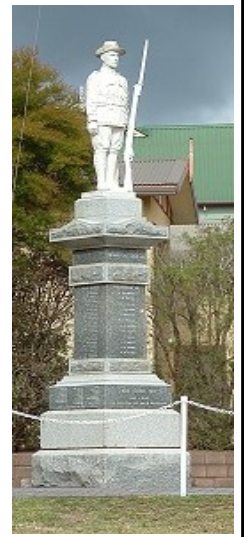


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Clarence Town Progress Association (CTPA)

Clarence Town Progress Association (CTPA) held its AGM on the 7th of September 2023

Two of our longstanding executive committee members; Sue Flannery and Bryce Whale, who over many years has held the position of President and Vice President, did not stand for re-election.

We thank Sue and Bryce for their dedication and community service.

CTPA welcomes its new executive committee with the addition of Cheryl Telfer. Cheryl has been a member for 6 years.

Village Green

The swing set with the shade covering has been completed with the valuable contribution of time and effort of Steve Low in assisting CTPA. Amenities block and lighting have also been completed thanks to Dungog Shire Council (DSC). CTPA are working with DSC to apply for grants for exercise equipment. CPTA are having plans updated for the village green and wharf reserve, these updated plans will allow for future concepts development and will be used for applying for future grants.

Footpaths

In conjunction with DSC, CTPA are funding footpaths from the School of Arts to the Bowling Club, past the Senior Citizens, DSC is going to upgrade the curb and drainage at the same time.

Playing Field

Stockpiles of soil has been placed at the top of Rifle Street for the future development of a sporting field on the quarry site. There is no set time to start the work, when the sports field is constructed, it will provide a full-size playing field.

Walking and Bike Trails

The concept plan, for the future, will include walking and mountain bike trails linking the Village Green, Wharf Reserve to Columbey and Wallaroo National Parks.

Other long-term projects will also be included into the concept plans for the next 20 years. I would like to thank the outgoing Executive for its work over the last 12 months and look forward to the next 12 months.

David Hood

President

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Around the Churches

St. John's, Clarence Town.

Another magazine, another report. As I send out the reminders to everyone who generously provide reports for the Sentinel, some replies – “What! surely not that time again”! Yep, it is!

Sadly to report that there will NOT be a Gymkhana again this year due to insurance hassles. It is all becoming just so complicated with the to-and-fro between our Parish and the Insurance Company. Grrrr. The proceeds from the Gymkhana are to help support the maintenance of the Glen William Cemetery, which is always kept in such great condition by Wayne Brorson who looks after it for us. If you have anyone interred in the Cemetery, or will be yourself, someday, you can make a donation anytime at Clarence Town Post Office, as some already do. Thank you.

Our services are at 10am each Sunday morning, followed by morning tea in our hall. It is a lovely time of worship and fellowship as we give thanks for the many blessings that God has given us each day. You would be most welcome.

We would also like to thank the people of the Uniting Church in Dungog, who have generously supplied us with more copies of the ‘Together in Song’ hymn book. These are no longer in print, and we were very low on copies. Thanks you so much.

On 12th November, at an 11am service, Bishop Peter Stuart will be attending and he will be Confirming our good friend Curly, in the service. It is all very exciting.

Please note that we have changed the time of the service on that day, from 10am to 11am, to give Bishop Peter time to mingle with our Dungog congregation before he comes to us.

We will enjoy lunch together in our hall following the service.

Our Christmas service time will be 5pm on Christmas Eve. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our church hall is available to hire – please contact Barrie Edwards on **4996 4174** and he will help you with that.

**Sue Flannery
4996 5528**

St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.



We now have a new driveway giving rear yard access to the church and Manse. This will also be a great help for when work begins on our new church building – exciting times ahead!

Many thanks to Andrew from Flannery Earthmoving who did a fantastic job!

The fellowship lunch we had on the last Sunday in September was great fun – a BBQ Claro style as reported. Was great to see so many stick around after morning tea to continue our gathering and enjoy ‘breaking bread’ together, even if it did include some BBQ black pudding (and while it wasn’t everyone’s cup of tea, I was surprised by how many were game enough to give it a go!) Thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking and cleaning up, setting up chairs and tables etc. you peeps are a true blessing to CTPC!

