



## **ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2026**

### **FORMATION**

The group formed in November 2019, and in May 2020 the 3 Villages Community Group (3VCG) established an official committee. It was incorporated as an association after applying to the NSW Government, Department of Fair Trading.

### **VISION**

To develop a vibrant community with a strong heart within the Davistown, Saratoga, Yattalunga Villages, providing appropriate infrastructure and visual attractiveness to benefit residents of all ages.

### **MISSION**

To enhance the quality of life, bring people together and foster a vibrant community connection within the 3 Villages.

### **NEWSLETTER**

The monthly 3V Newsletter aims to inform all our residents of what is happening in the community. In June 2026, we circulated issue 72. The newsletter features a Photo of the Month competition, with prizes donated by local businesses. It also includes a "Meet the Local" section, stories on heritage and community news, fishing news and a "What's On" column.

A team of volunteers put it together, and keen volunteer walkers deliver the 3,000 newsletters to every house in Saratoga, Davistown and Yattalunga. Local companies sponsor the printing costs through advertising inside.

This shows how people come together to build that "strong heart" within the community.

### **CALENDAR**

The annual 3V Calendar showcases each month's winning photo from the newsletter competition. It is a premium A4-size, high-gloss calendar on strong cardstock. Advertisers sponsor the printing costs, and a team of community and committee volunteers sells them at the local shopping village for just \$10 each.

## **FACEBOOK**

A very active 3 VCG Facebook Page is closely watched by many and currently has over 6.3K members. It is a place to discuss issues, find a lost pet, let the community know one has been found wandering, seek recommendations for local tradespeople, and promote local events.

Every Monday, "Local Business Connect" gives companies and individuals in the area an opportunity to advertise their services.

## **OPEN SPACE AREAS**

In the 6 years since inception, 3 VCG has supported many playground upgrades in the area, including lobbying Central Coast Council and State Government to upgrade facilities and infrastructure, and contributing extra funding to pay for extra equipment.

In January 2026, we were thrilled to see the opening of a brand new playground. The old "Pirate Park" in Davistown was replaced, and years of lobbying with the Davistown Progress Association made it happen. 3VCG contributed approx. \$25,000 (raised over several years) to have extra play equipment installed. While many people initially couldn't see why the park had to change, I am sure everyone now appreciates and loves it.

Also, after lobbying, the Jiramba Park Playground toilet facilities have also been upgraded. Adam Crouch, MP for Terrigal, secured a \$150,000 NSW Government Grant to fund this. The upgrade will improve accessibility, convenience and the appearance of the playground and foreshore area.

3VCG is now calling on CC Council to resurface the adjoining car park to complete the transformation.

The tennis courts at Saratoga have also benefited from new nets, lighting, and two covered picnic tables, thanks to 3VCG, the Green Point/Avoca Beach Lions Club, and Central Coast Council.

Unfortunately, major flooding often makes Saratoga Oval unusable and keeps the Junior Saratoga Hawks and local cricket teams from playing most of the year. In fact, they have given up playing there because of inconsistent training sessions and too many game forfeits. Their management team, together with 3VCG, have secured support from Federal MP Dr Gordon Reid, who raised a petition to take to Parliament to secure funding. However, this is an ongoing issue and is unlikely to yield results in the foreseeable future.

## **SARATOGA COMMUNITY HALL**

In February 2024, 3VCG became the custodians of the Saratoga Community Hall. Since then, hall use has increased, and facilities within the hall have been maintained and/or upgraded. A large-screen TV and WiFi connection have been introduced; a large screen and projector are about to be installed in the main hall.

***For a full report on Saratoga Hall, go to Addendum 1***

## **KID'S BREKKY DAY**

The Hall currently holds a Brekky Day each month, providing local children under 16 with a free breakfast of waffles and pancakes. Adults can purchase and enjoy bacon and egg rolls, which helps fund the kids' free brekky. Brenden Morrissey from STRIVE Innovative Modular Homes initially sponsored the food, but 3VCG now covers it because it costs so little. Several volunteers help prepare and serve the breakfast, which runs for two hours.

