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Quilt Show Diamond Anniversary

Gala Opening Night

Fri May 4, 7.30pm



including:

Fashion Parade showcasing the work of Berry Public School and fashion degree graduate Ingrid Steinmetz.

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More details see page 3 of this edition

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March commences at 10.30 from the Queen Street CBD, with service to commence on arrival at the Memorial Park.

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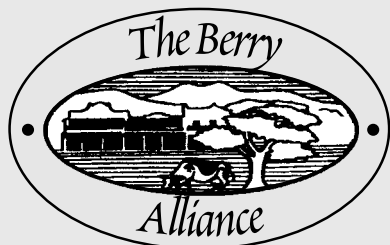
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The Town Crier INFORMATION

The Town Crier is produced by the Berry Alliance, Inc.

The purpose of this publication is to communicate to the people of Berry about community activities and to generate a small income for the Berry Alliance to cover administrative costs.

Membership of the Berry Alliance costs \$10 pa.

It aims to share information amongst community groups and individuals, and to ensure that Berry continues to be a community we are proud of.

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Berry Garden Club

The sun is shining and gardens are beginning to dry out after the period of continuous rain. In most circumstances I would be looking forward to spending many hours in my garden, however at present my job is to clean up after damage caused by the fall of one of the three trunks of my huge Liquidambar. Not too much cleaning up though because the remainder of the tree has to be removed. This will be a huge loss emotionally this tree was a deciding factor in the purchase of my home. The Liquidambar is the largest in the area, its branches covering an area of 20m x 17 m, the circumference of two trunks 1.5 m, the third 2.00 m. Growth rate over the last few months, the weight of water on foliage and the softening of soil all contributed to the tree's demise. Triple trunks from the base of the tree contributed to the problem as this meant that each trunk was heavily supported by roots on its outer area. The area will now be exposed to northern sun, therefore requiring replanting. A gardener's work is never finished! An event such as this also reinforces the need to ensure adequate depth of soil when planting large trees thus allowing establishment of a deep root system, and to ensure establishment of one trunk.

On a happier note, my tree ferns are looking wonderful. Tree ferns from New Zealand and Australia are enjoying popularity in UK; in 19th century these were used as ballast in ships returning to that country. This 'ballast' was placed in some well-known Cornwall gardens and the result is a notable attraction. The current interest has been fostered by leading designers featuring tree ferns at garden shows; a New Zealander has established a UK nursery and importing ferns from his home country. The biggest of New Zealand's tree fern nurseries is Fronds, near the central North Island town of Cambridge. The most recognisable of New Zealand's ferns is *Cyathea dealbata*, better known as

the Silver Fern, which appears on the jersey of the All Blacks rugby team; dealbata means whitened, covered with a white powder.

The Garden Club's Camellia Show is celebrating 50th Anniversary in August. A display featuring the history of this event is on show at Berry Museum until August. The Museum is open every Saturday 11.00 am – 2.00 pm and Sunday 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. It is also open in school holidays from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm. This display will be launched on Monday 19th March some of the invited guests were present at the first Show others have contributed to its success over the years.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney - Botanica 2012 – exhibition of Australian Botanical Artists: Saturday 31st March to Sunday 22nd April, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm daily - Free entry.

Open Gardens Australia - Autumn Plant Fair and Open Garden: 'Silky Oaks', 140 Russell Lane, Oakdale (14 km from Picton). Well known native garden, sale of native plants.

Friends of Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens - Town & Country Gardens Weekend: Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th April 10.00 am – 4.00pm.

For more information visit: www.shbg.com.au or telephone Ted Duncan 4862 3163, Judy Keast 4862 5444.

Visitors are welcome to the Club's monthly meetings, third Tuesday 7.30 pm, Activities Room, Berry Masonic Village.

Enquiries to Secretary Jenny Swan 4464 2563.

Hazel King.





Quilt Show Diamond Anniversary

4, 5 & 6 May, School of Arts

Happy Birthday to Berry Quilt and Craft Show as the event heads into its 10th year. Things are getting a little bit fancy at the School of Arts this May with a diamond, a fashion show, Picasso and internationally recognized artists.

Local quilters and craft gurus – plan your entries and join the work of not one but *four* feature quilters that will be on display. Caroline Sharkey, Linda Steele, Deborah Louie and Julie Haddrick, all unique and truly exceptional artists in their field, will showcase the very best of their superb collections. Come and see their multi-award winning work and

appreciate the fusion of art, craft, passion and talent.

Challenge theme “Ten” open to adults & children’s entries – themed around the ‘10 years’ - will be judged and the ‘best in show children’s entry’ awarded a Bernina sewing machine, with commendations and other minor prizes also awarded. Purchase locally produced items at a variety of craft stalls and the ever-popular Quilt Show café is open both Saturday and Sunday. For those who appreciate modern art, there is no need to travel to Sydney – see our Picasso (inspired) Art Installation and snap up an original for \$10.

Organiser of the inaugural event in 2002, Ann Long, says she is “Delighted with the on-going success of the event – it’s absolutely fantastic, I’m so pleased.” Ann began with a successful formula as the show has now raised funds for Berry Public School for a decade and become a wider community event. Look out for the *10 years 10 windows 10 quilts* display in shops around town.

A diamond to the value of \$2000 is coming to the Friday 4 May Opening Night auction party, thanks to Harcourts Berry – who will be the lucky recipient? And don’t miss the gorgeous local models wearing Ingrid Steinmetz’s retro-inspired dresses at the fashion show – they may even outshine the diamond.



Editor’s Note...

The closing date for our MAY issue will be Wednesday 18th APRIL 2012

Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission.

Material can be submitted via e-mail to: towncrier@berryalliance.org.au or drop box in the Berry Post Office PO Box 202 Berry 2535

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Sharon Dunn - BERRY TOWN CRIER

Quilt/craft entries and more information: www.berryquiltshow.com.au or call Sharon Thomson 0405 516 267

Tickets for the Quilt and Craft Show (May 5&6) at The School of Arts are available at the door over the weekend, \$5 adults, children free.

Get your Friday May 4 Champagne Opening Night Tickets!

- Fashion parade.
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Berry bypass update

Southern suggestion - review of costs



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The question and answer sessions have been well attended on 1 March 2012 and 19 March 2012. In each of these sessions RMS provided an update on the progress for developing an estimate of a southern Berry suggestion. We are also putting lots of questions and answers on the website.

- Geotechnical surveys are an important component in developing the cost of the southern suggestion. These field tests have been delayed by inclement weather. This delay will result in the costs of a southern suggestion not being available until late April or early May.
- RMS presented an update of the southern Berry suggestion, shown on the adjacent page. Please all note, this revised route is to gain an understanding of cost. It is not known at this stage if it is a feasible route.
- The version shown on the adjacent page has an interchange location at the southern end of the bypass approximately 600 metres further north towards Berry, compared to the version printed in the last edition of the Crier. This is a result of the design process that occurred since RMS last submitted an image.

Notes from the question and answer sessions and other sessions (for example project team meetings) are on the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb. The next evening question and answer session is scheduled for:

Monday 30 April 2012
Berry School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry.
Meeting start 6.30pm (cuppa from 6pm)

Community working groups update

Six community working groups were held during late February and March, details are below. Thank you! These working groups have been formed to review various community and design issues for the Foxground and Berry bypass. The notes from these meetings are on the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb. If anything is not quite right, please let us know.

Working group meetings	
Date held	Working group focus
Wednesday 29 February	North Street precinct working group
Monday 5 March	Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area working group
Wednesday 7 March	Berry bridge and northern interchange working group
Thursday 8 March	Kangaroo Valley Road and Victoria Street precinct working group
Wednesday 28 March	Berry bridge and northern interchange working group
Thursday 29 March	Kangaroo Valley Road and Victoria Street precinct working group

The following community working group meetings have been scheduled for April:

Upcoming working group meetings (schedule so far)	
Date	Working group
Monday 2 April	North Street precinct working group
Monday 16 April	Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area working group

Further working group meetings will also be held during April. Meeting dates and venues will be advertised on the project website, by email and in the project office. If you are interested in participating in a working group but have not attended previous meetings please register by calling the project information line on **1800 506 976 (free call)** or email foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au.

