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BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION



The Town Crier is produced
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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 and donations.

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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 12-14 JAZZ MAY 2017

THIRD ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

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Following the success of the first two festivals, Berry Jazz in 2017 is proud to announce a greatly expanded line-up over three days in May, with concerts, a children's workshop and march, and a free lunchtime event in Apex Park. Once again the program features some of Australia's finest jazz talent with a series of events that have will have something for everybody – including families and children. The festival opens on Friday night at the Berry Bowling Club with the Steve Hunter band, led by a musician and composer widely regarded as one of this country's best jazz bassists. On Saturday there's a free outdoor concert from 12.00 – 1.30pm around the Rotunda in Apex Park featuring Queen Porter Stomp and some classic New Orleans style jazz. The recently refurbished Berry School of Arts is the venue for a truly unique concert on Saturday night featuring The Glorious Sousaphonics, who were such a hit at the 2016 Festival. The orchestra will play the

music of the eccentric American composer Raymond Scott, the man who inspired the very zany music for the early Merry Melodies and Looney Tunes cartoons. This is definitely an event for all ages, with a special family ticket on sale.

Saturday will also see a repeat of last year's highly successful children's workshop, climaxing street parade around the streets of Berry.

Sunday is Mother's Day, and to celebrate festival goers can book for a special two course Mother's Day lunch and concert at the scenic Coolangatta Estate Winery featuring Paris-based chanteuse Tricia Evy and trombonist and vocalist Dan Barnett, in a jazz quintet playing the music of the "Queens of Jazz" Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and the great Louis Armstrong.

Check out the full program and all ticketing details at: www.berryjazz.com.au



The Berry Alliance and Berry Town Crier are pleased to once again sponsor the Berry Jazz Festival this year.

We have some tickets to give away for the event and the details will be on our Facebook page before 1 April 2017.

All you need to do is "Like" and "Share" the Facebook site and article and you can be in the running for some free tickets. <https://www.facebook.com/BerryTownCrier/>

The Jazz Festival and runs from 12 to 14 May and they have an advertisement in this edition of the Berry Alliance Town Crier. **Details are on www.berryjazz.com.au**

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The Berry Forum

Berry District Park Regains Momentum

The Berry Forum is partnering with Shoalhaven City Council to advance the design of the Berry District Park Master Plan to a point where it is closer to being "shovel ready" and has a better chance of attracting the funding needed for construction. The District Park will be a major feature of the Berry township in the future and the project will be a substantial undertaking requiring the investment of millions of dollars.

In order to do this, further community consultation is necessary to ensure the final design of the park is considered and well thought through and is supported by the majority of the community. This consultation process is being designed right now by the Berry District Park Review Group (DPRG). The role of the DPRG is to seek input from the

Berry community and interested community groups and use this to prepare design alternatives that articulate the requirements of interested parties and facilitate potential solutions for the entire site. The DPRG will then ensure that the broader community has an opportunity to review and comment on the options.

The DPRG is operating under Terms of Reference that have been agreed by both the Forum and Council. A copy of the TOR can be found on the Forum website, as can the current Master Plan for the District Park site.

If this important community asset is of interest to you and your family, please keep your eye out for future communication in late April or early May from The Forum and the DPRG.

Sustainability Review Group (SRG)

The SRG has been formed to address opportunities for the improvement of the sustainability of the community and the environment in Berry. Sustainability was a major theme in the Berry Strategic Plan, and the priority of the SRG is to address the six strategic focus objectives that the community thought were most important.

These were improved recycling and green waste disposal, support for local food production, support for the activities of

Berry Landcare, improved transport options, reducing plastic bag usage and greater renewable energy adoption. While focussing on these priority objectives initially, the SRG will address any other areas of significance in the area of sustainability over time.

The SRG has a team of seven with David Brawn as Coordinator and Mary Beare as Secretary. This Group meets monthly, and the early focus has been on fact-finding and the generation of ideas on how sustainability can

Editor's Note



The closing date for our May issue will be Wednesday 12 April at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to: towncrier@berryalliance.org.au. Phone 0428 037 572. Town Criers can be downloaded for free from www.berryalliance.org.au or our Facebook Page: Berry Town Crier.



