

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)

<p>Edition 25 December 2022</p>	<p>YOUR NEWSLETTER</p> <p>Need help? Call Alan (0412-840644) or Theo (0419-370076) or at Comboyne call Ray (0427-117950)</p> <p>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</p>
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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 NATHAN, OUR CHAPLAIN - Everyone at Community at 3 hopes you have an enjoyable Christmas; but have you ever wondered if Jesus will have an enjoyable Christmas? It is his birthday after all, so it's worth asking the question. I'm sure he would enjoy all the food and get-togethers because Jesus was known for his 'party going' more than any other religious figure in history. However, would he enjoy the fact that even one person on the planet might spend Christmas day alone, or receive no gift? Jesus is known for his party-going, but he is even more known for his concern for the one who is lost or left out. This is why we put on parties that anyone is invited to. There's a party this Sunday at church, we will also have a Community at 3 party, and we have parties this Christmas Eve at church as well. These are parties Jesus is inviting you to. **YOU ARE INVITED**, it won't be the same without you.



OUR BBQ DATES OVER CHRISTMAS

No BBQ on 28th December 2022

✓ Christmas BBQ – 21st December 2022 ✓ Back in the New Year - 4th January 2023



(at Kew Corner Store)

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Kew Corner Store, & Sweet Haven Café (in Bold Street Laurieton), present "The Christmas Giving Tree"

The Community is invited to visit these businesses during December, select a monetary gift from the Tree, take the gift card to the counter, make the donation & take the gift card home for your Christmas tree.

A tax deductible till receipt will be issued for each donation over \$2. **Community at 3** estimates a 25% increase in people requiring support this Christmas. 100% of funds raised go to people in need in the Camden Haven. For information call **Theo on 0419370076**

(at Sweet Haven Cafe)



INVITATION TO SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY WITH A FRIEND

Would you, or anyone you know, like to

spend Christmas Day with someone new? We have many Volunteers willing to invite you to join them for a Christmas Day lunch. If so, please let one of the Volunteers at the Wednesday BBQ know, or email or phone one of the numbers above.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

STOP PRESS

We are able to announce that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council has made a way clear for us to proceed further with our plans to obtain a local property for development as a **Crisis and Short-Term Accommodation** facility.

We would like to thank the Councillors and staff who have so far been very supportive of our proposal.

We are now proceeding ahead to secure the funds necessary to see our vision accomplished.

And we will need the continued support of our wonderful Community to achieve this much-needed goal.

HELP IS ON THE WAY

We recently received the donation of two more mobile scooters and a good wheelchair. We have these to loan to people in need, whilst awaiting their own or perhaps recovering from an injury. One is now on loan to Gary (pictured)



LOCAL COMMUNITY RALLIES TO BUY BEDS

Following an appeal in the Camden Haven Courier by **Kew Corner Store and Community at 3**, enough money was donated by the local community for us to buy 15 Backpacker bed kits (at \$150 each) for the many who call on us for assistance with emergency housing. With these beds, we can assist some of the around 30 people in the Camden Haven area who are homeless on any day of the week, with no bed, shower or dry clothes.



We asked a number of our Guests why they keep coming to the weekly Community at 3 get together and meal on Wednesdays. Here's what some of them said...

"I am so very thankful for the generosity that has always been shown towards me by those at Community at 3"

"I absolutely love coming here to Community at 3 every week, and I love all the people here"

"I love seeing people I haven't seen for a while. I love to meet my mate John. It's a local community thing too, and that's good. You never know who you'll meet. Sometimes I see an old mate and I say to him, "I thought you were dead", and he says to me, "I thought you were dead". Community at 3 is real good."

"I just enjoy it. I enjoy the company and all the laughs."

"I love the fellowship. And for my mental health. Everyone is equal at Community at 3. People actually care — and from their heart."

"I come for the people, for the food and the spirit that Community at 3 has become in the years that I've been coming."

"I like the food. The people are easy going. I can have a nice meal and also sometimes have a takeaway meal if there is some left over. I have chronic schizophrenia and it is good for me to come to Community at 3."

"I live on my own and it breaks the tedium, and you get to meet different people and eat something different than normal. It's something to look forward to each week."

"THANK YOU COMMUNITY at 3"

Jodie is another success story and the very reason why we do what we do. These are her words...

"...We lost everything in the flood.

We had been couch-surfing and staying in a tent. Then I found Alan and Community at 3.

Alan and volunteers delivered food and gave me some hope.

Alan and Theo are wonderful. We had a chat and next minute they had a dry safe place for us to live.

With their help, support and kind words they gave me my independence back.

Because of Community at 3, I now have a job!

I can't thank my new family (Community at 3) enough. I have made many friends at Community at 3 and I know if I ever need anything, even just a chat, Community at 3 family are there for us. I can't praise them enough.

I am so thankful for having them in my life.

Since my first meeting I have moved forward incredibly.

My future is bright and Community at 3 showed me the light at the end of the tunnel.

So, thank you Community at 3,

I owe you all so very much for the help, support and kindness.

Thank you Alan, Theo and all my family at Community at 3..."



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

"Faith in God does not 'solve' our problems,
it enables us to deal with them, to live through them."