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## Rainfall Report\* (mls)

### 2026

May 164.6  
April 8.6  
March 53.2  
Feb 38.4  
Jan 99.6

### 2025

Dec 67.6  
Nov 21.2  
Oct 23.8  
Sept 47  
Aug 118.4

\* Source: BOM, Clarence Town Rainfall Station 061010

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## The Time for Action is Now

On Thursday June 18, nearly 80 locals gathered at the Clarence Town Bowling Club to launch our newly minted Community Builders Action Plan.

It was incredibly encouraging to see nearly 30 new faces in the room ready to help!

Getting to this point has taken two years of hard work. Under the expert guidance of Steph from Rural Aid, and driven by a small but mighty group of volunteers, we now have a clear roadmap.

Clarence Town is the largest village in the shire. It is a fabulous place to live, but we must actively advocate for what it needs to thrive. Facing the realities of an aging population and limited facilities, it is entirely up to us to back our local economy.

Our roadmap to do just that is grouped into six main themes – put simply: Bringing Locals Together, Town Pride, Backing Our

Youth, Upgrading Our Spaces, Supporting Our Seniors, and Teaming Up With Shire Neighbours.

During the meeting, attendees were encouraged to join a focus group that best matched their interests. The task was straightforward: hash out a key priority and figure out the best way to get things moving. The goal is to present this initiative at our next community gathering.

To get these initiatives off the ground, we need you! All focus groups and interested residents are invited to our next Task Team meeting at 6pm on Thursday, 13th August at the Bowling Club. We will be locking in immediate priorities and unlocking the \$10,000 seed funding from Rural Aid.

If you want to see our community grow, step up and help us put this plan into action. Please follow the CT Community Builders on Facebook and email [ctowncommunitybuilders@hotmail.com](mailto:ctowncommunitybuilders@hotmail.com) to sign up for our email newsletter.

— *Your Editor, Cathy Schneider x*

✦ CLOSING DATE FOR NEWS & ADS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE IS 10TH AUGUST ✦



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# What's On

Welcome to the heart of Clarence Town!  
Discover local happenings, events and opportunities. To list your local event for free, email [thesentinel2321@gmail.com](mailto:thesentinel2321@gmail.com)

## JULY

**02 THURSDAY**  
6.30pm: **Clarence Town Progress Association** meeting. Clarence Town Senior Citizens Centre.

**05 SUNDAY**  
2pm: **Climate Choices**. Join Dr. Dennys Angove and weather expert Graham Creed break down climate science and practical tools for local resilience. FREE, James Theatre, Dungog. Hosted by PAWS & Lyne. [www.pawsciencehub.com](http://www.pawsciencehub.com)

**06 MONDAY**  
**Winter school holidays** start for public schools.

**09 9-30 JULY: WEEK DAYS**  
Free **Mobile BreastScreen Unit**. Dungog RSL Carpark, Lord St. Bookings essential call 13 20 50 or book online.

**18 SATURDAY**  
2pm: **The Stories We Leave Behind** with Emma Rossi. After 20 years as a national news presenter, Emma is now a pastoral carer and Biography Services Manager at St Vincent's Hospital, writing life stories for patients at the end of life. \$10pp at the door. Hosted by Clarence Town-Dungog CWA.

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**20 MONDAY**  
**Back to school - end of school holidays** for public schools.

**25 SATURDAY**  
8am-12pm: **Clarence Town Markets**, at Clarence Town Bowling Club. Hosted by the Lion's.

**SATURDAY**  
6.30pm: **WALLAROBBA HALL 90TH BIRTHDAY BUSH DANCE** featuring The Waterbombers, see ad above for details.

**SATURDAY**  
6.30pm: **Trivia Night**. Join the fun to raise funds for the *Dungog Tea Party 2026*. \$10pp, tables of 8. Dungog Memorial RSL Club. To book and/or for enquiries phone Pauline 0429 629 014.



## AUGUST

**06 THURSDAY**  
6.30pm: **Clarence Town Progress Association** meeting. Clarence Town Senior Citizens Centre.

**13 THURSDAY**  
6pm: **Clarence Town Community Builders Task Teams** meet at the Bowling Club. See cover for more info.

