



## 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 Theo (0419-370076) or Alan (0412-840644) 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 TERRY HUDSON, VOLUNTEER...** "I don't cook (our Ladies do better than I).

However, I have found another way of helping, with Ray Lance and others, in going out into the community to help bring to fruition our Petition to the State Parliament for a grant which would allow us to purchase a property for Crisis Accommodation for the suddenly homeless. We find the majority of people are willing to sign up to support this worthwhile cause. Our volunteers in Community @ 3 are people who don't say 'why' but say 'why not' when asked for assistance. We see many needs and opportunities in our community, and at times go outside our comfort zones to assist. We hope that those who read this newsletter will be moved to follow that lead."



#### SMALL DOG WANTED

Steve is a member of our Community at 3 family. He would love a small dog for companionship.

Steve resides alone in a unit in Laurieton with permission to keep a small dog. Do you know anyone looking for a home for a small dog?



If you know, can you please phone Steve directly on..  
**0434-189277**

#### YOU EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS!

We asked you for 10,000 signatures for our Petition for funding to the NSW Government.



You exceeded all our expectations.

You gave us **over 12,400 signatures.**

Thank you so much for such an overwhelming show of support for our Transitional Accommodation Project for emergency, short term housing for the suddenly homeless in our region.

Leslie Williams MP (seen here with Theo and Steffan) is now in discussion with the Government to press our case for funding. Please pray.

**THANK YOU AGAIN EVERYONE!**

#### PEOPLE WANT TO HELP

If you are one of the many who have said "Let me know if you need specific help", you could obtain supplies of dog & cat food for those living in cars with cats or dogs. If you can help please contact Theo on **0419-370076**

#### URGENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We urgently require accommodation for a 62-year-old single lady, no pets or vices. Her car was her home but was involved with a semi-trailer & written-off, thus no home. She has some medical issues and requires to be fairly near a bus stop or bus route.

#### RECENT HELP GIVEN

- ✓ assisted 16 new homeless adults and 11 children
- ✓ reunited one man & one woman to their families
- ✓ supported another charity with supplies



### COMMUNITY at 3 GUESTS GIVE GENEROUSLY

Our Guests, whom we serve each week, had an opportunity *themselves*, at Christmas, to *give to others* in need. Last December **Lauren Watt** (seen here with her kids Johnny & Beatrix) organised Christmas hampers for those in serious need in the Port Macquarie area. We saw this as an opportunity to ask our Guests whether *they* would like to be the ones to contribute exclusively to 4 hampers for **Lauren's** project. They were all delighted to give what they could and Lauren picked up the hampers before Christmas. Well done to every one of our Guests who contributed to the hampers. Often we feel more blessed when we bless others.

### MORE HELP FOR OUR COMMUNITY FROM ANONYMOUS DONOR

Many of you know that we have had two motor vehicles used to serve those in need in our community – a bus and a small car – both purchased from funds donated by members of the local community. The bus enables us to transport groups of people, in particular to and from our weekly BBQ meals. The car is used to assist a small number of people to and from places they are otherwise unable to attend, especially medical appointments and oncology treatments. We have now received another motor vehicle, once more purchased from funds donated by a member of the local community, who wishes to remain anonymous – this time a van, which we can now use to move households of furniture and goods when people need to relocate, help with large deliveries for those on limited income and generally help in our community when a need arises for heavy movement of furniture/equipment etc. We are ever so grateful for these motor vehicles, which give us so many more opportunities to help those who really need it.

THANK YOU to those most generous people, all of whom wish to remain anonymous.



THE BUS (called "SUNNY")



THE SMALL CAR



Why is there a picture of a Sunflower on our bus, Sunny?  
(and soon to be on our van, Sunny 2)

Sunflowers serve as a symbol of light and hope for those living with mental health challenges around the world.

Have you noticed: Sunflowers grow towards sunlight with their faces tracking the sun.

Sunflowers are yellow; the colour of joy, happiness and hope, symbolizing that mental health issues can often be successfully treated or managed.



THE NEW VAN (called "SUNNY 2")

**"If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. If you look at what you do have in life, you'll always have more."**



Together in Community  
Glenn Maas, Secretary



*Thank You!*

Should you wish to make a donation....

our bank details are..

**BSB: 932-000 Account No: 500 187 503**

(Please advise email address if tax deductible receipt required)....alternatively you can go online and donate via **PayPal** or by **Direct Deposit**

<https://communityat3.org.au/donate/>

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