

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, Philip 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 COMMITTEE MEMBER & FAMILY CARE COORDINATOR, LESA...

I love getting to know our guests at the Community @ 3 barby. I count some of these folk as close friends and I feel privileged to do our lives together. If I can link anyone in to services to support them, it's a bonus.

PUBLIC MEETING LAUNCHES TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FACILITY APPEAL

Around 175 people attended (with over 50 apologies received) the recent public meeting held at the LUSC for the Transitional Accommodation Project Launch to be run by Community at 3. The vast majority of those attending fully supported the project. Once a DA is lodged, anyone with remaining questions or objections will have the opportunity to present them to Council. Thank you to all who attended and clearly indicated majority community support to help those in our community with short term accommodation assistance.

The main aspects of this facility are:

- ✓ a strongly controlled vetting process will be the hallmark of selecting residents
- ✓ a 3-month maximum stay will be enforced – many will stay only days or a couple of weeks.
 - ✓ it is not a drop-in centre, drug rehabilitation centre or homeless shelter
- ✓ it will not be housing ex-prisoners, those with active drug addiction, alcoholism or abuse charges.
 - ✓ it will be fully staffed with onsite managers and security systems.
 - ✓ no drugs or alcohol will be on the premises - no second chances will be given.
- ✓ the rooms are for the temporarily homeless, those doing it tough in today's financial turmoil.
 - ✓ noise control, cleanliness and behavioural standards will be strictly imposed.
- ✓ our primary purpose is to assist those in need for the next step in their lives - breathing space for those who may have lost their rental, their spouse, their job, their house or are in a financial crisis.
- ✓ all of the local aid agencies have agreed to provide support for all residents, to enable long-term housing, employment and assistance for all residents.
- ✓ Please direct any questions you may have to our email address communityat3pm@gmail.com



VOLUNTEERS WHO LOVE TO SERVE



This is what our Volunteers look like who enjoy what they do. Pictured are Committee member **Hima** with newer Volunteer **Mel**



GETTING READY FOR WINTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Always a hard-working **Community at 3** Volunteer, **Yvonne** seen here preparing tents & backpacks we have obtained for the increasing numbers of people who will now sleep in cars or out rough this coming winter. Thank you again to those who donated the funds, enabling us to obtain the tents and the backpacks.

AN OLD PHOTO I FORGOT ABOUT

About a year ago, **Staffan** from the Kew Corner Store, ran a **Pumpkin Weight Guessing Competition**. The local community supported the fundraiser and \$820 was raised for **Community at 3**. Another huge thank you to **Staffan** and the 552 people who had a guess at the weight of the giant pumpkin, which weighed in at a massive 244 kilos!



MELTIQUE BEEF DONATES TOP MEAT



The Manager of **Meltique Beef**, **Wauchope**, **Jody Perkins**, recently gave us 10 kilos of prime beef steaks so our **Community at 3** family and Guests could

enjoy top class, export-quality, meat. It was a great hit with everyone. Pictured is **Matt**, an employee of **Meltique Beef** showing us how to cook prime beef.

SOHIP ORGANICS MAKE GENEROUS DONATION

*Our Customers Are Amazing! Thank You!
By Returning Your Boxes You've Helped Give Back & Reduce Waste!*



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ORGANICS

You've Returned 638 boxes in only 3 months!

CAMDEN HAVEN
COMMUNITY at 3

James and Emily Smith from **SOHIP ORGANICS** recently made a generous donation from their business. 638 people returned the boxes they received their food purchases in over the past 3 months, so **Sohip** decided to donate one dollar to **Community at 3** for every box returned.

WIN, WIN, WIN

Community at 3 also receives donated fruit and vegetables from **Sohip** to assist those struggling to make a dent in their weekly food budget. **Sohip** is at Lorne and can deliver fresh organic fruit & veg boxes to the local Mid North Coast community. Please support them if you can.

Their website is...

<https://www.sohiporganics.com.au/>
or email... admin@sohiporganics.com.au

Do you know what **Sohip** stands for?
**SUSTAINABLE, ORGANIC, HOLISTIC,
INNOVATIVE PRODUCE**



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

"We cannot become who we want to become by remaining who we are."