**29 SATURDAY**  
8am-12pm: **Clarence Town Markets**, at the Bowling Club. Hosted by the Lion's.

## Win a \$100 Voucher for 2 Minutes!

Help us make The Sentinel even better. We want to hear directly from our readers.

Do you look forward to reading the newsletter? What sections do you love, what's missing, what can we do better? **Share your thoughts in our quick online survey and go into the draw to WIN a \$100 voucher.**

**Prize Drawn: 15th July.** Winner Announced on the CTPA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Clarence.Town.Progress.Association](http://www.facebook.com/Clarence.Town.Progress.Association)

*An initiative of the Clarence Town Progress Assoc.*

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## Calling All Knitters, Whittlers, and Hot-Glue Heroes!

Naked teapots and scorched dining tables of the Shire, rejoice! The Annual Dungog Tea Party Tea Cosy & Trivet Challenge is officially underway, and it is time to drop the remote and pick up the knitting needles, the jigsaw, or the hot glue gun.

Because let's be clear – this isn't just a yarn party! While the tea cosies might be all about the textiles, the trivet challenge is an open invitation for the woodworkers, metalheads, tile-smashers, and mixed-media mavericks. We are calling all creatives to step up and showcase their skills to a crowd of over 800 eager attendees.

The stakes are real, and by stakes, we mean cold hard cash prizes. With 7 fiercely contested themes (across tea cosies & trivets), there is a category for everyone. We've even got divisions for the kids – spanning pre-school, primary, and high school – plus a special "Recycled" category.

**Entries due by Sunday, 23 August 2026. For more information, the full list of themes, and to grab your entry forms, head over to [dungogteaparty.com.au](http://dungogteaparty.com.au)**

Clarence Town Progress Association

## 20 Years of Progress

The Clarence Town Progress Association has been building our community for over 20 years. Our mission is to act as a networking and supporting agent for all community members.

We produce The Sentinel and have raised funds to support the building of footpaths, the gym, playground, and toilet block at the Village Green, and worked with Council to relocate the off-leash dog area to Wharf Reserve. Our funds also support Dungog Early Literacy (Dolly Parton's Imagination Library), the 1st Clarence Town Scouts, the Lions Club, and our Rural Fire Brigade.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except January) at 6.30pm in the Senior Citizen's Hall at 126 Prince Street. At these meetings, we discuss upcoming town projects and developments, liaise with other community groups, promote events, and share information from various levels of government.

*Membership of \$10 is due in July. If you would like to join us in supporting our great town, forms can be collected from the Clarence Town Post Office.*

*John Moyes, President CTPA*



## Dungog Tea Party

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Clarence Town & District Historical Museum Assoc.

# New Times, New Signs, and a Journey into the Past

Our March monthly meeting agreed to move from the 2nd to the **last Saturday of each month** to coincide with the Lions Club Markets and Senior Citizens Centre. We have tried it 3 times and find it working better as there is an increase in visitors.

A Northern NSW couple, Ian and Kerrie, investigating Ian's family history called asking for information on a distant relative who lived in the 1860s on Ben Singleton's Mill site. We used Reg Ford's book to confirm his grandparents had indeed lived there. Through Trove, we found a newspaper report of his grandmother drowning in the flooded river in 1867 while attempting to reach her children on the Glen Martin side.

They next decided on a visit to Clarence Town, stayed in the Williams River Holiday Park, and visited the Museum. Through the Dungog Visitors Centre, they arranged a visit to the farm containing the Mill site. I tagged along opening gates, and we received a two-hour tour from the owner. Ian was able to see the exact spot where his ancestor died, bringing the Past into the Present.

Detouring home to Paterson, where Ian's grandfather moved, the Paterson Historical Society provided further information.

It's a fine example of what the Community Builders Program envisages: visitors here for a reason who spend money in the community, and different parts of the community making it happen. In this case: Dungog Visitors Centre, Alan Green, Snowy Gorton, and Glenliam Farm.

