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## THE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING !!!

Clarence Town Bicentenary of Settlement is 2023!

Unfortunately, not much interest has been shown so far in organizing an event to celebrate this occasion. Clarence Town is the 7<sup>th</sup> oldest town in NSW it would be a shame to let this milestone go by uncelebrated.

Come along to our Progress Association meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month to become part of a sub-committee to organize this event.

We are hoping to get together soon as there are a lot of decisions to be made i.e., when in the year to hold the event – how big should it be – are there enough interested people to run the event – endless questions!

All organizations (individuals, business, sporting groups etc.) would be invited to be involved and just think of the fund-raising opportunities!

I personally would like to see the same kind of event as we had for the Bicentenary of Navigation. All began on the Friday night, with a 'red faces' night in the school of arts, then a host of events and activities, including a street parade (with floats) on the Saturday, some event in the School of Arts on the Saturday night, and more activities on the Sunday.

If you would be interested in becoming involved, please contact **Sue on 4996 5528** as soon as possible.

Please seriously consider all of this and give Sue a call or come along to our Progress Association meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month and become part of a sub-committee to organize this event. We need to begin to prepare.

Thanks.  
Sue Flannery

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service

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any changes  
(Di Bennett Secretary)

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## FIVE NEW SECTIONS OF CLARENCE TOWN ROAD UPGRADES UNDERWAY

Federal funding of \$20 million is delivering major upgrades to Clarence Town Road, with five new sections of work currently underway. The total project is for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of 22 sections of road across 17.6km, to better connect Dungog with Raymond Terrace and the major commercial and community hubs of the Port Stephens and Dungog local government areas. Six sections of the route have already been completed and expected completion of the entire project is mid-2023. Motorists along the route will have a safer trip, with road shoulders widened and corrections made to the road alignment, clearer signage, pavement replacement and improved surfacing meaning less wear and tear on vehicles.



## NEW SPORTS FACILITIES FOR CLARENCE TOWN

Federal funding is helping Clarence Town Rugby League Football Club purchase new seating for the upcoming season. I caught up with Club stalwart Peter "Poopy" Maytom to hear the latest on the new equipment and facilities - sheds, canteen and bar and new fencing - which will be in full swing for the first time this footy season.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR SECURING RECENT FEDERAL FUNDING



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## **Around the Churches**

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

Hello once again. Well this is not my best report. I have had another fall and each time they are worse, longer to recover and always the tearing of the skin takes a lot to recover, in the mean time my husband has the carer to add to his daily chores.

This magazine will not have been distributed by 1<sup>st</sup> March so I hope that there was a good gathering on Pancake night {shrove Tuesday} and everyone had a great night together.

May I take this opportunity to welcome the Reverend Kimbalee Hodges to the Parish of Dungog. As my health improves I hope we can be introduced to her at Sunday services held in Clarence Town.

The Clarence Town hall is still being used by community groups, Yoga classes on Tuesday 9am-10am, Craft group also from 10.30am-2pm, new members are welcomed if you are interested in weaving, knitting, crochet or embroidery. Every Thursday, dancing classes are held in the hall from 5pm-7pm, new members are welcome.

**Our Sunday services at St John's are every Sunday at 10am**, followed morning tea in our hall.

**We have decided to hold a Harvest Festival again this year on Mothering Sunday which will be 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. The proceeds from the sale of goods will go to Missions, as always, so donations of produce and cooking would be gratefully accepted.** May it not be wet like last year!! Then we can hold the Festival in the church grounds, and not indoors.

A Happy Easter to everyone and hope you find lots of hidden Easter eggs. As I started this report I would like to thank everyone who I love so much and due to my health I need to step aside and lessen the burden I am placing on myself and husband. I hope with Gods help I will recover and can continue what I love to do best.

Please be assured that our Parish prays for our community as we still strive to stay safe through this pandemic. If you have any special needs you would like us to pray for, please contact Sue on 4996 5528. You don't need to give your name if you don't want to.

