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Together in Community: A message from the CTPA

As 2024 draws to a close, the Clarence Town Progress Association (CTPA) and The Sentinel News team wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

For over 20 years, the CTPA has been dedicated to advancing local community assets and projects.

This year, under the leadership of David Hood, the CTPA has continued its work as a vital networking hub. The association actively promotes community events, liaises with local groups, and ensures clear communication among residents and government.

Looking ahead, the CTPA is focused on fundraising and grants to enhance public spaces. Upcoming projects include improvements to Wharf Reserve, maintenance at the Village Green, and plans for a new recreational area, the "Field of Dreams," at the Dungog Council quarry site.

Join us for monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at Clarence Town Community Hall. See more at clarencetownprogress.org.au

KIDS WIN \$50 in our Christmas Competition. See page 21, entries close Friday 6th December





◆ CLOSING DATE FOR NEWS & ADS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE IS 10TH DECEMBER ◆

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Rainfall Report* (mls)

2024

September 73.6

August 53

July 46.6

June 94.8

May 166.8 April 140.4

March 68.8

Feb 98

Jan 66.2

2023

Dec 132.2 Nov 81.4

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From the Sentinel Editorial Team,

Well, Clarence Town, what a whirlwind of a year it's been!

Our newly elected council is in full swing, led by our very own Digby Rayward, alongside councillors Steve Low and the fresh-faced James Campbell, representing Ward B for the next four years.

The 175 Years of Education Celebration was a smash hit. *Clarence Town* and *Glen William Public Schools* basked in the spotlight, raising much-needed funds while the whole town came together for a festive street parade.

Here's a big cheer for all our community groups tirelessly working behind the scenes! The *Courthouse Museum*'s Spring Fair was a hit, bringing in funds for future initiatives. Save the date for the art exhibition and Community Christmas Carols they're hosting in Nov/Dec. Meanwhile, the *RFS Open Day* was a fiery success (in the best way possible), showcasing the incredible work of our local heroes. The *Community Builders Program*, has united our Shire's communities over the past 6 months. One exciting development: *a community garden* at the senior citizens' centre is taking root – pun intended! Check out the initiative on page 4 and join in

Congratulations to Lana and the team at *Clarence Town Home Hardware* for winning the NSW Hunter Coast Store of the Year for 2024! They truly go above and beyond to for our community.

A massive thank you to the local businesses that advertise with us, funding The Sentinel's printing. Please support them, or we might just lose them!

That's the scoop for now, folks. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a safe, festive holiday season. Here's to fresh beginnings and growing stronger together! Until next year x Cathy Schneider



REMEMBRANCE DAY CLARENCE TOWN SERVICE

11/11/2024, 10:58 sharp Cnr Grey and Queen St's

ALL WELCOME

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them. Lest we forget.

> For more information contact Di Bennett OAM 0428 964 398

Community Events Calendar

Welcome to the heart of Clarence Town! Discover local happenings, cultural events and opportunities.

To list your local event for free, email thesentinel2321@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

Tues 5th	3pm: MELBOURNE CUP
Thurs 7th	6.30-8.30pm: FREE Community Builders Event. Rhys Williams presents "Engaging younger generations in Community Building". <i>Royal Hotel, Dungog.</i> Light Dinner provided. To book www.trybooking.com/CWNBU
Fri 8th	1-5pm: Stroud Cluster Workshop "Engaging younger generations in Community Building" and Tracy Hatch from the Wellshot Pub (2024 Publican of the Year). Stroud District Country Club. Free. Light lunch provided. To make a booking www.trybooking.com/CWNBV
Fri 8th	DUNGOG SHOW. Dungog Showground, Abelard Street, Dungog. Visit <u>dungogshow.com.au</u> for times and more details.
Sat 9th	DUNGOG SHOW DAY 2
Mon 11th	10:58am: REMEMBRANCE DAY, Clarence Town Service. Cenotaph, cnr Grey and Queen Streets.
Fri 29th	6-8pm: 'Eckos' Art Exhbition Opening by Bec Towers. <i>Clarence Town Courthouse Museum.</i>
Sat 30th	8am-12pm: FINAL Clarence Town Markets for 2024 , hosted by the Lion's Club. Clarence Town Bowling Club. Located in Hall of Arts if wet.
Sat 30th	10am-3pm: 'Eckos' Art Exhbition by Bec Towers. Clarence Town Courthouse Museum.
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10am-3pm: 'Eckos' Art Exhibition by Bec Towers, Clarence Town Courthouse Museum.

