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## Clarence Town Progress Association

### is holding a Community Weekend

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The weekend we have selected is 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

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- Sunday Morning: Billy cart derby, lawn mower and tyre rolling race, Lego competition, stalls, coffee truck, town tours.

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We will then finish in the afternoon with an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

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## **Around the Churches**

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

My goodness. I almost forgot. How time flies when reports are due!

We are still having our Sunday services at 10am each Sunday, with morning tea in the hall following the service. You would be made most welcome.

Once each month, our combined centres gather together at a 'Pub/Club Lunch'. These are a great opportunity to socialise and get to know each other better. We alternate between Dungog and Clarence Town and it is something we all enjoy.

Our thanks to 'Snowy' for looking after our grounds at St. John's. The weather has not been ideal for mowing, but what can one do? Warmer weather coming. Hopefully not a heatwave Summer like some of the Northern Hemisphere counties have experienced.

Thank you also to 'Sally' who beautifully cleans and prepares our church for services.

We are in the process of getting quotes for the repair of our beautiful stained glass window of the Good Samaritan which has become bowed and is resting on the protection cover. Huge job. If you have not seen this window, it is worth a visit to St. John's to have a look at it. It is just magnificent.

Our thoughts and prayers for the families of those who have died recently, and I would ask for your continued prayers for Barrie and Lois please. Also for Marilyn Amos, who does the St. Patrick's report.

Please remember that we pray for our community always, so if you would like particular prayers, please contact me.

Our church hall is available for hire, so if you are interested in using it, please contact Barrie on 4996 4174.

A key was found at St. John's following the funeral for June Flannery. Please phone Sue 4996 5528

Stay safe and well everyone. –

***Sue Flannery***

**4996 5528**

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



'Anchored Youth' the Clarence Town Presbyterian Church youth group launched on Friday 22nd of July! For all youth aged 12-18. We meet every Friday at the Clarence Public School hall at 7pm for games, food and learning all about Jesus. Some weeks we join up with the Fusion Youth at Maitland Evangelical Church. For enquiries regarding Anchored Youth, please contact our Youth Leader Nicole Cumming on 0468 826346.

In August we also saw the church floor upgraded from splintery old floorboards to brand new floor panels in a lighter brighter arctic slate. The finish has given a great lift to the building and we now have more space due to the remaining pews being placed in storage. Many thanks to all those who helped removing all the stuff, and returning it after the job was done, as well as those who helped transport pews and chairs and helped with the modification to the doors needed – it was a great team effort – well done!

We give thanks to God for his unending provision and pray the new floor will be used greatly to glorify him through the new ministries we are starting up. One of these is Manly Music (MM) which we hope to launch around October this year. MM is a pre-school aged program for parents and their toddlers to come together and sing songs, play musical instruments, learn about God, build friendships with new people and deepen relationships with their kids. It is a fantastic program with a very interactive curriculum for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to get involved and enjoy! Watch this space (and the Face Book Community pages) for the launch date! (For further enquiries please contact our Mainly Music Coordinator Leisa Bignill on 0419 205755)

We continue to pray 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***

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

Well, we waved goodbye to Father Derek with our best wishes and prayers for his work in his new parish. We now gave a warm Clarence Town welcome to Father Andrew Doohan at our morning tea following our 8am Mass on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

We wish him a happy transition and a smooth period of settling in.

Our priest is the focal point of our parish family. Without his guidance, I am sure we would flounder like a boat without a rudder.

**Welcome Father Andrew.**

**God Bless, Marilyn Amos**

## From the Parson's Pen

Recently I was asked what the best part of being a priest is. And I answered pretty quickly: Pastoral and Spiritual Care.

Now maybe you were expecting me to write The Bible, or the Holy Communion or making disciples. Believe me friends, all of these things are extremely close seconds. But being able to be fully present to another person as they wrestle with the meaning of life, or face a hard situation, or have big and difficult questions about God, or even to share in the joys of their lives; that is where the real joy of ministry lies for me.

Pastoral and Spiritual care considers the other as fully formed, loved and held by the infinite Other, that is, God. It allows me to see the person, not the illness, not the shame, not the religion, not the past, but the person uniquely made in the image of God.

One of the things we as humans are terrible at is listening. And believe me, I used to be really terrible at it too. It's not our fault. We live in a really loud world that is constantly vying for our attention. It pulls us in all sorts of directions and almost puts a type of static in our brains that we can't hear beyond. Pastoral and Spiritual care teaches us to place that static to the side and be fully present; to listen for feelings, to let the silence speak, to allow the other person to simply be held in safety and security while they explore the longings of their heart. And really, that is what we do with God in prayer.

