

BERRY ALLIANCE UPDATE

New Development plans in Queen Street.

There are currently two applications in at Council for developing areas of Queen Street in the CBD.

The first one is at Berts Garage and Greg has been kind enough to call the Alliance after the plans were submitted and walked me through the proposal.

The second one is at the rear of the Newsagency and into the Berry Country Gardener area.

Both these applications are linked and went in in unison.

The Berry Alliance was asked to hold a Forum by a number of people concerning these applications. The issues that arose at that Forum held on Monday 9th August included the fact that car parking relies on access through another property and Councils car park for one development; neither development appear to comply with the DCP for this area that was set some time ago. The applicants do not like the current DCP and have always rejected it. The applicants made the point that they are the two family run businesses with the longest history in Berry and they wish to retain the look and feel of the town. They do not like the DCP for a number of reasons including the large car park and the gun barrel straight lane/access way at the rear of the properties would encourage dangerous driving and create strong winds through the area. They would prefer to see a journey through the rear of those properties including the garden shop

which is mostly housed in open space that would be substantially lost in the current DCP. There was concern expressed by a number of people present about the large areas of black tar, ie carparks, that seem to be a consequence of the DCP. The idea of utilising the Showground for car parking and improving the footpaths into the centre of town had strong support.

The Alliance are not making a submission on these two applications. The applications are due to be determined shortly.

Update on Berry Alliance Steering Committees

22 Victoria Street DA for SEPP 5 Retirement Home.

Hearing date in the Land and Environment Court is not set down yet.

Albert, Queen & George Streets application for units.

The Steering Committee has submitted a letter to Council with a series of questions as to how the decision process was conducted. Council last month had voted to call for a full report on the process.

Huntingdale Park (Beechwood / Vyntage) development

The developer will commence work shortly on the main road and the round-a-bout onto Kangaroo Valley Road as well as changing

the stages of the development which will result in Ford Street not being required for access for building work. They plan to build the road, build the entrance stone work, put in the services and mark out the blocks and then market them with purchasers being able to commence building early in 2005.

They have also nearly finished work on the block on Kangaroo Valley Road next to the Cemetery (known as the Morthorpe land). They have built the layout for roads and services in accordance with a previously approved DA.

The Alliance is soon to meet again with Beechwood about a number of things concerning their development.

The Arbour Retirement Village.

Work is progressing here with a proposed building commencement early 2005. More details as they come to hand.

Rick Gainford

Secretary, Berry Alliance

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