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At the Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Berry Inc., it was resolved that the Club be changed from a male only Club to a mixed gender Club. We welcome Ladies to join our Club, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30 am until 12.00 noon at the Masonic Village in Albany Lane. For more information, please contact Ian Tompson (President) on 0408 029 315, Paul Kirk (Secretary) on 4464 3525 or email berryprobus@gmail.com.

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Honeywell Engineering Students Enjoy Experience



Two of the three students that the Rotary Club of Berry sponsored to attend the annual Honeywell Engineering Summer School spoke at a recent Club meeting recalling their experience. The Summer School is a week-long practical engineering visitation at Universities and engineering sites in Sydney. Attendees gain a better understanding of engineering as a university and career option as well as broadening their horizons and experiencing the interaction with practicing engineers and their peers. Jack Malls and Liam Davis, students from Shoalhaven High School, are pictured with Year Advisor Ian Woods and Rotarian Graham Smith after giving their talk about the summer school.

On the same night, President Paul Andersen presented cheques to three very worthwhile Shoalhaven charities, being part of the proceeds from last year's Small Farms Field Days. Representatives from Shoalhaven CanAssist, Shoalhaven Kids In Need and also the Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention Area Network, said how grateful they were for the Club's support and how the donations would assist them to carry on their work.

Paul explained that the Rotary Club also made donations to two Rotary International programs – the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) and Rotary's Operation Cleft which

Rotary Club of Berry



provides for the repair of lip and palate clefts in underprivileged children. In addition, nearly four thousand dollars was directed from the Club's Disaster Relief Fund to assist the victims of recent bushfires in the Central West of NSW.

The next major fundraiser for the Club is the annual Berry Celtic Festival which is on Saturday 27 May at the Berry Showground.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

The Rotary Club of Berry is currently calling for applications from 14 to 17 year old boys and girls to attend the next RYPEN camp to be held at Mogo on 12 -14 May 2017. RYPEN is a 3 day program assisting young people develop culturally, socially and academically by presenting a series of ideas, problems and social experiences in a fun and engaging supervised setting. You can find out more by contacting the Club's New Generations Director Graham Smith on 4464 3636 or by visiting www.berryrotary.org.au



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PLASTIC FREE JULY

By Holly Landgren

Sustainable BERRY



In 2012 an Australian organization challenged people to try for a day, a week, or a whole month to go without single use plastic items. And so, Plastic Free July was born, a movement that has spread globally, to be adopted by groups as diverse as Catholic Rural Life, 1 Million Women and The Story of Stuff Project, with participating individuals, groups, businesses, councils and schools in Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia and the United States.

In 2016 Shoalhaven City Council got involved, encouraging residents to target the "big four" single use plastic items; shopping bags, straws, coffee cups and water bottles. Fiona Schruers, who works for Council as the Resource Recovery Projects Coordinator, is a passionate advocate of this initiative, and is keen for Shoalhaven residents to participate in the challenge.

PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS

The initiative marries nicely with the Boomerang Bags Berry project, which launches in June. So much has already been said on the topic; until pressure is put on state and federal governments to ban single use bags, or legislate for a charge on their use, it's up to communities to encourage alternatives to single use plastic bags. The other three focus areas targeted in Plastic Free July are ones that have not received as much attention of late.

SINGLE USE COFFEE CUPS

Australians use around 1 billion single use coffee cups each year; these are estimated to be the second largest contribution to litter after plastic bottles. The paper cups contain

plastics that do not biodegrade, while the lids end up polluting the roadsides and beaches. Every day I see lots of people, often locals, with single use cups, or cardboard trays of multiple cups for the morning coffee run. I imagine close to 100% of those cups and lids don't make it into the recycling chain but are tossed into Council street bins or general rubbish. In December 2014 the Berry Alliance donated 500 reusable KeepCups to local community members. I'm still using mine. Based on an average of only three coffees a week, that's 351 cups. If I up that figure to five coffees weekly, that's 585 cups. Not using your Keepcup? July is the perfect time to get it out of the cupboard and put it to use, or pass it on. If you missed out, there are plenty of companies manufacturing reusable products for a nominal cost. Local café owners can also become part of the solution and encourage behavior change, such as offering an incentive scheme to people who bring their own cup.

PLASTIC STRAWS

Few people really need to use a straw. If that's your preference there are companies that manufacture re-usable straws, made from metal or borosilicate glass (virtually unbreakable). These can be washed and reused hygienically, the same as you would reuse a spoon or a fork. When you order a drink in a bar or café insist on no straw, and ask the wait staff to write your preference on the order, so bar staff get the message.