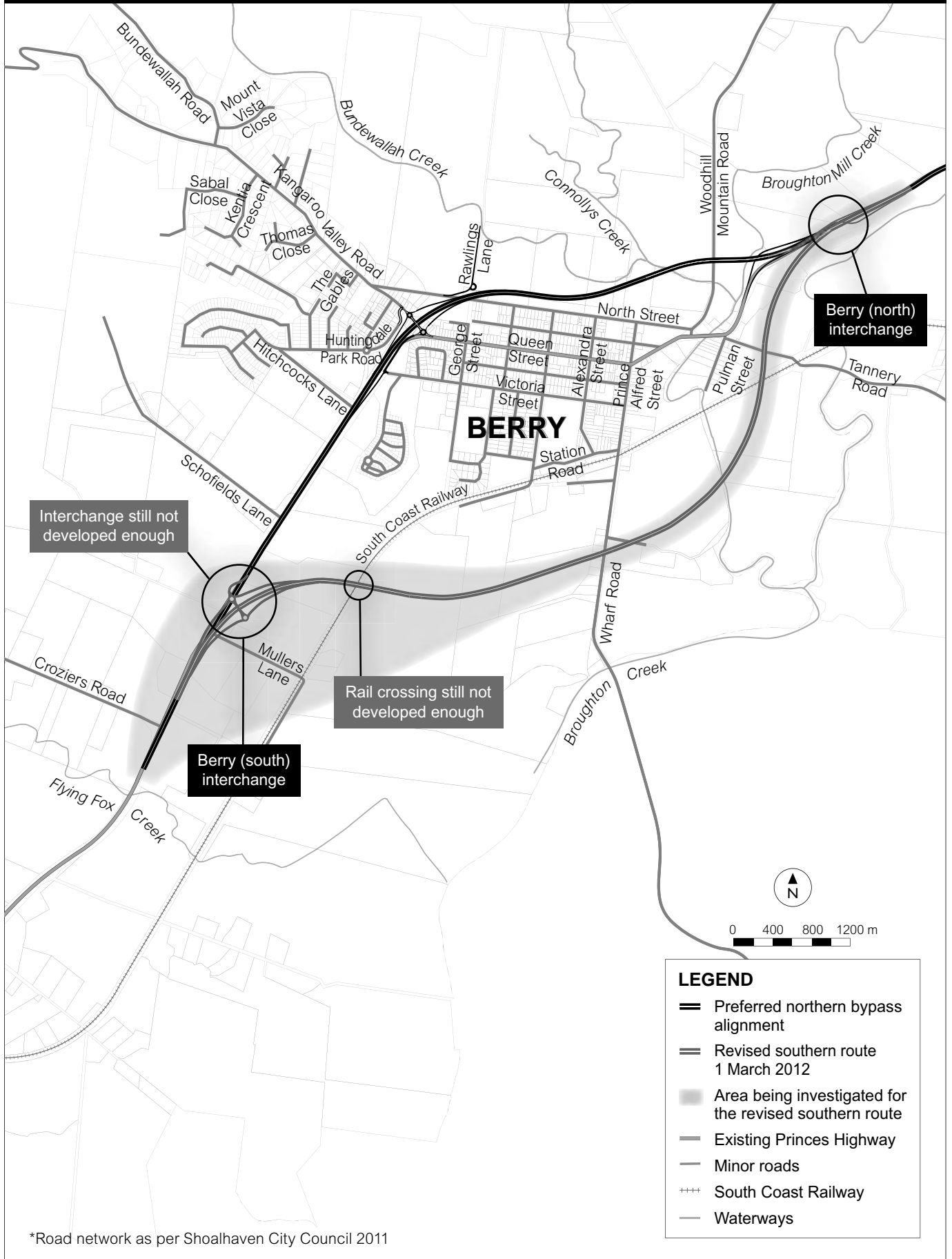
For further information on the Foxground and Berry bypass project, please visit the project office at
Shop 3/113 Queen Street Berry between 10am – 5pm on Friday.
Or, call the project information line **(free call) 1800 506 976,**
email foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb.

Berry bypass

preliminary suggestion for a southern route



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BERRY BYPASS

As outlined in the last issue of the Town Crier the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is now undertaking a cost review of a southern alternative route for the Berry Bypass as well as continuing work on their "preferred" route which goes to the north of Berry Township.

The reason for this latest review of a new southern route is a submission by an experienced road engineer and local resident Bruce Ramsay. Bruce was a member of the Community Review Group who worked to reduce the environmental impact of the RMS "preferred" route. Without Bruce's input and knowledge it is unlikely that the improvements to the RMS "preferred" route would have been achieved particularly the lowering of the Berry Bridge and the section of the bypass running parallel to North Street. Whilst working to improve the RMS "preferred" route Bruce investigated an alternative southern route which he believed would be cheaper than the RMS "preferred" route and provide better value for the community which is how the RMS evaluate alternative routes.

The southern alternative route proposed by Bruce is quite different to the route considered during the 2008 route selection process and is more like the route selected in 1996 following a Value Management Workshop conducted by the then RTA.

As part of this process the RMS has held three Q&A sessions over the last month at which residents have been able to ask questions relating to the southern alternative route review. The RMS has produced more detail as it unfolds and answered some of the questions put forward by the community

members attending. Residents have expressed concern relating to the height of the bridge over the railway at Tannery Road and Wharf Road but RMS have not been able to quantify this as we go to press. It was interesting to note at the last meeting the RMS stated they have been unable to find significant acid sulphate soils from their testing to date. The assumption that there would be significant acid sulphate soils in this area was one of the major reasons routes to the south of Berry had not been considered viable in the past

This southern route review and assessment is running in parallel with the continuing work on the RMS "preferred" route and concept design to the north of Berry. As part of this process the RMS held meetings of the 4 Working Groups concerning the RMS Preferred Route to the north of Berry relating to the following issues:

1. North Berry precinct
2. Kangaroo Valley Road Interchange and Victoria Street precinct
3. Berry bridge and northern interchange
4. Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area

These Working Groups are having further meetings and the RMS has been making all their notes from these meetings available on the RMS web site. It is important that Berry residents continue to attend these meetings to ensure the hard won gains on the northern route are not lost. For instance the height of the bypass where it passes parallel to North Street could end up meters higher if the current plans for diversion of Town Creek are not supported or a review of road design results in higher grades in this area.

Whilst this process continues the Berry Alliance held a static display and one on one discussions with a number of experts including Bruce Ramsay, Bob Fitzel and RMS staff on 8 March. This was held to assist Berry community members to get a better understanding of the southern Berry bypass review and the RMS preferred option to the north of Berry.

The RMS has said that they expect to be able to report back to the community on the Southern Berry bypass cost review soon after Easter. This review relates to cost factors alone and if the costs are in the same region or less than the Northern RMS "preferred" route then it should go to the next stage where all the "difficult to quantify" issues such as a noise, visual, flood impact etc. are assessed in detail.

The Berry community has worked with the RMS (or the RTA) over the years to ensure the bypass meets community needs and the needs of motorists travelling through the Shoalhaven. We understand the strengths and weaknesses of the RMS approach to route selection. The Berry Alliance believes that irrespective of the result following the current analysis an independent reviewer must be appointed to check the RMS analysis of both alternative routes and verify the outcome of the RMS analysis. The community has invested too much in this process over the years for there to be any doubt as to the best route for the bypass.

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ROAD SAFETY AROUND BERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

The roads around Berry Public School can be very busy, especially between the hours of 8:45am-9:15am and 2:45pm-3:30pm. The school regularly sends out information about road safety to its parents through the school bulletin and the teachers talk to their students about crossing roads safely.

Over the last 12 months the School P&C has been working very hard in collaboration with the RMS (formally RTA), Shoalhaven Council and the school to improve the safety around the school. One area that has generated a lot of discussion is the crossing on Victoria Street.

Following a meeting between the RMS, Council, Mr Burney and P&C late last year, the key safety issues identified were that the children's crossing did not meet current standards; that there were no cross walk lines painted on the road; that the 'Children Crossing' flags came down too early; that some cars didn't comply with the 40k/h speed limit; and that some cars didn't comply with the 'No left turn' from Clarence Street into Victoria Street.

As a result of that meeting, the flags are now staying up until after the late bus leaves, the crossing is to be upgraded to meet current standards, and the school

has joined a roster to use the council's electronic speed sign.

'The most important aspect of all this is the education of our kids and the community when it comes to crossing roads,' said Peter Burney, the relieving Principal. 'Motorists, need to be aware that when the crossing flags are out that cars must stop if someone is waiting to cross the road. That way we can ensure that all pedestrians can feel safe when crossing roads.'



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ADFAS

What does it take to be an Australian official war artist?

This is the title of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated lecture on April 26th. It will be presented by Ms Lola Wilkins BA at the Berry School of Arts at 7.30 PM.

Rick Amor found the devastation of East Timor horrific, while Wendy Sharpe, concerned with being bitten by mosquitoes, couldn't stop drawing. In the Middle East Peter Churcher enjoyed his freedom away from the confines of his studio and Lewis Miller found his materials either melting or drying.

In 2007 Charles Green and Lyndell Brown whose art making is a collaborative activity, found flying in helicopters exhilarating. Most recently Jon Cattapan was fascinated by the effects of night vision goggles on people and the landscape.

In 1999, after a gap of 30 years, the Australian War Memorial embarked on a new program of appointing war artists to cover the activities of Australia's service men and women on overseas operations. These artists now join a rich and diverse tradition of commissioning art that commenced during the First World War with the appointment of Will Dyson, Arthur Streeton and George Lambert.

With either little or no direct familiarity of military life all the artists took on the challenge of living and working in military bases in foreign countries. All have different stories to tell, and all drew, painted and photographed what they experienced.

Visitors are most welcome to ADFAS lectures. The cost is \$25 which includes a light supper following the lecture.



Community United

The annual Berry Community Group Leaders Get Together was another huge success this year. It was held on Thursday 23rd February at the Berry Courthouse. With record numbers attending Community Group leaders took the opportunity to network, talk about their group, their plans and aspirations, their needs and their services available.

It was wonderful to welcome some new Community Group Leaders – such as a Mel and Jeni from the Berry Community Pre-school and Berry Playgroup. Sadly, the night clashed with the Berry Public School parent and teacher night so the P&C were not able to make it. Mel and Jeni brought the average age in the hall down by a couple of years.

We teased Marilyn Kellet and we laughed and we were saddened by some losses of very special people through the last year and some sad news about others.

We started with a small function on arrival but soon got on with the important business of the day. President of the Berry Alliance, Rick Gainford addressed the leaders and described what the Berry Alliance can do to assist and some guidelines and opportunities available to the Berry Community groups present. Rick outlined that the Berry Alliance has a data projector and screen that Berry Community Groups can borrow. We offer advice on your group's constitution and can assist with annual general meetings (particularly elections as returning officer) provide a guest speaker on a variety of community topics, provide some café or restaurant vouchers to be used as prizes,

awards or to raise money with a raffle. Best of all we can provide valuable opportunities to promote yourselves and your events in the Town Crier.

