

News from the Berry Museum

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**'PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE RIGHT HONORABLE VICTOR
ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY,
G.C.M.G.,
FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BERRY.'**

This is the preamble to a beautifully decorated Illuminated Address, signed by the Mayor and Aldermen and housed in a handsome embossed and gilded leather case, which was presented to the Governor of NSW on the occasion of the official opening of the 1893 Berry Show, which had been granted National status.

The Address was recently offered to the Historical Society at a price we couldn't afford. However, thanks to some positive suggestions from Cr. John Anderson and Council's Arts Development Manager, Alan Baptist and a very generous gift from the Berry Community Activities Centre, this lovely part of Berry's History is now in the Museum. We are most grateful. Our thanks as well to another couple of "helpers" — Leon Maxwell from the Treat Factory and Rod Stone the Mobile Welding expert. Our needs are various!

Have you lived all or most of your life in Berry and not yet been into the Museum? You would be more than welcome at any time. If the set hours don't suit just phone and we will work out a time that does. We do want something in return — your local knowledge, memories or yarns. We need this sort of input to be able to pass on information to the next generation.

Most of the Museum's artefacts are on permanent display in the rooms of what was the Bank Manager's residence. One of these is the "Military Room" described here by Morris Wheatley at about the time that he, Bruce Guppy and Jim Griggs set up the display.

"We present to you the "Military Room" which represents all services from the Boer War onwards. Articles donated and loaned make up a collection rare in this day and age. We have a bullock tooth found in a tin of bully beef by soldiers in the first World War, soap issued to prisoners of war in that period, medals, badges and uniforms, letters and press clippings of war events and peace announcements and many other items of interest.

The record of the Light Horse, dating

from the Boer War, has special local interest. The first troop formed was replaced by the Berry Half-Squadron of Lancers which had its barracks in Prince Alfred Street in 1896.

We are seeking articles relating to the Korean and Vietnam Wars, on loan or donated. Loaned photographs can be copied and the originals returned. M.W."

Advance Notice: Proposed visit to 'Celestial Silks' at the Art Gallery of NSW. Monday, 11th October.

**MUSEUM HOURS: Sat. & Hols. 11-2;
Sun. 11-3. Open every day of School
Holidays, starting 24th September.**

Nancy Bevan



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and lunch (byo)**

**+ special weekend menu
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