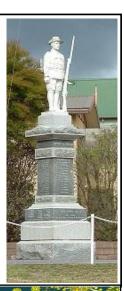


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# January/February 2022



# Australia Day Ceremony 2022

8AM: Breakfast by Dungog Rotary Club 9AM: Official Ceremony featuring:

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COMMUNITY SURVEY Dungog Shire Cultural Plan

Dungog Shire Council is developing a Cultural Plan and has engaged The Creative Ingredient to consult with the community about what they want.

The information gathered in this survey will help inform the development of the Plan. The Cultural Plan will guide Council in supporting arts, culture and heritage in Dungog Shire.

#### MORE INFORMATION

www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/play/dungog-shire-cultural-plan Project lead: Christopher Saunders 0418 477 156 | hello@creativeingredient.com.au

# DUNGOG SHIRE CULTURAL PLAN 2022-2026

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Survey link: surveymonkey.com/r/ dungogculturalplan



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# Dr. David GILLESPIE MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LYNE

# HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

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- Clarence Town Road upgrade
- Dungog Main Street upgrade
- Bingleburra Road safety upgrades
- Intersection upgrade Durham Road, Gresford
- Bridge Reserve's new amenities building
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# Around the Churches

### St. John's, Clarence Town.

Hello to everyone again,

Hello to you all and a Happy New Year, and we pray that 2022 is a much better outcome for all.

As we begin the New Year not a lot has changed. It was good to see some friendly faces, old and new, at our Christmas Eve service, and many thanks for the Reverend Chris Freestone for coming to officiate at that service for us. It is always good to see him and Marg. Our service times for Sunday Holy Communion remain at 10am.

One of our elderly members of the church celebrated her 100yrs young in November, Congratulation **Iris**, a wonderful achievement.

The Church grounds look lovely, neat and tidy, thanks to Snowy. We heard along the grape vine you are now a grandparent, congratulations to you and Donna, and a big congratulation to the parents.

We will farewell the Rev'd. Ruth Brand, in January. Ruth has been with us for only a short period, but it was lovely to meet her and John and to share worship and morning teas together. We will be welcoming the Rev'd. Kimbalee Hodges later this month. She will be Commissioned as our new Rector and will minister to Bendolba, Clarence Town and Dungog.

Hopefully this coming year 2022 we can plan to hold our *Pancake Day [Shrove Tuesday] on Tuesday the 1st March, 2022.* Any desired pancake filling by anyone, please bring along for everyone to try. Usual time – 6pm in our Church Hall. (Air conditioned!)

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends.

## Lois and Barrie

# PANCAKE NIGHT

Tuesday, 1st March, 2022 Anglican Church Hall - Clarence Town

#### 6pm

Batter provided - please bring a filling of your choice. Everyone most welcome to attend. For more info - phone Sue - 4996 5528

#### St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.



At the time of writing (13/12/22) we are on the cusp of more restrictions being lifted for our communities – oh what a joy it will be to be able to sing freely songs of praise and worship in our churches! 2021 proved to end on a high note – even though the shadow of the Omicron strain lurks in the background.

So much disruption could be cause for feeling quite depressed, but God in his faithfulness is still hard at work. The fruits of his labours are very evident as seen in the lives that are being changed by the power and truth of the Gospel. We see this prominently as it is studied in our growth groups, preached from the pulpit and chatted about with friends and colleagues while moving and working in our communities.

While many of the church activities we had hoped to commence in 2021 were pretty much scuttled by the lock downs, they were only postponed and so we hope to be implementing our new Strategic Plan for 2022 with extra gusto, namely our new church building construction project, Mental Health First Aid course, Mainly Music Play group, Youth Group, men's and women's events, picnic and social days. Our thirst for physical fellowship has only grown more intense due to the Covid lockdowns. We pray for God to continue to restrain the effects of the disease, so we might experience the greater joy of working together for the growth of his Kingdom in this beautiful part of his creation.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to keeping church services going in 2021 by being on all the various rosters, whether it be Bible reading, service leading, doing kids talks, prayers, church band, welcoming, morning tea or cleaning rosters etc. – all have used their many gifts well and contributed greatly to the life and body of the church. The new rosters have been done for Jan-Jun with a few more volunteers added to the crew.