## **SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM AND FORMAL WEAR**

Another innovation introduced in early 2026 was the second-hand school uniforms and formal wear initiative. Clothing from the many different feeder schools to the 3 Villages is donated. A volunteer then ensures the clothes are in good condition and, if needed, makes minor repairs. The outfits are then available for locals to pick up at a convenient time, supplementing the second-hand uniform shops at the schools, which are often only open during school terms, have limited hours, and are not easily accessible when needed.

Formal Wear is available in time for the school formal season, ensuring no one misses out because they don't have anything suitable to wear.

## **SARATOGA HALL COMMUNITY GARDEN**

After several years of searching for an appropriate spot to create a Community Garden, 3VCG, having taken over the Saratoga Community Hall, found the ideal location. Roz Bailey agreed to lead the team creating the garden, with 3VCG funding the project.

**See Roz's report on Addendum 2.**

## **"SENIORS WEEK" LUNCHEON**

Another annual event 3VCG holds and sponsors is the Seniors Luncheon, featuring a local live band 'RareTreats' with Trudy van Laar (a committee member). This event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our valued seniors and give them a chance to meet and mingle with other seniors in the local area.

It was lovely to see everyone come together for a delicious lunch, great music and plenty of smiles. It was a special day celebrating some of the people who make up our wonderful 3 Villages community.

## **BRICKFEST LEGO® DAY**

This annual event is usually held in June or July in conjunction with the SydLUG group. This year it was in July, in conjunction with the SydLUG group. The club provides amazingly complex models for the community to view. Children can bring their own models, and thousands of bricks are available so attendees can create models on the day for a chance to win LEGO® prizes. This year, hundreds of people flocked to the exhibition, and sausage sizzles, cake stalls, coffee, and entry fees raised \$4,000, which was donated to Brisbania Primary School to support a garden project.

## **CHRISTMAS**

### **Annual Children's Street Art – Christmas Decorations**

In 2025, Davistown Rd was again adorned with Children's Street Art, themed "Christmas Trees", painted by children from Brisbania, Little Coasties Kindergarten, and a couple of local artists. The tree cut-outs were put up alongside decorations from previous years, and always make a very festive entry into the 3 Villages. The children's art will continue in 2026, with over 20 "snowman" cut-outs already at the schools ready for the students and a handful of residents to paint.

### **Christmas Lights Competition**

Once again in 2025, the houses in the 3 Villages lit up with some amazing Christmas displays, with prizes for the best displays and mini displays in each of the 3 Villages. The best house overall wins a major prize. It has really become a delightful way to spend an evening walking or driving around the area looking at the beautiful lights that make the area so festive.

## **CHRISTMAS TRIVIA PARTY**

This annual event has become a highlight of the year and is the 3VCG's major fundraiser. It also offers a great social event, with silent auctions, games, trivia, and competitions for the best-dressed and best-decorated tables.

The event is sponsored annually by Paula Taylor's - The Agency, Davistown.

## **LADIES OVER 50s SOCIAL GROUP**

Introduced to help ladies meet each other and attend events such as the DAVO Trivia Night, mahjong, movies, etc. This has proved a great initiative for many ladies in the 3 Villages and continues to grow, with day trips to places many have never seen, or haven't seen since they were schoolchildren.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

3VCG President Taia Sansom has repeatedly advocated for ways to improve the horrendous traffic jams on Davistown Road as residents try to join Avoca Drive. It's especially bad in the mornings during school drop-off. With strong support from Adam Crouch, MP, who raised the issue in State Parliament as a Notice of Motion, Transport for NSW has now introduced two lanes for left turns from Davistown Road at the roundabout, and the new method of exiting Davistown Rd onto Avoca Dr seems to have already made an incredible difference to the morning school traffic jam.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS**

We hold our annual Volunteers' Appreciation Night at the Davistown RSL in May during National Volunteer Week to recognise and thank our amazing volunteers for their time and dedication. The evening includes a complimentary drink and pizza, and in 2026, more than 40 people attended. We also acknowledge and appreciate the many volunteers who couldn't attend, but whose contributions are just as valued.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