In other exciting news, we have locked in Saturday the 18th of November for our Christmas do at the church. As previously announced the day will include a petting zoo, camel rides, jumping castle, games (egg and spoon race, apple bobbing, three-legged race etc), the Pretty Amazing Jono, kids and community singing carols to the dulcet tones of Maitland City Brass Band and now a \$5 Devonshire Tea is planned in the church building, BBQ sausage sizzle for lunch \$2, and \$2 for drinks or BYO food, picnic rugs or chairs. Times: 12:30pm - 4:30pm all welcome!

We will be having our Christmas Day service as usual at 10am on Monday 25th December this year. Mainly Music starts back on 18th October running each Wednesday until 15th November. As mentioned in previous editions, the Dungog Presbyterian Church is being sold. We can announce the auction will take place on site on Saturday 11th November at 2pm, managed by Mark Butler of Dowling Real Estate. We have had many enquiries regarding the future of the Columbarium. There apparently are some rumours going around Dungog that the Columbarium will be removed prior to the sale – not true. The contract of sale includes specific Clauses requiring any new owner to continue as the Columbarium Operator in accordance with the Cemeteries and Crematoriums Act 2013.

From the pulpit we are well into our series in Genesis focussing on Joseph - a man after God’s own heart. This series will take us to the end of the year, after which time we hope to explore more from John’s Gospel in the new year. 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

“And what does the LORD require of you? To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

**Rev Allan D. Welch
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From the Parson's Pen

I am going to begin this contribution with a confession: I'm not a big fan of Christmas!

And before I get howled down, I should clarify that I'm not a big fan of what Christmas has become and is often celebrated as, i.e., an opportunity, usually during December, to have party after party as we approach the end of a calendar year.

Not that I mind having end-of year parties, but the term "Grinch" has often been thrown in my direction when I insist on calling them "end-of-year parties" rather than "Christmas parties".

And the reason for my occasional pedantic approach is because, for Christians at least, Christmas does not mark the end of something, but rather the beginning, the beginning of God's direct intervention into human history in the person of Jesus Christ. For Christians – hopefully anyway – we celebrate each 25 December as the point where God took on human flesh and lived among, a wonderfully gracious act towards us, God's creation.

Each and every Christmas day marks the beginning of a time when we celebrate and give thanks for what God has so graciously done for. It is not an ending of anything.

So as we approach the end of another calendar year, I hope that you have many wonderful "end of year" celebrations during late November and most of December. It is good to mark all that has taken place across the year, the good, the bad, and everything in between.

My profound hope and prayer, however, is that your celebration of Christmas, the great feast of God-with-us, is a moment of wonder and grace for you and those you love.

May the gift of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, be with you each and every day of your celebration of Christmas, and stay with you into 2024.

Fr Andrew Doohan
Parish Priest

Christ Church, Dungog.

We have been very busy with Market Days, Op Shop, members of our Church getting married!

Our last two Market Days for this year are on November 4th and December 2nd beginning at 8 am.

We are going to run Kids Games for 4 weeks in November beginning on Thursday 9th November from 3.15pm to 5 pm. This is for primary aged children.

Our Guild is going to the Street Party that is being run by the Dungog Chamber of Commerce on Friday 1st December from 4 pm. We have done this for a couple of years and we sell all our Christmas goods we get in during the year. It is a great night with the shops open and various stalls in Dowling Street.

Church services at Christ Church are Friday at 10.30am. Each Sunday at 8.30 am. Our last Sunday Nite service will be held on Sunday 26th November in Christ Church Hall at 5 pm with dinner to follow.

Happy and Holy Christmas to you all!

Thanks
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Around The District



Members of the Museum were gratified to be offered a tour of one of Clarence Town's most imposing houses when the new owners of Hollydene recently opened their doors to us. For those members present, this was a new and wonderful experience. The two-story house dating to the 1880's, the sympathetic additions by previous owners, and the grounds were equally stunning. Samuel Walters, the first owner of the house, had used much local material in its construction-especially cedar, pine, and redwood. Samuel Walters became the largest landowner of the eastern side of Clarence Town in the 1840's and continued to buy and sell land and businesses and so involve himself in the growing township of the 1850's and 1860's.

Some members of the museum were able to help the Wallarobba Hall committee after they had requested any available help for their Octoberfest Day by attending that event on Saturday, 30th September. This involved helping in preparation of lunch and serving at the bar throughout the afternoon. Several people commented how good it was to see one volunteer organization be involved with and connect to a different volunteer organization in our shire.

Several members attended the recent launch by Wayne Patfield (from Paterson Courthouse Museum) of his latest book "Morpeh's Steam Ships 1831-1946". He is currently writing his next book on the ships of the William's River.