From the pulpit, we will be back in John's gospel in February and March, and then the mighty letter to the Galatians!

Other exciting news is the pending Ordination of a new Elder to be held mid-January 2022. We give thanks to God for raising up Godly men to shepherd his church! We continue to pray against the pandemic, for our town, our leaders (especially our new Shire Council members), country and world, both in private and when we meet together and, all the more as we see the great Day of our Lord Jesus approaching.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

In Christ, Rev Allan D. Welch

## St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.

Well, we have left 2021 and all its joys and woes behind, and now with happy hears, s we look forward to what 2022 has in store!! We came together after Mass on December 5<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas morning tea, which was well attended, and Christmas morning, we celebrated the birth of Our Lord at our regular 8am Mass. During November, we remembered all those gone before us with our special 'Mass for the Holy Souls', which, due to rain, was held at the church and not the cemetery. We continue to pray for the respose of the soul of our bishop William Wright, who passed from this life in mid-November – may he rest in peace. We pray for joy, health and happiness for all, and a happy 2022 to all. Pr God Bless. *Marilyn Amos* 

## From the Parson's Pen

Welcome to the New Year! For many churches it's the start of a new preaching program. In the coming months of 2022, I will be doing a preaching series on Paul's letter to the Galatians. (I recently watched a fascinating documentary series that revealed many Galatians were descended from the warlike Celtic Gauls.) The letter itself has to be one of the most fiery epistles in the whole New Testament. And there is good reason for that. In the Galatian church of the day, the very basis of grace was at stake. The more one reads the letter, one cannot but admit the incredible realities that it points to: there is a promise of not cheap, but costly grace and the power of lives lived in Gospel-rooted ways.

The letter exists for grace. It begins with grace, ends with grace and has grace right in the middle. But the grace it speaks of is costly. It is costly because it asks that which costs personally each and every follower of Jesus. Through the call of discipleship, it costs. It is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus, it is costly because is costs people their very lives; it is grace because it thereby makes them live. It is costly because it condemns sin; it is grace because it justifies the sinner, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer so wonderfully points out.

Sadly, the early church as far back as the second century has had to do battle to fight the temptation to settle for cheap grace instead. The twentieth century saw its fair share of this conflict as well, leading the pastor-theologian Bonhoeffer to also advise, "Cheap grace is the mortal enemy of our church. Our struggle today is for costly grace." In the face of a disastrously lifeless Protestantism of twentieth century Germany, Bonhoeffer articulated a problem that the church constantly faces.

And so even today, over seventy five years later, our situation is the same. Many churches in Australia are awash with cheap grace. The cultural change going on in Australia is making this issue abundantly clear. Those who hold to a doctrine of cheap grace are those who abandon the truth of the Gospel for the easy road of falling into line with the latest whim of secular society. But those who hold to the costly grace doctrine, of staying faithful to Scripture, of adhering to the principle that there is evil in the world and that some things are always morally bankrupt, regardless of how fashionable they may become amongst the masses.

Those who take the path of costly grace will be persecuted in this time for doing so. But the price of costly grace, ensures an eternity of paradise. The letter to the Galatians propels us towards living in ways that are defined by the Gospel itself, and that its boasting is not of the latest fad or politics of the fashionistas but boasting always in the cross of Christ alone.

To gain an understanding of Galatians, is to understand that living the authentic Christian life is deeply sacrificial, and it will be painful. If not, then it is probably not Christian, but perhaps a form of moralistic therapeutic deism. If one's life is not cross shaped, and so patterned after Christ's own life then it's probably not Christian, because the Lord's own life was not a safe sanitised version of life. It was a life of faithful endurance and suffering and sacrifice. A life of obedience to death, even death on a cross – and this, for our sake and our salvation!

May we all consider costly grace and what it will mean for the way we live in this New Year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty two!

> **Rev Allan D Welch Clarence Town Presbyterian Church**

#### Christ Church, Dungog.

Christ Church Op Shop will open on Friday 7th January and each Friday following from 8.30 am to 2 pm. Our Market Day for January will be held on Saturday 8th from 8 am to 12 noon.