God certainly answers our prayers but he is not listening to answer right away often. He listens to our heart. Our feelings aren't silly to him. And this is what pastoral and spiritual care seeks to do. We don't listen to fix, we don't listen to shame, or listen to have an answer. We listen because this other person matters, deeply and profoundly to God.

I wonder if you have considered that you matter deeply to God?  
And because you matter to God, you matter, deeply, to me.

Please be in touch if I can be someone who can listen to what life is like for you at the moment. It would be my profound joy to listen to you and share your burdens and joys, whatever they may be.

Blessings,  
Rev. Kim

## Christ Church, Dungog.

Dungog markets are going well, when the weather is fine. August we had 22 stallholders and it was a beautiful sunny day.

September markets are the 3rd September and the October ones are on the 1st which is the long weekend.

The Dungog Op Shop is going well and thank you to all who donate to us.

We will also be helping co-ordinate the annual 'Tea Cosy' event at the James Theatre from 6th to 11th September, 2022. This is an amazing event with the most wonderful Tea Cosies made and on display. Free Entry.

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Thanks  
*Margaret Flannery*

## Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre.

Our new Spring/Summer fashions will be available from Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather. You are most welcome to come and browse through on a Wednesday morning. We have some lovely clothes and household goods for you.

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## **Around The District**

Even more sponsors have come to the party, due mainly to the efforts of Sue Shillington and Heather Kilpatrick.



The museum is now with a healthy bank balance. Please feel free to join up and suggest ways to wisely spend this on the Museum!

An 1880's painting in poor condition has been returned to its family. Daryl Woods from Newcastle recognised the painting which Joanne had reproduced on the internet as a portrait of his great, great grandfather William Grant, who lived a very long and busy life in many parts of the world and is buried in Wallsend. Daryl knew of no connection to this area, and Museum records do not mention the painting. The family will restore it and then give us a (small) copy for the records.

Imminent events at the museum include a Spring Fair in September, a Fathers' Day raffle, another sausage sizzle, a Sponsors' Day, and a school excursion.

Chris O'Neill (Secretary)  
on behalf of The Museum committee

To get in touch our email is  
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## **Official Rainfall 2021 / 2022**

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

January	85.0 mm
February	114.2mm
March	334.2mm
April	104.6mm
May	72.4mm
June	19.2mm
July	312.4mm

*Tim Gorton*

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## **Council Report**



### **NSW Local Government Recovery Grant.**

Dungog Shire received \$1 million from the NSW Government's Local Government Recovery Grants for severe weather and flooding. Council allocated \$200,000 to finish the sports ground car park off Queen Street and \$20,000 to repair the footpaths and walkways at the Village Green damaged by the 2022 flooding.

### **2022-23 Scheduled Works.**

In 2022-23, due to numerous special grants Council has an infrastructure Budget of \$42 million for roads & bridges instead of the more typical \$5 million. It will be a challenge to deliver every project because of many factors beyond Council's control.

There are State wide shortages of lime, gravel and concrete pipes, so works must be scheduled around availability of materials! And due to Council staff vacancies, contractors are employed wherever possible. Australia currently has a shortfall of 70,000 civil engineers. Another factor affecting our delivery program is that with so much civil engineering and construction work available in NSW, prices are increasing. This is problematic for quotes given by staff in seeking the special grants. Besides taking measures to contain costs and streamline tendering processes, Council has made representations to the NSW Government accordingly.

### **Clarence Town Bridge.**

Preliminary site investigations are proceeding on schedule. Heritage NSW has approved the concept design of the new bridge, which will be 20 metres upstream and two metres higher than the old one. Before construction starts, Council needs to secure numerous approvals and access licences etc.

At the August ordinary meeting in a 20 part resolution, Council authorized the General Manager to proceed with numerous land acquisitions/ approvals, gazettal of roads and negotiations regarding three Aboriginal land claims on affected Crown Land.

### **Thalaba Bridge.**

Works have commenced for the \$1.9 million replacement of Thalaba Bridge. Alison Road will be closed to traffic from Clarence Town Road to Pine Brush Road. Banfield Bridge replacement will begin in November.

### **Planning & Environment.**

Mr. Trevor Ryan, Council's new Director of Planning & Environment is recruiting people to fill vacant roles in his Department that have affected various town planning issues and delayed the public exhibition of the Draft Rural Lands Strategy (RLS) leading to a new Local Environment Plan (LEP).

### **Public Exhibition.**

The Draft 2022-2026 Dungog Shire Economic Development Plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days. This document contains much information about the Shire and outlines initiatives to strengthen our economy into the future. The draft is displayed on council's website.