*And you may have noticed the Museum displays a new sign. Thanks to Dungog Regional Tourism!*

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Chris O'Neill, Museum Committee Secretary,  
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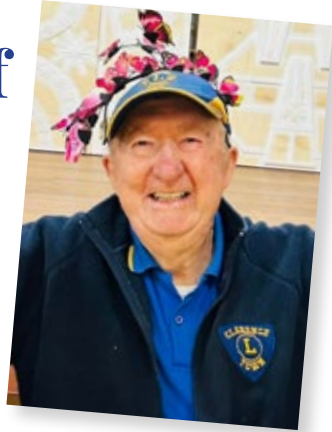
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Clarence Town Lions Club Report

# From the Lion's Den Thank You, Col Medcalf



The members of Clarence Town Lions Club would like to thank Col Medcalf, who has recently decided to step back from active membership after 27 years of dedicated service.

Over nearly three decades, Col has generously given his time and energy to countless community projects, fundraising activities and events. Well known and highly respected throughout the district, he has embodied the Lions motto, "We Serve," and made a lasting contribution to both our club and the wider community.

On behalf of all current and past members, we sincerely thank Col for his friendship, commitment and service. We wish him all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing him around town. Thank you, Col. Your service has made a difference.

Col's 27 years of service is a wonderful reminder of the difference volunteers can make.

If you would like to learn more about Clarence Town Lions Club and the projects we support, new members and volunteers are always welcome. *Meetings are held at The Bowling Club, 2nd Tues monthly from 6pm.*

**Trudy Balstad, President, Clarence Town Lions Club 0409 645 469. Follow us on Facebook: @Clarence Town Lions Club**

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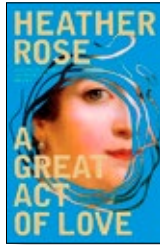


Book Recommendations

# Shelf Life

Looking for your next page-turner? The Sentinel's curated book recommendations make finding the perfect read a breeze – for adults and kids alike!

***A Great Act of Love by Heather Rose, Published September 2025 – Reviewed by Anne Higgins***

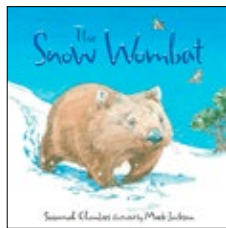


This a great read for historical fiction fans. It was published late last year.

Heather Rose has written many books and this one is totally different from her others.

Her books “Bruny” and “The Museum of Modern Love” have had great followings.

This story follows Caroline Corbett from England on her journey to Hobart in Tasmania chasing her father who is serving time as a convict on Norfolk island. The story was inspired by a discovery in Heather Rose’s own family history. Caroline re-invents herself as a wealthy widow, Mrs Douglas , as she arrives in Hobart Town in 1839 with a young boy in tow... here lies a mystery! She rents a cottage next to a abandoned vineyard and must carve out a new life carrying many secrets from her past. The setting moves from revolutionary France, along the coast of South America by boat and finally to early colonial Australia. Lots of beautifully drawn characters appear as the story progresses.



***“The Snow Wombat” by Susannah Chambers, illustrated by Mark Jackson – Reviewed By Anne Fisher***

A heart-warming story set in the Australian High Country. An adventurous young wombat finds his way around a winter landscape before snuggling back into his own cosy burrow. This is a beautiful picture book combining gentle rhyming text with watercolour and ink illustrations. The wombat takes a stroll across the winter landscape watching the snow on the animals, birds, people and plants – and on himself as well. The snow is fun, but Wombat is happy to snuggle down for a sleep in the only place with no snow – his burrow. The story is simple, encouraging readers to remember and join in the rhymes. “Snow on the possum’s tail. Snow in the air. Snow, wind, ice, hail. Snow ... Everywhere!” It’s a big journey through the snow for a little wombat. But there’s no place like home!

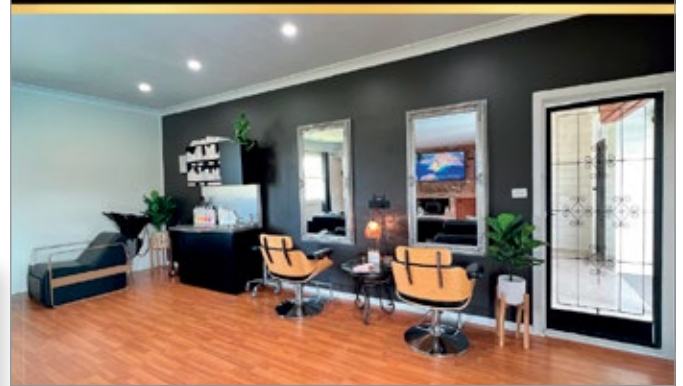
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Bingo! 6:30pm start, \$12 for 20 games & 2 jackpot sheets

