



Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc. ABN 79 652 261 007
A helping hand for those in need in our community

<p>Edition 15 February 2022</p>	<p>YOUR NEWSLETTER</p> <p>Need a hand? Call Alan (0419-370076) or Theo (0438-358057) or at Comboyne call Ray (0427-117950) We meet every Wednesday at 3.00pm for a FREE BBQ meal at the rear of Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour St Laurieton – all are welcome</p>
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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN THEO

During the recent peak of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, we were compelled to suspend our weekly BBQs yet again - because of the need to protect both our Volunteers and our Guests. We continued, of course, to keep in touch and to ensure that our friends were well looked after. Now our BBQs are back again on 16 February 2022. Hope to see you soon.

We also continue to assist three 2021 Flood Victim families, and the endless stream of homeless people.

SOME SNIPPETS

Sharing seedlings

Toby often shares seedlings. If you have excess vegetable seedlings, you might like to bring them along to the BBQ and share them with others



Welcome Pack

We have small Welcome packs for those who attend the BBQ for the first time. If you see someone new, please let Alan know



Bus timetable

Our bus can pick up, and drive to the weekly BBQ, anyone not having alternate easy transport. Just phone Alan (phone no. above) if you need a lift. The bus leaves no earlier than 4.30pm for the trip to return passengers back home.



How we sometimes help

Bob found himself stranded locally, sleeping in his car and needing help. He is now in Molong, where he wanted to go. Community at 3 assisted him by repairing his car & providing some cash and linen. We always qualify those who seek our assistance. Bob was a genuine guy who just found himself with a little bit of down luck.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS WHERE COMMUNITY at 3 HAS BEEN ASKED FOR HELP

CHILDREN IN NEED

Jade's parents are currently in gaol awaiting trial for the recent alleged murder of their daughter Elizabeth (8 years). **Jade**, their 19-year-old daughter has applied to Child Safety for permission to keep the other members of the family (6 children) together and to be their Carer. They will need a great deal of ongoing support. Community at 3 is involved in assisting them.



SO MANY OTHERS IN NEED

- **Jim**, not well physically, was sleeping in his car in Kew and looking for accommodation near a Hospital. Jim couldn't score a rental due to the low availability of housing all along the coast. Community at 3 has enabled him to find suitable accommodation he can afford within a short distance from Taree hospital.
- **Ken**, 93 years of age, not well and quite depressed, came to us for help. We have been able to assist him and he has now been admitted to care. He is greatly relieved.



- ✓ Did you know you that ants don't like talcum powder.
- ✓ Did you know that sharks can sense a drop of blood from 4km away.
- ✓ Did you know that there are over 15,000 different kinds of rice.
- ✓ Did you know that most studies reveal that around **25%** of Australians feel lonely on 3 or more days a week. We are wanting to make contact with those **25%** of people who live in the Camden Haven. Can you help?

SOME PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO NEED OUR THOUGHTS and OUR PRAYERS

- ✓ **Graham** – gall bladder operation
- ✓ **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (granddaughter of our Volunteer **Marj**) who was falsely accused and imprisoned in an Iranian gaol, then released in 2020 after more than 800 days, recently joined us for a Volunteers' morning tea. Kylie asked us to pray for the many who continue to wrongly languish in prisons throughout the Middle East.



Contact Theo for further information or for prayer - 0438-358057

A REMINDER OF OUR PURPOSE

Our objectives, in our Constitution, are:

“To undertake a ministry of community in the name of Jesus Christ to those in need in the Camden Haven area and surrounds:

- (1) By providing to them one or more regular meals.
- (2) By creating a context of social inclusion to enable networks to form.
- (3) By assisting them to access services provided by us, or any other Not-For-Profit organisations.
- (4) By establishing any activity which would enhance our ability to meet their needs.

To assist all such persons in need, and accept Volunteers, without discrimination and regardless of their religion, race, sexual orientation or system of belief.”

These are just *some* of the local commercial businesses which provide regular ongoing support to Community at 3 activities for the needy in the Camden Haven area



ONE MORE FAMILY RECONCILED

George came to Community at 3, a homeless man. He had been homeless for 15 years moving from town to town, He had not seen his family in Coffs Harbour for more than 15 years. Community at 3 was able to re-establish the relationship between George and his family, and he is now living happily in Coffs Harbour.



In 2021, we reconciled 7 families



Barry, one of our 35 Volunteers ready to deliver care packages

FROM A TENT TO A HOME

Brian and Anne were living in a tent, having lost their rental home. Their living conditions left a lot to be desired. Following much enquiry, Community at 3, with the help of another charity, assisted them to go to live with Brian's sister in Newcastle. They are happy again, and now have their own rental home. Brian and Anne both have jobs in Newcastle and the children are doing well.



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

“Life is good when you are happy, but much better when *others* are happy *because of you.*”