Editor of the Berry Town Crier and Vice President of the Berry Alliance, Sharon Dunn then outlined to everyone how the Town Crier can assist groups with their recruitment and publicity and outlined some ideas and requests of publicity officers and committees. Sharon also ran a photo display of a huge number of Berry Community events and people on the screen in the hall.

A representative from all those community groups present then took it in turns to outline some information about their group and some called for assistance and others offered assistance. The groups were all asked to note their special dates so we can publish them in the Town Crier to ensure there are no clashes of dates through the year. This is to be called "Mary's Book". We used to do this and it was a follow on or copy of what Mary Lidbetter did in her shop for decades – she kept a journal of future dates that community events were planned.

There was great feedback after the meeting and it went on a little longer than it was scheduled to – our apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced. Thank you to all those community leaders who took the time to come along and participate and yet again showing their commitment to the Berry community.

Rick Gainford,
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POLICING, PAST AND PRESENT IN BERRY

Police working at Berry Police Station have reported rattling chains, footsteps in the night and a "presence" over many years. The old lock-up and cells are a reminder of the dismal life of prisoners held there. From 11.30am on 1 May 2012 the doors of Berry Police Station will open for visitors to glimpse times past and present and decide if a ghostly presence does inhabit the building. Visitors can retrace the footsteps of sentenced prisoners escorted from the Court House to the Police Station cells.

Shoalhaven Local Area Command joins the rest of the NSW Police Force this year in celebrating 150 years of policing. On 1 March 1862 the various independent police units of the colony of NSW were amalgamated into a single NSW Police Force. Police wore heavy wool uniforms all year round and transport was by horse.

Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said the anniversary was an opportunity for everyone to

recognise and reflect on the proud traditions of the NSW Police Force. "During 2012, we'll reflect on our proud history; honour the bravery and sacrifices of officers both past and present and continue to build a strong foundation for the Force's future," Commissioner Scipione said.

Today, Police stations once separated by a day's horse ride, are fully mobile in vehicles able to travel the state in a day. Policing has progressed from foot patrols, using call boxes to ring the station for "a mark", to instant communication by mobile phone, computer aided despatch and radio.

Anniversary activities will start at the old Berry Court House on 1 May with a medal presentation ceremony for members of the Force. The Berry Court House and adjoining Police Station (originally the Sergeant's residence) were built by the mid 1890s on land donated by David Berry. Police worked from a room at the rear of the Court House.

Hearings were relocated to Nowra Court from Berry in 1988. By 1999, Shoalhaven City Council, with donations from the Berry community, purchased the Court House for \$350,000 from the State Government.

Since then, the Berry Court House Conservation Committee Inc has administered restoration of the building and grounds. By 1976 the Sergeant's residence had become the Police Station. The cells were decommissioned around 1980 and prisoners transported to Nowra. The Police Station now has one officer permanently attached there and is also used for special task forces.

Shoalhaven Local Area Commander, Superintendent Wayne Murray said Berry provides the perfect venue to launch local celebrations for the 150th anniversary of policing. "The Court House and Police Station have the longest continual connection with policing in the Shoalhaven and we welcome members of the public to share our history and future," Superintendent Murray said.

DATES TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF POLICING NSW,

In Sydney

1 April: Police Expo at Darling Harbour

5-18 April: Police Spectacular at the Royal Easter Show

May-October: "The Force - 150 years of police" exhibition at the Justice and Police Museum, Phillip Street, Sydney

July: Release of "True Blue - 150 Years of Service and Sacrifice" book by author Patrick Lindsay

In the Shoalhaven

March - May: street banners on the northern approaches to Nowra (partnership with Shoalhaven City Council)

1 May: medal presentation at the Old Berry Court House featuring uniform through the years

1 May, 11.30am-2.30pm: open day at Berry Police Station

May-June: Police display at the Old Nowra Police Station Museum (partnership with Shoalhaven Historical Society Inc)

Contact

Robyn Hargrave, Manager,
Shoalhaven Local Area Command, 4421 9632



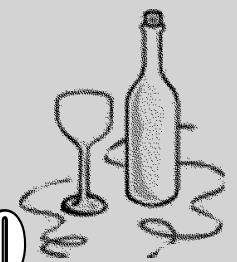
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BERRY MEN'S SHED

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DID YOU KNOW

The Men's Shed numbers are growing across Australia with 220 new Sheds opened in 2011. This brings the number to 678.

Sheds are now opening in New Zealand, England, Ireland and Canada. Our Shed has been rated in the top 3 across Australia, something we should all be very proud of.

JOHN ON THE MOVE TO THE NEW ENGLAND

Many members of the Men's Shed were sorry to hear the news that John Brentnall was leaving Berry for Gunnedah. John has been fundamental to the success of the Shed going back many years and has been not only a dedicated member of the Operations Committee of the Men's Shed but one of its great supporters. Members of the Shed will get the opportunity to wish him farewell at the Health Talk on Thursday 22nd March and at his final service in the Uniting Church on Sunday 1st April. On behalf of ALL members of the Shed we wish to thank John for his considerable contribution over the years.



John Brentnall attending one of many functions at The Shed

Recently erected in the community kitchen is a framed collection of photos that try and represents the entire day of celebrations of the opening of the Community centre on 18th November 2011. The original letter from Her Excellency thanking the Uniting Centre for having her and Sir Nicholas to Berry is also included for all to see and enjoy. "People still come up to me and say how much they enjoyed the events of the day and how significant it was to the township of Berry" said Richard Wiseman.

RECENT IN HOUSE PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS

David Merrington's talk was about eye wear and the history of glasses. David brought along a number of pairs dating back many decades ago to show how they have changed over the years. The only styles available in the early days were circular and in metal frames. Nothing like the choices these days. The wooden container he brought along contained 100's of frames. David is still working a couple of days a week as an optometrist in Nowra.

This is another example of members telling stories during morning tea. The previous week Phil Reid took us all on a trip to the Antarctica as he spoke of his wonderful adventures during his recent trip down south.

NEW JOBS BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE SHED

We are currently working on a number of projects these include, renovating old styled chairs, refurbishing a coffee table, building new bar stools and constructing wooden picture frames. If there is something you would like us to make or repair pop into the Shed on Tuesday or Thursday and we would be happy to discuss.

MEMBERS ATTEND GREAT SOUTHERN TRIVIA NIGHT

A small group of Shed members attended the weekly Trivia night at the Great Southern recently. Although not winners this time all had a great night with all members contributing. The great Southern has been a supporter of The Shed over the last years through its Thursday night Trivia competition by donating hundreds of dollars to The Shed. "This was seen as an opportunity to support them in returned" said Mick Rigg.

Richard Wiseman
Publicity Officer
4464 2619



BERRY MEDICAL CENTRE

22 Prince Alfred Street, Berry
Telephone: 4464 1577

Flu Vaccination Clinic

The flu season is fast approaching so we will be holding a Flu Clinic starting on Tuesday 10th April to Friday 13th April 2012

For patients who are over 65 or have a chronic illness the vaccine will be free. If you do not meet this criteria you will need to pay \$15 for the vaccine.

There is no need to make an appointment, just call in between 8:30am to 9:30am any day of this week.



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The recent production of *The Scarlet Rose* was a great success and was performed to full houses throughout the 8 day run from mid-February. We would like to say a very big thank you to all of our supporters who attended the show and to those who gave us such positive feedback on the production. The Berry Drama Group works hard to bring interesting theatre to the Berry Community and *The Scarlet Rose* was certainly diverse as it included traditional Bulgarian singing and dancing, as well as fight scenes and of course drama.

BDG Group Nights:

Our next group night will be held on Wednesday April 4th at 7pm in the upstairs room of the School of Arts, Berry. Alex Perritt will be running the workshop which will be presented in 3 parts as follows:-

- Studying animals as a way of establishing a character
- Text analysis
- Articulation

Please bring a short monologue that you would like to work on, or alternatively, Alex will supply you with a sonnet.

The May group night, scheduled for Wednesday May 2nd, will be a Trivia night and will be run by Nana Blade, another of our talented Berry Drama Group members. We will be preceding the Trivia Challenge with a short General Meeting so we encourage all of our members to make an extra special effort to attend. The GM allows our current members to have a 'voice' and aims to keep everyone 'up to date' with the BDG plans for the rest of this year. The time will be 7pm for a prompt 7.15pm start and the Trivia night will commence directly afterwards. The venue is the same, the upstairs room of the School of Arts, Berry.

If you are not a current member and are interested in attending one of our Group Nights or wish to become a member of the Berry Drama Group, please contact Rosie on tel:44643550 for more information.



Mikhail played by Feargus Manning with his 2 daughters Left: Valentina played by Elly Steinmetz and Right Dominika played by Kayla Davies



The Gypsy played by Debra Davies



The wounded Beast played by Alex Perritt.

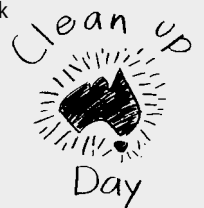
Berry Drama Group's production of *The Scarlet Rose* Written by Lisa Perritt was a great success with all 8 performances sold out.

Clean Up Australia Day - Berry

A much smaller turnout than usual because there seemed to be an assumption that this event would be called off due to recent wet weather. However, the morning was fine and those who did turn up made an extra effort to ensure that every street in Berry was covered.

On behalf of the Berry Alliance I would like to thank the following for their efforts:

- Gail & Owen Paton
- Cathy & Bruce Cole-Clark
- Pat Horne
- Susan & John Ballinger
- Barbara & Will Armitage
- Ross Goodger
- Philip Thorniley
- Linda & Ian Parker



Their efforts resulted in a trailer load of rubbish going to the tip. Would all residents please continue to help keep Berry litter free.