The special thanks of the 3VCG Committee go to the following for all the outstanding volunteer work they do, and also to those who offer much support to the 3VCG:

Jim Watts - Hall Maintenance

Stephen (Beetle) Bailey - Hall Maintenance

Roz Bailey - Saratoga Hall Community Garden Manager/Leader

Jennifer Hartich - Saratoga Wharf Area Community Garden

Sue Garling - Writer "Meet the Local"

Peter & Dora Rea - Graphics for 3V Newsletter

Newsletter Volunteers

Kid's Brekky Day Volunteers

Community Garden Volunteers

Adam Crouch, Local MP for Terrigal

Dr Gordon Reid, Federal MP for Robertson

Councillor Jared Wright

Trent Burnham - Section Manager, Sports Facilities and Roadside Vegetation, CC Council

### **3VCG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

While thanks go to all the Volunteers within the community, special thanks must go to the hardworking committee:

**Taia Sansom:** President. Our tireless leader is the central hub of a well-oiled wheel made up of numerous volunteers. She comes up with the ideas and follows them through to completion. Major contact person for the Council and Government bodies, and also liaises with many other community groups, collates the information, advertising and articles for the newsletter, creates the 3V calendar, and manages the Hall, overseeing upkeep, maintenance and hall cleaning.

**Mel Cossey:** Our favourite go-to person, and an amazing right-hand helper to Taia. Mel helps with all 3VCG activities and is always eager to step in at a moment's notice when something needs to be done. She manages the distribution of 3,000 newsletters, ensuring all volunteers are notified so they can be delivered, and is also a great help promoting events and helping at fundraising stalls.

**Leanne Ball:** Treasurer, efficiently keeps the books in order, jumps in to help with many events and loves to help in the community garden when she can.

**Maggie Vincent:** Vice President, enthusiastically takes charge of arrangements for the "Seniors Lunch", and organises the Children's Christmas Street Decorations to be designed, then cut out by the Men's Shed at Erina and delivered to the schools, in addition to helping at all the events. Maggie is always efficient and takes on roles with a friendly smile.

**Trudy van Laar:** Manages all bookings for Saratoga Community Hall efficiently and loves bringing people together through her Saratoga Social Dance Nights and entertaining the community each month by singing with her band, Rare Treats.

**Julie Wilks:** Joined the committee this year through her involvement in organising SydLUG's attendance at our LEGO® Days, where members display their models. She has quickly become an invaluable committee member, enthusiastically helping with a wide range of group activities, including the important monthly job of sorting through all the photos posted on our FB page and compiling albums which are archived on FB and become historical records. Julie selects the best photos posted by the locals to be considered for the Photo of the Month competition.

**Stephanie Blower:** Secretary, tries to keep everyone and everything in order, helps with all events and projects, and is a wonderful advisor and mentor in all the group's activities.

### **ELECTIONS FOR COMMITTEE 2026/2027**

Elections for committee positions will take place at the AGM on 9 November.

Secretary & Treasurer will both be standing down from their positions, and while Julie Wilks has put herself forward as a potential Secretary, we are seeking someone to take on the Treasurer role. Alicia Bootle of Saratoga has shown interest in the role, and we hope to see her at the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the committee and taking on a role, please contact either:

Stephanie Blower: [3villagesgroup@gmail.com](mailto:3villagesgroup@gmail.com) or

Taia Sansom: [taia.3villagescommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:taia.3villagescommunitygroup@gmail.com)

Note: This report has been co-written by Taia Sansom and Stephanie Blower, with reports as addenda submitted by Trudy Van Laar, Roz Bailey and Leanne Ball.

## Addendum 1. Saratoga Hall Report by Trudy Van Laar

### Saratoga Hall Bookings Report

#### Annual General Meeting – 2026

##### 1. Overview

Saratoga Hall continues to be actively utilised by a broad range of community groups, regular hirers and casual users. The booking calendar demonstrates that the hall provides an important community facility for exercise classes, dance groups, sporting activities, social gatherings, private functions, meetings and community events.

