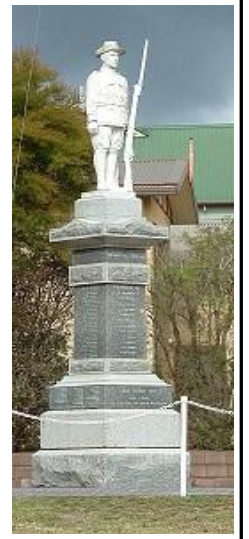


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DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF EXHIBITION DRAFT RURAL LANDS STRATEGY

Council has engaged consultants GHD to undertake a Rural Lands Strategy, which has four key focus areas:

- rural lands,
- environmental lands,
- economic development and
- balancing the growth of urban development (i.e. rural residential lands).

The draft document has been adopted by Council for exhibition and placed on Council's website inviting comment from the public. COVID 19 permitting, meetings and workshops will be held.

<https://www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/rural-land-strategy>

The Draft Rural Lands Strategy aims to protect and enhance agricultural lands throughout the Shire to support the existing agribusiness sector whilst providing opportunity for innovation and diversification across local agricultural and rural industries generally. The strategy considers opportunities for economic development through tourism and complimentary industries to agriculture and the natural environment.

The strategy also contains measures to protect and enhance areas with high biodiversity values throughout the Shire to ensure there are no adverse impacts from development on environmental values.

The review of the rural residential lands aims to balance growth to avoid adverse impacts on the natural environment and support agriculture by minimising land use conflict.

The key outcomes of the rural lands strategy once finalised in early 2022 will be recommendations for amendments to the Dungog Local Environmental Plan 2014 and Councils development control plans, policies and local strategies.

Have your say. Make a submission.

Submissions must be addressed to the General Manager and received by **Monday 4 October 2021**.

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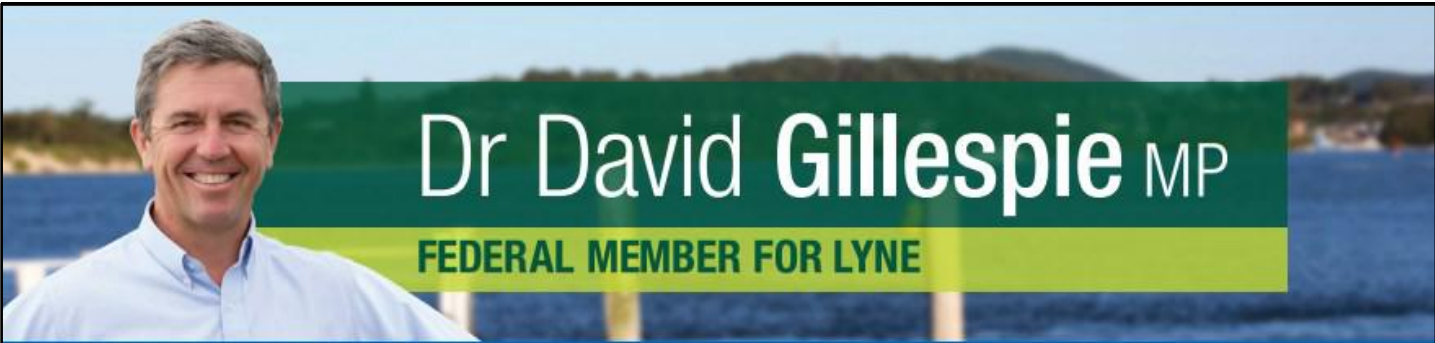
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The COVID-19 health pandemic is continuing to disrupt our lives and our community, recently the delta outbreak reached the Hunter to protect lives the difficult decision was made to introduce lockdowns across our region.

I know that for many the isolation felt during lockdown is difficult, I encourage you to check in on a friend or a neighbour, particularly the elderly and ask R U OK. For more support visit:

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Around the Churches

St. John's, Clarence Town.

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Well here we are again. Hasn't it been an awfully cold winter. The lazy wind just went through you and not around you and thank goodness for the fuel fire. As long as the wood held out the warmth stayed inside, and it was and is the best place to spend the drawn out days.

Not a lot to report especially while we are in and out of lockdown and only allowed to travel 10km from your residence home.