Courthouse Museum.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START

4-8pm: Carols by Candlelight. Clarence Town

Wed 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Sun 1st

Sun 8th

Wed 18th



Clarence Town & District Historical Museum Assoc.

From Celebrations to Exhibitions: Exciting Times at the Museum

It's been a busy two months! To celebrate 175 years of public education in Clarence Town and Glen William, the Museum hosted various activities, offering a great view of the Parade.

The Spring Fair coincided with the Lions Club Sept Markets, held in the School of Arts due to rain. Young ambassadors James and Jack guided tours, and James entertained guests with his guitar. Notably, Mr. Schumacher, showed his school badge from 1946 and the 1949 Centenary badge.

Committee members are participating in the DDCC Community Builders Program, generating ideas like the community vegetable garden. We thank Dungog Council for addressing drainage issues at Prince and Grey Streets. Please join us on Nov 30 and Dec 1 from 10am-3pm for local artist Bec Towers' first exhibition at the Museum!

Open the 2nd Sat of each month, 10am – 2pm or by appointment. Chris O'Neill, Museum Committee Secretary, C'Imuseum@outlook.com 0491 346 491





'Community OF Gardens' Initiative

Welcome to our first sharing edible garden for all alongside the Seniors Centre.

The vision seeks to cultivate pockets of edible garden delights throughout the town. Rather than only creating a singular community garden space in isolation, the goal is to create a network of plants that develop the identity of Clarence Town into a unique community OF gardens.

We aim to use produce from the garden to create delicious, organic meals for the Seniors Kitchen (Tues mornings) and Nourish Playgroup (Mon mornings), making it a much-loved community asset! Everyone is welcome; this space is for our community. We will host future working bees, planting days, weeding sessions, compost workshops, produce swaps, and more!

If you are interested in getting involved, volunteering, donating some seedlings or even just meeting a really great group of people – come visit, follow us on Facebook <u>@Clarence Town</u>. Community of Gardens or email <u>ct.communityofgardens@gmail.com</u>

Clarence Town Lions Club Report

From the Lion's Den



Lions Christmas Raffle

It's that time of year again! Clarence Town Lions Club's annual Christmas Raffle tickets will be available outside the IGA on Saturdays starting on the 26th of October and the following dates: November 2nd, 16th, and 30th, and on December 7th. The raffle will be **drawn on the 21st December** at the IGA, just in time for Christmas. Prizes to the value of \$300!!

The Clarence Town Markets

The markets are held on the last Saturday of every month. Our final markets will be on the **30th November**. Thank you for supporting the Markets this year (both stall holders and our lovely community). The Markets will have some wonderful Christmas gift possibilities! In wet weather, the Markets will relocate to the Hall of Arts. Lions Club Cakes and Puddings will be on sale!

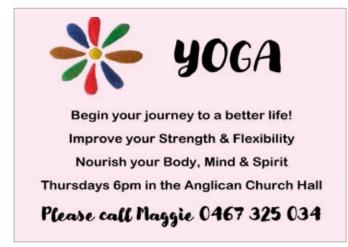
Special Mention

Lion **Col Medcalf** received a Certificate from NSW Volunteer Awards. Col has been a tireless volunteer in the Clarence Town Community for many years and we are so appreciative of everything he does. Congratulations, Col, on a very well-deserved award!

New members are welcome to the monthly meeting at the Clarence Town Bowls Club, held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead." – Mother Teresa

Ms Trudy Balstad, Public Officer Follow us on Facebook: @Clarence Town Lions Club



Clarence Town First Responders (CFR)

Life-Saving Lessons at Clarence Town RFB Day

The recent Clarence Town RFB 'Get Ready' day was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout at the station.