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Maurice Pepper
CUAD Coordinator



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Sydney Symphony Fellows in classical recital

Presented by **BERRY**
Musicale

On Sunday 11th March the local community gathered together and enjoyed an afternoon of classical music at Berry public school. This event was hailed an outstanding success by the capacity audience who attended.

Supporters of Berry Musicale wish to thank the Sydney Symphony Fellows for their fine and faultless performance of such technically challenging ensemble compositions.

Both the ambience and acoustic of the new assembly hall were voted by the players and their artistic director, Roger Benedict as some of the best they have experienced.

A perfect autumn Sunday afternoon afforded the opportunity for the performers and audience to mix and mingle as they refreshed with "country fare, cider & soda" on the spacious veranda of the hall.

This successful outcome augurs well for a continued relationship between Musicale, Berry public school and the Sydney Symphony Fellowship.

My gratitude and thanks is expressed to Berry public school and its relieving principal Peter Burney as well as the numerous community supporters of musicale whose combined effort brings to fruition such memorable occasions.

The continued support of the Arbour, Berry Town Crier and the Berry Music Centre as sponsors of this event is greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Merrington
Supporter of Musicale



Roger Benedict artistic director of the S.S. Fellowship program explains the program to the audience.



Dong Huang from Berry Public School entertains the audience at the Musicale



Neil Thompson [viola], Melissa Woodroffe [bassoon], Lucy Warren [violin], Eleanor Betts [cello], Rowena Watts [clarinet] give 'Ester the cow' a few musical tips

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News for Berry - COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY - BERRY ALLIANCE

The following Development Applications, Development Determinations and other items have been notified through the month and in accordance with Berry Alliance policy they have been placed on the Berry Alliance Notice Board in the window of the Post Office, posted on our web site www.berryalliance.org.au and printed in the next available issue of the Town Crier. The Berry Alliance is the Community Consultative Body in Berry and we advertise all items that we are advised of by council so community members can have their say.

Please Note: Council now have DA Tracking available on their web site where all details including submissions are displayed for your information.

Go to: www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and go to DA Tracking.

Applications Received

- DA12/1118 In ground swimming pool and spa 28 Broughton Vale Rd, BROUGHTON VALE 9-Feb-12
- DA12/1120 Alterations and Additions to Dwelling including Elevated Deck 199 Coolangatta Rd, FAR MEADOW 9-Feb-12
- DA12/1149 Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling 358 Tourist Rd, BEAUMONT 20-Feb-12

Applications Received

- DA12/1141 Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling including an In ground Swimming Pool 8 King St, BERRY 16-Feb-12

- DA12/1142 Change of Use to shop 5 - Savannah Cafe & Bar – Fit out 94 Queen St, BERRY 17-Feb-12
- DA12/1084 Garage/Carport – Detached 363 Kangaroo Valley Rd BERRY MOUNTAIN Approved 20-Feb-12
- DA12/1087 Outbuildings - Machinery Shed 120 Ben Dooley Rd BERRY MOUNTAIN Approved 0-Feb-12
- DA12/1118 Swimming Pool & Spa – In ground 28 Broughton Vale Rd BROUGHTON VALE Approved 24-Feb-12
- DA12/1059 Swimming Pool – In ground 320 Bryces Rd FAR MEADOW Approved 20-Feb-12

Applications are advertised in accordance with Council's Community Consultation Policy for Subdivision and Development Applications and the Formulation of Development Guidelines and Policies.

Please note, however, that not all applications on this list will be advertised and that advertising may not commence immediately, particularly if important documentation has been omitted from the application. If an application is required to be advertised, the relevant community associations will be separately notified of the advertising period and the closing date for receipt of submissions.

Enquiries

If an application on this report is of particular interest to your Association, or you would like to enquire if the application has been or will be advertised, please contact Council on: (02) **4429 3111**.

The development and subdivisions applications may be viewed on Council Website (DA Tracking)

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LILLY PILLY

"Lilly Pilly" is a unique 5 acre natural sanctuary, totally private from the road. Nestled amongst nature a meandering driveway through a park like setting with a backdrop of ancient rainforest and rock face escarpment leads you to this weatherboard cedar home with multiple French doors enticing you inside. There are two generous 5m x 5m bedrooms, library/study and an upstairs timber lined attic with dormer windows this could be a third bedroom great space for a parents retreat or artist's studio.

PRICE: \$1,275,000
WEB ID: 432195

RURAL LIFE AT ITS BEST

This 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living room, double garage family home set on a private tree lined acre might just be your entry point into the rural market? A job transfer has broken the vendor's dream of being able to live & bring up their children in this beautiful home for many years to come. The vendors have put their heart & soul into quality renovations & rejuvenating their family home in the last 12 months. One of the standout features of the home is the replaced new tiled Kitchen, dining & family area.

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Our street stall for March will have passed by the time you read this article so we thank you for your ongoing support for the work of the mission. In a current item in the latest Keeping in Touch monthly paper put out by TLM we were informed about a meeting held in Ontario in early Feb 2012. This meeting was for 30 leaders and executives from 13 pharmaceutical companies to endorse the London Declaration on neglected Tropical Diseases, committing to ending 10 of them including Leprosy by 2020.

The government groups and charities alone are committing just over US\$785 million in new funding.

"The deceleration is a wonderful opportunity that has re-instated leprosy into the global health agenda. As part of the broader coalition, we are motivated to move forward in a fully integrated manner to bring an end to all NSTD's including Leprosy", said Dr Dorothy Nyambi, team leader of the Leprosy Mission Canada's International Programs group.

How encouraging it is for us to hear of these advancements.

Trish Nicholson

Treasurer/Secretary

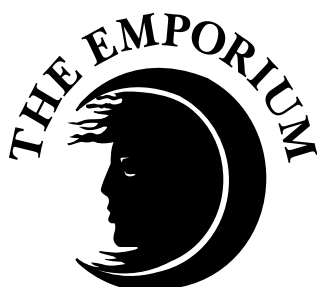
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Calendar of Events

APRIL

1st April - Sunday - Berry Country Fair at the Berry Showgrounds Enquiries to 4464 1476 on Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3.30pm

1st April - Sunday - Zonta Club of Berry Pre-loved clothing sale under the Grand Stand at Berry Showground. 9-4p.m. Donations of good quality, clean clothes and accessories can now be donated to Zonta, Berry by contacting Jan Chambers on 4464 2181 or Ali Hartwell on 4464 2710

4th April - Wednesday - Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry - To assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.

4th April - Wednesday - David Berry Hospital Auxiliary - Chicken Sale in Broughton Court starting at 8.30am until sold out. All chickens only \$2 each plus great raffle prizes to be won \$1 per ticket. All proceeds to the David Berry Hospital Auxiliary. Enquiries please call Marilyn 4448 5703

6th April - Good Friday - 3pm A Meditation on Good Friday, Passiontide Readings and Music - Choir and Soloist, at St Luke's Anglican Church, Princess Street, Berry. Enquiries: 4464 1058 www.berry.anglican.asn.au

7th - 8th April - Saturday & Sunday - Berry Public School Children's Exhibition will be held in the main hall at the Berry School of Arts and is proudly sponsored by the Berry Community Activities Centre. 19 paintings will be selected to hang on the walls outside the Children's Ward at the Shoalhaven Hospital. An official opening of the Children's Exhibition will be held at 2pm on Saturday 7 April. All are welcome. All enquiries to Val McMahon 44221794

12th April - Thursday Berry Alliance Meeting at 6.30 pm No special topic listed this month. All Berry community members are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future Forum discussion, contact Rick Gainford on 0449 569 059 or info@berryalliance.org.au

13th April - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

17th April - Tuesday - Berry and District Garden Club Inc. monthly meeting at the Activities Room - Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry - 7pm for 7.30pm start New members very welcome. Enquiries to Jennifer ph.: 44642563.

18th April - Wednesday - Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry - To assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.

26th April - Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL WAR ARTIST. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

28th April - Saturday - Villa Music - classical chamber music in Bellawongarah featuring Alexey Yemtsov on the piano. All enquiries to Tony on 0418 675 863 www.villamusic.com.au

29th April - Sunday - Villa Music - classical chamber music in Bellawongarah featuring Ironwood String Quartet. All enquiries to Tony on 0418 675 863 www.villamusic.com.au

29th April - Sunday - Shoalhaven Poultry Auction at the Berry Poultry Pavilion - Berry Showground All enquiries to Shayne Tiplady 0401548704 or info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au or www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

MAY

2nd May - Wednesday - Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry - To assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.

3rd May - Thursday - Berry Masonic Village are holding their Kerrie's Clothing Fashion Parade 10.30am start, tickets \$10 with light lunch

4th May - Friday - Knit with Love Weekly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm - 3pm. Newcomers welcome (Meets each week at the same time/place). Bring size 4.00mm (no.8) needles and patterns and help will be provided. All knitting goes to cold and needy folk somewhere in the world. We knit squares for rugs, knitted garments and toys. Contact person: Lee 4464 1204

4th May - Friday - Gala Opening Night Berry Quilt and Craft Show Doors open at 7.30pm - 10pm Tickets \$20 available at the Berry Patchwork shop and Berry Public School Office from Monday 2nd April. All enquiries Sharon Thomson ph.: 0405 516 267 or website: www.berryquiltshow.com.au

5th May - Saturday - Berry Quilt & Craft Show - Celebrating 10 years, at the Berry School of Arts, doors open at 9.30am till 4pm. Entry \$5 at the door, children under 12 years free - come and admire the quilts. All enquiries Sharon Thomson ph.: 0405 516 267 or website: www.berryquiltshow.com.au

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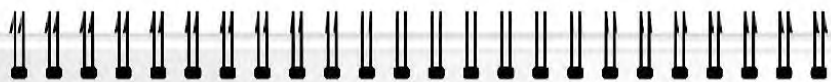
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15th May - Tuesday – Berry and District Garden Club Inc. monthly meeting at the Activities Room - Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry – 7pm for 7.30pm New members very welcome. Enquiries to Jennifer ph.: 44642563.