Sadly we will not be able to hold the Gymkhana again this year, because of the present circumstances, mainly the restrictions Covid-19 places on outdoor events and indoor gatherings, a number of our volunteer members are not well and the activities require a healthy person to organize and run on the day. Something seems to happen every year where you just can't do the activities you would like to do.

A big thank-you to Sally who cleans and sets up the church each week, to Judy and Sue for the music; to Sue for the Pew and Service sheets each week and the printing and distribution of the Wofffl prepared by the Rev'd Colvin Ford each month and not to forget Snowy who keeps the church grounds neat and tidy – for David for any repairs required; for Gillian and her helpers in the running of the Op Shop and Treasure Centre; for Steve who assists with the Op-shop on a Wednesday when available.

We also wish to welcome the Rev. Sally Malfroy as our Locum for the time being. She will be looking after all the Anglican services in the Parish of Dungog and we thank her greatly.

For those on the sick list and not well, including Lois, wishing you all a speedy recovery.

Lois Edwards

Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre

Not sure when we will be able to open with this latest COVID event, but when we do, we will have our new Spring and Summer fashions on display. Stay safe and well everyone.

Gillian Finch

St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.



The Covid lockdown has prevented the Mental Health First Aid Course from going ahead on 6-7 August. It has been rescheduled to the 15-16 October. The course is open to the general public and is a great opportunity for participants to gain a certificate in MHFA at the very reasonable rate of \$150 per person. To register please contact Allan Welch on 0402 387690 or email pastor@dcpc.org.au and you will receive a link to a trybooking.com site for payment. The course is run over the 2 days (Fri and Sat 9am-4pm). The class size is limited to 20, so early registration is recommended. (12 registrations have already been received)

At the beginning of August we commenced our series on the book of Job. What a Job! (as in task) When the topic of suffering is dealt with in the Bible, God gives us a book with 42 chapters! (Something in that methinks) Services for church are currently being held at 10am via Zoom. Please contact Allan to receive the link. When the lockdown is over, we will be meeting again at 10am in the hall at Clarence Town Public School.

Coming soon to Clarence Town Presbyterian Church: Mainly Music Play Group; Men's Breakfast and biltong making; Ginger Bread Houses for the ladies and kids; Aberdeen Highland Games church picnic day; Construction of new church building. We continue to pray against the pandemic, for our town, 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***

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Breakfast Club is being offered to students before school each day. If you are able to donate Vegemite, Jam, Honey etc. please bring to the school office. Any donation is appreciated.

From the Parson's Pen

The last time I put 'pen' to paper for the Parson's Pen was December 2020. At that time, the worst of the 2020 Covid restrictions had begun to subside and as I wrote at the time, there was an air of energy and hope felt in the community; a relief that finally we were 'on the mend' so to speak or that the worst was well and truly, behind us. Sadly that relief was not to last, either for Sydney and more recently ourselves. Once again we find ourselves in lockdown due to the rapid spread this time, of the Delta version of Covid 19. Much that could be said about the 'whys' and 'if onlys' has already been said (and often in terms not fit to print!) so this particular 'Parson' desires to write about something that might give a helpful perspective on recent events. Back in July, I began preparing a preaching series for church on the book of Job. I had studied Job in Hebrew for a while at Theological College in Sydney. Studying a book of the Bible and preparing a preaching series on a book in the Bible are two very different 'animals', and Job is without doubt a most difficult book to preach on. The reason is, it is so raw and honest and clear about the human condition. Of course one aspect most prominent in Job is the issue of suffering. Anyone with even a minimal amount of life experience would agree – people suffer. But it is the kind of suffering, and the cause of the suffering that most find so confronting in the book of Job. The kind of suffering Job experienced was extreme. A once wealthy and wise man has all his property and farmland destroyed; becomes financially bankrupt; his children are killed and lastly he is inflicted with painful sores that keep him agony both day and night. He is in a state of intense emotional, spiritual and physical dereliction. And very much alone. So that's the kind of suffering, but about the cause? The most difficult aspect of Job to grapple with is coming to terms with the cause. The cause of his affliction – is God. The heavenly council chamber (hidden entirely from Job, but we have a bird's eye view through Scripture) is where the trigger is pulled. God gives Satan permission to afflict Job. A man who we are told numerous times (and is confirmed by God himself) is blameless (not sinless) but a man in a right relationship with God. The permission is not given as punishment for unresolved sin. God allows Satan to strike Job's life within defined limits. It was Satan's hope to prove that Job only loved God because of all he had been blessed with; that Job was, deep down just as corrupt as everyone else. God didn't have to give the permission. But he did. The story of Job dispenses with the fraud that bad things only happen to bad people, or that only good things always happen to good people. Even the most cursory glance at the world will prove that is simply not the case. It was the fraud that Job's friends had bought into and was very prevalent at the time – even most likely by Job himself just prior to his affliction. Many people at this point are probably asking a very important question right now. Why? Why would God give the terrible permissions he does to allow a 'good' man to suffer so, when so many evil people seem to prosper? This what makes preaching Job such a difficult series. Many people today are tempted to think that if someone is good (by whatever standard one happens to use to define 'good'), God will (or should) bring health, wealth and blessing after blessing to that person. And when that doesn't happen – others can behave just like Job's friends. Accusing him of unresolved sin and somehow deserving his fate in a case of bad divine 'Karma'. We may be asking why God does not end the pandemic in the world. If he is not able to, he is not all powerful, or if he is able to but chooses not to – is he not being immoral? These are questions about God that have occupied the minds of humans for centuries. The same questions are naturally asked by the reader of Job. In Job's case, his faith never faltered even though he complained bitterly to God over his situation (he did not sin by doing this).