The February Markets will go back to our first Saturday time slot on the 5th February and then the 5th March. Our markets have been very popular and we were very sorry to have to cancel our December one due to the very wet grounds.

Thanks to all our volunteers for 2021, for helping with all the Covid rules and extra work. We hope 2022 will be a better year for us all!!

On the 24th January 2022 at 6 pm we will welcome our new priest the Rev Kimbalee Hodges. It will be two years since we had a full time priest but we thank all the Locums we have had during that time for looking after us. All the best for the New Year

Margaret Flannery

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# <u>Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure</u> <u>Centre.</u>

What a year we have had, with lockdowns again. It has been good to be open again and welcoming all of our friends into the Op Shop and we really do thank you for your support over the years and also for abiding with all of the COVID regulations.

Thanks also to our wonderful volunteers once again, without whom we would not be able to offer this service to our community.

I pray that you all have been able to have a wonderful Holy Season with your family and friends, and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

<u>Wanted</u> - someone to fetch and carry our bags of clothing either weekly or on a roster. If you could help, please contact me on 4994 9168.

**Gillian Finch** 

## Focus on Health & Fitness

After 14 years of writing this article in our local news letter, this will be my last.

Back in 2007 I asked Sue if I could do a regular article to hopefully provide some information & inspiration regarding fitness & health. I must thank Sue right now for being so patient with my tardiness in getting my articles to her over the years. I imagine it sometimes felt like pulling teeth for her. I feel we, the Clarence Town community, owe a debt of thanks to Sue & her team for the effort they put in.



The best you can be

My first article highlighted the fundamentals of being healthy. Eat well and keep active as much as possible, and that certainly has not changed over the years. I would like to emphasise in this, my last article, the importance of staying active & mobile as we get older. Even it takes a bit of effort & sweat. We each have our own stories & journeys and staying active is different for each of us. I had massage & PT clients who were in their 60's who were doing triathlons or rowing regattas, even one in their 40's who went to Everest base camp. I've also had clients who were recovering from serious illness or surgery. One in particular, Glen, who had a number of battles with cancer which he sadly succumbed to. He still holds a spot in my heart with his bravery. They all had two things in common. They all did THEIR best and they were all better off for having made the effort.

Some people think "it's fine for you to give advice, you've always been fit & healthy". Not so. Those who know me personally know I've had my share of serious health issues over the years which I've managed to drag myself back from. Let's just say I win the scar competition at the end of year party. I've recently had a pacemaker fitted. I don't say this to have anyone feel sorry for me, that's the last thing I want. I say it to let you know you too can do it. I'm 60 years old & I continue to train, admittedly not like I did even 10 years ago, but I do what I can (& maybe then some).

Just try to stay as active as YOU can, but be kind to yourself. You owe it to yourself & your family. If for no other reason other than avoiding, for as long as possible, needing someone to help you on & off the toilet.

Stay safe, stay well, stay happy and thankyou for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you over the years.

## **Robert King** Zenith Fitness & Massage



On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Iris Flannery who resided at Brookfield for 76 years and is now a resident of Lara Aged Care Dungog, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on a beautiful morning in the



outdoor area at Lara with family, church members, friends and staff from Dungog Neighbourcare. Iris received many beautiful floral arrangements and cards as well as letters of congratulations from Her Majesty the Oueen. The Governor-General of Australia, The Prime Minister, The Federal Member for Lyne Dr David Gillespie, The Governor of NSW, The Premier of NSW, The Deputy Premier of NSW, The State Member for Upper Hunter Dave Layzell. Iris also received a surprise telephone call from Dr David Gillespie.

When asked which letter she was most excited to receive, Iris's eyes lit up and she quickly replied, "The Oueen".

Iris would like to say a big thank you to those who made her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a very special and memorable occasion by their attendance on the day and to those who sent floral arrangements and cards and made phone calls.