Many attendees took the opportunity to practice lifesaving CPR on our training manikin, with some showing impressive skills in chest compressions. As CPR is a vital skill that can save lives, it was great to see so many eager to learn. The top three participants earned First Aid kits for their efforts!

In other news, all current CFR members have completed their annual skills maintenance and CPR recertification, ensuring they're ready for action. Recruits will begin their initial training this November.

If you're interested in learning more about the CFR program or joining, please get in touch!

Brad Elloy, CFR Coordinator 0417 651 577





Country Womens Assocation Dungog-Clarence Town

Connect with the Women of Clarence Town and Dungog

Did you know there's a Country Women's Association in Dungog-Clarence Town?

With over 30 members, this branch has been supporting local women and families for more than 90 years. They engage in a variety of activities and play a vital role in fundraising for local schools, supporting community events, and hosting gatherings at their hall located at 199 Dowling Street, Dungog.

We are currently seeking new members!

Whether you're passionate about community service, eager to learn new skills, or simply looking for a welcoming group to share experiences with, you can make a meaningful impact while building lasting friendships. Join us!

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Reading Creates Brighter Futures...

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library launched in Dungog Shire on May 7th, providing free, books to babies every month until they turn 5.

To date, we have enrolled 50 babies across the Shire, primarily in Clarence Town and Dungog. Working closely with Baby Health Nurses, we invite new mums to enrol their babies in the program.

The community supports the program at \$108 per child and is bolstered by 14 community groups and 41 individual sponsors who generously contribute.

You can support the Imagination Library by visiting the pop-up second-hand bookstore, staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Dungog Shire Community Centre. 90% of all sales go directly to the program, helping us provide more books for local children.

Stop by the pop-up shop to purchase a book or register your child in the program.

232 Dowling St, Dungog. Open Thurs & Fri 10am-2.30pm and Sat 9.30am-1.30pm. Anne Higgins, dungogearlyliteracy@gmail.com, 0403 029 181



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Showcasing Strong Community Spirit!

Despite light, consistent rain, the determination and positivity of the **Le Tour Glen William 2024** bike riders, patrons, and organisers was inspiring. A total of 122 riders, undeterred by the weather, came together to enjoy the day.

The 10km ride was a delightful experience for families, with 70 riders of all ages journeying to Glen Martin and back over Banfield Bridge. A heartwarming highlight was Peter Dillon, who rode with his grandson and won the Lucky Rider prize – a \$100 IGA Gift Voucher donated by Clarence Town IGA & Liquor.

Emily Foruntaso-Klocker's impressive achievement on the 26km loop deserves mention – she completed it in just 50 mins, showcasing remarkable skill. The Clarence Town Lions Club provided drinks for the 52 riders, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and achievement.

Community members enjoyed the markets at the school, while the Courthouse Museum Committee shared its knowledge. Attendees enjoyed the Hoopla, tasty treats from the Cake Stall, and a bustling BBQ & Corn Stall, with plenty of delicious food, including Devonshire Tea.

We acknowledge and thank: Dungog Barrington Bakery, Johnson Farmgate, Brown's Meats, Dowling Street Meats, Williams Valley Pharmacy, Clarence Town IGA, Dungog IGA, Dowling Street Hair Studio, Sally & Patrick's Fruit & Veg, Wax & Lye, Café Enzo Hunter Valley, Erringhi Bakery, A & M McDonald, and Raymond Terrace Cignall.

It was fantastic to see so many people supporting Glen William Public School's fundraising and enjoying the ride! Stay tuned for Le Tour de Glen William 2025! www.facebook.com/LeTourdeGlenWilliam

Leanne Doorey





Clarence Town Tennis Club

Get Outside and Play!



The Clarence Town & District Tennis Club is in full swing this spring, offering various opportunities for tennis enthusiasts of all ages.

The Spring Social Night Competition is currently underway, bringing together both seasoned players and newcomers in a friendly, competitive atmosphere. It's particularly encouraging to see young players participating, adding vibrant energy to the matches.

For the younger crowd, the Hot Shots program continues every Saturday morning from 8.30-9.30am, providing a fun and engaging introduction to tennis.

