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YOUR NEWSLETTER

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CORONAVIRUS



Well, no one saw that coming and how it would affect us all: an overnight closure of our weekly Community gatherings. After waiting for a while to see what was going to happen, we reconnected with people whose phone number or email details we had. That then resulted in the decision to carry out a delivery of “Care Packs” to those we felt would benefit most and whose addresses for delivery we knew. We were most pleased to hear that those Packs have been welcomed by those receiving them. If you know of anyone else whom we could add to our list of Care Pack recipients, please let Theo or Alan know (phone number above). Thank you to all who have contributed to the Care Packs by food preparation and delivery - especially Fran, Hima, Alan, Theo, Nathan, Travis & Glenn – as well as those who donated food, goods etc.

Not everyone likes their photo taken, however, a couple of people were quite ok with their photos appearing in this Newsletter. Here are a few members of the Camden Haven Community at 3...



John



Jake, Raelene & Bill



Cherie, Kaiden & Kalarnhi



Lance

Volunteer Youth Activities Coordinator

The need has been identified to engage a person to oversee the number of children who have attended our weekly BBQs. So, we will be interviewing candidates for such a position when we know a return date for our BBQ.

David O'Reilly Plaque

As soon as the rock arrives, upon which we will attach the memorial plaque for David, we will place the plaque & rock beneath the tree which was planted some months ago.

New member of Community @3 Committee

Congratulations to Jake Shelly on his appointment to the Leadership Team. We look forward to the contribution Jake will make to the success of the objectives of Camden Haven Community @3.

Message from the Chairman

God says: "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen." (Jeremiah 29:12)

It is comforting to know that although the world is being challenged by the coronavirus and although there are many changes, nothing about God changes. This is why I have included Jeremiah 29:12.

I know you, along with so many find the future uncertain is so many respects. I have already met with so many people who find their situations changing, family, work, friends, finances etc.

I want you to know we are here for you, even if you just want to talk but most of all God says, "When you come and pray to me, I'll listen."

And if you find it difficult to find the words to pray, let me suggest a prayer:

"Dear Lord, being alone is hard. We were created for community not confinement. But we are grateful that no matter how alone we may feel, we are grateful for technology that helps us stay in touch with each other. Please remind us that this time of social distancing and isolation will not last forever. Give us the strength to see this difficult season through and may our connection with you and others be deepened. I ask for an extra dose of your love, peace, hope and joy, because I need it. Remind me of your promises and please heal our land. In Jesus Name, Amen."

If you would like to speak further please call me on 0438-358057.

We are Better Together

Best wishes,

Theo Hazelgrove

Chairman

71 families helped so far

Community@3 does not only hold weekly BBQs (when lockdowns are not in place). Since the current pandemic hit, 71 families have been assisted in some way or another by Community@3. This has been by way of food assistance, temporary accommodation organised, urgent assistance for urgent costs such as food, counselling and just getting alongside those who are lonely or down for a variety of reasons. Thanks especially to Theo, as well as Alan and Fran, for their always being available when someone calls out for help.



The Camden Haven Courier photographed our special over 80 Volunteers.

But three Volunteers, who are over 90 this year, slipped into the photo also! These are the Volunteers we need to protect most from Covid-19

When will the BBQs recommence?

We are of course entirely in the hands of both Government regulations and the LUSC Board as to when we might restart our weekly get togethers.

Because of our numbers, and the fact that the Club run a daily Coffee Shop at the rear where we meet, it may not be until July that we can restart. We will certainly let everyone know when it is happening.

Someone once said...

"Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit, the sun does not shine on itself, flowers do not spread their fragrances for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is, life is good when you are happy, but much better when other are happy because of you."

Glenn Maas

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