#### KERBSIDE BULKY WASTE & SCRAP METAL CLEAN-UP 7 to 18 February 2022

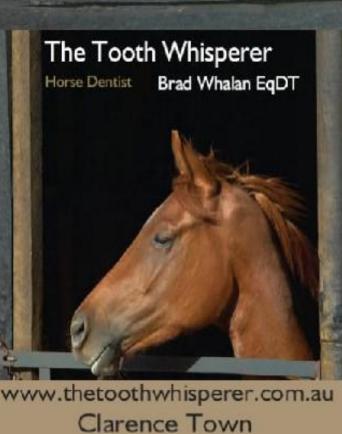
Dungog Shire Council is providing a Bulky Waste & Scrap Metal Clean-Up for all residential properties currently receiving a weekly waste collection. Collections will commence on Monday the **7<sup>th</sup> of February**. Residents are requested to put their Waste out the weekend before. Clean-up material should be placed at the location of your regular waste collection. Waste material deposited in any other location will be considered to be illegally dumped and action may be taken against persons responsible. NOTE: Collections will only consist of a single pass per property for bulky waste and a separate single pass for metal. Waste or metal placed after these passes will not be collected. Collection vehicles record the date and time of each pass. Collections may occur at any time during the allotted time period. The volume of waste collected from any one property shall not exceed two cubic metres. Bulky waste includes larger items of household waste. cceptable items are: Household appliances and whitegoods (all doors <u>must</u> be removed) Furniture, painted wooden products and fittings Pottery, ceramics and chinaware Tools, scrap metal, empty tins (lids off) and drums. (Sorted separate to other Bulky Waste) Other bulky household items Items must be able to be handled by two people • Loose items must be bundled or contained Wire, must be rolled and tied securely These materials will **NOT** be collected: Mattresses Building and demolition materials, concrete, bricks, tiles, fencing and plumbing fixtures Trade, industrial and shop waste Motor vehicles, engines, car parts, batteries and **tyres** Commercial and hazardous waste including asbestos, insulation batts and fibro Gas bottles and fire extinguishers Fuels, oils, paint and vessels or machinery containing liquids eg. mowers, oil heaters etc. Cement bags and large carpet rolls Windows or sliding doors that contain glass, glass table tops and broken glass. Green Waste including tree roots and branches Small loose items will not be accepted Material suitable for placement in the resident's MGBs - food scraps, recyclable material, household garbage. Fencing in large quantities and wire that is not rolled and tied securely Lengths of material longer than 1.8m (excluding lounges etc.) Hot water systems larger than 260 litres Enquiries ~ JR RICHARDS & SONS ~ 1300 343 507 Edser Plant & Civil Pty Ltd **Glen Oak** All Types of excavation work The Tooth Whisperer \* Road Construction \* Land Clearing Horse Dentist Brad Whalan EgDT \* Dam Construction \* Stump Removal *The supply and delivery of* \*Road base \*Sand \*Gravel \*Soil

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# **Clarence Town Public School**

Wow! What a year 2021 was. At Clarence Town Public School it was busy and full of success around our core business - the education of our young citizens. As the year ended we looked back and celebrated a very successful, if different and challenging year. The opportunities the students had in academic, sport, arts, music, public speaking, culture and wellbeing areas were wide and varied. While some of the aspects of these opportunities were different to previous years, due to NSW Health and NSW DoE recommendations and guidelines, they were no less successful.



We had students representing our school on the sporting field, in debates, public speaking and culturally. While virtual spaces became our share points with zoom meetings, virtual debates, music lessons and excursions; our technology resources, skills and knowledge came into their own. We may have spent a large part of the year confined to the physical space of our school, but this in no way limited our capacity to experience the world beyond our fence line. The innovation of staff, the support of our community and networks allowed our students to engage and learn in new and exciting ways. The resilience of families shone during learning from home and we were able to connect and share through learning packs, photos, stories, zoom meetings, wellbeing events, dress ups and mindfulness. When we returned to face to face teaching we were able to reflect upon our shared experiences and celebrate our community spirit.

In 2021 we really saw the academic success of our maths, writing and reading initiatives from the last 3 years blossom with excellent NAPLAN results and exceptional growth in literacy and numeracy. These results were also reflected in our school based data and external testing results all the way from Kindergarten to Year 6! We now look forward to these results being not just sustainable but continuing to excel.