***Lois and Barrie***

### **St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.**

Can't believe it is now March. Time is flying. Our numbers are steady at Mass each week and Father Derek always finds the right thing to say each week to feed our souls. We had a lovely gathering at our first morning tea for the year, which is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, following Mass. We keep in our prayers, those who are ill and going through trauma of any kind, and we pray that God will answer their prayers. Mass each Sunday is at 8am. Everyone most welcome.

God Bless.  
***Marilyn Amos***

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



We finally locked in a date for the Mental Health First Aid course which by time of your reading will have taken place over the 25-27 of February. Delayed many times due to lockdowns (which have no doubt caused a few mental health issues of their own!) it's great to be able to gather and be trained in how to give first aid of a different kind: to those suffering from mental health issues.

January saw our Pastor and his family take some much needed leave, and on our immediate return it was great to be able to celebrate two of our Elders (Col and Bonita Huckstadt) becoming Elders Emeriti with a thankyou lunch at the Claro Bowling Club. Col amazed us with his ability to memorise Scripture passages and shared his favourite passage from Isaiah 55. A previous Minister from Dungog and Clarence Town Presbyterian Church, Rev Tony Adams was present and shared memories of time spent working with Col over many years. A great time was had by all – many thanks to the Committee of Management for organising the do. Col and Bonita loved it!

On Sunday 6th March this year we are receiving a visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of NSW, Mr Adrian Lamrock. Adrian will be preaching on the Pauline prayers at our usual 10am service – all welcome!

This year we have a young lady working with us as she completes the Presbyterian Youth 'Lead for Life' internship. Exciting times ahead as we explore ways to engage with and promote Christian youth groups in our area.

In January we ordained a new Elder, Stephen Bignill to the ranks of our Church Session – welcome Stevo!

This year we will be running the course 'Christianity Explored.' The course is designed ideally for new Christians or those still undecided/unsure or just curious about Christianity. It is a 7 week course based around the book of Mark. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Allan on the numbers listed.

There's a lot coming up in the life of the church this year (Mainly Music, new Growth Group Bible studies commencing (including daytime ladies Bible Study), the new church building project, installing a caretaker over at the Dungog Church Hall, Pastoral Care Teams, new SRE teacher etc.) and while it's busy for sure, we are greatly looking forward to once again celebrating the death and resurrection of our Saviour.

Our Good Friday Service will be held 10am Friday 15th April, Easter Sunday Service 10am Sunday 17th April both at the Clarence Town Public School Hall – all welcome!

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

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## From the Parson's Pen

Hello Dungog, Clarence Town, Bendolba and anywhere you may be reading this in the Dungog Shire! My name is Reverend Kim and I'm your brand-new parish priest for the Anglican Parish of Dungog!

Did you know that our parish incorporates Christ Church Anglican at Dungog, Saint John's in Clarence Town and Saint Peter's in Bendolba? That means I'll be looking after all of these churches.

I worked in education for ten years as a secondary English teacher and before that I stacked shelves at Woolies!

I trained for ministry at East Maitland and Cooks Hill Anglican churches, before receiving a calling to become a full time Parish Priest.

I get asked two questions a whole lot in my role as a priest. The first one is "What do priests do through the day?" and the second is "Aren't you hot in that clergy shirt/cassock?"

To the first question, priests do lots of things through the day! I have been visiting congregation members, meeting new people by having lunch in town at pubs and cafes, preparing the Sunday worship services, pastorally caring for those in our community who need support, answering hard questions about life and death and of course conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals.

One of the things I enjoy most about being a priest is being present to people at all stages in their lives. Because it is the job (and the great joy) of a priest to represent the very real presence of God in our lives. Because God isn't just present in the church building. He is very present with us in our lives, in our struggles and in our joys. I would be very happy to meet with you and simply listen to your story. You are important to me as someone who is made in the Image of God! Please be in contact if I can in any way assist you.