24th May – Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - STYLE ICON OR AMBITIOUS SEDUCTRESS: Jennie Churchill, Winston's American mother. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

16th May - Wednesday – Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry - To assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.

26th May – Saturday – Berry Rotary Club presents the Berry Celtic Festival at the Berry Showground, starting from 9:30am with a street parade/Official Opening at 10:00am by Consul General of Spain in Sydney, Sr. Gerardo Bugallo Ottone. Enquiries: Col Hanbridge 4234 1346



Mary's Book

Events and major attractions around Berry

For further information regarding each event please refer to community group listing on the next page.

1st – 2nd February 2013 - Annual Berry Show

February 2013 - Annual Berry Community Group Leaders Get Together

17th – 24th March 2013 - NSW Seniors Week celebrations

4th May – 6th May - Berry Public School Annual Quilt & Craft Show at the Berry School of Arts

26th May - Berry Rotary Club presents the Berry Celtic Festival at the Berry Showground

4th – 5th August - Saturday and Sunday Berry Garden Club Camellia Festival

29th & 30th August - Berry Public School Annual Food & Wine Fair

18th – 21st October - Berry Garden Clubs Annual Garden festival

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR BERRY 4, 18 April & 2, 16, 30 May

Fire Permits in Rural Areas

The Bush Fire Danger Period in the Shoalhaven has been in force since 1st September, 2011. All fires lit in the open from this date require a permit.

Permits can be issued by John Milne (Captain) - 0427 641 445, Neil Percival (Senior Deputy Captain) - 0412 352 937, Jeff Fahl (Deputy Captain) - 0419 280 673 and Brian Coulthart (Deputy Captain) - 0417 428 284. Permits and further information can also be obtained from the RFS Fire Control Centre in Nowra – 4424 4424.

Be aware that even with a permit, the lighting of fires is prohibited and the permit is automatically suspended, on Total Fire Ban Days, days of Extreme Fire Danger, or when the Environment Protection Authority declares a "No Burn Day."

State Emergency Services Nowra 4424 4472



BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CURRENT SPECIAL DISPLAY AT THE BERRY MUSEUM IS:

"FIFTY YEARS OF BERRY CAMELIA SHOW"

This display commemorates the 50th Berry Camellia Show which will be held on the 4th and 5th of August 2012. It shows the history of the show which was started in 1963 by the Management Committee of the Berry School of Arts to raise money for the upkeep of the building. From 1968 it was run by the Chesalon Auxiliary until in 1991 they asked the Berry and District Garden Club to take over.

135 Queen Street, Berry - Ph: 44643097
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OPENING HOURS

Saturday 11am to 2pm
Sunday 11am to 3pm

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Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc. PO Box 216 Berry 2535 info@berry.org.au	4464 3122 www.berry.org.au
Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society PO Box 269 Berry 25345 Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry School of Arts	4464 3242 shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com.au
Australian Red Cross PO Box 249 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm, Berry School of Arts	4464 2612
Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch 78 Woodhill Mountain Rd Berry 2535 2 nd Tuesday Monthly, Hotel Berry, 6.00pm meeting	4464 3965 adriandee@bigpond.com
Berry Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm 34 Alexander Street Berry www.shoalhavenaa.com.au	1300 903 392
Berry AI Anon Family Group Meet every Monday at 7.30 Uniting Church Centre - Albert Street, Berry	Irene 4448 8231
Berry Bridge Club INC PO Box 366 Berry 2535 Meets Saturdays 1pm - 4:30pm at Masonic Lodge Community Hall	4464 3009 mcorran@shoalhaven.net.au
Berry Community Activities Centre Inc. PO Box 244 Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm Muir House - 12 Prince Alfred St Berry	4422 1794 berrymarkets@bigpond.com
Berry Computers for Seniors PO Box 103 Berry 2535 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday monthly, 10 - 12noon Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	4448 6267 berrycfs@gmail.com
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Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee PO Box 218 Berry 2535 2 nd Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the Berry Courthouse	0458 369 266
Berry Crafters & Quilters Meets each Wednesday 10am - 4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred St mford.646@gmail.com	4464 3788
Berry & District Garden Club PO Box 122 Berry 2535 3 rd Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm Masonic Village Community Room leith@shoal.net.au	4464 2563 www.berrygardens.org.au
Berry Drama group PO Box 423 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday monthly - 7.00pm Berry School of Arts (except Jan & Dec)	4464 2700 hugsfromrosie@shoal.net.au
Berry & District Historical Society Inc. PO Box 153 Berry 2535 3rd Monday Monthly, 1pm at the Berry Museum	4464 3097 berrymuseum@bigpond.com
Berry Evening View Club PO Box 76 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7pm Berry Bowling Club	4464 1032 pamcoles@optusnet.com.au
Berry-Gerringong Rotary Club PO Box 81 Berry 2535 Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club	4464 3636 smithgf@bigpond.com
Berry Landcare c/- 35 Houston Place Berry 2535 3rd Saturday monthly and last Sunday monthly (Bundewallah)	4464 3241 berrylandcare@gmail.com
Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary 17 Gwenda Avenue Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.) 1.30pm above address.	4464 1693 trish.n@optusnet.com.au
Berry Masonic Village Auxilliary Inc. PO Box 435 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9:30am Activities Room Berry Masonic Village	4464 3457
Berry Meals on Wheels PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535	4464 1604 3 rd Monday monthly at 9am CWA Hall Berry
Berry Men's Shed PO Box 103 Berry 2535 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am- 4pm North Street Berry www.berrymensshed.com.au	4464 2619 e: richardcwiseman@hotmail.com
Berry Playgroup PO Box 279 Berry NSW Friday mornings at St Luke's Hall, via Victoria St	0415 519 262 berryplaygroup@yahoo.com.au Facebook: Berry PlayGroup
Berry Public School P&C Association PO Box 222 Berry 2535 berry_p.school@def.nsw.edu.au	4464 1158
Berry RSL Sub Branch PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 1st Tuesday Monthly at 10.30am Sub Branch Hall-26 Alexandra St Berry	4423 1960 stuart.christmas@defence.gov.au
Berry School of Arts	4464 1476 Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.
Berry Show Society Inc. PO Box 173 Berry 2535 Meet 1st Tuesday monthly at Committee Rooms at the Showground berryshow@virtualcity.com.au	4464 1567 www.berryshow.org.au

Berry Showground Management Committee **4448 6093**
PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535
Meet 2nd Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm Old Council Chambers
24 hour caretakers / bookings Tony & Vicki Pye **0427 605 200**

Berry Silver Band (est. 1897) **4464 1250**
6 Clarence Street Berry 2535 kayecj@westnet.com.au
Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm, Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground

Berry Spinners and Weavers **4446 43081**
PO Box 377 Berry 2535 berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall

Brogers Creek Landcare **4465 1482**
53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW Andrew.fitzsimons@det.nsw.edu.au
Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm.

Country Women's Association - Berry Branch **4464 3187**
PO Box 321 Berry 2535 marcia@shoalhaven.net.au
2nd Friday each month at 1pm in the CWA Rooms.

David Berry Hospital Auxilliary **4448 5703**
PO Box 285 Berry 2535 bke25349@bigpond.net.au
2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm David Berry Hospital Conference Room

Hands Across NSW Inc **4446 0567**
PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540 e hands.across.nsw@gmail.com
Meets 1st Sunday, monthly at Broughton Lodge, Berry Agriculture Hall

Knit with Love **4464 3651**
c/- 34 Princess St Berry 2535
Meets every Friday 1pm - 3pm St Luke's Anglican church hall

Liberal Party of Australia - Berry Branch **0412 287 706**
100 Kangaroo Valley Rd Berry 2535 aguile@nac.nsw.edu.au
Meets 1st Monday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start at Gabbys of Berry

Lodge Broughton 131 **4464 1713**
PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 tintern2@bigpond.com
1st Wednesday monthly Agricultural Hall cnr Albany & Victoria Sts

Penwood Rail Road Inc. **4464 1201**
B215a Princes Highway Jaspers Brush 2535. johnandlynclark@bigpond.com
Running day - 1st Sun monthly - visitors welcome

Probus Club of Berry **4448 6053**
PO Box 68 Berry 2535 hughmc0803@gmail.com
Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.30am Berry Masonic Village Hall

Slow Food Saddleback **0410 289 539**
PO Box 435 Gerringong 2534 kirstenmchugh@hotmail.com

Slow Food Shoalhaven **0400 750 551**
246b Tindalls Lane Berry 2535 info@slowfoodshoalhaven.com.au
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month at Coach house Restaurant, 6.30pm

Shoalhaven Arts Society Inc. **4422 1794**
PO Box 240 Nowra 2541
Meets 2nd Thursday each month, 1pm Berry School of Arts

Shoalhaven Poultry Group **0410 548 704**
165 Kangaroo Valley Road
1st Wednesday each month above address
shayne_early@hotmail.com.au www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

St Vincent de Paul Society **4464 1897**
PO Box 77 Berry e gbrandon@virtualcity.com.au
1st Monday monthly 7.30pm St Patricks Church Hall

Zonta Club of Berry **4446 1001**
PO Box 302 Berry 2535
Meets 4th Tuesday monthly, 6.30pm Gabby's Function Centre, Prince Alfred St, Berry

SPORTING GROUPS

Berry Hockey Club **4464 1992**
13 Windsor Drive Berry 2535 jenny@southernhost.com.au www.berryhockeyclub.com.au

Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football **4448 6027/ 4464 1609**
9 Ford St Berry 2535 jyoung@live.com
School term 4 - Thursday 4pm till 6pm at the Berry Sporting Complex, North St Berry

Berry Riding Club **4464 1143**
445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535
1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel
jasiiy@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.com

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club **0422 688901**
PO Box 206 Berry NSW 2535 www.bshcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
2nd Monday of each month during cricket season at the Berry Hotel

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior League **4464 1896**
PO Box 162 Berry 2535 berrysjuniorleague@gmail.com
4th Wednesday Monthly, 7.30pm at the Berry Bowling Club

Berry Tennis Club **0466 466 122**
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Council offering free Home Sustainability Workshops

Shoalhaven City Council is again offering a number of free workshops as part of the Home Sustainability program. The workshops will help educate residents in the fields of composting, worm farming, natural cleaning and home organic vegetable growing.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor, Paul Green said the workshops would provide residents with easy to use advice and tips on helping reduce individual household's impact on the environment. "Sustainability is about making sure the social, economic and environmental needs of our community are met and kept healthy for future generations," said Cllr Green.

