

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, Cec Wasson, Brian Giles-Browne, Ray Peters, Lesa Sutherland, Philip Sutherland, Nathan Killick (Public Officer & 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.

BOB'S ANGEL FINDS HIM A HOME

"..On 13 July 2023 I celebrated 2 years living in my car. I was passing through the Camden Haven and just thought, "This place is nice." So I spent 6 months in a car park at Lake Cathie (the Police did tell me to move on); then another 6 months at Dunbogan. A good friend Glen then told me about **Community at 3**. I enjoyed the friendship and support I found there. But I thought I'd move on. After **Theo and Brian**, as well as Aussie Battlers, helped get my motor vehicle up and going, I left the area and just floated around. I then returned to the Camden Haven, still in my car. **Zillah**, who is a Volunteer at both Community at 3 and also at Vinnies, found a home for my friend Glen at Dunbogan. But just at the same time, Glen was offered a permanent unit in Laurieton from Community Housing. So, Glen asked Zillah could she see if I could have that place, saying, "I've got just the right fella for that house."



The owner agreed and I now have somewhere to call home. I am still on the long waiting list for a permanent place, but I am so happy to be out of my car. And Zillah has been an "Angel" to both Glen and me in the support she has given to us. I have returned to the fellowship of the weekly Wednesday BBQ behind the LUSC and continue to enjoy the support of **Community at 3..**" (Bob)



Our Co-Chairman Theo discussing with local State Member Leslie Williams how to best assist homeless people in our area.

A HAND UP - NOT JUST A HAND OUT

- ✓ We assisted a homeless man to re-connect with his family in Victoria
- ✓ We supported with advice another charity establishing a program for homelessness in another Town
- ✓ We also assisted **32** people in the past month with advice on... accommodation , financial, domestic violence, employment, critical illness
- ✓ In the past month we have had **76** requests for assistance.

CARAVAN DONATED

Another very generous member of our community, **Steve Tisdell** of Kendall,



handing over the rego papers of a caravan he has donated to us. **BLESS YOU STEVE**

CATHOLIC BISHOP VISITS COMMUNITY at 3 BBQ

The affable and very down to earth Catholic Bishop of Lismore (which encompasses the Camden Haven parishes), **Bishop Greg**, was afforded a most warm welcome when he dropped in to visit at a Community at 3

Wednesday BBQ recently. Both **Bishop Greg**, and the Laurieton Parish Priest, **Fr Michael**, have been long time supporters of Community at 3, especially in our endeavour to secure a local property for transitional accommodation for those seeking a permanent home, but who are currently homeless. In appreciation of that support, both **Bishop Greg and Fr. Michael** were presented with certificates of appreciation.



(Chairman Theo welcomes Bishop Greg)

(Hospitality Coordinator Fran with Bishop Greg)



(Chairman Brian presents the certificates)

GOLF FUNDRAISING DAY FOR HOMELESSNESS - A GREAT SUCCESS

Despite the rain, 91 Golfers took to the course at the **Kew Country Club** to support the fundraising day organised by the joint efforts of the **Rotary Club of Laurieton** and the **Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills Lions Club**.

Many local businesses also donated prizes with all entry fees and donations all going towards the work of **Community at 3** in endeavouring to alleviate the crisis of homelessness in the Camden Haven. We are hopeful of being able to purchase a local property to provide ongoing transitional accommodation, and help to find a permanent home, for those who have fallen through the cracks. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to this day and to the generosity again shown by so many in the Camden Haven community.



LOCAL MP LESLIE WILLIAMS AND VOLUNTEER DAVID



SOME VERY SOGGY, BUT HAPPY, GOLFERS

We cannot become what we want to become by remaining what we are.



Together in Community
Glenn Maas, Secretary

All are welcome to a reflective time
IN MEMORY OF PAT SIM

at 3.30pm at our regular BBQ meal
behind the LUSC



on Wednesday 11 October 2023.
Community at 3 are ever so

grateful for Pat, Jack and the music team for their dedicated performances which have brightened our Gatherings these past years.