We ended the year with a culmination of altruism and celebration which Clarence Town Public School is very proud of. Each year ends with a mix of joy and sadness as we farewell and welcome new students and colleagues. 2021 was no exception and we farewelled 20 Year 6 students to High School and the next chapter in their education. As they rang the old school bell as they departed Clarence Town Public School for the last time, they were reflecting on their memories of Primary School and looking forward to what was to come. In 2022 we welcome 25 new Kindergarten students to begin their school career, carrying on from their successful preschool time. During our Orientation and Transition to Kindergarten program they have each shown their eagerness and readiness for 'big' school. Our Student Leaders had the opportunity to lead in a very different way in 2021 and Mark, Jada, Riley F. Aylia, Ewan and Sophie did this exceptionally well, learning so much along the way. We know that Darcy, Rhiania, Sam, Riley C, Cooper and Duncan will carry on this leadership in 2022 as they transition into the Student Leaders roles.

Clarence Town Public School has always maintained a wonderful sense of tradition, with a history of multigenerational families attending our school; this combined with being open to new families and ideas, creates the building block our school grows from. This foundation, along with the wonderful staff and active school community surrounded by a great community within the town and its surrounds, ensures quality education will continue to flourish at Clarence Town Public School in 2022 and beyond.

We are looking forward to a great start to the year, knowing that whatever comes our way, we will get through it together and continue to educate the future leaders of our world. Thank you for the part you played to support our school in 2021. With the sound of the old school bell ringing in our ears we look forward to a positive and successful year.

Louise Blakemore

Principal

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# <u>Around The District</u>

<u>G'day from Clarence Town and District Historical Museum</u>



As the new president, I would like to

thank the previous committee for all their hard work, especially during such difficult times due to the pandemic. A big thank you to Joanne Foley, Jenny Foley, Cavan Foley, Jenny Hinton and Sue Flannery. Things have been hard for all of us and they have done a fantastic job!

In 2022, we hope to get things going again if the pandemic eases. We look forward to hosting markets, raffles, open days and many other special events.

We are always looking for new members, we would love to have you join us and help preserve our history. We welcome everyone - all ages and from all different walks of life.

We look forward to the future and what 2022 will bring. We hope everyone has a safe and happy new year.

Justine Talevski - President.

To get in touch our email is <u>clarencetownmuseum@yahoo.com</u>, Our phone number is 0401 188 849, or you can reach us through Facebook.

#### Clarence Town School of Arts News



Covid restrictions are easing so it is great to be opening the Hall for functions again! Already there have been 2 baby

showers held at the Hall, and, with Christmas close, tables and chairs are being hired. It is good to have some income again to assist with Hall upkeep. Hopefully, in 2022, we may be able to organise some Hall fund-raiser events. It would be great to have some new and enthusiastic Hall Committee members, so please, people of Clarence Town, get your thinking caps on! The Hall is such a great venue, and we need to use it more often. For bookings, call Michael Duffy on 0420 757 656. If he doesn't answer, leave a voice message, or text message and he WILL get back to you. Otherwise, leave a message with me on 0417 964 122.

*Venessa McFarlane* Secretary

# **Official Rainfall 2021**

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January	200.4mm
February	141.4mm
March	362.8mm
April	31.0mm
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June	72.2mm
July	35.0mm
August	60.6mm
September	62.0mm
October	72.0mm
November	236.4mm
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#### Tim Gorton

# **Council Report**



## **Council Election Results**

The election was run by the NSW Electoral Commission in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 at a cost of approximately \$123,000. Following the outcome of the 2017 referendum, this election introduced a popularly elected mayor for the first time and reduced the number of councillors per Ward from three to two.

The Local Government Regulations had no procedure for the situation where there was only one candidate for mayor and that person had also nominated as a candidate for election as a Councillor. Whilst Mayor John Connors is congratulated, this meant that he could not have his name removed from the A Ward ballot papers and nor could he place appropriate notices at the polling booth. Despite his efforts to notify the public not to vote for him, he still received about 260 votes.

Also, he could not be declared as Mayor until voting closed at 6.00 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> December. In 43 years of the operation of the Regulations there had never been an instance of only one candidate nominating for Mayor, and this needs to be addressed because it certainly disrupted the elections.

The Electoral Commission website crashed several times during its management of the elections, and in particular "I vote" went offline during the voting period.