When God finally speaks, he gives an unexpected response to Job's faith – giving him an incredibly powerful and poetic image of divine power and wisdom. It is at that point that Job realises that God is in control and in humility acknowledges God as both great and wise. It is in God's response that we see what the book of Job is really about. It is about God himself, and our humility to admit that we are not the all knowing and self sufficient creatures society likes to think we are. There is so much about God's world that we do not understand. Job is about undeserved suffering and therefore Job foreshadows Jesus – the blameless one who suffered infinitely more and actually fulfils Job. And if Job is about Jesus, it is also about every follower of Jesus. Each Christian must walk in the footsteps of Christ and expect to walk some way, the footsteps of Job. We would do well, to acknowledge the wisdom found in Job and pray to be given the grace to bow down in trust to him – the God who is, who he is. The dark lonely times of a pandemic or whatever other seemingly random calamity that occurs in life, is when we are called to love and trust most - walking in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus who suffered and gave himself for us,

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As I write this, we are in 'LOCKDOWN'. I can't believe what is happening on our planet. My only answer is prayer. That everyone will work together so that we can once again get back to 'normality', a thing I know we blessed Australians used to take for granted.

Mass is suspended during lockdown, as is choir, Vinnies and visiting family.

Praise the Lord for the garden and the radio.

Sending blessings to everyone in our little piece of heaven, and good riddance to COVID 19.

God Bless.

Marilyn Amos

Focus on Health & Fitness

When should you strap an injury?

Firstly, if you have an injury, you should be assessed by a health care professional to ensure there is nothing serious going on. Having said that, there are a number of reasons why taping is used.

It's mostly used for soft tissue injuries such as strains & sprains and to restrict the amount of movement in a joint (ROM). This is done to limit the how far the affected joint can move so that further injury is prevented. It can also take the load off of muscles or ligaments, tendons, etc, so that the person can continue to function while allowing to injury to heal. Taping can also be used to manage swelling around an injury, particularly in the early, acute stages. On a more complicated issue, tape can be used to provide feedback to an athlete to manage problems or to improve performance. Taping is usually a temporary intervention designed to give an injury a chance to heal, occasionally it can be used to delay more significant intervention, such as surgery.

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There are a few different tapes used for different purposes, the most common being Rigid Sports Tape. Often there will be an under tape as a first layer. This type of tape has no elasticity to it and is mostly used to restrict movement and support the joint. Often with minor injuries there is damage to the tendons (attaching muscle to bone) and ligaments (attaching bone to bone) and sometimes to cartilage (surface on the end of a bone where it meets another bone) or the meniscus (cushioning pad between the bones, such as in the knee).

