



The Town Crier INFORMATION

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Thank you to all those who have taken the trouble to comment on the June edition. We received a good deal of positive feedback about the two pages describing the system of Development Applications going through Council and how to have input. The Berry Alliance is particularly pleased to be able to report that there have been further improvements to Council's systems recently. These should make the entire process more 'community friendly'. Please see the article in this edition. (Pages 10 - 11)

Our grateful thanks also go to Les and Jenny Crosby from Shoalhaven Jazz who brought us Galapagos Duck in June. This was a wonderful concert and was even better for the community because the Berry Alliance were the recipients of the profits made, around \$2,000. This money will be used to continue the Alliance's work. Many thanks Les and Jenny.

June has been particularly busy with the Musicale, Cocktails and Promises, The Berry Quilt Show as well as the jazz and a whole stack of other things too numerous to mention. The community groups are very busy organising events for us, please keep responding and supporting them when you can and bring some friends. Upcoming events include the Spinners and Weavers exhibition 'Fleece to Fashion' on 3 and 4 July, the Berry Public School Annual Food and Wine show will be on soon and the Musicale continues to attract record numbers.

Please take the time and trouble to assist with the Flood Study. We may all think that it should have been done years ago but it still needs to be done and it is in all our best interests to have it as accurate as possible. The Alliance is assisting the public meeting on July 28 (we suggested this format to the consultants) and we have also taken up the current state of our drains in Berry with Council as these should definitely not have to await the flood study. Details are: 28th July, Wednesday - Flood Study. Consultants welcome public discussion and submissions on the Broughton Creek Flood Study currently underway. Berry Courthouse from 2 pm til 7.30 pm - come at a time that suits you.

I would like to wish Michael Haddon well on his S R C Young Leaders Tour commencing at the end of this month. What a great opportunity for Michael and what a great future leader we have in Berry. Go Michael, Go!

Finally, we are currently attempting to launch the Town Crier on the web permanently. The plan is to have each and every page of each new month's Town Crier on our web site www.berryalliance.org.au in the next few months.

It will also have an internal search engine and a couple of other bells and whistles which will allow the entire publication to be archived and searched, thus making it a permanent record of Berry's history.

CWA Country Womens Association

When you are visiting the Berry monthly market on the 4th of July, make a point of visiting the CWA rooms in Victoria Street. There'll be a trash-and-treasure sale on; whilst you're browsing around

others' trash (that could become your treasure), stay and enjoy great home-made scones and tea. It's well worth a visit.

We were pleased to be asked to be part of the recent Berry Quilt Show weekend. Those who saw the show were impressed and proud to have our quilt as part of the display. Small quilts made for the

children's hospital in Westmead were also shown.

The 9th of June saw a good number of ladies and friends at the Berry rooms. This was a fund raiser for the Jean Colvin hospital in Rushcutter's Bay. This is a small hospital which is open to all country

people who are in Sydney to receive treatment

related to cancer. We thank all those other Berry community groups who joined us for the morning. \$525 was raised and has been sent to the Jean Colvin hospital.

We continue as a branch to produce good in Westmead. This group meets on a Wednesday morning; all ladies are welcome., whether they are in CWA or not. Each year the Country Women's Association selects a country to study. This year we are studying Chile. As part of this, we invited Carmen Chroman, a Chilean who lives locally, to speak to us at our June meeting. She spoke from the heart and all of us were entranced. Carmen spoke about the people of Chile, the people in her family, their work., and the Chilean way of life that you do not see in large Chilean cities. Take a step in the right direction - join the Berry branch of the Country Women's Association. If you are interested, you can view our web page at www.cwaofnsw.com

or phone our President, Mrs Marie Hanley 4448 5347, or Secretary, Mrs Marie De La Torre. 4423 2164.

Janet Walsh - Publicity Officer

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

A cold wind didn't deter a happy band of supporters in the garden of Ken and Bernice Dobson at Jaspers Brush, May 27th.

A total of \$725 was raised.

Thank you all so very much

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Santa arrives in June

In the June Town Crier there was a message for a Grandmother to Josh and Naomi.

This is because there had been a Christmas card and a parcel of presents left at the Post Office and despite having a notice up in the post Office for some time they remained unclaimed until we put it in the Town Crier last month.

The person was recognised by her daughter (mother of Josh and Naomi) and the goods and card returned.

Santa came a little late for these two young people!

Thanks for that extra effort John and Paul at the Post Office.

Rick Gainford Editor.