If you're interested in joining or renewing your membership, now is the time. Memberships can be processed through our website, which also offers detailed information about our club and its activities. play.tennis.com.au/clarencetownanddistricttennisclub

For any further inquiries, feel free to reach out directly. Brad (0417 651 577), Gai (0419 600 219)



Clarence Town Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club

Email - ádmin@clarrobowlo.com.au

Socials - FB: Clarence Town Bowling Club IG- @clarencetownbowlingclub



TUESDAY- Euchre 6:30pm Bingo! 6:30pm start, \$12 for 20 games & 2 jackpot sheets

THURSDAY- Bingo 11:30am start, \$12 for 20 games & 2 jackpot sheets

FRIDAY - Meat & Voucher Raffles, Members Draw & Live Music (tickets on sale at 6pm and drawn at 7pm)

SATURDAY - Meat Raffles (tickets on sale at 2pm & drawn at 4pm)

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH - Meat & Voucher Raffles + Members Draw (tickets on sale at 5pm and drawn at 6pm)

HAPPY HOUR - Wednesday & Thursday 4-6pm & Saturday 2-4pm

OPENING HOURS: Monday - From 2pm Tuesday-Sunday - From 11am



Maria's Kitchen Opening Hours: Lunch: 12:00-2:00 Thursday- Sunday Dinner: 5:30-8:00 Tuesday- Sunday

Courtesy Bus runs Every Friday & Saturday from 5pm! \$5 per person return trip, call the club and follow the prompts to book a ride!

New South Wales Rural Fire Service

Join Your Local Rural Fire Brigade!

Have you ever thought of becoming a volunteer? Discover the different ways our volunteers help to protect their community.

Available roles will depend on individual brigades, so it's best to discuss your options with the brigade you're seeking to join. New members will receive enough training to get started, and from there you can progress through a variety of pathways.

Firefighting – Our firefighters are trained to respond to all types of fires and other emergencies. You can also develop specialist skills such as structural firefighting, aviation support, and remote area operations.

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- 1. Complete the *Membership Application*, providing personal details, medical history and relevant disclosures.
- 2. Complete the Police Check Application Submitting copies of your identification and providing your consent for a Police Check to be conducted. This is required for all applicants age 16 years and older.
- 3. *Brigade Review* The interview is an informal chance for the Brigade to learn about you and for you to understand the commitment expected from volunteers.

For More Information please phone Clarence Town Brigade on 4996 4454.

TO BURN DURING FIRE SEASON (1st Oc – 31st March unless otherwise stipulated by the NSW RFS) you will require a permit.

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The Dungog District Chamber of Commerce

Join Us: Networking, Forums, and Celebrations...

The Dungog District Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to The Sentinel. We look forward to keeping the Clarence Town area abreast of our happenings.

A brief intro to the Chamber committee; President Therese McIntyre from Dungog Trading Post, Vice-President Wes Neilson from Nexus Business Advisers, Secretary Marion Stuart, Howard Glenn from Royal Hotel Dungog, Carol Skafte-Zauss from Hilldale. Alan Green from Clarries Green Farmstay and Brodie Wade from Balanced Beans Accounting Services. Clarence Town is well represented with Wes, Alan and Brodie.

Our recent achievements include:

- Community Builder's program, Sponsored by Rural Aid and facilitated by Peter Kenyon (Bank of IDEAS)
- Line marking & signage for main street in Dungog
- · Community Foundation workshop held at Tocal
- · Future of Farming forums & Youth forum

Upcoming Future Chamber events:

- The final round of Community Builders events
- Our Networking monthly Dinner Meetings across the Shire. Open to anyone, 3rd Thurs of each month
- Shire Christmas Street Party hosted in Dungog on 29 Nov from 4pm with FREE entertainment, very family friendly. Retail, markets, food, music & more
- End of Year Celebration of Business, 13 Dec.

Would you like to find out more about how DDCC can assist your business? Please see more details on our socials and website or contact Marion Stuart 0418 921 899, secretary@ddcc.org.au, www.ddcc.org.au

Australia shutting down 3G Network!

The mobile network switch originally planned for early 2024 has been delayed to November 1st, 2024.