If you're a café or hotel owner, consider switching to paper straws; still a one-use item but perhaps less environmentally damaging than a plastic straw.

PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

We all know that plastic water bottles are a ridiculous idea, yet in 2015 Australians purchased over 700 million litres of bottled water, at a cost of up to two billion dollars. We import water from as far away as Fiji and Europe, with the cost of manufacture, transport and of this amount of plastic is estimated at over 460,000 barrels of oil. In Australia we currently recycle only around 40% of plastic bottles. There are lots of companies that manufacture reusable drink bottles. If you're out and you've forgotten your bottle, remember it's unlikely you'll seriously dehydrate before you get home or elsewhere you can have a glass of water.

WWW.PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG

Plastic Free July is challenging us to refuse all single use plastic during July. The organization has a fantastic web site with all the tools you need for your family, friends, classroom or work place to get involved. Now is a good time to get planning. We'll update you with news as the event approaches. Let us know on our facebook page if you've taken the challenge!

www.plasticfreejuly.org

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Boomerang Bags Berry



Living the Good Life:

Our group Boomerang Bags Berry is just one of more than a hundred communities in Australia who are dedicated to sewing their way to a more sustainable future.

You will be seeing our Boomerang Bags in Berry following the launch on Monday, 5th June which is, fittingly, World Environment Day. We also hope to show that Berry is focused on becoming a town that thinks sustainable practices. There are two other movements, "Responsible Cafes" and another called "Last Straw", which we hope Berry will embrace. Sadly, plastic bags and textile waste are not the only culprits that add to pollution, death of wild life or choked oceans. The plastic straw and take-away coffee cups add alarmingly to the degradation of our delicate environment.

Boomerang Bags are made from repurposed textiles; this is to help reduce textile dumping. The textile industry is responsible for 11.1 million tonnes of landfill every year. Decomposing clothing releases methane gas that heats the planet and the chemicals leach into the soil and waterways. Sounds nasty, and it is!

As of late February, the Boomerang Bag Communities around the country have made more than 55,000 bags and diverted 13.6 tonnes of textile waste from landfill. It really is a record to be proud of and anything you can do to support our own collective here in Berry will help in some way.

Now, back to plastic bags, if you forget your shopping bag you will soon be able to borrow one of our beautiful hand sewn bags and then return it the next time you are shopping. They are not meant to replace plastic bags entirely, we all know that will take legislation, however it is an alternative option for you to consider. Of course, remembering your own reusable bag is the best way to go shopping.

- Australian consumers currently use 3.92 billion bags per annum, that's 170 plastic bags per person. It's a staggering figure!
- 8 million metric tonnes of littered plastics end up in the ocean. It kills marine life

There's no denying that life in Berry is good, it is very good. However, taking care of our environment can be a struggle as we adapt our old ways of thinking to being more sustainably conscientious.

This is what you can do to help:

- donate fabric, clothing, sheeting, sewing threads
- join us
- rummage in your cupboards and see if you have any reusable shopping bags that you no longer use and donate them to us. We will attach our pocket logo and they can become Boomerang Bags!

A difference is a difference, no matter how small and everyone can play a part. We are a highly social group and it's fun to meet, sew, chat and produce gorgeous bags for the benefit of the planet.

So, let's try and focus on the positives. Here in Berry we can look after each other and our environment by taking little steps to change our ways. To help you we have already created over 1,100 Boomerang Bags: so, let's start saying - NO TO PLASTIC BAGS!

Meeting dates: Tuesday, 4th April & Tuesday, 18th April 9.30am - 2.30pm - Committee Rooms, The Showground, Alexandra Street, Berry.

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BERRY RED CROSS

RED CROSS TRACING SERVICE

This is a program which people who have lost touch with family members usually through war or natural disasters can use. Red Cross finds and puts the family members in touch with each other.

The length of time does not matter as people who have lost touch recently or as long ago as the Second World War have been reunited. At the Berry Show over two hundred dollars was raised to go to this program thanks to the generous visitors to the show who bought tickets in the raffle at the Red Cross stall.