"Council's Home Sustainability program helps residents learn about the simple day to day actions that can have a positive effect on the local environment. "Residents can drastically reduce their entire household's carbon footprint by becoming involved in simple programs like worm farming or composting."

Workshops under the Homes Sustainability program include:

- Compost Workshops – Teaching practical skills in building and maintaining healthy compost. Participants will receive a free compost bin and kitchen scrap bucket/caddy.
- Worm Farm – Illustrating the many benefits of home worm farming. These workshops will provide the knowledge and skills to set up and maintain a healthy worm farm.
- Natural Cleaning – Will provide advice on replacing chemical based household cleaners with natural alternatives. Participants will learn about natural ingredients and recipes.
- Home Organic Vegetable Growing – A new workshop having been developed as a result of the overwhelming community interest in organic vegetable growing. These workshops teach the practical skills needed to build a vegetable box; make homemade potting mix and incorporate composting, worm casting and liquids into organic vegetable growing.

Bookings to all workshops are essential. Interested participants should book on line through Council's internet site at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

For more info phone the Waste Hotline on (02) 4429 3374. Numbers to all workshops are strictly limited.



community church

EMPTY PROMISES

I came across the following 'funny' recently - Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying, "Free to good home, you want it - you take it." For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal - looks too good to be true - so he changed the sign to read "Fridge for sale \$50." The next day someone stole it. In our world, we are taught that; "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." So many of us have been taken in by "empty promises," that we are wary of anything or anyone that tells us we can have something for nothing.

The truth of the matter is that the world is full of empty promises. We watch TV and the advertisements tell us that we can be happy, sexy, rich, or famous, if we only purchase a certain product. It doesn't take long before we have been fooled enough to know that the world's promises are normally full of emptiness. Many people in our world make promises that they can't keep, and many are hurt because of that.

God is different! God has never made a promise that was too good to be true, never made a promise that was too big for him to keep. Instead of promises full of emptiness, at Easter, he gave us emptiness that is full of promise. The emptiness of the tomb on Easter Sunday morning reminds us of several of God's promises.

In the Old Testament we come across a guy named Abraham. In the Scriptures it says this about him - Yet he did not waiver through unbelief regarding the promise of God...being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. [Romans 4:20-21]

At Berry Community Church this coming Easter we encourage you to experience with us the God who doesn't make empty promises in your life brings, but rather at Easter shows us the emptiness of the tomb that is full of God's promises for your life.

God bless from Brendan at Berry Community Church...see advert for details.



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Restaurants & Cafes

Berry Jetz Café

1/94 Queen Street Berry - t 4464 3320
7 days - 8am to 5pm

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www.hedgehogscoffeeshop.com.au

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www.hungryduck.com.au
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Email: restaurant@berrymotel.com.au
Website: www.berrymotel.com.au

The Berry Hotel

120 Queen Street - t 4464 1011
Open 7 days: Dinner 6pm - 9pm, Lunch 11:30am - 2:30pm
Breakfast on weekends 8am - 11am

The Berry Tea Shop

Shop 1, 66 Albert Street, Berry - t 4464 1218
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www.theberryteashop.com.au

The Silos Restaurant

Princess Hwy Jaspers Brush - t 4448 6160
Lunch: Open Thursday - Sunday.
Dinner: Open Thursday - Saturday. www.silos.com.au

Table Talk Café

75 River Road, Shoalhaven Heads 2535 - t 4448 8831.
7 days - 8.30am - 4pm
Open till late in the school holidays
Email: kristystone1@live.com.au

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Berry Courthouse and Gardens

Corner Victoria and Albany Streets, Berry - t 0458 369 266
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email: functions@berrycourthouse.org.au

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Wet Weather Doesn't Deter

Even though 2012 started with many wet days the riders of Berry Riding Club have had a variety of equestrian events to attend. Twilight jumping, a dressage competition, coaching clinics and GG (Galloping Grown-Ups) days have all been very popular and well attended by members.

During the next couple of months a Show Jumping Judges clinic, an unmounted pilates workshop, a showjumping ribbon day plus another dressage competition are just a few of the activities taking place at our grounds in North St Berry. A very busy sporting club indeed!

Welcome to Woodhill Mountain Pony Club

Berry Riding Club welcomes Woodhill Mountain Pony Club to the Equestrian Grounds in North St. The pony club movement is a scheme whereby young people learn to ride, the focus being on riding instruction and fun.

By promoting the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty Woodhill Mountain Pony Club aims to instil in its members' the proper care of their animals. At the same WMPC prides itself on producing not simply good riders but knowledgeable horse people. According to Kate Johnson (Europa Saddlery & President of BRC), "it will be a pleasure for Berry Riding Club to share our equipment with Woodhill Mountain Pony Club".

BRC is open to riders of all ages. To find out more phone Club Secretary Judy Sweeney 44641143



BERRY CWA NEWS

"A tangerine and russet cascade of kaleidoscope leaves creates a tapestry of autumn magic upon the emerald carpet of fading summer" Judith A Lindberg

We have certainly seen a lot of our emerald green pastures as they've prospered in the rainy summer months, and consequently due to the very wet weather Berry CWA cancelled their Candlelight Supper as the fundraiser for the Prostate Cancer Research. A donation was forwarded to Head Office through the Wollondilly CWA Group.

Local news from Berry CWA

- Mother and baby packs for New Guinea have been prepared and made ready for delivery to Head Office
- Continued support of three indigenous students at Bomaderry High School
- Group Handicraft Day was very successful with eight exquisite items selected for the Wollondilly CWA Group Handicraft Day
- At the group Handicraft Day a selection of cookery displayed to commemorate CWA "90 years young"
- Ladies have volunteered to serve, clear tables, wash up at the CWA 2012 Royal Easter Show stand
- A bus tour to a local property, "Kullaroo"
- Continued support for the delivery of Meals on Wheels

- Preparation of craft for a CWA stall at the Celtic Festival
- Combined CWA Choir back into what they do best when music brings them together
- At the State Conference in May, Berry Branch will put forward a resolution for a minimum and safe level of staff to patient ratio in all Aged Care facilities, and that funding is to be tied to wages and staffing to provide for transparency and accountability.

To add to the ever popular CWA cook books, a third ["Jam Drops and Marble Cakes"] will be released in time for Mothers' Day and possibly for sale at the Royal Easter Show. The recipes are exciting, enticing and just waiting to be tested. Come and try your skills with this new and up-to-date cook book.

Many thanks go to Mrs Velma Walker for her valued work as our Wollondilly Group representative on the state executive council. It is time for her to relinquish her position and "cast her mantle" on to Rhonda Jefferson of the Exeter Branch

For further information contact Marcia on 44643187, Marie on 44232164, or visit the CWA web site at www.cwaofnsw.org.au or write to Secretary, PO Box 321 Berry 2535.

Jean Stanfield
Publicity Officer



Left to right Joyce Pettit, Robyn Abbott and Marci Miller



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Rotary Supports Paul with Cancer Fundraiser

After well known Berry local Paul Abbott had endured unsuccessful treatment for oesophageal cancer, one of his family members approached the Berry-Gerrigong Rotary Club on his behalf to see if the Club would put on an event to raise funds for oesophageal cancer research. Club member Deb Mainsbridge took on the challenge and with the support of others organised a fundraising dinner. The community of Berry rallied with more than 40 local businesses and community members donating items for auction, raffle and lucky dip prizes. Over 140 people, including many from the Abbott family and Paul's friends attended the dinner which featured an inspiring talk by one of Australia's leading cancer specialists Professor John Kearsley. President of the Berry-Gerrigong Rotary Club Graham Smith was extremely proud to announce that near \$7000 was raised from the night with the Rotary Club then deciding to top up this amount to \$7500 dedicated to oesophageal cancer research.

Rotary Circuit Pathway Update

Meanwhile, the Club has seen major progress in the laying of the concrete cycleway/pathway from the highway to the Berry Hospital. This has been possible because of various fundraising activities, including the

sale of engraved pavers. Many of the pavers that have been sponsored have now been laid in the pathway – forming a unique and lasting record of support for those people and businesses that purchased them. They can be seen in the pathway commencing in Tannery Road near Pulman St. The good news is that it is not too late to purchase a paver and also have your name cemented in local history. There is still an opportunity for you, your family or business to have that special engraved paver set into the Rotary Circuit pathway. Individual pavers cost \$50, whilst double pavers cost \$110. To obtain an Application Form for the Engraved Pavers email Grahame Sweeney at gsweeney@bigpond.net.au

Berry Celtic Festival

The next major project of the Berry-Gerrigong Club is the annual Berry Celtic Festival. This is the 6th year that the Festival has been staged and it commences at 9.30am on Saturday morning 26 May with a grand street parade down the main street of Berry. The parade is not to be missed as it provides a close-up view of all of the various clans with their batons, bagpipes and drums in their kilts.