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

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I am taking names for the Spring Night Competition, which will commence at the start of school term three.

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## **More Around The District**



Even the damp ground could not deter our stall holders at the markets over the last few months. With all of the recent rain we had to set the stalls up on firm ground but the days were still great for everyone who attended. We have had a few different stalls recently including two that made goods using horse shoes and the items were very unique and would make wonderful gifts. As we are moving towards the end of the year it really is time to start thinking about Christmas Gifts and the markets offer many different and one-off gifts that can be purchased early for Christmas.

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There are also stalls that sell jams, slices, candles, hand made items heaps of plants; second hand goods and the Scouts do a wonderful BBQ each Market day.

The Markets are held on the last Saturday of the Month in the Bowling Club Carpark from 8am till midday. The more customers we get the more stalls that will come so please come and support the stall holders, the local community and keep the markets alive. You may be surprised what you will find.

The Lions will be holding a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea in October that we have been unable to hold for the last couple of years. Once we have more details we will advertise around town and on Facebook. It would be wonderful if the town could support this event to raise money for Breast Cancer research.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Father's Day raffle and the winners details are on display in the community information cabinet outside the IGA. We are always looking for items to sell on our Market stall so if you would like to donate, please contact us through Facebook, on the phone number below or by speaking to one of our members. We will take most items that are in good repair except large items (due to storage and cartage) and clothing.

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

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In case of fire will you leave or will you stay and defend, if staying, who will stay, where will you go if you are leaving early, lots of decisions to make to keep your family safe.

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Your Bush Fire Survival Plan, Fire Danger Ratings, Bush Fire Alerts and Neighbourhood Safer Places can be found at **[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)**

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

**We meet on Tuesday nights  
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during school terms.**

Our joeys, cubs, scouts and venturers have all been meeting on Tuesday nights at our scout hall at Glen William. Even though all the rain we have had has made a grounds very wet to the point where vehicle access was not possible, we have kept going with our group meetings with the exception of one week this term.

Our group is working on camp cooking and associated activities leading up to a group camp later in the term. Our scouts attended the Scout region rally and our cubs attended a cub fun day. So stills lots happening to keep our scouting members active and having fun.

New Members Welcome!

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Brad Elloy

## News from Glen William Public School



The end of Term 2 kept us on our toes with Naidoc Day, Cultural Day & Cultural Afternoon ,Reconciliation Week, RawArt, and Robotics Workshop. We have hit the ground running in Term 3 with a Claymation workshop, Zone Athletics Carnival, Gymnastics, Dance, Infants 3-way Conferences, Primary Canberra Camp and more.

Congratulations to our talented athletes who competed at Zone Athletics Carnival . As always, we were so proud of their sportsmanship and the way in which they represent Glen William PS with pride and integrity. A special congratulations to Stephanie who placed 3rd in shot put and our relay team who came first in the final. Our relay team is now off to the Hunter Athletics Carnival. Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who helped out on the days, at each event. We appreciate all that you do for our school.

**NAIDOC DAY** : Thank you Dungog High School and Murrook for another fantastic day celebrating NAIDOC Week. It was a wonderful day of johnny cake baking, dancing, Gathang Bingo and learning about artifacts. A special thank you to Nan Margaret who made it all possible by driving us to DHS and back again, and helped look after us as we had fun, learnt and made connections.

**CULTURAL DAY**: Our Aboriginal students attended the inaugural 'Cultural Day' at Dungog Primary School. Students enjoyed a range of activities including weaving and beading, cultural design (designing a shirt logo) and Aboriginal dancing. It was a wonderful day of making connections with other students and learning from each other. We are greatly looking forward to hosting the next Cultural Day at Glen William PS in Term 3.

**CULTURAL AFTERNOON**: at GWPS A huge thank you to Kara Clements for coming to Glen William PS to teach us some Gathang language, and play Gathang Bingo with us. We learnt so many words !

**RECONCILIATION WEEK** : The whole school gathered for Cultural Group during Reconciliation Week to learn and share together. Given this year's theme of "Be Brave, Make Change", students researched an Aboriginal person of their choice who was brave and made change. Eddie Mabo, Cathy Freeman, David Unaipon, Neville Bonner, and Bronwyn Bancroft were some of the Aboriginal people students chose.

**RAWART** : Our school participated in the RAWART program. Students made amazing clay sculptures and unique upcycled creations using cardboard, paddle-pop sticks, toothpicks, string and pipe cleaners. There were some amazing creations!

**ROBOTICS WORKSHOP**: Thank you to the team from SMART and Newcastle Uni for the interactive and engaging Robotics workshop. Glen William PS students had an awesome time coding their robots to complete a maze, follow lines, sense obstacles and do a dance. Thank you also to Dungog PS for hosting.