Ok, so you've established that the injury is not serious and does not require a professional to look at it. (& please don't take the advice of that guy on Facebook!). You've bought some sports strapping tape. How do you actually do it?

Firstly, DON'T put it on too tightly! If there any signs of restriction in blood flow such as loss of colour in the extremities (fingers, toes) or numbness or pins & needles, then it's probably too tight. Take it off & try again.

Next. There is generally a layer of tape around the limb above and below the joint. This is known as the anchor layer and gives the other tape, which will cross the joint, something to attach to and better support the joint. The tape then usually crosses the joint in a few different directions, sometimes tape will run parallel with the joint as well. Knees, elbows, fingers & toes are usually not too complicated, given that they are hinge joints & only move in one plane or direction. Wrists are a little more complicated because of the extra ways they can move, and shoulders are probably the most complicated because of the ROM and the numerous muscle that can be involved.

If you're taping an area that has body hair, do yourself a favour and shave it first. Tape will DEFINITELY rip it all out when you remove it & will occasionally take a bit of skin as well.

There is a huge amount of information on the web regarding how to strap various injuries & joints. Please be sure to only follow the advice of legitimate, established sources. Not the guy who has discovered a better way that all the experts around the world have missed for the last 50 years. A simple one is elastoplast.com.au (no, they don't sponsor me). If you're in any doubt at all, consult your health professional.

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It certainly wasn't the start that we were all hoping for, but we have done it before and we are better equipped to put alternative arrangements in place to ensure that our students do not miss out on all the fun exciting and new challenges that education can bring. Our excursion to Baiame Caves unfortunately had to be called off due to rain as the bus would not have been able to safely navigate the area in which it had to travel. This day will be rescheduled when it is safe to do so. However, we did have a visit from Uncle Warren who graciously donated his new book 'Spirit of Place' the first released copy for our school. We look forward to being able to share this history with our students.

NAIDOC Week was a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of First Nation Peoples, recognising them as the Traditional Custodians of the land. This years' theme 'Heal Country' calls for us all to continue seeking greater protections for land, waterways, sacred sites and cultural heritage. Our school celebrated through sharing experiences with one of our elders Marg Shearman and we thank her for her time and knowledge. Our students also participated in boomerang painting and other learning activities around Aboriginal culture. Some of our students were invited to attend the high school and share in the festivities across the community of schools and they all had a wonderful day.

Thank you to our families who have participated in the phone conferences, I hope you have valued the information and time speaking with your child's teacher. Our Education Week Assembly was impacted by our guidelines and will be revisited when restrictions around mingling schools together are relaxed. I have forwarded letters for those who were to receive an award. Congratulations, I am sure we will be able to hold this awards night in the near future where you will be recognised and our students can showcase their wonderful dancing skills. DoE communication states "Schools must make alternative arrangements for performances, productions, concerts, speech nights, award presentations, graduations, formals and school dances that support a broader audience. Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices must be adhered to at these events." Thank you to the families who are abiding by the COVID guidelines at school and across the community.

On Friday of Week 6, Year 5 and 6 students had a great day at Dungog High School partaking in the RYSTEM Day. Activities included designing and making paper hang gliders, stomp rockets, prosthetic hands, bridges and coding robots just to name a few! Thanks to Dungog High School for hosting, the Rotary for organising and the many sponsors and volunteers who made the day possible!

Congratulations to the following students; Matilda, Stephanie, Kurtis and Leah, who have been elected as Library monitors for Term 3.

Glen William is one of 1,609 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions. The grants are being funded with a 10c contribution from each sale of the Woolworths Bag for Good at full price, which was launched in 2018 when Woolworths went single-use plastic bag free. The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

Thank you to Trudy Balstad for assisting with the application.

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Welcome to Term 3 and what an interesting space we find ourselves in! We started the Term on Level 2 COVID restrictions and even though parents, carers and visitors were not on permitted on site, it was business as usual in our classrooms and playground.