Professor Kearsley, Paul Abbott and President of the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong Graham Smith shown at the benefit night for oesophageal cancer research.

Details of the next auction

Venue: Berry Poultry Pavilion located at the Berry Showground Alexandra Street Berry NSW

Date: Sunday 29th April 2012

Time: Poultry Shed will open from 9am to view the birds. The Auction will commence at 10.30am.

Payment: Cash only sales. All bidders must register prior bidding.

All birds will have informational cage labels with breed, gender, age and colour to help you in the buying process.

Knowledgeable volunteers will be happy to answer all your questions about the birds on Auction. Plus food and all accessories needed for your new birds will be available for purchase.

All penning fees and profits from the day will be donated to Hands Across NSW, a local charity. The funds will go to help flood affected families in NSW.

Refreshments available all day including free range egg and bacon rolls and gourmet coffee.

If you intend on buying and bird please remember to bring a box to take them home in.

Over 800 birds have been booked in for auction

Birds booked in so far are:

Large Birds: Plymouth Rocks, Australorps, Pretty Backyard Layers, Light Sussex, Brahma, Wyandottes, Hamburgs, Minorca, Campine, Naked Necks, Barnevelders, Cochin, Araucana, Polish, Rhode Island Reds, Wellsummers, Langshan, Ancona and Maran Crosses.

Bantams: Pekins, Araucana, Silkies, Wyandottes, Light Sussex, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds and Frizzles.

Other Fowl: Guinea Fowl, Muscovies, Indian Runners, Saxons, Quail, Pekin Ducks and Call Ducks, Turkeys and Mallards.

If you would like to be kept informed on birds that have been booked into the auction and further auction dates, you can sign up for our newsletter on our website

www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

For more information contact Shayne on 0410 548 704 or info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au We look forward to seeing you all there.



Oesophageal Cancer Research Benefit Night



The Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong thanks the following people, businesses and groups for their generous support of the fundraising evening.

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Sew & Tell
Shoalhaven City Council
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Val McMahon - BCAC

BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB NEWS

February was our AGM and Margaret Bailey, our Zone Councillor, came along to conduct the meeting. Our Committee members for 2012 are President - Sue Hinkley, Vice President - Pat Vassallo, Secretary - Gloria Carter, Treasurer - Kath Bowley, Assistant Treasurer - Margaret Harris, Delegate - Jean Rolfe, Programme Officers - Diana Auld and Rose Muller, Publicity Officer - Pam Coles. Congratulations to all and we wish you all the best for the coming year.

To Betty Endean, our past President, thank you very much for all your effort for VIEW and the very enjoyable Committee nights. You all would know by now that Jessica Monteith won the Berry Show Girl and last weekend, Jessica also won the Zone so she is now off to the Sydney Royal. We wish you all the best, Jessica and hope you enjoy it all. What an experience! Very proud grandparents are Janice and Frank Harris. Janice is a long serving VIEW member.

Only four members of our Club went to Bateman's Bay for the VIEW International Women's Day. It was a very interesting day with each Zone Councillor speaking. For entertainment, we had the same two ladies who sang at the conference last year and yet again they were excellent. Joanna Gash was the Guest Speaker again this year and her humour and informative speech were very well received.

Our last coffee morning was again wet - what a surprise! But we still had 9 people turn up. We hope for a dry day next time which will be at Jetz Café on 5th April. Come along and bring a friend.

We have received an invitation from Nowra Evening VIEW Club to a fashion parade by Noni B to be held at Margaret Jones home at Falls Creek on 18th April commencing at 11.30am. The cost will be \$12 which includes lunch.

Our next meeting will be on 18th April at the Berry Bowling Club commencing at 7pm. If you care to join us please ring Kath Bowley on 44 641032 by the Saturday prior to make your booking. If you are new to town, it is a good way to meet people and if you care to join Berry Evening VIEW Club, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for dinner at the Berry Bowling Club.

You will be most welcome,

Pamela J. Coles
Publicity Officer.

Austral Park Truck Layby and Mitigation Structures

Truck Laybys: The proposed new alignment of the Princes Highway crosses the Berry Wildlife Corridor. We have discussed the issue of the location of a Heavy Truck Rest Area at Austral Park within the corridor in this column September last year.

A meeting with the RMS to discuss this and other local issues took place on the 5th of March. It was attended by 14 local residents and two members of Landcare as well as the RMS officers. The reasons for the position of the layby were explained by the RMS. While the need for laybys at regular intervals on the Princes Highway was accepted, the location and engineering details of the Austral Park solution will now be reconsidered.

There is an existing layby at Nungarry Dunmore which fulfils the need of a heavy truck layby for the region but this layby has functional problems. The meeting agreed that a design for an upgrading of this site should be compared in function and cost with the Austral Park site. A complication to this study is that the cost of the Nungarry upgrade if considered a better option will not be able to be paid for out of the funding of the highway upgrade.

Working Bees for April

Bong Bong Road, 9-11am Sunday 8th April;

Broughton Vale, 3-5pm Sunday 8th April;

Moeyan Hill, 3-5 pm Saturday 14th April;

Bundewallah, Sunday 3-5 pm 29th April

Fauna Mitigation

Another result of the meeting was a meeting held on Saturday the 10th March at which fauna mitigation structures on the new alignment were discussed. These are to be at Toolijooa Ridge, at the three bridge crossings of Broughton Creek at Foxground (Broughton Village) and at Austral Park, Gembrook Lane and the major bridge over Broughton Mill Creek. These use a range of Rope Bridges over the road and under bridges, Fauna underpasses with dedicated fauna furniture and Fauna fencing. If you are intrigued by these items they are well illustrated in the Queensland TMS web site www.tmr.qld.gov.au go to Technical Standards and Publications/ Fauna Sensitive Road Design Manual Vol. 2, Chapter 6).

Soil wanted!! Berry Landcare requires between 5 and 35 tonnes of soil (not clay) for its community garden bed being constructed alongside the new Alexandra St shared pathway. We will pay for cartage. Please call Ian on 0244486359 or email ianlindap@shoalhaven.net.au.

Email: berrylandcare@gmail.com

For further information:

Kim Dove (4464 3391) - David Berry Hospital site;

Will Armitage (44642241) - Bundewallah;

Julia Woinarski (44642084) - Bong Bong road;

Bill Pigott (44643241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au) - Moeyan Hill;

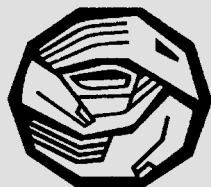
Harvey Blue (44641880) - Tindalls Lane;

Philip Thorniley (44642198) - Broughton Vale;

Ian Parker (44486359) - Strongs Road;

Information can also be found at Berry Landcare on Facebook.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Do you have time on your hands?

The St Vincent de Paul retail outlet in Berry, which is open 7 days a week, is seeking more volunteers to staff its store especially on weekends. No experience necessary and training is available.

Please contact Jenny on **ph: 44487648**

Your help will help us to help others.

BERRY COURTHOUSE



The Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee would like to invite any Berry Community Group to visit to the Courthouse Gardens.

If your group is interested in a visit please contact

Rick on **44642446**.

DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

David Berry Hospital Auxiliary was so pleased that the rain stopped for our Annual Book Sale weekend. Books came in and returned to our Shed without getting wet and what another Great Book Sale we had. Very Successful – many good books were received this past year so the standard of books on offer was well received by all who came along to buy.

The Auxiliary would like to send out a big thank you for to our members Loreen, Maggie and Sandra for selling raffle tickets all weekend. The winner was Mrs L. BAKER of Berry – Congratulations. We would also like to thank DYMOCKS of Nowra for their continual support with this marvellous donation of \$100 Gift Voucher.

We are now all busy knitting our Chickens ready for our Annual CHICKEN DAY on Wednesday 4th April from 8.30am until sold out (hopefully by 1p.m) come along and buy these funny, cheeky chickens and all with their own amusing personalities, and all for only \$2.00 each.

Some of our Members along with their husbands are going to try their LUCK at the Great Southern Trivia Night in March; maybe we will be able to make it a monthly event - if we can answer any of the questions that is!

In closing, we would like to thank everyone that donated books to this year's Book Sale. For those who forgot about the Sale please give us a ring later in year and we will come and collect them ready for our 2013 Book Sale. Clean books are always welcomed in our stack but Please do not take them to the Hospital. Ring and we will collect them.

Our meetings are always the 2nd Monday of each Month but for APRIL - as it is a Public Holiday, we will not be meeting until the following week - 16 APRIL at 12.30p.m for a light lunch. We would love to have you join us. Please ring President Moira Harris 44 642 776 for any queries.

Council now offering eBooks and audiobooks as part of Library service

Shoalhaven City Libraries have recently expanded its services with registered members now able to download audiobooks and eBooks straight from the Library website.

Library members will be able to browse titles on the web before downloading to a PC, Mac or other mobile device and enjoying immediately.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor, Paul Green said the new service would enable library users to utilise modern technology in their day to day life.

"There is little doubt that mobile devices like iPods, eReaders and portable tablets are having a major effect on how people are consuming their information," said Clr Green.

"Shoalhaven Libraries have embraced this shift towards e-technology by utilising this new online borrowing service, providing residents with an immediate, easy to use online borrowing system.

"Library members can log on and download audiobooks and eBooks anywhere, anytime providing card holders with an immediacy and mobility not available before."