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Council Report



Clarence Town Bridge.

Dr. David Gillespie MP has confirmed that the original \$8.8 million in Commonwealth funding is still available, but that the Federal Government would not provide funding towards the additional \$4.86 million required to commence further work on the bridge. Council will have another meeting with the Hon. Jenny Aitchison, NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads to pursue the extra funding. It's apparent that it will have to come from the State Government because Dungog Shire cannot afford it from own-source revenue. Meanwhile the construction cost can increase the longer it takes to secure the funding.

Bushfire Season

Weather variability is a feature of the Australian climate and the Australian bush has always burned long before human settlement. Eucalypts drop their leaves up to eight times per year and in recent years the undergrowth has produced substantial fuel loads.

In Dungog Shire several bushfires have already kept our volunteer firefighters busy and they have also attended fires in other areas. Most of these recent fires have escaped from hazard reduction burning.

Despite the best efforts of the RFS, if a bushfire starts near you they might already be fully engaged elsewhere. So factor this into your considerations in planning for bushfire protection. The message is simple, examine your situation, prepare your property and decide what you can or should do if threatened by bushfire.

Newer residents may not be aware of all this. Most people are familiar with the excellent "Fires Near Me" app on the RFS website, but that website offers a wealth of other useful information for those with a house situated near bushland.

Asset Protection Zone (APZ) An APZ is the most fundamental requirement and everybody should know what they require in that regard. The website tool can advise you on exactly what your specific location requires to establish adequate separation from the fire front.

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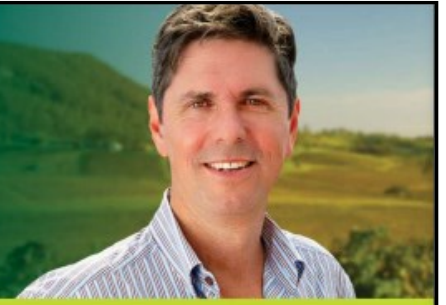
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The tennis club is hosting a series of "Come and Try" open tennis nights. No cost, come and have a hit, have some fun and see what is available with Clarence Town Tennis Club. Friday the 27th October, Wednesday the 1st November and Monday the 6th of November between 6pm and 7pm is the 'Come and Try' nights and a free sausage sizzle as well.



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These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.

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A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

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News from Glen William Public School



It's hard to believe that Term 3 has ended and Term 4 has started. Where is the year going? It was a massive term for our students here at Glen William PS. To mention just a few of the wonderful activities, events and initiatives the students have enjoyed, headlined by our Primary Camp, we have had the Le Tour de Glen William, Healthy Harold, RYSTEM, Father's Day breakfast, our cycling program, Education and Book Weeks, and our Science Day, plus much more.

Magic Show

We welcomed Joel from JD's World of Magic (sponsored by Hunter Local Land Services) to our school. He amazed us with his incredible talent, whilst immersing our students and staff in the topic of environmental conservation. Some of our highlights were seeing a bunny appear from a box, three pieces of rope magically change lengths, and doves appear from an empty hat.

Cycling for Sport

We thank Harrison from BMX Maitland for visiting our school over four weeks for sport. We thoroughly enjoyed learning how to control our turning, braking and safety when riding our bikes. We look forward to competing in next year's Le Tour de Glen William!

Cultural Day at Vacy Public School

Thank you Vacy PS for hosting such a fun and interactive LMG Cultural Day. What a wonderful way to end Term 3! The day's activities included sand art, indigenous games, scratch art, message sticks and Jonny cakes

Leader Reader Program

In Term 3, the Stage 3 students travelled with Miss Parr to our local preschools. Each Thursday, two leaders visited our preschool friends to share a story book with them. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the possum friend at Clarence Town, the pesky bin chicken at Dungog and building strong connections with our local schools. Congratulations to all Stage 3 students who participated in the program. You represented our school with pride and confidence

Term 4 Intensive Swimming

Our intensive swimming program began on the first day of Term 4. Students travelled by bus to Raymond Terrace pool for ten days.

Speaking of 2024, we are taking enrolments not just for Kinder, but for all years, so if you know of anyone looking for a change, please nudge them our way.

Also, for those who don't know, next year is Glen William Public School's 175th birthday! 175 years! We are one of the oldest public schools in NSW that is still standing and educating students to this day. We plan on marking this incredible milestone with some very fitting celebrations, but to do so, we do need community support. If you are interested in helping out, no matter how big or small, we would love that. Please either let the school know, or reach out to our P&C.