BERRY IGA

Berry Branch of the Red Cross would like to thank The IGA Berry who presented a cheque of \$259 from money raised through the IGA Community Chest Scheme to Berry Red Cross. This money will go towards the purchase of the bench seat in memory of Jeanette Galbraith.

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

If you wish to find out about becoming involved with or volunteering with the Red Cross contact the Berry Branch of the Red Cross (see Community Groups page of Town Crier for contact details), the Nowra Red Cross Office (1800621433) in Graham St Nowra or go onto the Red Cross website.

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The next Adfas Shoalhaven lecture is to be given by Adrian Vickers, Professor of South East Asian Studies at the University of Sydney, author of many books and expert on the art of this richly diverse nation. He has been director of the Australian Centre for Asian Art and Archaeology and a visiting fellow at Magdalene College, Cambridge. Adrian consults to business and organisations and is consulted by national and international media on Indonesia and Australian-Indonesian relations. Adrian's books on Bali and Indonesia are extensive and fascinating. Indonesia is a nation of 18,000 islands and more than 200 cultures. It's rich textile and tribal sculptural traditions illustrate the diversity of this nation, using motifs to present connections between ancestors and daily life; e.g. mythical creatures, boats and fertility signs. This lecture will expand on these themes in the art of this diverse nation. Thursday 6 April, 7.30 p.m. at Berry Uniting Church, Albert Street, Berry

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Forgiveness and Hope



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Despite Australia being a secular society, many of the significant days that we celebrate as a nation have a spiritual, and often overtly Christian significance. Anzac Day falls into the former category. Christmas and Easter fall into the latter. Why is that?

The argument has been made that these days are important for purely historical reasons, hangovers from a time when Christianity and church-going were the norm. But those days have passed. Why haven't these spiritually significant events declined alongside church attendances? In fact, they actually seem more popular than ever.

The answer, I think, is that public opportunities like these provide us with an opportunity to get in touch with, and to express, the very real spiritual needs we all have. Easter points to two of those needs - forgiveness and hope - and identifies Jesus as the one who can provide both. The bible says...

God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the

record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross... Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand... For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory (Colossians 2:13-14; 3:1-4 NLT).

At St. Luke's this Easter we will be exploring forgiveness at a special service on Good Friday at 9.30am. Then on Easter Sunday at 8.00am and 9.30am, we will be celebrating the hope that the resurrection of Jesus makes possible. Or if you want to think more about the spiritual needs that lie at the heart of life, but don't want to set foot inside the Church, we offer a short program called "Life Explored." Check out our website for all the details (www.berry.anglican.asn.au).

Have a great Easter - Neil Percival

Berry Evening VIEW Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Berry Bowling Club 6.30 for a 7 PM start. We have a new number for Cancellations or for people who just want to come and see what VIEW is all about so ring Jan on 44642181 before 6pm on the Saturday before the meeting so we can let the cooks know.

We are ready to get things going with our new cast and crew. Lots of new ideas tossed in with fun and learning from our guest speakers.

One of the up and coming events is the Zone Conference to be held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club on the 29th May. The different clubs are doing the decorations for the event made from school book and anything that is needed for



school which will be swept up after the day and donated to the local schools; more about that at the meeting.

Past members if you are reading this come back for a visit some time - I know you will be more than welcome and a chance to catch up with old friends or come along to our coffee mornings held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am this month is at Just Delicious. Well that is all I have at the moment. More next month.

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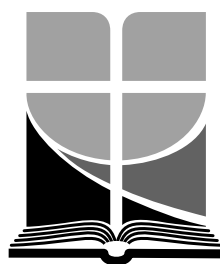
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Knitting News

Knit with Love has started again this year with an enthusiastic band of knitters and crochet-ers, meeting at St Luke's Hall, 68A Princess Street every Friday from 1 to 3pm. We have three regular projects: Rugs for Wrap with Love, beanies for children rescued from the streets in Ethiopia (Retrak organisation) and knitted garments for needy children in Eastern Europe (Mission without Borders). In 2016 we also knitted beanies for the Oncology Unit at Shoalhaven Hospital. From time to time we are asked if our rugs are for sale. But they cannot be bought, sold or traded. They are caring gifts from the people of Australia to the people of the world.