Mr. Green said all digital resources will automatically expire at the conclusion of the borrowing period meaning there will be no longer be a need for any late fees.

Some users may need to download free software before downloading available content.

For more information or to borrow an e-resource please visit <http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/MyCommunity/Library.aspx>.

Berry Alliance Note: we commend Council for this innovation and extension to their library service.



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Red Cross News



A very, very, wet beginning to 2012 has seen Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery teams being mobilized to attend flooded regions throughout Queensland, NSW and Victoria. Red Cross does not work in isolation; 'the role Red Cross plays in an emergency is a part of a larger system. In each State and Territory disaster plans detail emergency preparedness, response and recovery arrangements to ensure a coordinated response by all organizations having responsibilities and functions in emergencies'. The organizations involved are Australian Red Cross, Anglicare, St Vincent De Paul, Adventist Development Relief Agency and Salvation Army all co-ordinated by Disaster Welfare Services.

Red Cross has the responsibility for the provision of personal support to disaster affected persons. This means we provide information, practical assistance, emotional support and referral to other Services. Personal Support volunteers work in a number of environments in the response, early recovery and long term recovery phases of an emergency.

Red Cross - personal support and registration

Salvation Army - coordination of catering; support the provision of clothing and personal needs.

Adventist Development Relief Agency - (ADRA) - emergency accommodation

St Vincent de Paul - coordination of bedding, clothing, toiletries and convergence

Anglicare - assist all Community Partners when requested

Department of Health - counseling services

St John Ambulance - first aid and medical support

Red Cross-Berry Branch members and our appeals volunteers raised \$610.50 for our Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery. Thank you to all who donated. If you think you may like to become a Personal Support Volunteer for Red Cross phone Alison on 44 284 900 at our Nowra Office.

During March the Branch was also involved in raising funds for **Red Cross Calling**, the month we raise funds for services provided in Australia and the Asia Pacific Region. Local services like Breakfast Clubs, Telecross, Save a Mate (SAM) etc. Our Street Stall and Raffle raised \$859.85, the raffle being won by Glenda Watt. Throughout Australia volunteers were collecting at Army and Naval bases, Berry members were invited to collect at the entrances to HMAS Albatross. Early morning shift change was challenging for the Branch. We may possibly be seen in the same place this time next year.

New to Berry, retired and looking for something to do in your spare time, come and join us for a cup of tea, 1st Wednesday of the month - 2 pm Berry School of Arts.
See you there.

Sandra Eldridge - Phone: 44 642 612
Berry Red Cross

Berry RSL Sub-Branch Report

Early February saw the Sub-Branch hold its AGM with a healthy attendance and the first opportunity to renew friendship after the festive season.

President Dick Bird opened proceedings with his annual report; highlighting again another successful year. Highlights included ANZAC Day - this was very well attended by the Berry community and it was also pleasing to have the Federal Government represented by the Member for Gilmore - Ms Joanna Gash. The Berry school children excelled themselves both in their School Commemoration Service and their singing at the main ANZAC Day Service.

On the 11th November, Remembrance Day was observed, and this was attended by members of the 9th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment Assault Pioneer Platoon. Mr Gary Slater spoke on behalf of their members highlighting the tasks performed and the loss of 35 members during their year of duty in South Vietnam. The President wished to thank several people and groups for their support during the year; in particular Capt. Gary Pope for his bugling, Mr Alan Mulley for his MC duties and general support, piper John Morrison, Rotary, Apex and the Berry Silver Band, SES for traffic control, the Shoalhaven City Council for quick response in replacing the Memorial Park fence prior to Remembrance Day, and finally the Women's Auxiliary led by Mrs Evelyn Strong for their sterling work at the monthly BBQs and Memorial Day luncheons and all other aspects. It should be noted that this support from the Women's Auxiliary has been ongoing for the life of the Sub-Branch in raising donations for Soldiers Funds, Legacy and the Sub-Branch.

Once again, the community of Berry has been most supportive of the Sub-Branch in all its activities and generous in their donations toward the Soldier's Funds and Legacy.

During 2011 the Sub-Branch lost two of its stalwarts with the passing of Bob White and Warren Brittain-George. Overall the Sub-Branch continues to care for the welfare of members during times of health issues and will continue to do so. The President's final comment was on the liaison established with the Dumersq Village as part of the RSL Lifecare organisation; the sub-Branch being kept fully informed of all the activities occurring at the Village.

At the election of Officers, positions remained unchanged with Dick Bird elected President, Ray Strong Senior V-President, Ray Larder Jnr V-President, Bob Creighton Treasurer, Stuart Christmas Secretary, Noel Windsor Welfare Officer, and Alan Ramsay Auditor.

The Sub-Branch again looks forward to another successful year in 2012.

Comments from members also support the Presidents statement particularly in regard to the good reception we have received from the Berry community; and preparation is underway for this year's ANZAC Day Commemoration Service.



BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE Inc.

Reminding all interested ladies that we are holding our Kerrie's Klothes Fashion Parade on Thursday 3rd MAY at 10.30am a Light Lunch, Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes on the day for only \$10.00 each.

How thrilled we were again to be invited to cater for the Seniors Morning Tea in the Court House, scones

(practise ready for the Celtic Fair in May) slices and fairy bread for our special visitors the little ones.

Please for any queries ring President Una Graaf 44 641713 new members are always welcome to come along on the third Wednesday of each month in the Activity Hall in Albany Lane Berry 9.30am.

BERRY PRESCHOOL

It is an exciting time of year at Berry Community Pre-School with the children settling in well for 2012 and forming some great new friendships. Our welcome BBQ was a great success! Thanks to everyone who came along. The weather was beautiful and families had a great time getting to know other families, children and staff.

Our new trainee, Beth, is also finding her feet and getting to know the children and their families. Beth Bricklebank is a local girl who is passionate about her goal of helping children learn, grow and develop. We welcome Beth to the team.

The Pre-School has also welcomed back two specialist educators for 2012. Our Art Educator, Meg Dover, has involved the Thursday children in an art program focused on the Impressionists style of

painting. The children have enjoyed created mini-masterpieces in the styles of Monet, Matisse and Van Gogh. And our Music Educator, Helen Greenacre, continues her fantastic music program with the Friday children.

Recently, the children were treated to a visit by a Pre-School Grandma, Aileen, who is a Print Artist. Aileen was able to demonstrate her technique with lino printing and the children had a great time trying it out using foam. Also, we enjoyed a cultural visit from Aboriginal Early Childhood Educator, Charlie who wowed the children with his storytelling and didgeridoo playing. We are excited about Charlie's next visit.

Mums and Dads will be busy helping their little designer create an Easter Hat

Masterpiece for the upcoming Easter Hat Parade! The Pre-School will also enjoy taking children up to the 'big school' for this event.

And the fundraising has begun for 2012 with the very-popular cake stall and raffle taking place in Broughton Mall on March 31. The children have been busy making boxes to fill with yummy treats for the occasion.

Berry Community Pre-School values the ongoing support we receive from our local community.



Beth getting to know the children



Charlie, Indigenous educator

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Pre-loved Clothing Sale

This is the final reminder about our fantastic **Pre-loved Women's Clothing and accessory sale** on **Sunday 1st April under the Grand Stand at Berry Showground. 8a.m.-3p.m.**

There will be bargains galore **PLUS** a great **Gourmet Basket Raffle** so come along and bring your friends.....this is an event not to be missed!

Entrance fee – **A Gold coin donation is requested.**

All monies raised from this fundraising event will be used to purchase Birthing Kits.

International Women's Day

In conjunction with International Women's Day on 8th March, nominations were submitted for the **Shoalhaven 2012 International Women's Day Awards (In appreciation and recognition of women's work and creativity in all areas of their lives and the Shoalhaven Community).**

The IWD Awards are presented at **Meroogal Historic Home on Sunday 25th March 2012.** **Zonta Club of Berry members** are proud to announce that one of our Charter Members, **Patricia Vassallo** has been chosen to receive an award in recognition of the longstanding and continuous service, on behalf of **Zonta**, to the **Rosa Women's Refuge.**

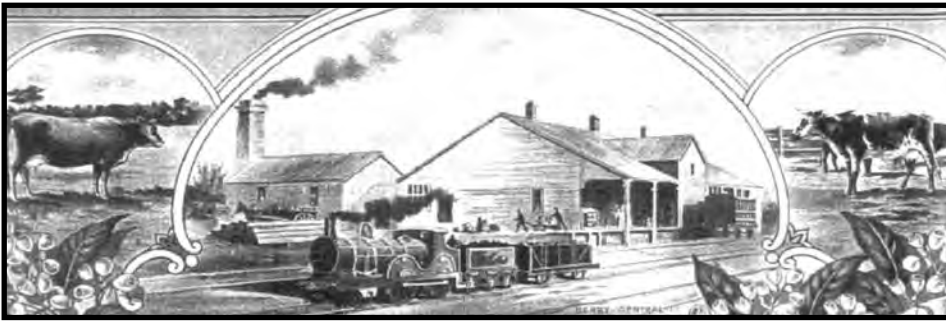
We thank you **Pat** for your dedication to helping improve the status of women striving to make a new start in the area.

Dinner Meetings

Our next dinner meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 24th at Gabby's Function Centre, Prince Alfred St, Berry, 6.30pm for 7.00pm** our guest speaker will be **Michelle Miran** who will talk about a new project called **Headspace**, covering mental health issues. Guests are warmly welcomed at a cost of **\$30** for a 2-course dinner and tea/coffee.

Bookings are essential to Pat Collins on 4446 1001 by Sun. 22nd April.

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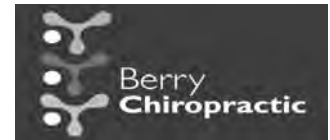
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