The answer to the second question fits into the answer to the first! Wearing a clergy shirt and collar or a cassock (a long black robe with 33 buttons) is a part of my spirituality as a priest. It is a bit like wearing a footy jersey! It immediately identifies me as someone people can talk to if they need spiritual council or someone to pray for and with them, like a footy jersey announces to the world the team you go for!

Clerical attire simply reminds people that the Church is real and present and active. It absolutely does get hot in these, but God has sacrificed so much for me by sending His Son into the world so that I may be united with God. It is the least I can do to sacrifice some comfort to announce to others that the Kingdom of God is near, present and available to all those who wish to know God deeply.

Please be assured of my daily prayers for you and your communities. Please also pray for me!

Blessings,  
Reverend Kim.

## Christ Church, Dungog.

The Anglican Parish of Dungog welcomed the Rev Kimbalee Hodges on the 24 th January at her commissioning service at Christ Church Dungog. Members from St Peter's Bendolba, St John's Clarence Town and Christ Church warmly welcomed her at the 6 pm service, along with visitors and Clergy from the Diocese.

We had both Bishop Peter Stuart and Assistant Bishop Sonia Roulston conducting the service.

Because Covid restricted the numbers in the Church we had a T V in the hall so we could accommodate all who came. We know many watched it on the Live Stream also.

Following the service we had a Covid safe supper in the grounds, what a beautiful service and night we were blessed with.

The Op Shop continues to keep us busy and it is now great that Cuppa N Chat is back again each Friday 9.30 to 11am in Christ Church Hall, all welcome.

Markets are held on the First Saturday of each month at Christ Church and we usually have around 20 stalls, with more new ones coming. Some come only in summer and some only in winter.

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## **Around The District**

### G'day from Clarence Town and District Historical Museum

Now that everything is starting to open up, we are keen to get things going again.

We would like to welcome everyone to come in for a visit. We are open on the second and last Saturday of every month from 10am until 2pm. If that doesn't suit you, you can contact us to make an appointment on a day and time of your choice.

We hope to be able to start markets, auctions and other events again soon.

We are also happy to host school field trips. Education for the next generation on our local history is important. If any schools wish to visit, please contact us via phone, email or facebook. I will also be approaching local schools soon to ask if they would like to visit.

The committee would like to thank the local community for their continued support of us. We believe preserving history is important and very interesting. We welcome anyone to share historical items with us such as photos, stories, memories, etc.

If you would like to become a member, we are always happily accepting new members. You can come in on an open day or contact us via phone, email or facebook. We are eager to share our history and museum with the community.

**Justine Talevski (President) on behalf of The Museum committee**

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## **Clarence Town School of Arts News**

Firstly, I must backtrack to Remembrance Day last November.

After the official service at the Cenotaph, many of the Attendees met at the Hall where we had a lovely service to unveil the Roll of Honour from St Thomas' Anglican Church Glen William. When the Church was deconsecrated on 31st March 2019, the Roll of Honour was presented to the Clarence Town ANZAC Committee, who decided to display it at the Hall.

We recently met with Christopher Saunders from the Dungog Shire Cultural Plan. He talked about some ideas for the Shire and participation by the public in coming up with suggestions. He was very impressed with the style of our old Hall.

We are also hoping to reintroduce the ballet classes that were so popular.

**Venessa McFarlane**  
Secretary



### **Official Rainfall 2021 / 2022**

#### **Clarence Town Rainfall Station 061010**

July	35.0mm
August	60.6mm
September	62.0mm
October	72.0mm
November	236.4mm
December	90.6mm
January	85.0 mm
February	114.2mm

**Tim Gorton**

## **Council Report**



### **The New Clarence Town Bridge**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has confirmed that the new bridge will have two trafficable lanes suitable for heavy vehicle movements with a single walkway/cycle lane. It will have two main spans with piers at the same spacing as the Brig O'Johnson Bridge.