Some may be interested to know that Wrap with Love Inc. will be celebrating 25 years of operation with a Special Exhibition from Friday



26th May to Sunday 28th May. It will be staged at 'Commune Waterloo', 901 Bourke Street, Waterloo, 2017. Frequent buses run past the door and all are welcome to come and view the displays between 10 am and 4 pm. Retrak is an organisation that has as its slogan "Helping children get their lives back on track". It reaches out to the children who have been forgotten by their communities, children who have no one else to turn to. Their work and research provide a beginning-to-end approach for street children and the wider-community that improves their lives. They support these amazing children as they reintegrate back into their families and communities...back to being children again. It gives us joy to be able to support them in their task. Newcomers to our Friday group can be assured of a warm welcome.



NEWS FROM BERRY MUSEUM
BERRY MUSEUM IS RUN BY THE
BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

THE GREEN PLAQUE PROJECT

The Berry & District Historical Society's plan to put circular bronze green plaques on specific historical buildings in Berry is progressing well. Most of the buildings selected were built in the 1800s and still have a large part of their original exterior visible.

The Berry buildings to be included are as follows:

Queen Street: The E. S. & A. Bank (The Berry Museum), Wilson's Stores, Post & Telegraph Office, and Berry Hotel. Albert Street: The Uniting Church (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel). Princess Street: The Anglican Church. Victoria Street: The Agricultural Pavilion, Presbyterian Manse & CWA Building. Station Street: The Railway Station. Alexandra Street: The Old Council Chambers and School of Arts.

The Society hopes that this plaque project will be very worthwhile for Berry, historically and culturally. It will enhance recognition of Berry's rich and unique history, and improve the tourism amenity of the town as a heritage destination.

BERRY SILVER BAND - 120 YEARS

Berry Silver Band is 120!

The Berry Silver Band has been playing for the Berry community for 120 years. The Berry Museum is hosting a special display to mark this event. It includes instruments, photographs, and documents such as the music written out by hand by the first bandmaster, Mr Tidd. Mr Leslie Crawford OAM was Bandmaster from 1948-88, and he preserved most of this memorabilia.

On Saturday May 6 the Band will play at the Museum, starting at 1pm, under the direction of the present Bandmaster, Mike Stock. There will be a mix of traditional and modern music.

Several Band members will receive long service awards, there will be some short speeches, and afternoon tea will be served. If you are able to attend, please arrive before 1pm and notify Kaye Johnston, 4465 1240.

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The story of Easter is that of Jesus Christ taking on our regrets and our past mistakes and dealing with them once and for all. In the story itself we have two of Jesus' closest friends making terrible choices. Judas sells Him out to the authorities and Peter denies even knowing Him. Both of them are racked with guilt and regret. They both deal with it in totally different ways. Judas decides to carry it and deal with it alone and ends up destroying himself in the process (Matthew 27:1-10). Peter, however takes His regret

and confesses it to the risen Jesus. Jesus offers him forgiveness and restoration (John 21). One of Jesus's other friends John would later write "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us" (1 John 1:9). The apostle Paul writes that anyone who surrenders themselves and their past to Jesus are no longer the same, they are a new creation, they are given a fresh start, a clean slate (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Like Peter and Judas we have a choice to make about our past regrets; we can choose to carry them ourselves or give them over to Jesus and ask Him to deal with them.

At Berry Community Church we believe in fresh starts and new beginnings. While we recognise that we still live with the consequences of our past mistakes, we no longer let them define who we are. If you are in a place where you would like to find freedom from regret and forgiveness for your past, we would love to support you. Come along to one of our services or get in contact with us through our website berrycommunitychurch.org. We pray that this Easter you are able to find freedom and forgiveness in Jesus.

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LANDCARE BERRY

Roadsides as Habitat

The rich wildlife of the Berry district is no accident. Our native birds and animals rely upon the habitat provided by patches of native vegetation, and their inter-connectedness along creeklines and roadsides. Roadside vegetation is particularly valuable for providing these connections because roads often cross catchments and traverse landscapes that were otherwise cleared. Movement along these corridors is critical for the sustainability of flora and fauna populations. Corridor connectivity helps maintain genepool diversity, sustainable territories, and seasonal migration. In the future, changing climate will shift the location of habitats and necessitate the movement of the plants and animals dependent on those habitats.

A nationally important wildlife corridor, known as the 'Berry Corridor', occurs in our district and links the Coastal Plain (Seven Mile Beach NP), with the escarpment and plateau (Barren Grounds Nature Reserve). A number of roadside environments provide important linkages within this Corridor, including Agars Lane, and the Beach, Gerroa and Boundary Roads.