After this, devices using 2G or 3G SIM cards, including phones, emergency devices, tablets, and some cars, will no longer connect to the network. While carriers like Optus have offered thousands of free phone upgrades, not all 4G/5G phones will work for calls after the change.

In Australia, phone calls use VoLTE (Voice over Long-Term Evolution), not the 4G/5G data network. Many overseas phones rely on the 3G network for voice calls, even if they're 4G/5G capable, so only devices designed for Australian networks should be purchased.

Additionally, some 4G/5G phones can use VoLTE for voice calls but can't dial ooo. The government is working on new legislation to ban these phones from the 4G network, which may result in significant e-waste from now-obsolete devices.

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Dungog Councillors Report

Mayoral Results, Bridge Tenders, and 30 Year Vision

Council Election Results

Digby Rayward won the mayoral ballot and in B Ward with five candidates the final outcome was dependent upon the allocation of preferences. Stephen Low topped the poll followed in order by James Campbell, Alan Green, Karen Drinan and then Jessica Clark. It cost \$124,000 for the NSW Electoral Commission to conduct the elections for Dungog Shire.

New Clarence Town Bridge

Tenders have finally been called for the design and construction of the new bridge. The winning tender will be selected by Council at its ordinary meeting on the 29th January. The project has been delayed by land access issues with several land owners, and these will be progressed in due course. Construction will take about two years. As part of this project, funding has been reserved to rehabilitate Limeburners Creek Rd from the new bridge to the intersection with Glen Martin Rd.

Structural Plan and Flood Study for Clarence Town and District

Clarence Town has been designated a future growth area by the NSW Government, which has provided \$246,000 in grants for Council to prepare a Structural Plan and Flood Study.

This 30-year plan will address community needs and aspirations, focusing on streetscapes, retail and commercial precincts, settlement patterns, footpaths, habitat preservation, light industrial land, and infrastructure for population growth.

Ethos Urban, the consultants developing the plan, initially planned to run a stall at the November Lions Markets, but this has been delayed to facilitate a workshop with State Government agencies in late October. The Clarence Town Structure Plan will be reported to Council in December, and the draft document will be exhibited from January to February. During this period, the consultants will hold community consultation sessions to gather feedback.

Your local B Ward Councillors:

James Campbell 0484 599 709 james.campbell@dungog.nsw.gov.au

Steve low 4996 4022 steve.low49@gmail.com





From the Parson's Pen

Have you noticed the state of the world lately?

Wars and rumours of wars, a changing climate, a mental health epidemic and instability and fear. Locally, we are faced with the cost of living and housing crisis, domestic and family violence and all kinds of uncertainties.

Our world needs hope.

In response to this call for hope, the Anglican Church of Australia has launched an initiative called Hope 25. Hope 25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Australian Anglican Church.

Imagine every Anglican Church in Australia doing something at the same time to promote and proclaim the hope we, as Christians, have in Jesus.

Hope 25 will run from Easter Day 2025 (April 20, 2025) until Pentecost Sunday 2025 (June 8, 2025).

I am the Diocese of Newcastle's Hope 25 Project Officer and it is a great joy to be able to support and advise local churches across the Newcastle Diocese on how they can be more intentional about talking about Jesus and the hope that is found in following him. I am pleased to partner with a diocesan team to help this mission come to fruition in our diocese.

In our Dungog Anglican Church we are planning on doing a few things to promote and support Hope 25. During the season of Hope 25 next year, I'm going to interview some of our parishioners as to why they have hope in Jesus and they will share their testimonies during our service times. We are also planning on creating a Hope 25 calendar, where stories of our hope in Jesus are shared, with photos, to proclaim hope in Jesus all year long. We are also planning to run Alpha in our church in the Hope 25 season.

Locally, we are asking people in the Dungog Shire what hope means to them. We also have an intensive invitational focus where people are encouraged to invite someone to come to church.

For more information about Hope 25, check out this website: www.hope25.com.au

Reverend Kimbalee Hodges



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Service Times: Every Sunday, Holy Communion at 10am

With Christmas fast approaching, there is always lots to prepare for. Holidays to plan, church services to organize and advertise, what do we get for gifts for those we love, and it can become overwhelming and, at times, very expensive.