**WEDNESDAY**- Happy Hour 4-6pm

**THURSDAY**- Bingo 11:30am start, \$12 for 20 games & 2 jackpot sheets  
Happy Hour - 4-6pm

**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)  
Happy Hour- 2-4pm

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Clarence Town Tennis Club

# Prep Your Trivia Teams & Winter Tennis Gear



Hi everyone. Well, unfortunately the weather has not been our friend during the Autumn Night social competition with many nights being unplayable. The nights when tennis was played, it was played in good spirits and fun. I hope to see many players signing up for our Winter night Competition which will start in the next school term.

The club will hold its Annual General Meeting shortly so watch for the date and feel free to come along and get involved in the tennis club. We are also in the early stages of arranging our annual Trivia Night at the bowling club. Watch out for advertising for this and start getting your teams ready.

There has been a steady regular hiring of the courts and I certainly encourage everyone to get with friends and family to enjoy our tennis complex. Great way to keep warm and fit during winter.

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## 2,000 Litres of New Firefighting Capability!!!!

Residents may have noticed a different fire appliance out and about in recent weeks. The versatile fire appliance has been added to the Clarence Town brigade's fleet, enhancing its ability to respond to a wide range of emergencies across the community and surrounding areas.

Designed primarily for structural and urban firefighting, the pumper carries additional breathing apparatus, a greater range of village fire fighting equipment and almost one kilometre of hose. It also features a high-capacity pump capable of delivering more than 2,000 litres of water per min.

Our volunteers have spent recent weeks undertaking extensive training with the appliance, including water supply exercises and other practical drills to build skills and familiarity with the new capability.

The addition of the pumper reflects the brigade's ongoing commitment to growing its capability alongside the community it serves, ensuring local firefighters are equipped and trained to respond to a broad range of emergencies.

The Clarence Town brigade is always looking for new volunteers. Anyone interested in supporting their local community can learn more at [rfs.nsw.gov.au/join](http://rfs.nsw.gov.au/join).



*New South Wales Rural Fire Service*

## Have you ever thought of becoming a volunteer?

Join a rural fire brigade! 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 emergencies. You can also develop specialist skills such as structural firefighting, aviation support and remote area operations.

### **Operational support**

Provide vital support to firefighters by using skills in radio communications, catering operations, training, logistics, and equipment maintenance.

### **Community support**

Help your community and brigade prepare for bush fires through community engagement, online and social media, events, fundraising, and volunteer recruitment.

### **Brigade administration**

Support your local brigade by getting involved in managing financial and membership administration, internal communications, meetings, and record keeping.

### **So what is the application process?**

Complete the Membership Application, providing your personal details, any medical history and all relevant disclosures.

### **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.

### **Brigade Review**

The interview is an informal opportunity for the Brigade to get to know you and for you to learn more about the Brigade and the commitment they expect from their volunteers. You may be interviewed by a panel of members within the Brigade.

*For More Information please phone Clarence Town Brigade on 0429 540 422*

**PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE.**

*Stay safe until next time, Di Bennett OAM  
Lower Hunter Zone Community Engagement Team  
New South Wales Rural Fire Service*

Clarence Town First Responders (CFR)

# Equipping the Community: CPR Awareness and Response Readiness

Hi everyone. Our team has maintained a steady response to calls for medical assistance across the community. We have had more positive feedback for what we do which has been much appreciated.

Our team recently completed their annual recertification for CPR to remain response ready. Our two newest recruits have completed their second block of three training sessions and are going really well with their skill development.

On the 20th of June we teamed up with Ambulance Paramedics to run a CPR/AED and GoodSAM awareness session and quite a few community members came along to learn some core skills around doing CPR and how to use an AED on a person in Cardiac Arrest. These are skills imperative to giving a person in cardiac arrest a chance of surviving. Thanks to everyone who came along.