The booking records include both regular recurring users and one-off casual bookings, providing a mixture of ongoing and occasional income for the hall.

##### 2. Booking Activity

The booking calendar records a significant level of recurring community and recreational use.

| Activity                   | Bookings                    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pilates                    | 80 (less cancelled classes) |
| Line Dancing               | 40 (less cancelled classes) |
| Boxing                     | 40 (less cancelled classes) |
| Meditation                 | 12                          |
| Whittling classes          | 11                          |
| Pickleball                 | +180                        |
| Jump Street                | 40 (less cancelled classes) |
| Private functions          | 20                          |
| Tai Chi                    | 40 (less cancelled classes) |
| Dance activities           | 60+                         |
| Other/community activities | 32                          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>In excess of 500</b>     |

##### 4. Bookings

The hall receives a range of casual bookings, including:

- Children's birthday parties
- Family celebrations
- Baby showers
- Wellness groups
- Dance and social events
- Workshops and classes
- Private functions
- Community breakfasts and social events
- State & Federal elections

Casual hire charges vary between \$35-45 per hour, depending on the booking and duration. All casual bookings have payments secured before the event.

##### 5. Community and Meeting Use

Saratoga Hall is not solely used for recreational activities. The calendar also shows the facility is used for meetings and community organisations.

Meeting-room use includes committee meetings, community groups and other smaller gatherings. This provides additional use of the facility outside the main hall and allows it to support smaller community activities.

## **6. Booking Management**

The booking calendar contains detailed information for many bookings, including:

- Hirer's name and contact details
- Date and time of hire
- Type of activity
- Hire fee
- Security/key deposit where applicable
- Payment status
- Special requirements or notes
- Cancellations and changes

This information provides a useful operational record for the committee and helps monitor hall utilisation and payments.

## **7. Financial Considerations**

The booking records indicate that hall income is generated from both regular and casual users.

Regular users provide predictable recurring income, while casual bookings provide additional revenue and allow the hall to be utilised during otherwise available periods. The records also show that many casual bookings use refundable bonds. These bonds provide protection against cleaning, damage or additional costs associated with a booking.

## **8. Conclusion**

The Saratoga Hall booking calendar demonstrates that the facility remains a well-used and valuable community asset.

The calendar shows a healthy mix of regular and casual bookings, with activities covering health, fitness, sport, recreation, social activities, private functions, and community meetings. Regular hirers provide ongoing utilisation and income, while casual bookings broaden the hall's community reach and provide additional revenue opportunities.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the committee continue to:

1. Encourage regular community groups to use the hall.
2. Promote available dates for casual bookings.
3. Maintain clear booking, payment and bond procedures.
4. Keep the booking calendar and financial records reconciled at least monthly.
5. Monitor hall utilisation and hire rates annually.
6. Continue making the meeting room available for smaller community and organisational meetings where appropriate.

**Prepared for:** Saratoga Hall Annual General Meeting

## **Addendum 2. Saratoga Hall Community Garden Report - By Roz Bailey**

*"By January 2026, after council approval, the construction of Besser Block raised beds and metal raised beds, connection of donated rainwater tanks and the importing of Organic garden soils was complete; we were ready to advertise for members. Donations of tools and products filled our little shed rapidly. As construction had generated quite a lot of interest, memberships were filled quickly, for \$15 annually. This enabled members access to learning and gardening as a group and to freely enter the garden at all other times to water, enjoy the garden and to harvest for their needs.*

*We planted our first Summer crop in January 2026 and continued planting over the next few months. Members were eager to learn about soils, nutrients, timing and care involved in growing Organic Produce. Our first summer crops were a huge success, with prolific growth of Cues, Tomatoes and so much more.*

*On 26th April 2026, we held our first Open Day to the 3 Villages. Members were on hand to show people around. There was a lot of interest; we even had a visit from MP Adam Crouch.*

*In Autumn we then planted our first Winter crops, which we continued in successive plantings to achieve long harvests. Our members were amazed at the amount of produce we grew and shared among us.*