The final results of the election of councillors was not to be announced before the deadline for closing of submissions to The Sentinel, so the following results are indicative only of the outcomes, with the progressive number of primary votes counted as follows:

Ward A. With a total of 2377 electors enrolled. Michael Dowling 826 Stephen Farrow 290 John Connors

261 Michael Tobin 603 Ward D. With a total of 2528 alectory arralled

Ward B. With a total of 2538 electors enrolled.Jessica Clark 750Alan Green 404Stephen Low 931Ward C. With a total of 2517 electors enrolled.Digby Rayward964Bradley Bale 612Peter Millyn459Those persons underlined have already reached the quota

Those persons underlined have already reached the quota for election.

Because of the proximity to Christmas of the declaration of election results, the outgoing Council authorized Mayor Connors and Mr. Gareth Curtis, General Manager to conduct the affairs of Council until the new councillors could be sworn in. **Steve Low** 

## Email: stevelow49@tpg.com.au

Council Facilities & Services Closure Information.

	Will as soon as Tuesday Alexandre 2022
Council Office/ Service NSW	Will re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.
Agency	
Dungog Library	Will re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.
Works Depot	Will resume standard operations on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.
Dungog Waste Management	Closed on New Year's Day and then will operate normal hours.
Facility	Thursday, Friday and Monday from 8.00 am till 5.00 pm and
	Saturday and Sunday from 8.00 am until 12.00 midday.
	Contact phone number for the landfill is: 49921634
Visitor Information Centre	Closed on New Year's Day and reopening Monday, 3 January 2022.
Emergency Contact	Roads & Bridges 0407 721 224

# More Around The District



### From the Lion's Den.

By the time you are reading this Christmas and 2021 will be over. 2021 was an interesting year and for many a difficult one so let's hope that 2022 brings us all more freedom and happiness.

The Lions were able to assist a local family with some food and fuel recently which was a pleasure for us to do. This is actually the community's money in action as funds that we raise through our market stall, raffles and other fundraising is used within the community and other worthwhile causes.

This year the Lions have donated funds to Westpac Helicopter, Destiny Haven, Palliative Care at Dungog, the local Schools, Breast Cancer Foundation, Lions Save Sight Charities, assisted two local families in need and many more worthwhile causes.

We held our last market of the year our "Twilight Market" at the new Sporting Field Complex and what a wonderful facility it is. Clarence Town now has a wonderful facility that can be used for not only the sporting codes but for other Community Events as well. The market was a roaring success, and many people were able to get those last-minute gifts, reading material for the Christmas break and some great treats.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December and the winners' details are on display in the glass cabinet outside the IGA. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Our Markets are back on every month in 2022 except for December so we hope that you will all come along and support the Lions Club as well as the many stall holders that come each month.

The Lions Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who support us either with our fundraising efforts or by attending events and markets that we have.

We have a few exciting plans for next year so watch this space..

If you would like to become part of the friendly Lions team, please contact us through Facebook or call Annette on 0419964208

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in

Lion Annette

## New South Wales

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□ Fire Danger Ratings and Bush Fire Alerts at <u>www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</u> or on the Fires Near Me Smartphone app.

□ Weather conditions at www.bom.gov.au

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□ How you can call for help.

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□ Secure and prepare your home. Don't put on FB that you are going away but tell your neighbours if you trust them.

□ Don't forget plans for your pets and stock.

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You will need to provide your own rackets and balls. Court hire fees are \$10 per hour during day time and \$15 per hour at night time.

We will commence back with Hotshots and Night Competition when school returns in 2022. You can also check out our Facebook page. Have a great holiday season.