I think we can, and do allow ourselves to be caught up in the business of the season and it is not what the season is all about. We give gifts at Christmas because God gave us the greatest gift of all, Jesus, the gift that lasts forever. If we think about it, those we love have everything already, that's why we struggle with 'what to get', and although they might not realize it yet, they already have the greatest gift of all in Jesus, and even though they don't know him yet, he knows and loves them and is longing form them to come to know him. Maybe this Christmas we can focus on Jesus and gift he has given to all of us. Here endeth the epistle.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Snowy, who has lovingly taken care of our grounds at St. John's for a very long time. Thank you Snowy from all of us here. Your care of our grounds has been commented on and much appreciated and we are sad to see your retire from doing it for us. Thank you also for organizing someone to take your place, and we welcome Will and look forward to having him help us out.

We send our prayers and sympathy to those who have lost loved-ones recently, remembering Julie Ken and Mary. May you allow God to comfort you during this time of grieving and also allow yourselves to reach out and allow friends to help.

Our Op Shop will close for the year on Wed 4th December and re-open on Wed 8th January.

Our Holy Communion services are at 10am each Sunday morning and our Rector, Rev.d Kimbalee always gives an inspiring, practical homily with food for thought for the week ahead. She is a blessing to us.

Our Christmas service this year will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm, with a bring-and-share meal in the hall following the service. It would be lovely if you could join us.

Have a wonderful holy season with your loved-ones and travel safely. Christmas blessings to all.

Sue Flannery

Clarence Town Op Shop & Treasure Centre

St. John's Anglican Church – 36 Grey St, Clarence Town

Service Times: Every Wednesday 9am - 12pm

Summer Sale: Fill-a-bag for \$15 – on now.

As 2024 draws to a close, I wish to thank all who volunteer, our sign man, David, and our clients who support us and also those who donate items.

We are still looking for volunteers for 2025 – 9am to noon every 6 weeks roster. We are a happy bunch. Please be in touch if you think you can be with us. You would be made very welcome.

We also are still in need of 8ply wool – used postage stamps (1" surround); - white T-shirts for rags, as we support these and other charities throughout the year.

Wishing you all a happy, Holy Christmas Season with those you love and care for. Our Christmas Eve service at St. John's will be at 5pm on 24th December. If you are travelling over the holiday season, please be careful and stay safe. Blessings.

We close on Wednesday, 4th December and re-open on Wednesday, 8th January, 2025.

Gillian Finch 4994 9168 / 0477 326 142

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

41 Rifle St, Clarence Town Pastor: Rev Andrew Doohan

Service Times: Every Sunday 8am

Well, we are racing towards the festive season and also the season of Advent preparing for the celebration of the birth of baby Jesus.

Where has this year gone? It doesn't do to dwell on the past year because it has been, on a world-wide scale, one of dreadful unrest and man's inhumanity towards each other, but we must focus on the GOOD in this world and pray that, through prayer and intercessions, peace will prevail in our world.

We are so blessed to live in our beautiful community and we must remember each day, to be grateful and thank God for our blessings.

Our Sunday Mass is at 8am each week and anyone is most welcome. Cuppa after Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

God bless all, Marilyn Amos



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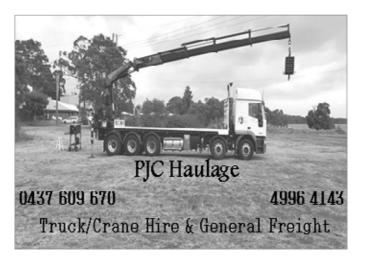


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Clarence Town Presbyterian Church

29 Marshall Street, Clarence Town Pastor: Rev Allan D. Welch

Service Times: 10am Gathered Worship every Sunday.

From the pulpit we continue with our series on Paul's letter to the Philippians, where we are encouraged by the magnificent joy we find in being part of the fellowship of the Gospel!