Preliminary site investigations are ongoing and recently geotechnical investigations were carried out on the approaches and in the river. Council staff advise that these processes will consume about 6 months before tenders could be advertised, and the bridge construction could take another 18 months. The new bridge is being funded with \$5.5 million from the NSW Fixing Country Roads Program and \$8.8 million from the Federal Government.

### **Draft Rural Strategy**

At the February 2022 ordinary meeting Council withdrew the Draft Rural Lands Strategy from public exhibition and it will be re-exhibited when the consultants have furnished further detailed maps and Council is able to organise public meetings throughout the shire to enable the community to be properly informed and consulted.

### **Staff Vacancies**

Council has an extraordinary amount of projects to carry out this year with a record infrastructure budget of about \$35 Million. Most work will be let out to contractors and staff capacity will continue to be stretched. There are also significant vacancies within the Infrastructure & Assets Department including Project Managers, Surveyors, Supervisors & Plant Operators.

These positions continue to be difficult to fill and Council staff are working significant extra hours to enable these capital works to be undertaken in a timely, cost effective timeframe Council is about to advertise for the new Director of Planning Department and there are several vacancies in that department also that will be advertised when the new director has been appointed. In the interim, consultants have been engaged to expedite development applications etc.

### **Main Road 301**

The rehabilitation works on main Road 301 north of Woerdens Road are long overdue for completion and have several shortcomings. Council staff are liaising with the contractor to ensure that the finished works will be up to standard. Another contractor is carrying out rehabilitation works on MR301 in Brookfield at the intersection with Glen William Road. Traffic lights have been installed, so expect delays with the three way arrangement for controlling traffic.

### **Your Local B Ward Councillors**

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## More Around The District



### From the Lion's Den.

2022 is looking to be yet another interesting and testing year for us all. We are lucky to live in such a wonderful community where people help each other when they can.

It was decided with the COVID situation to not have markets in January; however, we are hoping to be back up and running for the rest of the year as normal. Put it in your diaries, the last Saturday, of every month except December at the Clarence Town Bowling club. Come along and enjoy the fresh air, grab a unique gift for someone special or even yourself and support our stallholders and the Lions Club.

Our next raffle will be our Mother's Day raffle so you will see our member outside the IGA on Saturday mornings starting in March so remember to stop by and say hello.

We have been extremely fortunate to be able to secure another grant through the Dungog Council and are holding another free Movie Night at Lions Park in April. All the details will be advertised on Facebook as well as signage around town as we get closer. Last year Movie night was a huge success so we are hoping that this year it will be bigger and better.

In January we were able to send a box of used spectacles off to be repaired as needed and then sent on to people in countries where eye care is not available, so please keep dropping your glasses into the Dr's in Grey Street, at the Bowling Club or to our members on market day.

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*Everything is the same as during the fire season except you don't need the permit.*

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\*Contact NSW Rural Fire Service Lower Hunter Fire Control on 4015 0000 - 24 hours before you light up.

\*Alert all neighbours 24 hours before you light up, this also includes neighbours across roads or rivers.

\*An adult must be with the fire until it's totally extinguished.

\*You must have enough water at the ready to extinguish the fire if necessary

\*Check the weather to make sure there are no strong winds forecast.

\*Check to make sure it's not a Total Fire Ban Day.

**TO BURN DURING FIRE SEASON** (1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> March **unless otherwise stipulated by the NSW RFS.**) you will require a permit.

Contact Clarence Town Brigade on 4996 4454 if you require permit information. Remember that all RFS Firefighters are Volunteers so don't leave it until the last minute to ring for a permit or you may be disappointed.

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Make sure you are aware of the standards for pile burning -Your brigade will have copies of this standard.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CLARENCE TOWN SCOUTS

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 Joey's, 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.