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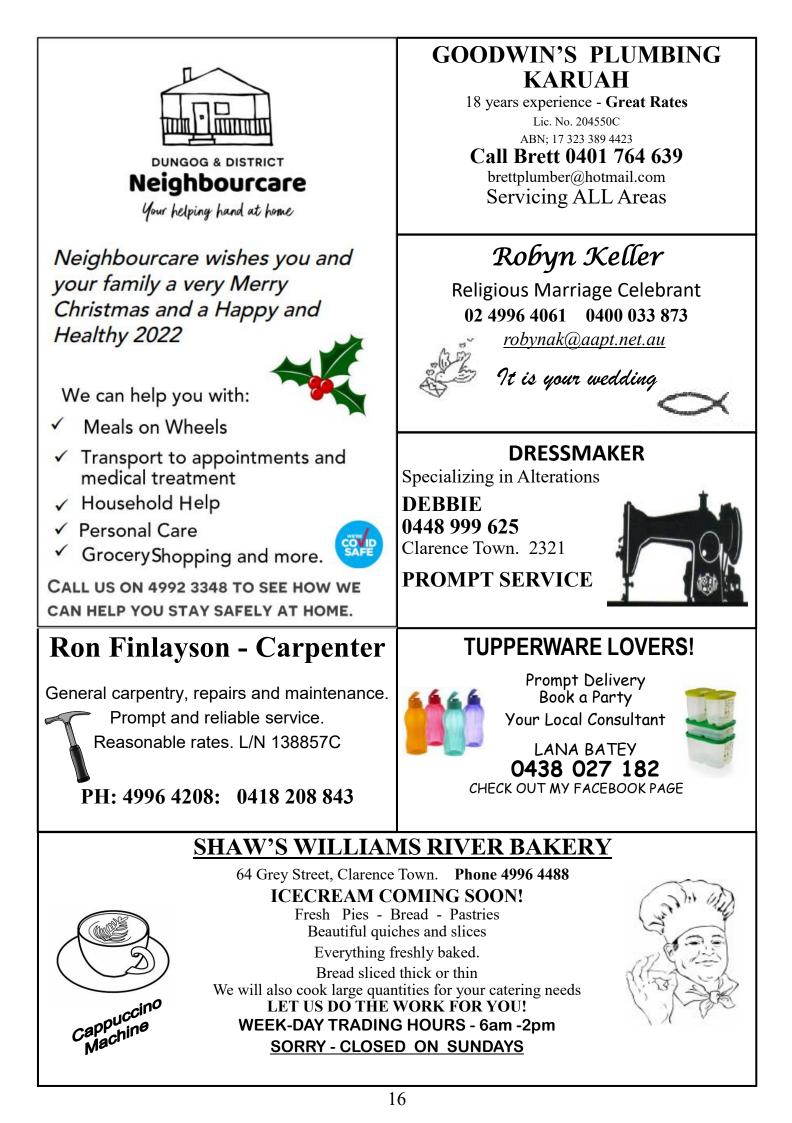


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# 1st CLARENCE TOWN SCOUTS

1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Town Scouts year ended with a bit of a Christmas party on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. It was a fun night with a water fight, outdoor games and a BBQ. To say it has been a disrupted year for Scouts, like most things, is an understatement. Having said that, Robyn and Mark have tried to keep the joeys, cubs and scouts involved as much as possible. I want to thank Robyn and Mark particularly for everything they do for our youth members. Our parent helpers have also been outstanding. This year we have been successful in receiving a couple of grants and some donations to our group. We had a Christmas raffle as well and I congratulate all the winners.

Scouts will return in 2022 on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. On behalf of the leaders we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. See everyone safe and well in 2022. **Brad Elloy** 

We meet on Tuesday nights between 6.30pm and 8pm during school terms.

Scout Hall 747 Glen William Road, Glen William.

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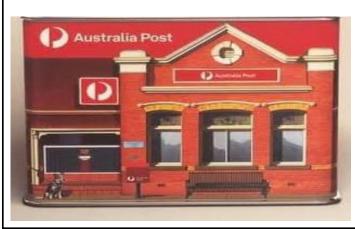
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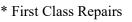
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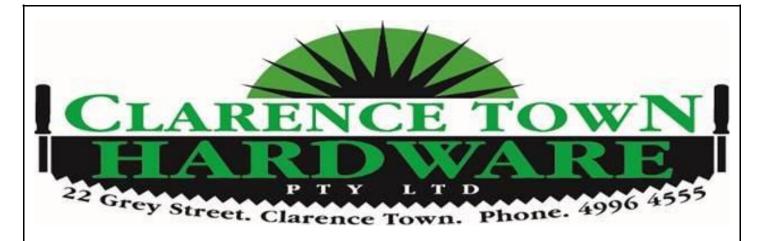
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