brisbania Public School.
Below Right: Jamie Vincent & Nigel Blower, Lego® Day BBQ Kings!



3 VILLAGES NEWS

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There's not a lot of spare time but when he gets the chance, Troy enjoys catamaran sailing during summer and playing soccer for the Kincumber Roos in winter. He even managed to turn one of his hobbies into a little extra spending money during the recent FIFA World Cup, winning \$900 after backing Spain to take out the title.

What Troy enjoys most about living in the 3 Villages is the strong sense of community and family-friendly lifestyle. Weekends are kept busy with the children, Orlando (16), Ophelia (14), Ocean (2) and Chewy, the family's much-loved sausage dog. It's great to have so much on the doorstep here in the Villages.

And when it's time for a holiday? Troy usually likes to go somewhere warm, sunny and beachy! However, he and the family have just come back from a spontaneous weekend escape to Thredbo.

Story and photo:

Sue Garlin, Saratoga

Right: Troy Gruden and family



DAVO' RSL AMATEUR FISHING CLUB

Cold and windy conditions greeted the 14 estuary fisho's who braved the elements for the Davistown RSL Amateur Fishing Club's August competition.

Young gun Fraser Carey took out the Sub-Junior section, while Jimmy Kalimeris claimed the Men's Veterans title. In the Men's competition, Phil Wells narrowly defeated Ian Henderson by just 30 grams in a closely fought result.

The Deep Sea competition welcomed some new faces, with Adam Overton taking out the day. Simon "The Decky" Cole landed in second place, beating Justin "The Skipper" Shelley into third. Simon was lucky to make it back to shore without swimming, after getting the better of the Skipper!

In the Rock and Beach competition, it was a father-and-son battle, with Billy Splatt taking out the day over his dad, Jason. Colin "The Stingray" Farr rounded out the podium in third position.

Despite the chilly and blustery conditions, it was another enjoyable day on the water, with plenty of good fishing, friendly competition and a few laughs along the way.

The Davistown RSL Amateur Fishing Club welcomes new members and looks forward to seeing everyone back on the water for next month's competition. Give the club a call on Ph 4363 0199.

Story and photo:

Simon Cole, Club President



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Above: Colin Farr and his very nice salmon



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Brisbania Public School P&C

is looking for friendly local faces to join our BistroBania school canteen team, both casual paid staff and volunteers. It could be a great fit for parents, grandparents, semi-retirees or anyone looking for flexible, local work - or simply a way to get involved with our local school.

Having familiar, reliable faces makes a huge difference to our small canteen team and helps keep everything running smoothly.

Interested in joining us? Please contact our wonderful canteen managers, Paula or Chelsea, Wednesday to Friday between 8.00am – 1.30pm on 4369 1246 to have a chat and find out more.

Or email: canteen@brisbaniapandc.org

We'd love to welcome some new faces to the *BistroBania* team!



Submitted by Aimee, BPS P&C



Fletcher the 'Therapy Dog' Bringing Smiles Beyond the Gates

Thursday mornings at Green Point Christian College comes with a gentle, wagging



Above: Simply loving Fletcher

greeting that brightens the whole community. Fletcher, our beloved therapy dog, has become a cherished part of our morning routine, bringing comfort and connection to our students.

Every Thursday, Fletcher stands ready at the morning Kiss and Drop, welcoming arriving families, parents, and students with a calm, friendly presence. His work continues throughout the morning as he spends dedicated time with children across campus, offering a quiet moment of support, encouraging emotional wellbeing, and putting a smile on every face he meets.

Therapy dogs play a wonderful role in creating safe, nurturing environments, and Fletcher's peaceful nature touches everyone who passes by. Whether you catch a glimpse of him during the morning drop-off rush or spot him on campus grounds, his contribution to local wellbeing is felt far and wide. We are so proud to share the warmth and joy Fletcher brings to our community every week.

*Story and photo:
Christina Hutchinson*



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Your local Rotary Club is seeking new members, so here is what Rotary is all about...

The *Rotary Club Of Kincumber* has been in operation for forty three years. They have a large operational area taking in the entire eastern side of Brisbane Water and along the coast south of Avoca to Broken Bay. With the Club meeting Monday nights at the *Davistown RSL Club*, activities are very much focused on the the 3 Villages and Kincumber as it is the regional centre.