*If anyone has an interest in joining our team and helping the community, please give me a call, Brad 0417 651 577.*



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*Dungog Councillors Report*

# Infrastructure Grant Funding Anomalies

Government grants are absolutely essential for Dungog Shire because they comprise up to 70% of total funding in our annual budgets, and without grants we could not provide some essential services and most importantly maintain our infrastructure.

The new Clarence Town bridge is a classic example whereby state and federal governments provided the \$23 million to build it - a wonderful result for our community. It will be a Council-owned bridge, while the heritage-listed old bridge remains a NSW Government structure. Once restored at a cost of about \$20 million, it will provide an alternative one-way river crossing into town.

Over the last 25 years, our roads infrastructure received numerous special grants enabling us to rehabilitate substantial sections of main and local roads, and replace 23 timber bridges throughout the Shire. Without these grants our main roads in particular would be in a horrible condition because they are no longer fully funded by the NSW Government.

In 1995, half of NSW's 36,000 KM network of main roads were reclassified as State Roads, retained by the government, and the rest became Regional Roads transferred to local Councils. Subsequently, the state provides a Block Grant for Regional Roads maintenance and contributes only 50% towards rehabilitation (the REPAIR Program).

This arrangement has been very adverse to Dungog Shire because most of them were worn out back then, and as we had no new funding source for our newly imposed contributions, it took funding away from local roads. Over the last 30 years, this has diverted millions away from local roads and partly explains why many of them are in dire need of rehabilitation.

The Block Grant formula is based on the population of each LGA rather than road function. When you cross the Shire boundaries, Maitland receives \$36,000 per KM, Port Stephens

gets \$19,000 and we get \$11,000 for maintenance of the very same road!

**Maitland LGA with over 95,000 people has 19KM of Regional Roads and Port Stephens with almost 80,000 people has 56KM compared with our 124 KM and 9,000 people. Also, they benefit from having many State Roads that are fully funded by the government while Dungog Shire is the only LGA in NSW that does not have a State Road.**

The REPAIR Program is dysfunctional because it only rehabilitates about 1KM annually, so it would take over 100 years to rebuild our main roads. But their design life is only 30 years due to high rainfall and reactive clay soils. Furthermore, inadequate maintenance funding means our newly rehabilitated main roads will wear out faster than they should. Meanwhile many of our local roads are over 50 years old and can only receive superficial repairs and pothole patching.

*Council has long been advocating for this perfect storm of disadvantage to be addressed and until that happens our main roads will remain in limbo and local roads will not receive the attention they deserve.*

**Your local B Ward Councillors:**

**James Campbell 0484 399 709**

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# Empowering Women at Destiny Haven & Shaping Our Strategic Future

So it's past the middle of the year already. Where does the time go? If you don't keep working to progress your projects, it quickly becomes too late to do them!

DDCC held its last networking dinner in May at Destiny Haven, the women's residential life skills program that operates at Brookfield. There was a good turn up, a great meal was provided by the ladies, and some telling stories given about the typical backgrounds of those seeking the help of the program and facility.

Destiny Haven is a residential program for women overcoming life-controlling challenges such as addiction, eating disorders and self-harm. Their vision is to see broken lives restored to their full potential. Through a structured life skills program, their dedicated team provides professional, physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual care. Every woman receives the support she needs to heal, grow and step confidently into her future.

All this is achieved without government funding support! You can provide valuable support to Destiny Haven by simply dropping in when you are passing and purchasing from their great range of home-made chocolates, gourmet preserves, one-of-a-kind jewellery and other handicrafts, or having a cup of coffee.

Most of the DDCC's attention over the last couple of months has been conducting and assessing a survey of members opinions about what the DDCC does. This was done as a part of our strategic review of the Chamber and its operations. With a bit of prompting, we received a fairly good return of survey



responses (43 in total that included 28 current members). The good news is that over 70% of members who responded are very satisfied with their membership and 96% are intending to continue their membership. Nonetheless some good ideas were put forward about how the DDCC can improve its operations and services to its members. The Committee is currently reviewing these ideas and looking at how they can be implemented. Unfortunately, like most volunteer run organisations, DDCC has limited resources and can never do as much as it would like. We will be trying to identify the most high value, high impact services for local businesses in the Dungog Shire, and concentrating on those.

