

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

A helping hand for those in need in our community

"..Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Jesus – Matthew 25:40)

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

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 MEAL at the rear of
Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour St Laurieton – all are welcome

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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 original custodians, the Biripi People, and elders past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.



MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN RAY

What a privilege it is to be with people who have a real heart of caring for others in such practical ways. Their lives display the character and beauty of Jesus Christ. And because of their service to others, many are helped and find a new purpose in life or strength and comfort in the midst of their daily living. It is Jesus that gives the ability and the desire to help others. I thank God for all the volunteers at Community at 3.

The **HASTINGS CHAPTER** of the **AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB** hosted surrounding Motorcycle Chapters at the Kendall Showground for a fun time of music and entertainment. The purpose was also to raise funds towards the **Community at 3 Crisis and Short-Term Accommodation Facility**. They raised an incredible **\$5,000**. Thank you so much everyone.



Always supporting Community at 3 is **Staffan Andler** from the **Kew Corner Store** In support of the Fundraiser by the **HASTINGS CHAPTER** of the **AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB**, Staffan organised for the donation of coffee from Kristine & Sean Edwards of Port Macquarie coffee company, **Peak Coffee** and Norco milk from Lakewood dairy and distribution company, **Glyn's Milk**. **Staffan** himself also donated **\$1,400** towards the **Crisis and Short-Term Accommodation Facility** project. Thank you again **Staffan** for your never-ending support of all that is done by Community at 3.

KEW CORNER STORE

Glyn's Milk

Peak COFFEE



SEMINAR ON LEGAL MATTERS – NOW A MONTHLY EVENT

THANK YOU **Matthew** and **Shaarn** from the **Mid North Coast Legal Centre**, for your excellent seminar presentation on 1st September. Thank you also to all those who attended. We thank God for the partners who have come alongside **Community at 3** to offer their particular expertise to any of our Guests who may be otherwise unable to afford such services. **Mid North Coast Legal** have offered to attend our Wednesday meal gatherings, once a month, **for free legal advice** on most matters for our Guests, and also for any of our wonderful Volunteers, who are receiving a Centerlink benefit.



- ✓ Did you know that Finland has the largest number of islands in the world (over 179,550)?
- ✓ Did you know that arachibutyrophobia is fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth?
- ✓ Did you know that the most valuable nutrients of a potato are its skin?
- ✓ Did you know that we are desperately trying to establish a facility in the Camden Haven for Crisis and Short-term Accommodation for those in genuine circumstances of need. If there is any way you can assist our endeavours, we would love to hear from you. We have identified a suitable site and are now labouring through the bureaucratic maze towards obtaining the necessary approvals to proceed.

YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL REUNION

➤ Community at 3 has been able to assist in reuniting a lonely, elderly lady with her family in Gosford. After 30 years apart, we were allowed to speak with the family. We then organised for a friend of Theo to drive from Newcastle to Kew, picked up the lady and then drove her to her family in Gosford, with whom she now lives. It gives us great satisfaction that we can play a part in facilitating reunions.

MORE GOOD NEWS

- Community at 3 has been honoured to have been invited into a grieving family to provide assistance, support and encouragement following the suicide of a family member. These are of course times of great sadness, and we can have a role to play in helping in such circumstances.
- In two more situations, Community at 3 has been able to offer arguments to the Courts for consideration for probation or parole. This is done only after much time spent with the people concerned.

EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS

- One less person homeless... Community at 3 was asked to advise and support a lady who had been homeless for some time. After some time spent in discussions with her, she has now returned to live with her family. Sometimes all it takes is to care enough to spend time finding out why someone is in the situation they are in, asking if they wish to improve that situation and helping them to do so. It's just love in action.



LOCAL NEWSPAPER SUPPORT

Since our inception we have enjoyed great support from the **Camden Haven Courier**. That support continues as Reporter **Emily** (pictured with Treasurer Alan) meets with our team to discuss our plans for a Crisis & Short-Term Accommodation facility in the Camden Haven.



Lexie has been learning how to instruct in exercise classes and is leading a fun class at a recent Wednesday meal.

OrangeSky moves to new level

The **OrangeSky** van which regularly serves our Guests every Wednesday has now been upgraded to a long term, on site, upgraded pod, allowing more shifts during the week. Any Volunteers to assist on other days would be very welcomed. If interested, please contact **Eloise** on 0401 945 920.



UPDATE ON CRISIS ACCOMODATION

Our Chair, Deputy Chair and Town Planning Consultant attended a meeting with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Planning Team Leader recently. In three weeks, Council will advise us if we can proceed one way to purchase the property we have chosen (could take one year to complete) or another way (which could take three years to complete). Community at 3 has had to engage a Professional Town Planner (Robert Pitt) to assist with the minefield of processes involved to create our Facility. Can we ask those of you who pray, to please do so.



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

“The smallest pebble can change the whole pattern of a pool of water. Our daily actions are like those ripples, each one making a difference, even the smallest.”

Queen Elizabeth II