

Shoalhaven Jazz Makes a Generous Donation to Berry Alliance

Les Crosby from Shoalhaven Jazz recently made a donation of \$2,000 to the Berry Alliance to assist the Alliance in their community work and in particular, the Berry Town Crier.

The \$2,000 was raised through the recent Jazz evening held in Berry that Shoalhaven Jazz ran.

The Berry Alliance would like to thank Les and Jenny Crosby and Shoalhaven Jazz for this very generous donation. The Town Crier will benefit from these funds as we are in the process of putting each edition of the Town Crier on line at www.berryalliance.org.au. Many thanks.

Shoalhaven Jazz has burst on to the music scene over the last few years with great artists and regular top line events. We are all looking forward to the Jazz and Heritage Festival on October 15, 16 and 17. For details call Les on 4464 2329 or Email to lesc@shoal.net.au



Photo shows Les Crosby handing a cheque for \$2,000 to Rick Gainford, Secretary / Treasurer of the Berry Alliance at a recent launch of Sounds of the Shoalhaven- produced by Les Crosby at the Shoalhaven Arts Centre.

Combined Television Blackspots & Emergency Services Communications Facility

COUNCIL COMMENCES WORKS ON IMPROVED TV RECEPTION FOR KANGAROO VALLEY / BERRY

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Greg Watson recently welcomed news of a start to works that will improve television reception in Kangaroo Valley / Berry.

Arrangements between Council and the Commonwealth Government have been finalised, equipment ordered and the installations commenced. Both towns will benefit from the expertise of Shoalhaven City Council's Communications Services Section and Australian Government grants totalling \$300,000 from the "Television Black Spots Program".

Clr Watson said the project was a much-deserved outcome for the people of the townships.

Council's Communication Services Manager, John Rushton, said erection of the tower and building will start in September with equipment and antennae installed before testing, which is scheduled for October 2004.

Council identified Berry and Kangaroo Valley as meeting the criteria to meet the Federal program's guidelines and \$150,000 was subsequently allocated for each project.

Funding covers initial set-up, however there was no funding for site rental, electricity and maintenance. Council overcame the problem by planning the development around a combined Blackspot Television and Emergency Services facility.

This option provides much-needed income to meet the on-going costs and provides improved emergency services radio communications that benefits the community.

Landowners of the Kangaroo Valley and Moeyan Hill (Berry) sites waived the rent due for the TV equipment at the sites so the communities can benefit from the project.



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