We are still taking Enrolments for 2023 & 2024. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete an online enrolment.

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Clarence Town
PRESCHOOL



From the Lion's Den.



The Clarence Town Markets had a wonderful turnout with over 25 stall holders recently. Lions Club has been working hard to improve the Markets and our latest initiative has been the implementation of a Code of Conduct policy. Stall holders will be provided with a copy of this policy. Code of conduct applies not only to our volunteers and stall holders but also to the General Public. In line with the NSW Government, we have a Zero Tolerance approach to aggressive or violent behaviour and verbal abuse. You will simply be asked to leave, or the Police will be contacted. Thank you for supporting this endeavour to make our community spaces safe and inclusive for all.

Please note that we have Markets in October and November but not December. We anticipate the Markets will resume in February 2024.

Other Projects:

Did you know that we have a dedicated team of volunteers who clean the Lions Park BBQ facilities every day? Thank you for your tireless efforts for our community!

Father's Day Raffle Congratulations to the lucky winners of our Father's Day Raffle drawn on Saturday 2nd September. Winners included Glen, Jenny and Kelly. Hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day!

Le Tour de Glen William Bike Ride was a great success with our volunteers helping with drinks for riders and a stall with information about Lions Club. Looking forward to next year, which will be an Anniversary event for Glen William School.

Lion's Club Car Boot Sale was held on Sunday 1st October. Word on the street has it that the BBQ was amazing, and everyone enjoyed hunting for bargains and treasures! Once again, thanks to our incredible volunteers!

Lion's Club Christmas Cakes and Puddings now available for sale and can be purchased at upcoming markets or via the Facebook page. Seriously delicious AND helps raise money for us to keep helping our community.

Lions Christmas Raffle we will soon be selling tickets for our Christmas Raffle, be sure to stop by and be in the running for some fabulous Christmas goodies!

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow";
—Mary Anne Radmacher

St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.

Advent and Christmas are upon us and as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we pray for our country which is going through a hard time. Dorothea MacKellar certainly was spot on with the poem, "My Country".

We pray for rain to help our farmers and fill our rivers, dams and tanks. We also ask that God somehow brings peace overseas. The horrendous happenings in the Middle East and Ukraine are beyond imagining. Where would be if we didn't have our God to turn to?

Our little church continues on and we pray for the Neilson family as they cope with the passing of their beautiful daughter, Tenieka. May God comfort the whole family who are in grief. We have such beautiful memories of Tenieka. She is a special angel.

God bless everyone.
*Marilyn
Amos*

Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre.

As the year draws to a close, I wish to thank all our wonderful, reliable volunteers for their effort in assisting in the running of the Op Shop and Treasure Centre. ALSO a huge thank you to our community who donate clothing, household items etc. to the Centre. We would not be able to operate without you. Thank you all so much and God bless.

We collect for missions, used stamps, ring pulls, 8 ply wool and we have Clarence Town School uniforms currently in stock. We are also in need of more volunteers and people who can move heavy items. Only once a month.

We are currently having a HOT SUMMER SALE – clothes, shoes, hats, all linen. FILL-A-BAG for \$15.00 from 1st November until 6th December. Come in a grab some bargains.

Please note that we will be finishing the year on Wednesday, 6th December and opening again on Wednesday 24th January 2024. Can you please save donations until then. Thank you.

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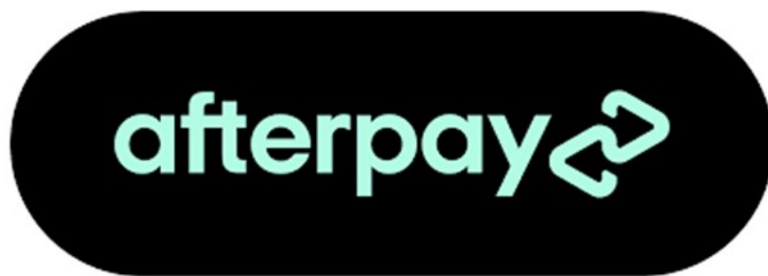
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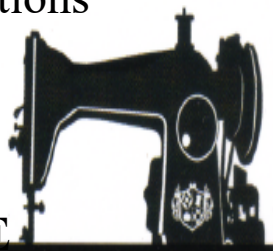
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