



## 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 (Co-Chairman), Alan Kilminster, Fran Burns, Glenn Maas, Hima Karnati, Ann Macinante, Cec Wasson, Brian Giles-Browne (Co-Chairman), Philip Sutherland, Joanne Kaul, 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.



**MESSAGE FROM RAY LANCE, OUR MAN IN COMBOYNE...** 10,000 signatures – no problem I thought, until after our team had visited Wauchope IGA for 2 weeks (starting late Nov 23) and it was clear that it seemed unlikely to receive more than 400 to 500 in one day. I guess I overestimated, however, we did learn a lot at Wauchope. Once we started asking the question "Have you signed our Petition", things improved. Most people would generally respond "What's it about?" which then allowed us to tell them the details. Our sign evolved also, to help people make the easy decision to support the petition and most did. I want to thank Theo for his encouragement and prayers for our team: Marja Collins who drove us hard until she disappeared to Spain, Terry Hudson who kept us all entertained every day and thanks for your help Glenn, Paul, Flo, and Jayne (off the mountain) and Grace, Hayley, and Jackson (from Comboyne). It has been a team effort!



**THE PETITION**  
You did it! THANK YOU!  
You all helped mightily!  
We have achieved the goal of  
10,000 signatures!!!

Now our local member, Leslie Williams, can stand up in State Parliament and speak about the need for Government financial assistance to help Community at 3 alleviate the problem of sudden homelessness in our area and beyond!

**NOTE:** If you still have signatures, please still get them to us  
We need them all to ensure we have 10,000!! THANK YOU  
...to Kew Corner Store or Camden Haven Anglican Church



Since the Courier ceased operation, Members of the Camden Haven Community have commenced a **NEW FREE** local newspaper, It is called the **"CAMDEN HAVEN CHRONICLE"** Keep an eye out for it, and support it if you can!



**THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION**  
**TO CELEBRATE THE BLESSING ON COMMUNITY AT 3**  
**THE BLESSING WILL BE GIVEN BY FR. MICHAEL ROOHAN**  
**AT ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 421 OCEAN DRIVE, LAURIETON**

**THIS COMING SUNDAY**  
**4TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**AT 11.30AM – LUNCH TO FOLLOW**  
**(PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)**

**THIS INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO...**  
**ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNITY AT 3**

**ENQUIRIES TO THEO HAZELGROVE**  
**0419-370076**



State MP for Port Macquarie, **Leslie Williams**, was a surprise guest at a recent community at 3 BBQ. She so impressed those present with her friendly, down to earth nature, that one of our regular Guests shouted... "Leslie for Prime Minister!" Thank you Leslie for the continuous support and encouragement you have always given to Community at 3.



Immediately following Leslie's address, Co-Chairman Brian asked Leslie's Senior Advisor, **Terry Sara**, a question: "Tell us, Terry, what's it like working with Leslie?" I won't repeat what Terry said, however, a very bemused Leslie was listening intently in the background.



Community at 3 has few consistent supporters than our dear friend **Staffan Andler** from **Kew Corner Store**. He is again supporting us financially: Staffan raised \$1700 selling coffee at the recent **American Motorcycle Club** weekend. And he is here shown presenting a cheque for that amount to our Treasurer Alan. **THANK YOU Staffan**, yet again.

### PETITION HELPERS

Many have helped us achieve the signatures on the petition, none more than **Terry, Ray and Marja**, who have laboured tirelessly at numerous venues to secure success with the Petition to the NSW Government to assist us financially to purchase a permanent, transitional facility for those finding themselves suddenly homeless. Thank you also all to our other helpers and to places like **Port Central** for giving us the opportunity.



### ALF JOHNSTON - A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AT 3 FAMILY

**Alf Johnston** was transferred in his work from Dorrigo, with his wife, to assume the role of District Forrester in charge of the local area. Alf then proceeded to complete building a home and settled in. However, sometime later the position he held was withdrawn and Alf lost his job. Alf and his wife then decided to travel extensively overseas. In 1988, Alf's wife developed MS and was wheelchair bound until she passed away 5½ years ago. Up until then Alf was her full-time Carer. They were married for 52 years. Shortly after that, Alf developed issues with his eyes and now has about 20% vision. Alf has been very active in community organisations including Probus, the local Family History Group and most recently as President of the local Lions Club. Alf has known Lorrae (a member of the band Flamingo, which entertains at the BBQ each fortnight) for many years. Someone mentioned the weekly Community at 3 BBQ meal and get together to Alf a couple of years ago. Alf thought he would turn up and see what it was like. He even offered to pay for his meal, something the Volunteers thought quite amusing at the time. I asked Alf why he always comes every week. He replied: "I enjoy the company". It's always great to see you Alf.



### THE NEEDY ARE GROWING IN NUMBER

- ✓ The cost to **Community at 3** of supporting over 150 people over Christmas last was more than \$15,000 (an average of \$100pp). That included food parcels, shopping vouchers, accommodation, fuel etc. Less than \$80 of that amount was given as cash. We discern carefully and give in kind, rarely in cash. We are helping more people than ever.
- ✓ In particular, 6 people were transported to Hospital appointments, 3 families were re-united (we love when this happens), permanent accommodation was found for 8 people, 2 homeless people moved to new accommodation, 2 permanent jobs were found, and grief support was given to 2 families where sudden death was experienced.