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#### MORE INFORMATION

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## **Around the Churches**

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

Does everyone have webbed feet? Better than a drought though. We had an amazing Pancake night with lots of people joining us from the community and from the other church families. It was good to be able to get together again after 2 years of Covid restrictions.

We also had an amazing Harvest Festival on Mothering Sunday. Alan, our auctioneer, did a fantastic job and coaxed people to spend up big. Two boiled fruit cakes sold for \$50.00 each. We raised \$1,487.85 and these proceeds from the auction go to support our Mission projects - Water project in Myanmar and the International Covid support mission. Thank you so much to everyone who provided produce and cooking, to everyone to who bid so generously, to Fay, who made another amazing Simnel Cake and came all the way from Jewels, and to the parishioners from Christ Church, Dungog, who also came and joined in with us.

On Good Friday, we observed the Liturgy of the Nails. During this service, we are given a 6" nail, which, if moved to do so, we approach the foot of the Cross and drop the nail into a metal container. This is to imitate the sound of the nails being driven into Jesus' hands and feet on the Cross. The nails we drive in still today when we sin. A very humbling service. Then, on Easter Morning the overwhelming joy of the Resurrection of Jesus after his torture and crucifixion. The holiest of seasons in the Church's year. May the Risen Christ come into your life and bring you joy and peace.

*Sue Flannery*

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

Our Easter season has come to a joyous conclusion with the celebration of Holy Mass on Easter Morning. We pray special blessings to all, especially those who are suffering trials of any kind and not forgetting those affected by floods, Covid and war.

We ask that we are given clear direction when it comes to our choice for government and hope that it is one that will lead our nation with foresight and a respect for all in God's name. May Autumn bring some sunshine to help the veges grow, and let us all remember solemnly, those who gave their lives for this wonderful country we are blessed to call home. We were proud to honour them on ANZAC Day.

**God Bless, Marilyn Amos**

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



The Mental Health First Aid course went ahead as expected over the weekend of 25-27 of February. It was great to be able to gather and be trained in our awareness of, and how to give 'first aid' to those suffering from mental health issues.

Coming up in the life of CTPC, the craft group is meeting monthly in the church hall. This new group will next meet 10am to 2pm on Saturday 7th of May, BYO lunch, project and equipment. (Contact Sally McKenzie for details 0421953972)

The ladies Bible Study group has been meeting since March in the Church building at 10am on Tuesdays (in recess during school holidays). The group is currently looking at a study titled 'Woman of God'. (For enquiries please contact Leanne Welch on 0428549792)

In other exciting news we have two Baptisms scheduled for early June with another due shortly after. The faithfulness of God continues to amaze us, especially how he grows his Kingdom!

Other things coming up at CTPC include a preaching series on the Trinity (from the pulpit we are currently doing a series on Galatians),

Breaking the Silence Training in June and the expected launch of our youth group in July.

Sadly a few in our congregation have been incapacitated by various illnesses in recent weeks, but by God's grace almost all have fully recovered. We continue to pray against the pandemic, for our town, our leaders, 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  
0402 387 690***



## From the Parson's Pen

I'm writing this on Easter Day when, in our services, we have re-lived the Resurrection of Christ after the reflective penitence of Lent and the horror of Good Friday.

My thoughts have turned again to a book I read years ago: I cannot remember the title or the author's name, but one feature has stuck with me over the years. In it we are asked to think of Christ as, tradition says, he went to minister to the dead who awaited His coming. He encounters Judas who, you will remember, hanged himself in remorse when he saw the outcome of his betrayal. Judas has confessed his remorse to Jesus, saying that "I thought that you were the one who was to liberate us, and I hoped that this would precipitate things", and Jesus patiently and gently takes him through the explanation of what his ministry was about and why: he concludes by taking Judas by the hand, saying "Come, let us begin again."

Easter is a time of new beginning. What God in Christ is offering us is not simply a slate washed clean of individual guilt, at which we are pretty good, but rather a radical new beginning not just of individual affairs but of our whole being as humans living in the midst of God's Creation of which we are designed to be stewards rather than proprietors.

As a community of Christians we can spend so much time considering our own faults, or being obsessed with the perceived faults of others to the extent that we are blinded to our own shortcomings and glaring wrongdoing, that we fail to see or to appreciate where we corporately fall short of absolute perfection. Our media constantly tells us that "you deserve this" or "you have earned this" as they try to sell us ever more expensive goods which will be destined for the scrapheap when something even more exciting comes along. Our politicians tell us that our economy is "the envy of the world" when it is actually in a very fragile state. We want our living standards to be continually on the increase, even though we are blinded to the injustice and deprivation meted out not only to the marginalised and deprived in our society but to those beyond our borders whose lives and very existence are threatened by our excessive consumption.

When we stand in Church to say the creed, we say "We believe....", as a corporate expression of our faith. We go on in the service to make a statement which is perhaps the most radical thing which we will say together as a family of faith: "We are the Body of Christ: his Spirit is with us" and we then turn to share the Peace with those around us. We are called to live in community, not simply as a collection of individuals.

It high time that we started to LIVE as a COMMUNITY of people, not as single congregations or denominations of Christians of various colours, but across our boundaries of race, nationality and political allegiance. The very future of humanity, and of this planet, is totally dependent upon us living with responsibility one with another.

Some will say "God will provide". God is, at this very moment, providing: we have been endowed with creativity and intelligence.

What we are presently lacking the is will to work together for the restoration of God's Creation.

This Easter-tide, my prayer is that we will be sufficiently stirred up to do something about it. Jesus, as in the first part of this essay, is offering his hand to us and saying "Come, let us begin again."

Blessings,  
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# Dr David GILLESPIE

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## **Around The District**

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



The Museum committee are pleased to say that we have had two successful fund-raising days so far.

We have had an open day sausage sizzle and an Easter sausage sizzle and raffle.

We would like to thank the community for their wonderful support of these events. We would also like to thank our sponsors for their continued support and generous donations.

We are keen to hold more events in the future.

If you would like to become a member, come, and meet us - our open days are the second and last Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm. Or contact us on one of the options below.

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

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

November	236.4mm
December	90.6mm
January	85.0 mm
February	114.2mm
March	334.2mm

*Tim Gorton*

## **Council Report**



### **2022 Floods and Potholes.**

Dungog Shire suffered widespread infrastructure damage in the recent floods and the recovery has delayed scheduled works by about 4 weeks. As the event was declared a "natural disaster" repairing the damage was jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State governments. Newer built roads were generally free of potholes but older sections suffered badly because we cannot afford to reseal them regularly to prevent water ingress weakening the road base. Staff would much prefer to carry out preventative maintenance than responding after the event with expensive stop gap measures.

### **Flood Issues.**

We often hear that a particular flood was "a 1 in 100 year flood", or more aptly the "100 year ARI" (Average Recurrence Interval) which indicates the probability of a certain flow occurring in a river. But this does not mean that flood would only occur once every 100 years.

While it has a 1 in 100 chance of occurring in any one year, it has a 1 in 10 chance of occurring in a 10 year period, a 1 in 4 chance in 30 years and a 1 in 2 chance over 70 years. Compare this with the 1 in 45 million chance of winning Lotto!

The 100 year flood is not twice the size of the 50 year flood, just as the 500 year flood is not five times the size of the 100 year flood. The rainfall of any particular ARI value results in catchment specific stream flows and flood levels.

In March 2022 during a 500 year ARI rainfall event, Lismore experienced its highest flood since white settlement by a whopping 2 metres. Four weeks later another flood of 100 year ARI intensity reached levels similar to 10 major floods dating back to 1870.

The 2022 Hawkesbury River flooding at Windsor was by far not the highest on record. The flood of 1867 was 7 metres higher, and if that flood occurred today, 90,000 people would need to evacuate and 12,000 homes would be flooded.

A "floodplain" is defined as land that is likely to be inundated by the largest flood that could conceivably occur in a particular catchment i.e. the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Compared with the 2022 flood levels, the PMF for Lismore would be another 2 metres higher, and the PMF at Windsor would be 13 metres higher. As few catchments have experienced a PMF since 1788, our experience with Australian weather is merely a small sample of its climate. The local Aboriginal name for Lismore means "swampland".

Historical factors have resulted in too many homes being built on floodplains. The NSW Government has co funded numerous catchment specific flood studies that determine flood levels for rainfall events up to and including the PMF. These are Council documents with comprehensive maps showing the extent of the flooding and measures recommended to reduce risk.