We had some wonderful successes in the first few weeks of term with our debating team competing against Vacy Public School in a virtual debate. The team of Keira, Jayda, Elina and Jordan stepped up at the 11th hour when several of our regular debating team were unwell. The team did an amazing job as the Affirmative Point of View for the topic – 'Parents should be able to leave students in Year 5 and up at home alone in the evenings'. At the end of the debate the adjudicator gave the girls some very positive feedback saying they all spoke clearly and well, with excellent pronunciation and their rebuttals were superb! The adjudicator then announced that Clarence Town Public School was the winning team! What a wonderful effort to prepare themselves at short notice to step in, do an amazing job and then win the debate.

Our Zone Athletic track and field event teams also had great success at the Port Stephens PSSA Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the field events team and Mark Bates, who will go on to the Regional Carnival to represent both Clarence Town Public School and Port Stephens PSSA in discus. We had some wonderful results with our track team, with the highlight being Riley Flannery, Ayrton Bates and Boston Gore making it into the finals of their events. A special mention to Ayrton Bates who was a place getter in the final and will now represent both Clarence Town Public School and Port Stephens PSSA in the Regional Athletics Carnival.

Clarence Town Public School P&C hosted a Pizza Day prior to lockdown. A huge thank you to the P&C for making this opportunity available to our students. A special thanks to Mrs Auer, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Beynon, Mrs Hardy and classroom teachers who worked hard to make the event successful. A real teamwork event that showcased the great relationship between the school and the community.

This wonderful community spirit, collaboration and kindness has now been reflected even further as we moved into Level 4 Lockdown/Stay at Home orders at the end of Week 4. I would like to acknowledge all staff for the amazing work undertaken to get the Learning from Home Packs prepared, printed and out to families each week. A phenomenal effort from the amazing staff at our school. Similarly, I would like to acknowledge our parents and carers for the amazing job you are doing supporting our children to Learn from Home under the current Level 4 Lockdown/Stay at Home Restrictions. The way families have undertaken this, as well as still managing their own work commitments, has been inspirational. The fact that our students are continuing to learn, whether it be at home or school, are keeping positive, safe and well is a wonderful testament to Clarence Town Public School Community and Clarence Town Community.

The 2021 Education Week Theme was 'Life Long Learners' and this current learning structure is certainly ensuring this is true for everyone in our community. Stay safe and well.

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Around The District



G'day from Clarence Town and District Historical Museum

Once again, we've come to a screaming halt. Having said that we were starting to get back into the swing of things with the Fresh market having started up in the grounds of the museum. While it is on hold during this lock down just keep an eye out for posts and signs for when it will be back on. We hope it is back in September, from 8am on the second Saturday, but time will tell.

We have had a steady flow of visitors when we have been open, within the COVID regulations, which has been great, we do hope you will continue to support us.

As the auction had to be cancelled for August 20th at the Bowling Club due to the lockdown, we will be rescheduling so keep an eye out for the new date. Information will be on the museum events page, we are still planning on an auction catalogue for everyone to see the items prior to the event, they will also be posted on the face-book page in a folder marked Auction. Please contact us for more information or if you would like to make a donation.

When we are no longer in lockdown, if you wish to visit the museum between opening times you can do this by booking an appointment which can be done by contacting us via face-book messenger, and e-mail, we can also be contacted on the museum's mobile, all contacts of which can be found on our face-book page or at the end of this update.

We continue to update our page with news, articles, adverts etc from a century ago. If you follow us so you will get updates and be able to read these posts, some of the family names mentioned are still around, sadly others are not.

The museum is open on the second and last Saturdays of the month. Though if the flags are up then we are in, and you are welcome to drop in for a visit.

We are constantly looking for information and photos of the past, so if you are happy to share, please do. We plan on updating some of our displays and are still looking for photos and items relating to schools and education for Clarence Town and the district.

**Joanne Foley (President) on behalf of
The Museum Committee**

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

Clarence Town School of Arts News



At the time of writing the Hall report, we are in Lockdown.

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From the Lion's Den.

At the time of writing this we are all in lockdown so I sincerely hope that everyone is keeping safe and keeping in touch with friends and loved ones as lockdown can be extremely difficult for some members of the community.

Our last few monthly markets have seen an increase in stall holders and customers which is very exciting, it is always great to see the community out and about and supporting the stall holders while catching up with friends and socialising.

The Lions Cub have increased their advertising and signage to remind everyone that the markets are on so please come along and be a part of it, and you may just find the ideal gift, a hidden treasure, a plant, or a book you have been looking for or just an opportunity to catch up with friends.

Markets are held the last Saturday every month except December from 8.00am till midday in the Bowling Club carpark.

If you would like to have a stall you can contact us through our Facebook page or by booking through the Bowling Club during business hours. Stalls are \$15.00 for a 4 x 4 metre space.

The Lions recently did a food drive to supply non-perishable food items to the Dungog Community Centre to assist people in the local area who are doing it tough over Winter so thank you to the people who donated food to us, I am sure it was appreciated.

Do not forget to keep collecting your used spectacles and they can be left at the Dr's office in Grey Street or the Bowling Club at the sign in desk. We are always looking for good condition items to sell so if you have done a clean out and you are not sure what to do with some of your items the Lions are happy to accept any donation except large pieces of furniture and clothing.

We are always keen for new members to assist us with our work so even if you are time poor and can only assist a few times a year we would love you to become part of our happy, friendly team. If you would like to know more about the Lions, please speak to one of our members call Annette on 0419964208 or contact us through Facebook.

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I would like to introduce you to the new Clarence Town Rural Fire Brigade Captain.

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Under Alex's fresh leadership we look forward to the brigade providing their excellent service to our community.

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Council Report



Towards a New Local Environment Plan

Local Environment Plans (LEPs) determine how and where development takes place, and the current Dungog Shire 2014 LEP is under review, which is a long process following strict NSW Government guidelines. It began last year with a Rural Issues Paper leading to the Policy Directions Paper that guided the development of the Draft Rural Strategy, which has been adopted by Council and will undergo extensive community consultation for the next six weeks. It is used to establish key elements of the new LEP.

While **the above paragraph may seem like “mumbo jumbo”**, the Draft Rural Strategy is a very important document that predicts how our community will develop into the future and proposes **significant changes that may directly affect your property** and our community in general, **so be warned that you should get involved and participate.**

The document has been placed on Council’s website and COVID 19 permitting, meetings and workshops will be held seeking comment from the public.
<https://www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/rural-land-strategy>

Regional Road Transfer (and Road Reclassification) Program

The NSW 2021-22 Budget committed **\$250 million over three years** to support the upgrades of roads transferred back to the government as part of the **Regional Road Transfer** program, which will see up to 15,000km of council-owned roads transferred back to the State.

The proposals affecting Clarence Town are for MR301 - Clarence Town Road, between Dungog and Raymond Terrace to become a State road and for Limeburners Creek Road - LR233 to become a Regional Road, until 1995 it used to be a Main Road and grant funding for the new Clarence Town Bridge acknowledged its strategic importance. The Report has not yet been released but we expect these roads to be reclassified accordingly.

NSW Government “Fixing Country Roads” Program.

Council nominated eight priority roads for rehabilitation totaling \$9 million with Council contributing \$2.6 million. Sadly, we missed out but we have tried again in the current round of funding with the following five projects in our area: About 6KM of Glen Martin Road (\$2.34 million), about 3KM of Pinebrush Road (\$1.15 Million), the section of Queen Street Clarence Town between Rifle and Grey Streets (\$.75 million) and two sections of Duke Street (\$.86 Million). These roads are in very poor condition and it is beyond Council’s financial capacity to fix them in a timely manner.

New Amenities Building Open

The upgrades to the sporting fields in Clarence Town are nearing completion after many months of consultation between Council staff and local sporting groups to ensure the new facilities met their needs. The Cobras Ruby League Club recently used the new building for the first time but the COVID 19 lockdown prevented the Kookaburras FC from a similar opportunity before arrangements are finalized.

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DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Clarence Town Singers would like to encourage anyone who enjoys singing, to join our group.

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Anglican Church Hall, Queen Street, Clarence Town.

We are an informal group who simply enjoy each others company, and singing.
For more information please contact Sue on **4996 5528**

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Phone it in and ask for an "Incident Report Number"

Please be vigilant. You could save a life or someone's property!

Any information given is confidential



A Final Thought

**WE
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THE
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BEFORE...**

**...WE ARE JUST BEING
ENCOURAGED TO LOOK IN
DIFFERENT PLACES TO FIND IT.**

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