

Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc.
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<p>Edition 13 December 2021</p>	<p>YOUR NEWSLETTER Do you need a hand? Call Alan (0419-370076) or Theo (0438-358057) or at Comboyne call Ray (0427-117950)</p>
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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN THEO

There is much I can always say in our Newsletters about all those we meet and speak to, every day, who are in great need in our community. But I wish only to say one thing at this time: it is my fervent hope that everyone reading this, will enjoy this Christmas 2021 in a very special way, simply because they have held out their hand of friendship and love this year, to someone else who really needed it. God bless you all.



THE WEEKLY BBQ IS BACK

In what remains of this year, and with all the ever-changing restrictions, it has been decided that the BBQ will return on **Wednesday 15th December 2021**, with a Christmas theme. We will return the following **Wednesday 22nd December 2021** for our final BBQ of this (very different) year. We will resume regular weekly BBQs on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** and hopefully continue every week throughout 2022.

Kew Corner Store is again hosting our **Christmas Tree Appeal**.

We invite you to give the homeless and needy a joyous Christmas. Your tax-deductible cash gift will allow the purchase of an appropriate gift for each of the people we support in this way each year.

How to buy a Cash gift card?

- Please select your donation amount from the tree.
- Take the card to the staff member on the registers
- Pay the amount on the card and you will receive a tax deductible till receipt.
- For every donation made *by a child* please also take a complimentary paper crane to hang it on your tree along with your donation card.
- Cash donations can also be made directly into the cash appeal jar.
- Gifts and non-perishable food can also be left in the container.
- You can also donate on our website: <https://communityat3.org.au/>
We take this opportunity to thank you and pass on our blessings for a joyful and Holy Christmas.



Community at 3 members, Theo, Staffan & Brian



Thank you again Staffan for hosting our Christmas Tree Appeal again this year



In January last year we lost a friend David. He was a gentle, thoughtful person who was at every weekly BBQ. He made an impact.



His small Remembrance Tree "Fairhill Gold" at the rear of the LUSC, was in fine bloom earlier this year.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CRISIS ACCOMMODATION IN THE CAMDEN HAVEN

Why this meeting?...

- ✓ To discuss the urgent problem of Crisis & Short-term housing in our area, something vital to successful recovery from trauma of so many.
- ✓ To investigate ways to ease the problem through buying creating, building or manufacturing a housing solution for those in need.
- ✓ To seek Community input, ideas, concerns, support and prayers as to the best way forward.
- ✓ Recognising the importance of having our community involved and informed, and confident that we are meeting the expectations and needs of our community.

More than 60 people attended and provided input.

Watch this space for the many ideas which were offered.

SOME PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO NEED OUR THOUGHTS, OUR PRAYERS AND PERHAPS A PHONE CALL... (names provided with approval)

- ✓ Gerard – health issues
- ✓ Josaia & Kerry – long-term accommodation
- ✓ Steve – son killed in car accident recently



Contact Theo for further information or prayer - 0438-358057

Another partner of Community at 3 is Coffee Charity Fund Inc., which uses coffee to raise much-needed funds for local charities, and generously covered the costs of signwriting on our new acquisition,



the Nissan Micra, also wholly donated to us by a wonderful local lady who wants to remain anonymous.



- ✓ Did you know you that your brain contains around 78% water?
- ✓ Did you know that you share your birthday with 9 million other people?

- ✓ Did you know these facts about homelessness? - The 2016 Census revealed about 50,000 people sleep rough at any one time in Australia, and nearly 60% are aged under 35. Also, 1/3rd of Australia's homeless population lives in NSW. Since Covid, it is predicted the figures rose 40%. That is why we are now so heavily focused on helping those who are in such a plight in the Camden Haven area. Will you join us, in whatever way you can?



John & Chantelle

Flood victims are still needing help

John, a mature aged plumber in training, & partner Chantelle, a social worker, with their two small children, are amongst the many homeowners & renters in our local community who continue to bear the effects of the major floods earlier this year.

We continue to assist many flood victims, especially those very badly impacted.

John & Chantelle are homeowners – their home was severely flooded.

One of our partners, the **Serve Team** of the **Camden Haven Anglican Church**, as well as the **Church Youth Group**, have been painting at their home, along with some yard maintenance. We are currently getting quotes for wardrobes which can be covered by insurance money (which only goes so far), however, we need to source a tradesman who could instal them and also put in a day on fixing the laundry.

If you know someone who could assist, please let us know.



Youth Group girls painting team



Youth Group boys clean up team



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary