

CLUBS & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Clubs & Community Awards (C&C 2019)

Disability, Welfare & Social Inclusion

Camden Haven Community at 3



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Entrant details

Position Name | Marketing & Entertainment Coordinator

Entry details

Club Name | Laurieton United Services Club

1. Provide an outline of your program/project that addresses each of the aspects noted to the right:

Camden Haven Community at 3 – now in its 3rd year welcomes people who are homeless, lonely or in financial difficulty. The group's volunteers help those in need find accommodation, work, emergency housing as well as connecting them to services in the community on an individual needs basis. Their message is simple "We want to give - 'a hand up not a hand out' because we believe - 'a little bit of hope can change a life'."

They offer a free weekly connect barbeque each Wednesday at 4pm at Laurieton United Services Club where the group and their volunteers can bond and build a rapport with the guests as well as providing them with the necessary support that they may require. The Orange Sky Laundry van also attends offering a free laundry service for those who require it.

2. Provide an insight into why this program/project was supported by the club/individual.

It all began with a vision - Graham Lee a local business man through no fault of his own found himself homeless when he lost his business with nowhere to turn. Graham was homeless for over 4 years and experienced a lot of dark times before finding his way back.

The notion of Community at 3 came to Graham at 2am in the morning; approaching local Pastor Nathan Killick, Rob Dwyer Security Manager, Laurieton United Services Club and Theo Hazelgrove where together a simple notion became a reality with the first barbecue being held in August 2016.

In the beginning this initiative was realised due to the commitment of four determined members of the community with a vision to shed light on the stigma around homelessness and mental illness; as well as providing a support network for members of the community who needed a hand up.

3. Provide a brief summary of the support that your club/individual provided to this program/project.

Rob Dwyer and the club have played a significant role in getting this initiative off the ground as well as the ongoing growth. Firstly by supporting the initiative and providing the club's facilities on an ongoing basis and also by helping to create awareness through the club and local media channels to both encourage those who would benefit from the service to

attend as well as throughout the community to gather more support and encourage social inclusion.

4. Provide a summary of the outcomes this program/project achieved and how the club's/individual's contribution helped in this success. Where possible, please quantify your response.

Community at 3 have big hopes and plans for the future with many projects on the horizon; the first being a new initiative called 'Mentor Me' designed to reach out to community members identified to be without a support network and who have become reclusive; with the goal to reconnect them with family and introduce them back into the community.

An new emergency accommodation facility for the local area is another project which is in the early stages. Although there is a facility currently in Port Macquarie, the requirements far out way availability meaning many are turned away. It is a massive undertaking and weighs heavily on government funding; however with the grit and determination of this group we are confident it will be destined for realisation in the not too distant future.

Laurieton United Services Club has contributed to the success by providing facilities, support and financial donations to ensure not only the continuation of this project but also the potential for growth to undertake these new and important projects for the future.

The biggest and most significant vision for Community at 3 is to inspire other local communities without support networks to jump on the bandwagon and introduce a similar initiative – it all starts with a little gumption and a simple barbecue.

5. Provide a summary of how the community responded to the project. Please provide examples to support your answer.

In 2019 Community at 3 became a registered charity with over 24 volunteers and the support of many local businesses including Oasis by the River, Camvet, Scott's Plaza Bakehouse, Club North Haven, T-Bones Premium meats and of course Laurieton United Services Club the home of community at 3; just to name a few.

The local community have also become major supporters with countless donations of food, clothing, toiletries and financial contributions. Community at 3 has also introduced a Christmas appeal with the help of Kew Corner Store acting as the hub for the Christmas gifts donated to the cause by members of the community.

Community at 3 has become widely known throughout the community and has now reached the level that when someone sees someone who is potentially homeless and in distress their first point of contact is this organisation who drops everything, even in the middle of the night to go to the persons aid. The number of people helped by Community at 3 is numerous and on different levels from providing a hot meal to finding accommodation, medical services and even filling their car with petrol to get them to a relatives house hours away.

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Name of President/Secretary Manager

| Robert Dwyer

Title

| Secretary Manager

Date

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