*Stay tuned to DDCC's social media channels for updates on these exciting events. Contact secretary@ddcc.org.au or visit [www.ddcc.org.au](http://www.ddcc.org.au)*

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# The Search for Alternatives

## People Are Moving Away from Google Search

As Google Search becomes increasingly AI-driven, more users are turning to alternatives.

Traffic to DuckDuckGo has increased by 30%, and Apple downloads are up 70%. Users can set it as their default search engine or download the app. However, DuckDuckGo relies on Bing for web and image results, YouTube for videos, and Apple Maps. Hopefully, Google pays attention, as without the AI, they still have a far better search engine and detailed Maps.

## Microsoft Publisher no longer be supported after October 2026

In October 2026, Microsoft Publisher will reach its end of life. After that time, it will no longer be included in Microsoft 365 and existing on-premises suites will no longer be supported. Microsoft 365 subscribers will no longer be able to open or edit Publisher files in Publisher.

Anyone that has an older non-subscription version of office that included Publisher will still work.

While the following platforms cannot open your existing Microsoft Publisher files, they provide excellent tools for creating new layouts. For simpler projects, you may also want to consider using Microsoft Word or Google Docs.

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# From the Parson's Pen



Well hullo everyone, I am delighted to be here in the Anglican Parish of Dungog ministering in the communities of Dungog, Bendolba and Clarence Town.

I arrived just prior to Holy Week and Easter so it has been a very busy time and I am still unpacking boxes as I settle into my home. I have had a beautiful warm welcome into the parish and I can see the Holy Spirit of God at work in this beautiful place. The Anglican Parish is already serving the local communities in many ways including Op-shops in both Dungog and Clarence Town, with outreach ministries of Cuppa and Chat on Friday mornings in Dungog, where everyone is welcome.

We host the monthly Community Markets at Dungog which are great fun. We also minister and visit at the Lara the local Nursing Home and support The Mission to Seafarers with donations of clothes, beanies and Christmas presents. Our Parishioners are hard at work supporting mission overseas, especially at Myanmar, and closer to home with exceptional Palliative Care Services. It is a very busy parish and I think I will be flat out trying to keep up with everything including all our usual Church services on Sundays and Fridays. On the first Sunday of the month we have a Country and Western Gospel themed service at 5pm at St Peter's in the Paddock at Bendolba which is new to me and a lot of fun with a meal outside by the fire afterwards.

There are many small ways we can help others in Christ's name with care and thoughtfulness. These can be giving a small part of our time to visit someone in hospital, help someone with their shopping or just to have a cup of tea and a chat. Remembering to see the face of Christ in others and treat them accordingly with kindness and care can bring them joy, and it also brings joy and peace to us. These are the immediate rewards of giving something as small of a cup of water in Christ's name.

So never underestimate the power of the kind word or smile you give to someone God has placed in your path. The effect it has in their life at that particular time may be far more enormous than you could imagine, and it could make all the difference in their day and their life. No-one else may notice these small neighbourly acts of love, but God does, and Jesus set us the example of going about serving and doing good.

*I look forward to getting to know you all and ministering here with you. Of course everyone is welcome at church, including all ages, we would love to see you there.*

**God bless us all, every one,  
Reverend Amanda Lea Brockwell**

## Clarence Town Presbyterian Church

29 Marshall Street, Clarence Town (Opposite the School).  
Pastor: Rev Allan D. Welch

*Service Times: 10am Gathered Worship every Sunday, with live music, prayers, kids talk, sermon and morning tea provided.*

Mainly Music (every Wed), SRE (Scripture) at Clarence Town Public School (every Wed).

Dungog Public School (every 2nd Wed), Craft & Chat (1st Sat of Month 10am-2pm), ladies fellowship group meets each Thursday.

Growth Groups (Bible study) on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 7-8:30pm – where we are exploring 2 Corinthians 'The Gospel in all of life'. GG will be in recess during the July school holidays and will recommence 21/22 July.

From the pulpit we are drawing to the end our series on the letter to the Hebrew Christians, where we hear why Christ is the anchor for our souls. Excitingly, then we'll start a series on the awesome book of Esther!

Next celebration of the Lord's Supper is on 26th July followed by our usual bring and share fellowship lunch. All welcome!

