

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 from 2.30pm for a FREE MEAL
at the **Kew Country Club, 185 Kendall Rd, Kew – all are welcome**

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Committee Members: Theo Hazelgrove (Chairman), Alan Kilminster, Fran Burns, Glenn Maas, Ann Macinante, Tom Witte, Marja Collins, Doug Pope, Robyn L'Huillier, Cheryl Buttsworth, Ross McKay, Nathan Killick (Public Officer & Chaplain) and Dr Sam Nelapati, Staffan Andler, Rob Dwyer MP, Chantelle Ansell & Dean Noble (our 5 Patrons)

We pay our respects to the original custodians, the Biripi People, and elders past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.

SOME SAD STORIES OF WOMEN WE MET RECENTLY (names changed for privacy)

- Ruth - homeless, hungry and tired – sleeping in van – gave her food voucher and a meal.
- Connie – Homeless for years – tried to reconnect her with family – not interested – looked very unwell – organised car to take her to hospital emergency – told her food voucher for her when she gets out.
- Jean – sleeping in unregistered car – hungry – gave her meal from Kew Corner Store & food voucher.
- Helen, 36, very lonely, looks very undernourished, sleeping rough in her vehicle (an unregistered sedan) and also couch surfing whenever she can. Not interested in reconnecting with her family; no phone, no identification. She is one of many like that whom we see regularly. She is not interested in doing anything to improve her life. Her comment: "I'm just waiting to die". We provided her with a care pack and some food for the week, and some hot food from Kew Corner Store as she hadn't had a hot meal for some time.
- Vanessa, 45, sleeps wherever she can find a doorway or a little bit of cover. Has several children but doesn't know where they are; very lonely, very tired, very confused; referred her to a Doctor. Also not had a hot meal for some time; gave her one from Kew Corner Store & some of our pantry food. Offered her a backpack bed but she declined saying it was too much to carry. Not showered for some months but wasn't concerned.
- Sue, 40s, sleeping in car with three-year-old son. Has not good references - the reason why she hasn't been able to get permanent accommodation and of course there is not much available. Her son looks deprived of many things that a family should have. Provided her with a food voucher for \$100 from Woolworths as well as some clothes and some toys for her son. Always welcome to return if need a bit more assistance.

SADLY, WE SEE BETWEEN 50 – 100 LOCAL HOMELESS PEOPLE EACH MONTH; THE PROBLEM IS IMMENSE



Community at 3 and Laurieton Fishing Club shared funds raised at the Diamond Waters Caravan Park Australia Day Celebrations
THANK YOU Tammy Foster and all concerned

DID YOU KNOW?...

...that for some time, at our weekly BBQ meals, we promote "**Charity of the Month**", where our **Guests** are invited to donate to other Volunteer groups. So far, these groups have benefitted...

- ✓ Kendall Riding for the Disabled
- ✓ Choir of Hard Knocks PMQ
- ✓ Birpai Feed the Mob
- ✓ Endeavour Club House, PMQ
- ✓ A Burmese Orphanage
- ✓ Laurieton Legacy
- ✓ Bonny Hills Landcare
- ✓ Aboriginal Care workers caravanning in outback SA
- ✓ and others



WHAT DID WE DO IN JANUARY?

In January, we did the following things:

- ✓ Gifted 2 of our small caravans (with the blessing of those who donated them to us) to select people to be used by them as a permanent home. They were so excited and grateful.
- ✓ Gifted car roof top accommodation (again with the approval of the donor) to a person who will also use it as their home.
- ✓ Gave away food vouchers and food from our Pantry Store to the value of \$3,685.
- ✓ Organised our special, anonymous Donors to donate money for special causes to a total amount of \$1,200.
- ✓ In addition to the many hours our Volunteers spend caring for those in need in our community, our Chairman Theo interviews most who come to us seeking direct assistance, and this month spent 110 voluntary hours doing that and associated activities. Most people are unaware of the number of our Volunteers (and those from many other organisations too) doing great work behind the scenes to help make our community a better place.



ROTARY IS ALWAYS THERE

Judy Molloy from The **Rotary Club of Laurieton** delivering food and gifts for Christmas.

Thank you so much to all the Club Members.

We are always grateful for your constant support for those doing it tough in the Camden Haven.



A FATHER & DAUGHTER

One of our regular BBQ Volunteers is Muso **Jim**. Sometimes he is able to coax his daughter

Michelle up to join him.

When he does it is lovely to hear, and also to see a father and his daughter giving the gift of music to

our Guests, which we are able to provide each week thanks to Jim and our other talented Musos. Thank you **Michelle** - get up there with Dad more often!

We have a Facebook page....

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<https://www.facebook.com/communityat3/>

To assist us to expand our profile, from time to time, can you please



any posts you can.

THANK YOU SO MUCH



If you know any other people who might like to receive this monthly Newsletter, please email their name and email address to me....

Glenn at gmaas3@gmail.com



How blessed are we to have a group of generous Donors who wish to remain anonymous, and upon whom we can call for funds in very special cases.

We do not call on them often, only when we assess a unique circumstance needing help.

WE SO MUCH VALUE THEIR SUPPORT



"Ever tried and failed?
No worries.
Try again, fail again -
Fail better.."

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

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