Brad Elloy

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## News from Glen William Public School



Our 2022 cohort of students have walked through our school gates with hope, optimism, excitement and wonder. Some too may of walked through with a pocketful of nervousness. Our staff and students will be looking to forge the connection that has been impacted through COVID-19. The strength of our 'school family' is built on relationships that we foster and nurture and continue to grow from trust. This provides a platform for teaching and learning and establishing the climate where everyone is free to take risks with their learning on their pathway to success. We look forward to sharing your child's journey with you and your family. Welcome to our returning students and their families for 2022 and we welcome our new students and their families to our school community. We begin the year with 29 students. Our Kindergarten intake sees the enrolment of five young eager boys ready to take charge of their school journey. Our school staff remains relatively unchanged. Primary– Mrs Hurney & Miss Dean Infants– Miss Parr, COVID Support/ Aboriginal Education and Relieving AP ISL– Mrs Rains (formally known as Miss Anderson) School Learning Support Officers– Mrs Reeves & Mrs Sullivan , School Admin Managers– Mrs Reeves (Thursday & Friday) & Mrs Keller (Friday) Mr Boyle has taken a position at Thornton PS. We wish him well at his new school. PBL Assemblies will be held in Week 5 and 10 of each term. Each class will present an item at their designated assembly.

**New Leaders for 2022** : Makayla Saville: School Captain, Stephanie Vasic: Sports Captain and our Leaders are Shelby Ford-Lucas , Kurtis Best and Georgia McDonald.

**Kindergarten**: We are very happy to welcome Theodore, Sebastian, Vincent, Malikye and Flynn. Who have settled well into our school.

**Sport and PE**: We will be participating in Touch Football across Term 1. This is run on a Friday morning. PE is implemented Monday to Thursday. As well as Mindfulness on Thursday mornings.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> February our primary students and some infants students participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Beresfield Pool. It was a wonderful day with exceptional sportsmanship and high levels of participation. Congratulations to everyone who attended. Glen William was awarded the overall school champion and also the Handicap trophy. We had two students who received age champions. Congratulations to Jed –Junior Boys Champion, and Georgia– Senior Girls Champion. Students who were successful in making our Zone swimming carnival participated on Wednesday at Tomaree Aquatic Centre. Our relay team will represent at the Hunter Carnival in March, as will Georgia in some individual events. We wish them all the best. Our Intensive Swimming Program will be in Weeks 5 and 6. This is an excellent program that is part of our Personal Development, Health, & Physical Education curriculum.

**Bookfair** - On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February we hosted our bookfair and Grandparents Day. This was our first covid safe event and we hope that our grandparents enjoyed the occasion.

**Unfortunately** - Only two grandparents were allowed to attend

- Students had to stay with their family group
- BYO Picnic lunch as a family group had to socially distance from other families

**Glen William P & C Association, Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday, 21st March, 2022, 1.30pm**  
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We are still taking Enrolments for 2022. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete online enrolment.

Glen William Public School 4996 5507 E-Mail [glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Clarence Town Public School



Welcome to the 2022 School Year at Clarence Town Public School. We have had a wonderful start to the school year and have already celebrated and achieved success in a few short weeks. We welcomed 23 new Kindergarten students, 7 students across the other grades and a new permanent teacher! All our classes have settled in well and we have enjoyed a calm and busy start to the year. All students have been ready to learn, displaying respect in all aspects of school life and being safe. Our positive school culture is strong and thriving.

Our Kindergarten class has transitioned into school life amazingly well, thanks to the great work of parents and carers in preparing them for school and our staff for ensuring a smooth start for their school career. They are already impressing us with their writing, number work and reading! We were pleased to present all new Kindergarten students with a Clarence Town Public School badge at our Leaders Induction Ceremony.

Our staff, both teaching and support staff, worked hard to establish a positive start to the school year, despite the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. Much of this work started mid-January and I would like to acknowledge staff for their efforts and commitment to our school while still officially on holiday. As mentioned earlier we welcomed a new permanent staff member, Mr Myers who joins our team. He brings many strengths, including sporting expertise, youth and sound teaching knowledge.