***"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*

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

41 Rifle St, Clarence Town  
Pastor: Rev Andrew Doohan

*Service Times: Every Sunday 8am*

Our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi is this year inviting interested parishioners on a "Parish Pilgrimage" to Ireland. The itinerary document can be found on the 'Resources' page of the parish website.

Later this year, Bishop Michael will be visiting the Parish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. We look forward to his visit.

Winter is upon us and our members at Sunday Mass tend to reflect this, as it is harder to leave our warm beds early in the mornings. We pray those from our church family who have not been well, especially Gwen Trappell, who is very missed, and Val Preece and Neville, and wish them all a speedy recovery to good health.

*All welcome at Mass each Sunday at 8am and may our heavenly Father continue to bless us with his Grace.*

**God bless all. Marilyn Amos**

## St. John's Anglican Church

36 Grey St, Clarence Town

Pastor: Rev Beatrice Pate

*Service Times: Every Sunday, Holy Communion at 10.30am, followed by morning tea.*

The next couple of months are going to be very busy for us as we prepare for our 120th birthday for St. John's. This present church was dedicated on 16th August, 1906 and is an amazing accomplishment for the time. It was built to replace an old timber church, built in 1852 and was burnt down in 1906.

Our service on the day (16th August, 2026) and actually a Sunday, will be at 10.30am followed by a lunch in our church hall. It is a very exciting time for us to be the beneficiaries of such a legacy. It is also wonderful to have our stained glass window restored and back in place for this occasion. Hopefully this will be a time for friends past and present to come along to give thanks and to remember times spent in this lovely church.

We have been having some much-needed renovations done to our Rectory with flooring and tiling and this has been done by Patrick Day and he has done a fantastic job. Thank you Patrick.

*Our Holy Communion services are at 10.30am each Sunday morning, and you would be most welcome.*

**Sue Flannery**

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*Service Times: Every Friday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am*

*Sunday night service: 4th Sunday of every month at 5pm*

Christ Church Dungog is running along well. Trying to keep warm like the rest of you. Our markets on the first Saturday of the month are going very well with 20 attending our June markets. Plus the op shop open and the BBQ run by the Church members are very popular. Thank you to all who attend as stall holders or buyers.

We recently held a very yummy Lamington / Pie drive, thank you to all who purchased.

The op shop has been busy with people buying warm goods and thank you to those who donate their wonderful goods to us. We are open each Friday 8 am to 2 pm and on the first Saturday 8 am to 12 - 1 ish.

Fridays are busy with Cuppa n Chat from 9.30 to 11 am. On the fifth Friday they went up to Lara to have morning tea with them. Some often come down to Cuppa n Chat for a visit. The staff are wonderful to get them into the bus to bring them down, with some in wheelchairs!

The Mother's Union will be holding their once a year fundraiser on Thursday 13th August. The students from Dungog High come to entertain us with their singing, and playing their instruments. It is a great afternoon from 2 pm with afternoon tea for only \$10.

*Our services continue with Rev Amanda as before. Friday 10.30 am. Sunday Dungog 8.30 am and Clarence Town at 10.30 am. First Sunday at Bendolba 5 pm with supper to follow and Dungog has a 5 pm service on the 4th Sunday with supper to follow.*

*Love and Prayers to all, Margaret Flannery*

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## Winter Is Now Upon Us

Do come in and check out our fashions for a bargain. Still currently 'fill-a-bag' for \$15.00. We also have some great winter bedding for you pets. We sell white rag and old towels for cleaning.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have covered for me while I have been away. We are still in need of volunteers from 8.30am to noon once a month on Wednesdays. We are a friendly bunch and you would be most welcome.

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## Small School, Massive Impact

Term 2 has been a busy and exciting time at Glen William Public School. We are proud to share some wonderful achievements, activities, and opportunities with our community!

### ***Small School Sports Carnival – A Winning Effort***

This term, Glen William Public School competed in the local Small School Sports Carnival. Our students showed fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the day. Their hard work and training paid off, and the school was crowned the overall winner. Congratulations to Vinnie who received the Junior Boys Age Champion Medal and to Dezzy who received the Senior Boys Age Champion medal. This is a huge achievement for our students, staff, and community, and we congratulate everyone who participated, supported, or cheered from the sidelines.

