

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

Edition 16 March 2022	<h2>YOUR NEWSLETTER</h2> <p>Need help? Call Alan (0412-840644) or Theo (0419-370076) 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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Committee Members: Theo Hazelgrove (Chairman), Alan Kilminster, Fran Burns, Glenn Maas, Hima Karnati, Ann Macinante, Brian Giles-Browne, Ray Peters (Assistant Chaplain), Cec Wasson, Nathan Killick (Public Officer and Chaplain), Dr Sam Nelapati (Patron)

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians, the Biripi People, and elders past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON, DR. SAM NELAPATI

It is an amazing privilege to be the patron of this beautiful organisation. Community at 3 has grown as an arm of the Lord, reaching out to those who need help. A loving collaboration between the leadership, volunteers and the supporting community at large is fast becoming a model for other organisations far beyond our local area. Looking forward to greater service to our community and in newer ways to reach those in need.

CRISIS & SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION (CASTA)

The Camden Haven is in the middle of a housing crisis. An average of 5 people per week are contacting us for assistance to find crisis and /or short-term accommodation solutions. That's over 250 people per year desperately seeking somewhere to rest their head at night. This figure is made up young families, single men and women, retired people, teens and Domestic Violence survivors.



Community at 3, with the support of 61 attendees at a meeting in Dec 2021, are working toward the establishment of an Accommodation venue to house our guests in crisis. This will mean the purchase of a Caravan Park, Motel or the development of an alternative style property. To achieve this, we have developed a simple Strategic Plan based on teams of volunteers working together to raise sufficient funds to make the initial purchase and then manage the property to make it a self-funded home for up to 20 families.

Over the next month or so we will be looking for volunteers to join our work teams. These teams include Team Churches, Team Schools, Team Clubs, Team Retailers, Team Grant Writers, Team Philanthropists, Team Government, Team Finance, Team Charities and Team Media. Once our teams are established each will be developing a plan of fund-raising activities, approaches to Government, Grant Applications, media coverage and a host of events to build a sense of community around the eventual development of our housing solution.

Please contact Brian Giles-Browne to offer your assistance and support.

Phone 0439-569992 or email donbri23@hotmail.com.au

FOOD FOR A WEEK FOR JUST \$60!

From our experience over the past 5 years, we estimate that there will be over 100 families requiring food assistance in the Camden Haven this winter. Donations of food or cash (which is tax-deductible) can be made at the **Kew Corner Store**. All non-perishable food is suitable. We can provide food for a week for a family in need for \$60. **(Photo: Theo, Staffan & Lachie)**



Old age comes at a bad time.
When you finally know everything, you start to forget everything you know!

Snippets from this week

- 73 year old **Bob** came to the area to assist a family member but could not find accommodation and forced to live in his car along with his dog. Community at 3 was able to help him.
- A missionary from Thailand, **Angela**, was assisted by Community at 3 to get back to her family in Brisbane.
- Pray for **Rachel** – here from WA. God knows her current situation.

NEWS UPDATE

Regarding **Jayde**, the 23 year old (mentioned in the last Newsletter) whose parents were charged with the murder of their 8 year old daughter Elizabeth, and who was trying to obtain custody of her remaining 6 siblings – Child Safety Queensland has agreed she can have custody – a great outcome. Theo gave video evidence at the Hearing. It was wonderful that Community at 3 was able to assist. A large home is now needed.



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One of our partner organisations assisting those in need is “Make a Difference Port Macquarie” Karen has announced a free breakfast on Sunday mornings at 8.30am at the North Haven Bowling Club. All are welcome.



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY CARE UNIT

We have now established a Community at 3 Domestic and Family Care Unit.

This Unit is headed up by our Volunteer and retired Registered Nurse & Midwife **Lesa** who has had years of experience with women in need. Also in her team will be our other Volunteer, Lesa’s husband **Philip**, qualified in the areas of mental health and counselling.

Our Unit is partnering with other local Domestic and Family Specialist Services.

Should you wish to refer anyone to the Unit, please use the contact numbers below.

Contacts – Lesa 0435-904 278
Philip 0450-720 663

or any of the numbers at the top of this Newsletter



Philip & Lesa

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS

We now have two Pastoral Care Teams:



The Men’s Team
(**Terry and Mark**)



The Women’s Team
(**Donna and Di**)

These teams are available for anyone to call upon in situations where a friendly, casual chat may be needed. The Teams will visit a home, if requested, or can get together with a person over a coffee at a restaurant or Club or even down by the river.

Love and friendship are the tools whereby the Care Teams seek to show to anyone that we all care deeply about everyone’s wellbeing.

To contact - phone any of the numbers at the top of this Newsletter.

JUNE RELF – another of our wonderful Volunteers



Born in 1935 and at 87 (age disclosed with permission) **June** has been a regular Volunteer with Community at 3 for the past 5 years. Always helpful, always pleasant to work with and simply a joy to have around, June has lived in the Camden Haven for 50 years, initially working at the North Haven school and serving the community in many ways: as Parish Secretary at the Camden Haven Anglican Church for 20 years under 4 Ministers & helping run the Laurieton Legacy Health Centre for many years. She was treasurer of the Laurieton Frank Whiddon Homes project from its construction commencement until completion of the hostel some 20 years later, when she then became the Village committee chairperson

until 2000. She was instrumental during this period in helping to raise \$80,000 for the local Men’s Shed. June delights in continuing to serve others in the Camden Haven and finds great satisfaction in giving of herself in this way.

Here is a photo of June with the Mobile Scooter she gave away to John, who was in great need when he lost his scooter in flood waters in 2021. ➡

When June first arrived in the area, all those years ago, her late husband, Arthur, suggested they “didn’t need to get involved”. It has been a very good thing for our community that June ignored that advice.

Thank you June for all you do and have done – we love you.



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

“I complained because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet.”