At the time of writing Mainly Music (every Wed), SRE (Fri) and Growth Groups (Tue evenings – starting a new Bible study on Proverbs) are all in recess, but due back for a big end to the year in Term 4. Lord's Supper celebration is on Sunday 3rd November followed by a fellowship lunch BBQ at a local park weather permitting.

Our Christmas Day service will be held at the usual time of 10am at CTPC, without our regular morning tea afterwards, so everyone can get to their lunches with family and friends.

"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

In Christ, Rev Allan D. Welch 0402 387 690

Christ Church, Dungog

Dowling Street, Dungog

Service Times: Every Friday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am Sunday night service: 4th Sunday of every month at 5pm

Christ Church Dungog recently held a mango drive, with profits supporting three mission projects: a water project in Myanmar, a World Vision boy, and Seafarer's that come through the Newcastle premises.

We are also collecting items for Seafarer's to fill shoeboxes covered in Christmas paper, including socks, toiletries, pens, playing cards, small games, beanies, and batteries. Our volunteers love preparing these boxes for those arriving at Newcastle Harbour.

In October, we hosted markets with 24 stallholders. Upcoming markets are on **November 2nd and December 7th from 8am**, and our Op Shop will be open, with church members serving a popular BBQ.

Our Cuppa 'n Chat cannot use the hall until November 15th due to HSC exams. Our last service for the year will be held on 24th November.

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Clarence Town Primary Public School

Honouring Our Past and Looking Ahead

Term 3 was an incredibly busy and memorable period for Clarence Town Public School as we celebrated our **175th birthday**.

The term featured a showcase assembly where we welcomed alumni Joe Gorton and the Allen Atkins family, who shared wonderful stories of their time at the school. This event truly brought our school's history to life.

The celebrations continued with a *community parade*, proudly featuring our new school banner. We also marked the installation and official opening of pavers initiated by our fabulous P&C, recognising the school community's connection over the past 175 years. A fantastic smoking ceremony, supported by Uncle Justin from Murrook and Mr. Ridgeway, who performed his *Worimi Man* song, added deep cultural significance.

Festivities extended throughout the town, and we express our heartfelt gratitude to the community for their ongoing support in making this historic event a success.

Upcoming Events for Term 4

Term 4 promises to be busy and exciting, packed with *school reports, orientations, and farewells*. A highlight is the Red Carpet Event, where our budding film artists will showcase their work from the Hunter network. On Tuesday, students will visit the James Theatre—who knows, we may have a future film producer among us!

Our *Year 6 students* will have several opportunities to visit the high school, including the Jump Start program to support those feeling anxious about the transition. Additionally, Aboriginal students may attend extra transition days as needed.

We'll also celebrate our students invited to the *Deadly Awards* – we're incredibly proud of them! Another highlight is our *History of Clarence Town* Performance on November 7th, featuring two shows – a matinee and an evening performance. Tickets are available online.

Please stay updated with communications. If you haven't signed up for our Sentral portal, you might be missing important information.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 4 filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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'Back to School' Trivia Night a BLAST!

The community, school alumni and staff celebrated 175 years of Clarence Town Public School at the P&C Trivia Night Fundraiser on the 13th Sept.

With 15 tables of participants enjoying 8 rounds of trivia, mini games, complementary memorabilia, delicious buffet by Maria's Kitchen, drinks on arrival PLUS lots of laughs with plenty of friendly competition, all MC'd perfectly by recently retired teacher, Mr Steve Lofts!

The evening was made even more fabulous with fancy dress! Individual best dressed went to Donna Gorton, and best dressed table to the custom t-shirts 'CTPS Class of...' Head to our Facebook page to see the full album of professional photos taken by Shannon Richmond.

Congratulations to the TEACHERS table who were the evening's trivia Grand Champions! The P&C have raised valuable funds to support the purchase of a projector screen for the school hall, a long term goal for the P&C. Thank you to all who celebrated with us and made this a memorable milestone!

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Glen William Primary Public School

A Legacy of Community, Achievement, and Future Adventures...

Our school's 175th anniversary was the talk of the town, with a great turnout to celebrate this milestone. We have a rich history where community is our cornerstone, and it was fantastic to see past principals, students, and families join us. Thank you to Sarah, Phoebe, and the P&C for hosting the event.

