

## 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 37 December 2023</p>	<h3>YOUR NEWSLETTER</h3> <p>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</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 THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF LISMORE:** "As Christmas approaches we are reminded of the way that God came into our world with humility and great love. The baby Jesus is for each of us. I always take the chance to remember the good things that I have received this year and indeed in my life. In the midst of such uncertainty and suffering we should turn our minds from negativity and focus on a few positive moments of love and personal dignity. Each of us is valuable and esteemed by God. Each of us has helped another person and can remember instances when we have received love and care. If like me, you feel helpless in these difficult times, and wonder what you can do to change the seemingly helpless situation everyone is facing, I suggest that we learn from Christmas. We can change the world by doing little things which express love and hope. We can change the world by loving others. One by one we can reassure and bring hope to the hopeless. Please join me in this. Happy Christmas, I send you my wishes and prayers." **(Bishop Greg Homeming)**

COME AND JOIN US  
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CHRISTMAS MEAL  
TOGETHER AT  
3PM WEDNESDAY  
20TH DECEMBER  
2023  
(JUNE)



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### OUR BBQ DATES OVER CHRISTMAS

✓ **Christmas BBQ – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

✓ **Back in the New Year – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**No BBQ on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Anyone requiring assisting during the break – please call 0419-370076

### IT'S BACK AGAIN

#### The Community at 3 Christmas Tree Appeal 2023

How it works: you select a Bauple from the Tree representing the amount you would like to donate. Go to the Counter and pay the amount to a staff member. Take the Bauple home and put it on your Christmas tree. Larger donations can be made and receive a tax-deductible receipt from **Kew Corner Store** or next door at **Camden Haven Osteo Clinic**. You can also leave Christmas presents and non-perishable food items at either place. 100% of funds raised go to people in need in the Camden Haven.



**Theo, Brian and Staffan** with the Christmas Tree at Kew Corner Store

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS



This is what a Community at 3 Committee Member looks like – always colourful are **Hima** (Facebook, Instagram and Photographer) & **Cec** (Op-Shop Liaison)



### 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**

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN MY BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL?



**Michael Lord** attended a recent BBQ and shared with everyone what he does when his back is to the wall. It was an inspiring address which captivated all who were there,

many of whom have had their backs to the wall many times. Thank you **Michael** – you are an inspiration – God bless you.

### IN THE PAST 4 WEEKS.....

- ✓ **Community at 3** transported 4 people to Hospital when transport was unavailable.
- ✓ We assisted a homeless man locate his family and helped reconnect him with them. We also arranged to assist him, together with his belongings, to travel to Sydney to reunite with his family.
- ✓ **Community at 3** is assisting 5 different families locate their family members who have gone missing.
- ✓ **89 people** came for assistance to **Community at 3** just in the past 4 weeks.

**WE CARE ABOUT THOSE DOING IT TOUGH IN OUR COMMUNITY**



Together in Community  
Glenn Maas, Secretary

### ONE OF MY FAVOURITE WORDS OF WISDOM

**“Faith in God does not ‘solve’ our problems, but it enables us to deal with them, to live through them.”**