


**Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc.**  
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**Committee Members:** Theo Hazelgrove (Chairman), Alan Kilminster, Fran Burns, Glenn Maas, Hima Karnati, Ann Macinante, Brian Giles-Brown, Nathan Killick (Public Officer and Chaplain), Ray Peters (Assistant Chaplain), Dr Sam Nelapati (Patron)



#### NEWS FROM CHAIRMAN THEO

- Many thanks for the ongoing support from Fr Michael & the congregation of the **Laurieton Catholic Church**. The latest assistance was a donation of more than 50 doonas which have been given out to those in need.
- Two **additional Committee members** have joined us – see below – we warmly welcome you both.
- Our new **Community Care Team** is taking our care & assistance to the next level, where we will endeavour to minister those in need using a true holistic approach.
- Cec Wasson from the **local Anglican OP-Shop** has been invited to attend any Committee Meetings and bring a report to better facilitate our working together.
- For a time, we have been seeking the donation of a **small motor vehicle**. We have found that on many occasions one person requires transport to Hospital, medical or other regular appointments. It is not economical to use our Community Bus for these trips. Also, Community Transport is not always available and some people “slip through the cracks”. We would have a pool of at least 5 volunteers available to assist these people.
- We continue to seek and receive donations for our major project – the establishment of **Emergency/Short Term Accommodation**. As this is an expensive project, we will need a major source of funding, probably including a Government Grant. The importance of small, local donations for this project is to ensure and demonstrate community support for such and to ensure correct ongoing management of such a facility. There is absolutely no doubt that such a need exists. We are constantly working hard to source emergency housing for people in need in the Camden Haven area – on a weekly basis.
- Our ongoing assistance is continuing to be sought from **Comboyne**, which is within our catchment area. There seems a shortage of support “on the ground” there. Government departments have visited recently, and certain services are available, however again, some people slip through the cracks, and we want to be there for them.
- We have continued to **see needs grow** in the Camden Haven. Since May, Welfare reports have revealed Food vouchers, gift cards and cash have been handed out to many in dire circumstances, after due discussion and establishment of genuine need. Donated food continues to be greatly received. We have paid for emergency accommodation for many families this year. Most people would be stunned by the difficult financial and personal places some people and families find themselves in just here in our own backyard.
- Whenever you spend time hearing of the financial needs people have, you find you must also spend time – often a great deal of time – helping them with their **personal problems** as well.
- We continue to **deliver food to homes** during Covid restrictions, which have caused temporary suspension of our weekly BBQ Gathering. This will restart once the LUSC confirms we can do so.
- **Local community donations** – the generosity of members of this Camden Haven community always impacts me. It has been very important to regularly provide feedback to all donors to ensure them that their generosity is always being used for the neediest.

Every week **Will & Layla**  
 from **Bonny Hills Garden Café**  
 and their Mum **Sarah**  
 as well as Dad **Nathan**,  
 provide delicious treats  
 for our Community at 3 friends.  
 Thank you so much guys.  
 Your treats are always immensely  
 loved and appreciated.



- ✓ Did you know you that snakes can't blink?
- ✓ Did you know that it would take a plastic container over 50,000 years to start decomposing?
- ✓ Did you know that macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs?
- ✓ Did you know that the money required to establish a **Community Garden at Brigadoon Caravan Park** may have been found to enable this project to become a reality for the enjoyment of the permanent residents.



**Ray Peters**

Ray & wife Daisy moved from Sydney to North Haven 24 years ago, where for many years he drove seriously handicapped children to and from school each day, many of whom became close friends.  
 Ray became a Christian at age 12 and is now serving on the Committee as Assistant Chaplain.



**Brian Giles-Brown**

Brian & Donna moved to the Camden Haven in June this year. For the past 8 years they ran a vineyard in Rye Park, NSW, prior to Brian's retirement from 44 years in education. They have both been heavily involved in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education. Brian was an Executive Principal under the Connected Communities project in Coonamble, NSW. Brian will serve as Team Leader of our new Community Care Team.

### What have we been up to this past month?

Many of our Volunteers work quietly behind the scenes to bring help to those in need in our community. In just this past month alone, our chairman Theo has himself:

- ✓ Assisted 5 flood victim families to return home;
- ✓ Provided food and support for 36 families;
- ✓ Reunited 2 families;
- ✓ Found accommodation for 6 families (mostly temporary);
- ✓ Advocated with Centrelink and other Government Departments on behalf of 11 families;
- ✓ Referred 15 people, with mental health and drug issues, for professional assistance;
- ✓ Just listened to another 16 people who wanted advice;
- ✓ Assisted during family bereavement times;
- ✓ Was guest speaker at 3 organisations on behalf of Community at 3.