We have been able to celebrate many successes and events already, which is very exciting and set us up for a productive year full of high expectations. Our Student Leaders, Sport House Leasers and Library Monitors were inducted into their 2022 positions at our Leaders Induction Ceremony, where they were presented with their badges. School Captains, Darcy Booth and Rahnaia Kuru, along with Student Leaders Samuel McLean, Riley Croxton, Cooper Kozis and Duncan Bagnall, pledged their leadership to the school during the ceremony and then hosted the assembly in their official roles. The 2022 Sport Captains and Vice captains Ula Webster, Ayrton Bates, Aksel Brand, Molly Booth, Taj Metham, Parker Curtis, Scarlett Fitzpatrick, Beau Jeffery, Wyatt Mansfield, Amalia Ziliotto, Nixon Mabbott & Finn McLean were also inducted and take on their role within our Student Leadership Program. Library Monitors - James Ryan, Kyeesha Webster, Ava Jones-Clarke and Dre Miller were also inducted and have already undertaken their roles to support Mrs Brown in the Library.

We are also proud to join with NSW DoE Aurora College in 2022 to support our academically gifted students. Ella Humphries and Marshall Beeton were successful in achieving membership into the virtual learning program in the areas of Maths and Science. They will work with Mrs Kelson, Mr Kemp and teachers from Aurora College each week to further build their skills and capacity in these learning areas.

We were able to hold a participant's only swimming carnival, where 30 eligible students tried out for the Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Darcy Booth, Nixon Mabbott and Molly Booth who made the Zone Team. They participated well and placed in their heats at the Zone event. Add events they were in but not places.

Still on the sport front, we had two students attend the Zone Cricket trials and I'm pleased to announce both Wyatt Mansfield and Aksel Brand were successful in being chosen for the Zone Cricket team. Excellent work and a wonderful reflection of the effort and skill these boy's display.

All of that and we are only a few weeks into the year already! We are looking forward to continuing these successes in all arenas and as restrictions ease further looking forward to being able to join together with our whole school community to support and celebrate our students.

Louise Blakemore  
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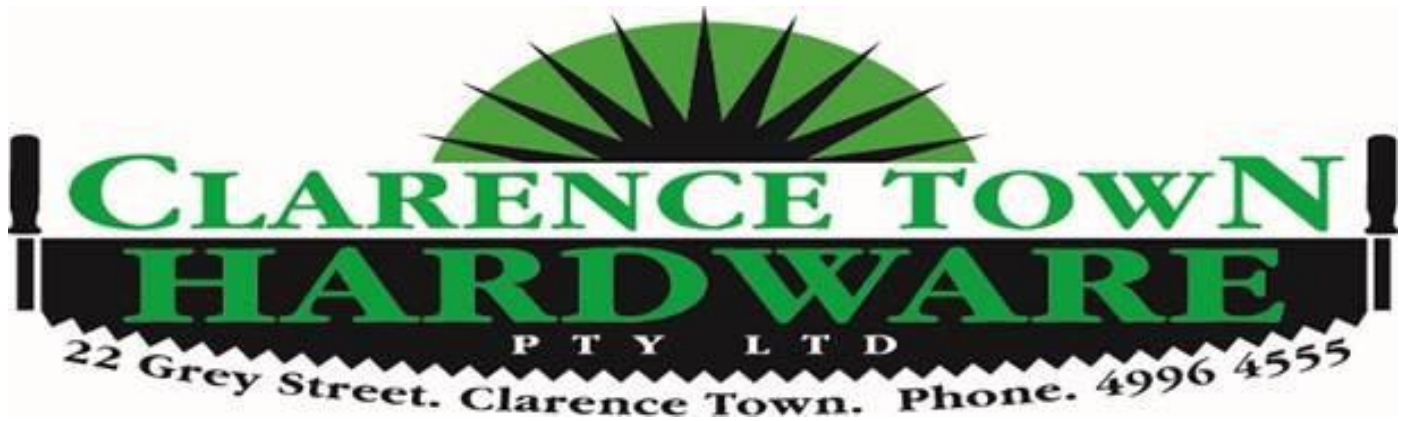
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