

Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc. ABN 79 652 261 007

A helping hand for those in need in our community

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

<p>Edition 17 April 2022</p>	<h3>YOUR NEWSLETTER</h3> <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)

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL ROOHAN

(LAURIETON CATHOLIC CHURCH) The great Christian feast of Easter is upon us. It is incredible that this man Jesus over 2000 years ago lived, died and is risen from the dead. He is alive now and with us, working in our lives. We are never alone. We can believe this if we have experienced Jesus, felt his ever-present love and loved him in return. As Easter draws near, please find time in your busy lives for a few moments of stillness, to rediscover, or discover for the first time, that Jesus lives.

Fr Michael Roohan is pictured here with some of the 50 Doonas donated by the Camden Haven Catholic Parish and presented to Theo, all of which were handed out during last winter to many needy and grateful families in the Camden Haven area.



JUST ONE WEEK'S STATISTICS

- ✓ **Theo** alone has recorded dealing with 31 cases of people with various forms of need - in just 7 days. Many do not seek money, only help and direction.
- ✓ **Currently** we know of, and are attempting to assist, 39 homeless people in the Camden Haven area – 23 are living in cars, 6 in tents and the rest in the bush and in various parts of the local towns.
- ✓ **Issued** food vouchers (donated by local Community people or groups), food, petrol money & money for crisis accommodation (total disbursed - \$1,025.00)

MORE CAMDEN HAVEN GENEROSITY



(photo is Anthea and Alan)

Recently, I knocked on the door of a house in Kendall and asked: "Are you interested in selling the old caravan behind your house?" The lady, **Anthea**, said, "I'm not sure what the price would be. I'll have to contact my husband, **Wayne**." I also said that I was from Community at 3 and that we wanted it for a young homeless couple, who were on the footpath outside and have been sleeping in their van. Within a couple of hours, I had a call back from **Anthea**, "I spoke to **Wayne** and we agreed that Community at 3 can have the caravan for free." We have now moved the caravan; the young couple are sleeping in it; and renovations to instal a kitchen and toilet and upgrade it are underway. The young couple are keen to help with the renovations so that when they are out of crisis, others in need can borrow it from Community at 3. This is the generosity I have seen so often in the Camden Haven whilst working with Community at 3. Thank you so much **Anthea** and **Wayne** - Glenn



- ✓ Did you know that rain contains vitamin B12
- ✓ Did you know that over 500 meteorites hit the Earth each year
- ✓ Did you know that it takes a plastic container over 50,000 years to start decomposing
- ✓ Did you know that the first formal meeting of Community at 3 was held on 14 October 2016 and on 2 November 2016 Community at 3 became an incorporated association. We are now well into our 6th year and our more than 35 active Volunteers are so well motivated it is always a pleasure to serve alongside them all.

OUR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Community at 3 works in the Camden Haven with many partners, including the local service clubs, Rotary and Lions. Recently **Alf Johnston**, President of the **Laurieton Lions Club**, attended our weekly BBQ meal and presented us with a donation of \$300. Because we have no paid workers, all are Volunteers, and every cent of



Alf presents donation to Treasurer Alan

moneys received goes to assisting those in need in so many ways, including crisis accommodation, hundreds of dollars in food generously donated by so many, emergency fuel costs, our free weekly BBQ meals, fuel for our bus and small car, food parcels, contribution to medical and dental expenses, assisting costs for flood victims etc.

We are very keen to always carefully qualify donation recipients.

We also receive donations from local businesses including a substantial donation recently from **Richard Morris** the principal Solicitor of Laurieton legal firm **Moin, Morris & Schaeffer**.

Thank you **Richard** – it all makes such a difference for many.



FURTHER UPDATE ON JAYDE

Jayde, who now has custody of her 6 siblings, following the murder of her sister by their parents, is now looking for accommodation suitable for all of them.

Community at 3 is assisting in that process (Theo has so far organised the bond money). Meanwhile **Jayde** has been looking for a vehicle large enough to transport them all (around \$15,000) and Theo has been seeking donors. Theo found a generous anonymous donor who decided to donate at least \$40,000 towards a good vehicle for her. **Jayde** found one and the donor paid it all - \$42,500. And would you believe that from when **Jayde** started to look for a vehicle to the time the donor was found and paid for the vehicle and it was delivered, took less than one day!

SOS ANSWERED

Recently, a yacht was grounded on Pilot Beach & written off. The owner, **Peter**, and his dog had lost their home. The LUSC asked us to help. With little money & awaiting his insurance claim, Graham Lee & Cec Wasson found **Peter** new clothes & a temporary home and another kind person lent **Peter** a car and is looking after the dog. More locals simply caring.



MORE LOCAL

KINDNESS SHOWN

Last week **Glen** had all his teeth removed in the one procedure. It is hard to imagine the difficult healing process. And **Glen** is also homeless, currently living in his car.

We had been trying to find him some crisis accommodation for the few days after the operation. One motelier apologised for not having any vacancy but offered that his kitchen will prepare soft food meals for him, and luckily another motel had 3 days accommodation available. And more kindness – a local, **Bruce**, has now allowed **Glen** to park his car at his place and share his amenities.

THANK YOU CAMDEN HAVEN

HOW DID COMMUNITY AT 3 GET STARTED?



Graham Lee (pictured) has been a regular & active Volunteer since the beginning.

He recently shared the story of how it began, this way: "In 2016 I was working away and, as I often do, I attended and also volunteered at various charitable events like soup kitchens, whenever I could. At the time, although I was working, I was homeless. I saw the benefits of the many organisations caring for the needy. Upon returning back to the Camden Haven I was chatting with Nathan Killick, the local Anglican Church Pastor, telling him about my experiences, and he said: 'What they do there needs to be done here.' So, we both agreed to get a meeting together and see how

it goes. I then placed an ad in the local paper, several people responded, and in November 2016 we formally began. Then we had to find a place to meet. What we were looking for were some tables and chairs, somewhere. The Manager of the Council Parks & Gardens suggested the ones behind the LUSC. So that's where we had our first Community at 3 meal. One day a group of Volunteers & Guests were there enjoying community – it was very hot – Rob Dwyer, the Club Manager, saw us and said: 'Why don't you come in here under the shelter at the back of the Club?' We did, and we are still here, supported immensely by the Club. Fundraising and local support was next. Initially, I received so many knockbacks from people and businesses, but eventually, the local Vet offered to make a weekly donation as well as pay the same amount to a local butcher for our BBQ sausages. We have grown immensely in the past few years and receive great help from so many in the community to enable us to help others. That day I spoke to Nathan, I think God was in the room." - **Graham**



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

"You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy."

Jane Marczewski (aka Nightbirde)