### ***State Swimming Championships***

Congratulations to our small school's relay team, who represented the Hunter region at the NSW State Swimming Championships in Sydney. Dezzy, Jason, Vinnie & Annabel who made up the team worked tirelessly in the lead-up to the event. Their commitment was rewarded when they smashed their personal best time by 20 seconds—a remarkable improvement! They proudly placed 14th in the state, proving that effort and school spirit do make a difference. We are so proud of you all!

### ***Game Jam – Digital Creativity Unleashed***

Students took part in a special Game Jam Day, where they got creative by building their own video games using the Make Code platform. This hands-on activity encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and thinking outside the box. Students designed characters, wrote storylines, and programmed game mechanics. Some of the games created included adventure platforms and puzzle games.



### ***ANZAC Dawn Service – Honouring Traditions***

Our school community attended the ANZAC Dawn Service at Clarence Town. Students respectfully participated in the ceremonies, laying wreaths and listening to stories of local veterans. This experience helped them connect with our community's history and understand the importance of remembrance and gratitude.

### ***PBL Podcast – Sharing School Values***

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) initiative, students have been producing a regular podcast. These demonstrate our PBL Values and expectations across our school.

### ***Sports and Dance with Miss Libby***

Sport continues to be an important part of school life. This term, students are enjoying dancing lessons with Miss Libby, learning fun routines, developing new skills, and building confidence. Physical activity is linked to happier learning, and we love seeing everyone stay active.

### ***Breakfast Club – Healthy Starts Every Morning***

Our Breakfast Club welcomes students every morning before school starts. It's a place to enjoy a nutritious meal, connect with friends, and prepare for a day of learning.

### ***OOSH – Flexible Before and After School Care***

We offer Out of School Hours (OOSH) care five days a week—both before and after school. OOSH provides a safe, caring environment, exciting activities, and homework support, making it easier for families to manage busy schedules.

### ***Enrolments Open for 2026/2027***

Glen William Public School is now accepting enrolments for the 2026 and 2027 school years. We warmly welcome new families to join our friendly and supportive school community.

*If you would like more information or to enrol, please call the school office on 4996 5507 or visit our website to enrol online.*

*Thank you again to all our students, staff, families, and wider community for your support and involvement this term. Together, we are making Glen William Public School a wonderful place to learn and grow.*



*Clarence Town Public School*

# Making Moves: Strategic Plans, the New Bridge, and Knockout Wins

## **School Plan 2026-2029**

We are excited to introduce our School Excellence Plan, which guides our ongoing commitment to providing the best educational experience for every student. Our plan focuses on two key strategic directions: ‘Student Growth and Attainment’ and ‘Responsive Learning.’ These priorities ensure that we support each child’s individual progress while creating a flexible and engaging learning environment that meets their unique needs. Together, we look forward to fostering success and a love of learning in our school community.

## **Clarence Town bridge opening**

Our school leaders were excited to be invited to the opening of the new Clarence Town bridge! They joined in the official ribbon cutting ceremony and were among the first group of people to walk the bridge before it opened to traffic. Thank you for being such wonderful representatives of Clarence Town Public School.

## **Mother’s Day celebrations**

Thank you to all the mums and special people who joined us for afternoon tea and activities. The students enjoyed making sweet treats to share with you and spending time having fun and pampering their special ones. It was wonderful to see everyone celebrating together, and we appreciate your involvement in making the event a lovely time for all. Once again, a big thank you to the P&C for organising and running another very successful Mother’s Day stall.

## **Debating and public speaking success**

The CTPS debating team have experienced success against local schools this term! Evie, Digby, Millani and Levi have had two wins and are hopeful to come away with another win against Seaham PS towards the end of the term.

Aria, Lillea, Evie and Melissa represented CTPS at the local final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at Marylands Public School, with Aria being awarded a ‘Highly Commended’.

Thank you to Miss Bultitude for the fantastic preparation of these teams.

## **Sport report**

CTPS PSSA Touch football team progressed to round 3 of the 2026 knockout after a last minute try against Seaham PS. They played some great round games, finishing against a talented Dungoh side, in a close and exciting match!

Congratulations to Lewis and Evie, who represented the Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country event, held at Broadmeadow Racetrack.

**Kim Smith, Principal**

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