The default flood planning level for NSW is the 100 year ARI plus a half metre freeboard, which is a compromise to balance the risk of flooding and minimizing loss of life with building costs. This works well in most locations, but not necessarily on a floodplain where other measures apply i.e. levees.

### **Clarence Town Floods:**

The Clarence Town District has experienced many major floods in living memory but most homes are located well away from watercourses. The Williams River Flood Study 2009 covered the floodplain from Raymond Terrace to 5 KM north of Dungog <https://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/trim/other?RecordNumber=PSC2009-01574%2F035>. The Clarence Town Flood Study 2009 <https://www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/clarence-town-flood-study-final-report> examined the impacts in the urban area where back flooding from the river extends along town creek as far as the IGA before the influence of local storm water from town creeks takes over.

The 2007 flood was a 100 year ARI event with two commercial properties being inundated. The PMF would typically be 1 metre higher than 2007 affecting 5 houses and 9 commercial properties.

**Steve Low**

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## More Around The District



### From the Lion's Den.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us for the movie night, so it was moved from Lions Park to The School of Arts Hall and attendance was lower than hoped which was a shame. Everyone who did attend seemed to have a good night and the movie was a hit for the kids. A big thankyou to all who attended and the volunteers that came along on the night to assist the Lions.

The markets from March needed to be cancelled due to the weather however we are hoping it will not affect any more markets this year. If you would like a stall at any of our market's, please contact us through Facebook or you can book by ringing the Bowling Club. Stalls are \$15.00 for a 4-meter x 4-meter site.

We had to cancel the Easter Car boot sale due to other commitments for the Lions in April including the Movie Night, ANZAC Breakfast at the club and the April market but we are hoping that we will have a car boot sale on the October Long weekend.

Sales of tickets for the Mother's Day raffle went well with the draw being on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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#### PREPARE NOW FOR WINTER - WINTER SAFETY CHECKLIST

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- o Do you have **WORKING SMOKE ALARMS** fitted?
- o If so, do you **TEST THEM** every month?
- o Have you set a date each year to change **BATTERIES** whether they need it or not?
- o Has everyone in the home been taught how to **GET DOWN LOW AND GO GO GO?** This is not just for the kids!  
And have they been told why they have to do this? {because smoke rises}
- o Does everyone know that when they are down low and crawl to the door, they must feel the door with the **back of their hand** for heat? If the door is hot, there is fire on the other side. **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if it is hot. If you burn the back of their hand you can still use the palm of the hand to open doors and windows.
- o Have you made up an **ESCAPE PLAN** with the whole family  
Have two ways out of each room. Do not smash the window-open it to avoid cuts. Hang a copy of the plan on the fridge so visitors can see it.  
Close doors behind you as you are leaving the house, this will slow the spread of fire between rooms.
- o Have you chosen a **MEETING PLACE** outside for everyone to go to?
- o Have you **PRACTICED** the **ESCAPE PLAN** with the whole family?  
**DO NOT GO BACK INSIDE FOR ANYTHING!!!**
- o Does everyone in the home know how to **RING 000?**  
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- o Does everyone know how to **STOP, DROP and ROLL** if their clothing is on fire?
- o Have you checked **ELECTRIC BLANKETS** for damaged or frayed cords and wires?  
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- o Do you keep **HEATERS AND CANDLES** away from curtains and bedding? Never leave either unattended!
- o Have **FLUES and CHIMNEYS** been cleaned for heaters?
- o Do you have a **SCREEN** in front of your open fire?  
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## News from Glen William Public School



Term 1 quickly came to a close. Our students worked diligently and had success in the classroom and on the sporting fields. Thank you to the families that attended our P&C AGM meeting . It was an excellent show of community spirit. I would like to thank our outgoing president, Julie Vasic. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to education at Glen William. Your support is greatly appreciated by all.

Our long standing treasurer, Katheryn Flannery has also stepped down. We cannot thank Kathryn enough for the time that she has volunteered to our school community. We are forever grateful.

Congratulations to our newly elected committee members: President– Heidi Chandler Vice-President– Trudy Balstad Secretary– Rose Roberts Treasurer—Laura Saville Canteen Coordinator– Sharna Kirkham and Uniform Coordinator– Sarah Hunter. Thank you to our past and present members who continue to support our school and the community.

