

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, Lesa Sutherland, 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 HIMA, COMMITTEE MEMBER & FACEBOOK MANAGER

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the four years that I have been on the Committee with Community at 3, I have learnt and grown a lot. I feel humbled and my heart breaks listening to the stories of the people in need. I am thankful that God has given me this opportunity to love and to serve. We're created in his image so his life reflects many character traits we should seek to live out on a daily basis. Looking forward for the bigger things Community at 3 is planning to do in the years ahead. May God be glorified in our walk, in our thoughts and in our actions. Much love in Christ.



OUR BBQ MEALS ARE BACK

✓ We resume our regular weekly BBQ meals on 4th January 2023 – see you there

IN THE ONE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS, COMMUNITY at 3 WAS ABLE TO ASSIST 85 PEOPLE IN NEED WE LOVE HELPING PEOPLE



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Over 70 people gathered for a meal at the recent Community at 3 Christmas party, enjoying dishes prepared by our lovely Volunteers as well as leg ham, prawns, drinks and desserts. Our regular band "Flamingo" played & each family received a Christmas hamper. More hampers were also delivered to others not able to attend.

WE HAVE NO BETTER SUPPORTER

When the hubcaps on our Bus were recently stolen, we were very disappointed. However, guess who stepped in without hesitation and paid the \$434 needed to replace them?

Yes, our great friend **Staffan Andler** from the **Kew Corner Store**.

Thank you so much again **Staffan** for your continued generosity



(Staffan is seen here fitting the hubcaps)



To all those local businesses, organisations and people who provided additional goods, gifts and hampers which we were able to give to the most needy in the Camden Haven area at Christmas time, we say a **HUGE THANK YOU...**



- ✓ Laurieton United Services Club
 - ✓ Club North Haven
 - ✓ Anglican Op-Shop
 - ✓ Uniting Church
 - ✓ Catholic Church
 - ✓ Kew Corner Store
 - ✓ Sweet Haven Café
 - ✓ Lake Cathie Medical Centre
 - ✓ Rotary Club
 - ✓ Anglican Church
- (15 other local donors wish to remain anonymous)



OUR VOLUNTEERS SPEND MANY HOURS A WEEK SERVING THE CAMDEN HAVEN COMMUNITY. HERE IS A SNIPPET OF THE TYPE OF THINGS WE HAVE DONE RECENTLY...

- Arranged accommodation for a young man being released from prison and advised on opportunities for work.
- Assisted with a funeral pre-arrangement for a single lady.
- Reunited yet another family, estranged for many years.
- Got alongside a middle-aged lady who has given up on life.
- Supporting several people with a terminal illness.
- Comforted another young family devastated by suicide.
- Spent many hours with people and families without a home and desperate to find one.
- Assisted a homeless lady find accommodation in another town.
- Assisted a lady find a full-time job.
- Provided backpacker bed kits for numerous homeless people who can really use them and are so grateful.
- Always after careful qualification, we continue to provide food vouchers and small amounts of cash to those in genuine need. This also gives us the opportunity to discuss their financial position and how changes in spending habits could make things much better.

Commissioning the Volunteers
 Recently, Community at 3 held a Commissioning Service at the Camden Haven Anglican Church. All Volunteers, Guests and the Committee were upheld in prayer. We all move united into the coming year where more work for those in need is planned – in particular the hopeful establishment of a Transitional Accommodation facility for the many in need of emergency housing and assistance, towards permanent accommodation.



(The Committee is prayed for)



Joe Werner from Community at 3 receiving Christmas hampers from Eve and the patrons of Club North Haven

FROM VISITOR TO VOLUNTEER
 Richard lost his home to fire not that long ago, and came to Community at 3 for help. After attending the Wednesday BBQ, Richard started helping the Volunteers as well as helping set and pack up. A very reliable worker, Richard soon became one of our best Volunteers.
You're a great help, mate, thanks



What do we do with donated funds?
 It is vital to us that we spend time qualifying anyone who asks us for financial or other assistance. Money, goods, vouchers etc., are given in good faith by so many in the community, and we must not give away those things without endeavouring to ensure that recipients are best served when and if we do so. We help people with money and gifts very carefully and very sparingly. Even more importantly than giving money or goods is giving advice and direction in a spirit of friendship & love.



Gathering at the annual **"Community at 3 Volunteers' Luncheon"** - 2022 (12 more Volunteers not in photo) Recently, all our Volunteers were commissioned, at the Camden Haven Anglican Church, for another year of service.