We felt like movie stars walking the red carpet as we watched "A Lesson in Time." We remembered the past, celebrated the present, and looked forward to the school's bright future. It was a truly marvellous event, and I want to thank Kylie for her hard work and dedication. What a success!A Big Thank You From Us

A Big Thank You From Us

The 2024 Le Tour de Glen William was a wonderful success, despite the rain. Along with the hardworking committee and staff, we would like to extend our thanks to the following businesses who assisted with food, prizes, discounts and other support. We raised \$3500!

Thank you to:

- · Dungog Barrington Bakery
- Johnson's Farmgate
- Brown's Meats
- · Williams Valley Pharmacy Dungog
- Lovey's IGA Dungog
- Lovey's IGA Clarence Town
- Dowling Street Meats, Dungog
- Dowling Street Hair Studio, Dungog
- Sally & Patrick's Fruit & Veg
- Wax & Lye
- Café Enzo, Hunter Valley
- Anne & Malcolm McDonald
- · Erringhi Bakehouse, Clarence Town
- Raymond Terrace Cignall

State Touch Footy

Congratulations to our Small Schools touch footy team who competed in the State finals in Sydney.

After a very close 7-5 loss in our first match, we were ready to show Sydney what Glen William are really made of, putting on an absolute try show in Match 2. We scored a whopping 14 tries, to win 14-10, to put us into the 5th vs 6th match to end the day. Unfortunately, our opponent's passing was unmatched, and we went down 15-8 in our final game of the day. Congratulations to our incredible players who all scored tries across the day, showing our true ability to work as a team, and to score 23 tries in one day is just phenomenal. 6th in the state, go Glen William!

We were thrilled to invite our whole school to support our Touch Footy Team at the State carnival. This was made possible by the generous support of Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club, which funded the bus to Sydney and allowed some parents to attend. We also received financial help from K&C Farmstays and other generous offers. Thank you all!

On Country Cultural Day

Our Aboriginal students have had a fabulous day on country. The highlight of the day was Dark Point, and walking across the dunes to the beach. We learnt about the midden site, to look out for whales when the gymea lily is flowering, and how to make soap from plants we find on country. Thanks, Nan Margaret, for driving us - we couldn't do it without you!

Cooking from the Garden

Primary students have been using the produce grown in our school garden to cook yummy treats to share. These have included: Mini margherita pizzas with garlic and herbs and spinach and ricotta pasties.

Dungog Tea Party

We are thrilled to announce the incredible achievements of our talented students who have recently received awards for their outstanding artwork in the Dungog Tea Party and our school winning 1st prize in the school display section. Well done Glen William!

Canberra is next on our list, Mrs Hurney and Mrs Wilson are privileged to be able to escort our Primary students to our Nation's Capital.

Intensive swimming starts in Weeks 3 and 4, providing students with a great opportunity to build confidence and improve their swimming skills.

We are taking Enrolments for 2025. Please contact the school office for an information pack or visit the school website to complete an online enrolment.

Glen William Public School 4996 5507 E-mail: glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Christmas Creativity Challenge! Whether you choose to colour, paint or create a collage, we want to see your artistic flair.

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Age:	Phone#:	How to Enter: Submit your completed artwork to the Clarence Town Post Office by <i>Friday 6th December</i> . Good luck, and happy creating!	

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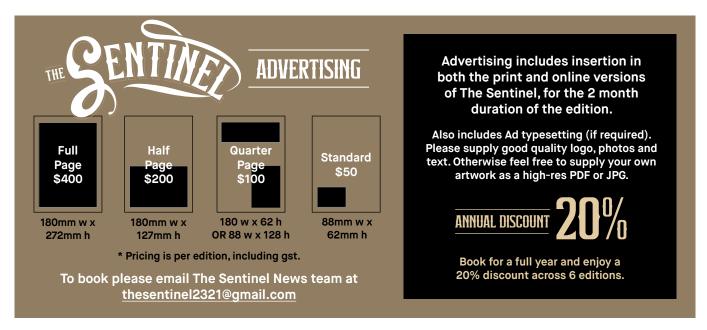
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