*During this time we added more raised beds, climbing frames, arches and an amazing Polycarbonate Glasshouse to raise seeds and cuttings in, as well as two Worm Farms. Much of our first expenses were for the permanent planting of five Citrus, Olive, Pomegranate, Passionfruit etc, a one time purchase.*

*This has been a truly successful community project, creating a harmonious and friendly atmosphere to learn, produce food and enjoy the companionship of the group. I look forward to teaching this group more and watching the wonderful space we have created." Roz Bailey*

## Addendum 3. 3VCG Financials - Profit & Loss

### Profit and Loss

#### 3 Villages Community Group Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                          | 2026             |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Trading Income</b>                    |                  |
| Calendar Advertisers                     | 2,660.00         |
| Donation Income                          | 2,840.00         |
| Events Income                            | 5,468.42         |
| Sales - Advertisers                      | 24,258.00        |
| Sales - Calendar                         | 2,382.28         |
| Sales - 3VCG Membership Fees             | 726.00           |
| Sponsorship Income                       | 4,072.99         |
| Return & Earn                            | 14.80            |
| Sales - Community Garden Membership Fees | 200.00           |
| <b>Total Trading Income</b>              | <b>42,622.49</b> |
| <b>Sales - Hall</b>                      |                  |
| Sales - Hall Casual bookings             | 4,182.50         |
| Sales - Hall Regular bookings            | 25,069.00        |
| <b>Total Sales - Hall</b>                | <b>29,251.50</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                      | <b>42,622.49</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                |                  |
| Bad debts written off                    | 2,085.00         |
| Bank Fees                                | 21.48            |
| Cleaning                                 | 230.00           |
| Community Spend                          | 3,275.24         |
| Entertainment                            | 33.98            |
| Event Costs                              | 7,616.65         |
| Insurance                                | 1,850.00         |
| Light, Power, Heating                    | 1,840.93         |
| PayPal fees                              | 153.60           |
| Printing & Stationery                    | 18,239.33        |
| Prize purchases                          | 1,550.00         |
| Project Costs                            | 7,153.90         |
| Saratoga Garden                          | 14,546.98        |
| Software                                 | 955.90           |
| Subscriptions                            | 1,151.89         |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>          | <b>60,704.88</b> |
| <b>Expenses - Hall</b>                   |                  |
| Hall - Council Fees                      | 1,588.16         |
| Hall - Cleaning                          | 2,786.58         |
| Hall - Electricity                       | 1,436.37         |
| Hall - Garden Maintenance                | 1,573.00         |
| Hall - Internet                          | 813.00           |

## Addendum 3. 3VCG Financials - Profit & Loss Page 2

### Profit and Loss

|                                | 2026               |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hall - Mobile phone            | 264.00             |
| Hall - Office supplies         | 1,685.29           |
| Hall - Repairs and Maintenance | 2,247.01           |
| Total Expenses - Hall          | 12,393.41          |
| <b>Net Profit</b>              | <b>(18,082.39)</b> |

## Addendum 3. 3VCG Financials - Balance Sheet

### Balance Sheet

3 Villages Community Group Incorporated  
As at 30 June 2026

30 JUNE 2026

#### Assets

##### Bank

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 3 Villages Community Group | 27,950.11        |
| PayPal                     | 1,015.87         |
| Saratoga Hall              | 30,280.69        |
| <b>Total Bank</b>          | <b>59,246.67</b> |

##### Current Assets

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Receivable              | 5,969.00        |
| Hall - Casual bonds held         | (900.00)        |
| Hall - Petty Cash                | 139.50          |
| Hall - Regular key deposits held | (410.00)        |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>      | <b>4,798.50</b> |

##### Total Assets

64,045.17

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Payable                 | 2,321.08        |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b> | <b>2,321.08</b> |

##### Total Liabilities

2,321.08

#### Net Assets

61,724.09

#### Equity

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Current Year Earnings | (1,224.30)       |
| Prior Year Earnings   | 486.35           |
| Retained Earnings     | 62,462.04        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>   | <b>61,724.09</b> |