Kincumber Rotary has undertaken many community projects, they are or have been active with:

ENVIRONMENT

- *Clean-Up Australia Day*
- *Pitch For Purpose* – Environmental Project

KINCUMBER COMMUNITY CENTRE

- *Brekky Club* – Breakfast to local school kids who are not receiving breakfast at home
- *Bread Run* – picking up and transporting bread for food programmes
- *Dementia Cafe* – Weekly activity for those with Dementia and their carers

YOUTH

- *Rotary Youth United Nations Assembly.*
- *Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment and Youth Leadership Awards*
- *Rotary International Youth Exchange* – Providing accommodation for exchange students
- *Youth Forum* NSW Police
- Providing \$500 to 10 local schools every year

Website: @rotarykincumber

Or phone Fraser McBride: 0416 831 088

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Annual Christmas Tree Sale
- *Rotary 4 Villages – Shipbuilders Heritage Walk*
- *Rotary Shipbuilders Memorial Path* – Sandstone Plyths to mark heritage former shipyard sites at Kincumber, Yattalunga, Saratoga and Davistown
- HMAS Patricia Cam Commemoration
Locally built ship sunk by the Japanese Navy during WWII.
- Memorial function at the former shipyard site
- Representation at Australian War Memorial Twilight Service, wreath laying
- Representation at HMAS Dinner Canberra

SUPPORTING OTHER CHARITIES

- *Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal* – Rotary Kincumber organised and provided personnel for the local roadside donation stand
- *Grandparents Raising Grand Kids* – through Rotary Christmas Tree sale
- *Kids With Cancer* – through Davistown Putt-Putt Regatta

INTERNATIONAL

- The club has supported many International Projects, currently *Sustainable Cambodia*. *Rotary Kincumber* provided \$150 to support a student, its only a small amount, however, it makes a huge difference

DISTRICT

- Rotary Kincumber manages the *Rotary District Domestic Violence Safe Hands Bursaries Program*. On application, this program awards school-age children who are survivors of domestic and family violence a bursary for \$500 for the purchase of education resources, school uniforms, excursions and extra-curricular activities. Identification of recipients is undertaken with the assistance of local DV organisations

WHERE THE FUNDING GOES

All the funds Rotary raises goes to charity

- Rotary has no paid employees
- No funding goes to administration

Peter Rea

Projects Director, Rotary Club of Kincumber



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- ✓ Social Housing, Family and Community Services
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Sat 5th	Social Dance Featuring RareTreats 6.30pm – Saratoga Community Hall – Kyeema Ave
Every Sunday	Central Coast Farmers Market Fresh produce, gourmet foods, local growers 7-12pm Gosford Showground
Every Wednesday	Crescendo – Live Music by the Sea 10:30am – 12:30pm – Killcare Surf Club
Fri 4th	Daniel Muggleton Live One of Australia's favourite comedians 8pm - Avoca Beach Theatre
Sat 5th	Terrigal Beachside Markets 9am-3pm – Local makers, artists, gourmet food
Sun 6th	Father's Day Luncheon – Seasonal Long Lunch Bells at Killcare (Bookings Essential)
Wed 9th	Davistown Progress Association General Meeting 7pm – At the Hall, McCauley St, Davistown
Thurs 10th	A Taste of Ireland Celebration of Irish dance, music and storytelling 7:30pm – The Art House, Wyong
Fri 11th	Creedence Clearwater Collective Tribute 7:30pm – The Art House, Wyong
Sat 12th	Frankie Valli & The Beach Boys Show – Classic Hits 8pm – The Art House, Wyong
Sat 12th	Nanna Bingo – Davistown RSL Club Tunes, Laughter & Prizes
Wed 16th	Elvis: An American Trilogy – A spectacular tribute 7:30pm – The Art House, Wyong
Fri 18th	Blake Pavey A Bit Scared A heartfelt and hilarious new show 7.30pm – The Art House, Wyong
Wed 23rd	Bluey's Big Play – The Stage Show Fantastic for families with young children The Art House – Morning session
(School Holidays)	Australian Reptile Park, Somersby Daily animal encounters – keeper talks and family activities.

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