



Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc.

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

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We remember our friend **David O'Reilly** who died suddenly in late January at only 56 years old. David was a very private person, however at the same time he was a person who generously gave himself to others. He regularly attended and faithfully served the people at St Peters Catholic Church, Camden Haven Anglican Church and Laurieton's own 'Community at 3. Our community extends love and sympathy to David's siblings Leo, Ron, Trish and Margaret. We thank LUSC for kindly allowing their facilities to be used for a formal remembrance of David. We thank you, the wider community, for your openness in welcoming David into this community. This was his home for his last five years and it was truly inspiring to see so many welcome David into their space. David may have been 'house-less' but because of this welcome, he was never 'homeless'. David wrestled with life, and his internal challenges were great, but he was also gentle, intelligent, loving, wise and concerned for all people. Those who knew him loved him and will miss him. Laurieton will be a poorer place without him. He trusted Jesus and so we trust he is now in God's everlasting arms. Rob Dwyer at the LUSC approved our planting of an Acacia tree behind the Club with a plaque (currently being made) in David's memory (see photo at right).



Jake, with tool in hand from shoveling the hole with Toby, and ice cream to celebrate "job done"!

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES:

- A **Code of Conduct** has been agreed to by the Committee and is to be displayed at every event. A copy of the Code of Conduct is also attached to this Newsletter.
- **The Constitution** of Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc. was agreed to be amended at a February Special General Meeting. A copy of the new Constitution is available to members from the Secretary.

RECOGNISING LOCAL "UNSUNG HEROES"

There are people in our community who are "unsung heroes" and have worked tirelessly without any formal recognition. We believe that Community@3 can play a role in recognising the work these people have done. One such person is **Robert** who has cleaned the sides of the road coming into Kendall and the Kendall bridge for years. He has excelled in his life by giving to others, when at first, he himself was assisted by a group like Community@3. Theo and a few other Committee members met with **Robert** at the Kew Corner Store and presented him with a Certificate. If you know of other local unsung heroes like Robert, please let us know.

THANK YOU:

- To all our loyal Volunteers: **THANK YOU** for your wonderful commitment in 2019 – you are awesome!
- Thank you, **Club North Haven**, which late last year purchased 70 sets of new crockery plates to be used instead of plastic ones – much better. Many thanks to the **Secretary Manager, Peter Negus**.
- **Thank you everyone** for cooperating in scraping off your plates, then placing your cutlery in the separate bucket and your plates in the rinsing bowl – this has been a great help to the Volunteers when it comes to washing up.
- **Thank you** to many more people responsible for donations to Community@3, many of whom do not wish recognition, but are rewarded simply by the act of giving. We have recently received gifts of food, cash, food vouchers and the regular donations of bread and eggs. **Thank you.**

WANTED – YOUR COMMENTS

Your ideas, suggestions or comments – please feel free to email or speak to anyone of the Volunteers if you have something to add to Your Newsletter. Do you have any suggestions how Community@3 can be even better than it is – let us know.

GENERAL NEWS:

- **June Relf** is unable to continue as Newsletter editor, but will continue to volunteer at the weekly Wednesday BBQs. **Hima Karnati**, wife of our Patron, Dr. Sam Nelapati, has kindly offered to step in as Assistant secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Once again, the **Kew Corner Store** hosted the **Christmas Giving Tree** where members of the local community generously donated gifts **51 families and 76 children** were blessed by this.



Theo with Store Owner Steffan and the Christmas Giving Tree

- **Camden Haven Food Connect** food pantry program each Friday from 8.00am at the rear of the LUSC has been most successful, with an accompanying BBQ breakfast.
- Additional shelving for the storeroom was purchased recently, and **Jake & Toby** were quick to offer their assistance in erecting it – thanks guys.
- **Laurieton Quilters** (a club within the LUSC) has kindly joined other community organisations and donated funds towards the needs of Community@3.
- **Certificates of Appreciation** were recently given to the **Camden Haven Courier** and to the **Kew Corner Store** for outstanding support of the activities of Community@3

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT BRIGADOON

From 12 noon on Friday 13th December, Community@3 hosted another Christmas lunch at Brigadoon Holiday Park, North Haven. A good number of residents attended and enjoyed a well-prepared meal together. Many thanks again to Manager Noel for always making us feel welcome and supported.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE LUSC

Once again, our regular Guests attended the last get together for 2019 at the LUSC. The special small table gifts were a big hit, as was the pavlova! Well organised Fran and your band of willing workers.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT CAMDEN HAVEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

A low-key event, just to be there for anyone looking for some fellowship and a meal on Christmas day. Thank you so much for those Volunteers who took time out, on a very special day of celebration, to serve others. The venue was changed from the North Haven Pool to the Anglican Church, due to inclement weather.

WORTH NOTING: Community@3 is not just about the Wednesday BBQ gathering. Your Committee, in particular **Theo and Alan**, spend extra many hours each week assisting people in our area in matters such as finding accommodation, counselling in matters of Domestic disputes, suicides and other serious family issues, sourcing urgent funds for families in sudden need, directing people to places where specialised assistance can be found, organising funds to pay for the BBQ meals, the Christmas Giving Tree etc., etc.

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