**CLAYMATION** : Ian from Digi Ed held a Claymation workshop at Glen William PS. Students wrote their own story using a story map and made their characters and backdrop before using iMovie software to make and edit their films. Head over to Facebook to find the link to watch our entertaining films.

Our Primary students had a wonderful time on their Canberra Excursion. They represented Glen William with pride & integrity and a great time was had by all. Well done Primary!!

Finally, students are enjoying gymnastics with Jen on Tuesday mornings.

We are still taking Enrolments for 2022 & 2023. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete an 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

## SPOTLIGHT ON CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL



What a great start to Term 3. We would like to welcome to our school Mrs Rachel Betteridge and Mrs Caitlin Maroney. Rachel has been appointed to our Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction and Caitlin will be fulfilling Mrs Kelsons role as Assistant Principal in a fulltime capacity for the remainder of the year.

In our office we welcome Mrs Lizzy Drablow. Lizzy will be working on a Monday and Tuesday and our students will also be supported by two new faces in a student support role. Ms Lauren Brouwer and Ms Amber Flannery.

Recently our K-2 students have had a lot of fun and adventure at their excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo. Later this month our Stage 3 students will be attending an excursion to Broken Bay where they will be learning about nature and participating in several fun adventurous activities.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August we will be having our School Book Week Character Parade to celebrate Book Week. All students are invited to dress up as a book character and wear their costume to school. The theme this year will be

"Dreaming with Eyes Open".

Raw Art will be attending our school this term and will be teaching our students the joy of creativity and wonders of art. It is a great medium for students to explore a range of concepts and learn how to apply their imaginations and sense of creativity in art.

Our students at Clarence Town Public School have been having fun in our Song Room lessons learning and developing rhythm techniques and new songs which they have been performing for their assembly items.

Recently our school enjoyed a fun Pizza Day with Class 3T and Garden Club Students creating delicious herb pizzas and lemonade made with ingredients from our school garden. It was a great success!

Looking towards the end of term, we are holding our Education Open Day with a mini fair in Week 8, Stage 3 are heading off to camp in Week 6 and our final Yr 6 fundraiser for this term will a disco in Week 10.





## Clarence Town Preschool

**Clarence Town Preschool** is a rural service operating in school terms between 8.15am and 3.45pm. We also offer extended hours to suit the needs of our families. We have 20 children attending our preschool each day.

Our service is set in a peaceful bushland setting surrounded by trees and nature. Our playground has been designed to encourage a balance between active, adventurous play and peaceful play. We encourage each child to work with us in our gardens and invite all family members to also be a part of this. Our indoor environment is carefully designed to create a warm, home-like atmosphere. Each child is encouraged to be an active and involved learner with the guidance and support of our educators. We have opportunities for holistic child development. Each of our educators is dedicated and passionate about enriching the lives and early education experiences of each child. Singing, storytelling and reading are an everyday part of our day. We bring to our service our own backgrounds and culture which we openly share with each family. We warmly welcome each family to also share aspects of their lives and culture with us.

At Clarence Town Preschool we base all that we do on respect

### **Respect for Worimi**

We commit ourselves to learning from Worimi; to respectfully share the traditions of Worimi; to work alongside Worimi to strive for Reconciliation; to love this land as they have for so long.

### **Respect for childhood**

Childhood brings with it wonder and discovery; it is a time to learn through doing while being supported, guided and celebrated. Each child's way of being is unique and nurtured. Our environments are designed to inspire and delight. The ideas, views, learning needs and perspectives of the children will play a pivotal role in shaping our curriculum.

### **Respect for each other**

Relationships are the core of our preschool. We commit to providing a space where each person feels safe, heard, welcomed and supported. Through all aspects of our program we will support the children to become positive citizens; to understand that we share our world with other people; that each person deserves our respect.

### **Respect for family**

Preschool and family are connected in their aim to provide the best for each child. Communication will be open and based upon the knowledge that we all have the best interest of the children at heart.

### **Respect for teachers and pedagogy**

Our teachers are passionate and dedicated professionals. Each educator is supported to continue their learning journey through professional development and the opportunity to bring their individual skills and talents to their profession.

### **Respect for our environment**

The actions we take and the decisions that we make affect us locally and globally. Each step we take to live sustainably and in harmony with nature and our community provides a positive step for our world.

### **Respect for ourselves**

Our program and interactions will support the growth of healthy minds and bodies. Positive food choices, physical activity and understanding of healthy choices will be supported and modelled. Positive self-image, self-esteem and mindfulness will be at the core of our program.

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