Bookfair: What a wonderful time was enjoyed by all our visitors. Thank you again for your support of our fair. It was fantastic to see the smiling faces of our students and their excitement in sharing their school world with their grandparents.

Peer Support Training : Our Stage 3 students participated in the Peer Support program training. This program supports our wellbeing programs across the whole school. It provides for social and emotional skills and knowledge, allows for sharing of how to deal with interactions positively and supports our student voice in being able to be involved in decisions about our school. Lunch and recess was provided and was kindly donated by our P&C.

Clean Up Australia Day : Our school participated in a school clean up on Wednesday 16th March after much anticipation for fine weather. It was fantastic to see all students doing their part to make our school grounds beautiful again by “stepping up to clean up”. Our Year 6 students collected the most rubbish, winning our school challenge.

On Friday 18th March, students at Glen William PS went on an excursion to Baiame Cave with elder, Uncle Warren. Students listened to stories told by Uncle Warren and marvelled at the cave paintings, in particular the artwork of Baiame. A huge thank you to Uncle Warren for sharing his time, knowledge and stories with Glen William PS. It was a fabulous day.

Harmony Day was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and our students participated in Harmony Day activities. This was a celebration of cultural diversity. Our school celebrated inclusion, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Zone Netball Trials : Makayla, Isabella and Georgia competed at the Port Stephens netball trials. They combined with Irrawang Public School to form a team. Although there were many super shots by Makayla and tonnes of timely intercepts by Isabella, Georgia's defence was unmatched and she was chosen to represent our zone at the Hunter netball trials. Well done Georgia!

Our relay team participated at the Hunter Swimming Championships. They did exceptionally well and improved their time from the zone carnival by a good 20 seconds. Although not making State, they did our school proud. Congratulations to Georgia, who participated in a number of individual events. Georgia swam her personal best in all events and has made state for the Individual Medley. Well done all !

We enjoyed having our families join us in celebrating the end of term with our Easter celebrations . Once again the P&C did a marvellous job catering our lunch.

Anzac Dawn Service: Our students attended the dawn service for Anzac Day on Monday 25th April.

We are still taking Enrolments for 2022. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete online enrolment.

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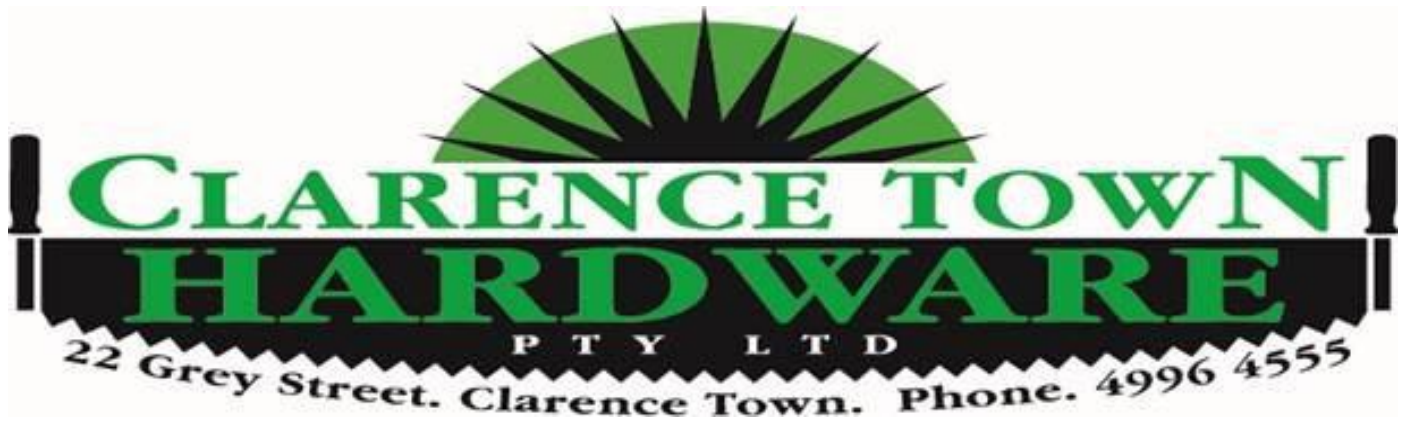


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