Boundary Road is a notable example. This road runs east-west and marks the northern boundary of the Berry Estate lands (from 1829). It was formerly known as Cedar Lane. By the late nineteenth century the road boasted five timber bridges. Sometime after 1948, a number of these crossings were destroyed, resulting in a 600m section being impassable to vehicles. Revegetation commenced from this time onwards. Now

used as a walking and horse trail, this easement section is known as 'The Link' and displays a range of native vegetation communities. It is valued as a wildlife corridor and recreational asset. It is a long running Berry Landcare bush regeneration site and responsibility for its management was transferred by the Crown Lands Authority in 2013.

A 1949, aerial photograph reveals only a handful of mature trees within the Link, with the majority of the easement cleared and grassed. A native canopy now extends across more than 70% of its length.

The management of roadsides as wildlife corridors presents a multitude of challenges, particularly when the safe function and maintenance of roadways must also be realised. These include weed control, replanting, regeneration, and the minimisation



Roadside vegetation along Beach Road

and mitigation of disturbance. Everybody can play a role in caring for our native roadside vegetation by not dumping garden waste on road verges and caring for your own frontage where appropriate.

Why not participate in maintaining our local wildlife corridors? Along with our regular monthly working bees, Berry Landcare is holding a Berry Wildlife Corridor fieldwork weekend at the Link and some other Berry Corridor regeneration sites on the weekend of the 6 and 7 May 2017. Contact Jim Jefferis for details 4464 2988.

Working Bees for April 2017

Alexandra Street Parkcare: 9-11 am Friday 21st April: Gail Paton 4448 7915.

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 9th April: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Broughton Vale: 3-5pm Sunday 2nd April: Kelvin Officer 0427 255417.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 2-4pm Sunday 23rd April: John Clark 4464 3911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 16th April: Hugh Sheil, hugh.sheil@realtimecom.com.au or Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

David Berry Hospital: 2-4 pm Saturday 15th April: Leslie Pigott 4464 3241 or lesliepigott@bigpond.net.au.

Mount Coolangatta: Nola Barker. Mobile 0409 446418, nolajbarker@live.com.au. Time to be advised. Meet at end of Roxbrough Rd, Far Meadow.

Mark Radium Park: 9-10am Friday 28th April: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Princess St. Parkcare: 9-11am Monday 24th April: Terry Oades 4464.3654.

Tindalls Lane ('The Link'): 2-4pm Sunday 9th April: Jim Jefferis 4464 2988

Plant identification service: Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Ian Parker, 4448 6359.

Visit our pages at: <http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare> for more on Berry Landcare and late changes to working bee details. Information can also be found on Facebook.



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Sunday 8am – 4pm

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Source:

www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Waste-and-recycling/Waste-depots

Reflecting on Anzac Day

I often glance at the Honour Roll at St. Luke's listing the names of the young men who made the ultimate sacrifice. In particular, I note the names of the most numerous group, being the fallen in WW1. Also, I have reflected on the impact on a small community of the loss of 37 young men, being those listed by Berry RSL Sub Branch.

The Battle of Lone Pine took place over the four days 6 to 9 August 1915. Australians charged across sixty metres of open ground to reach the Turkish trenches covered with pine logs to reduce casualties from allied shelling. A lone pine had been left standing. The battle became a nightmare of hand to hand combat. Turks killed Turks and Australians killed Australians in the confusion. At the end of the four days both sides were exhausted. The Australians had lost 2273 men killed, whilst the Turks lost over 4000 killed.

The combat was so ferocious that seven Victoria Crosses were won by Australians. Only two other VC's were awarded to Australians during the campaign and one to a New Zealander.

Adelaide Ah in her biography of Salvation Army padre William McKenzie, summed up the enormity of the task facing the clergy. "McKenzie toiled with the wounded and dead for the four days and nights without rest and only three biscuits and six pannikins of tea for nourishment, burying in that period no fewer than 647 men. By the end of that time he was so exhausted by lack of rest and food and so torn by the sight of suffering and the loss of so many he knew, that, he confessed years after, he wished inexpressibly for death to take him also." He lived on the front line with the men and lumped stretchers and carried water for months.

William McKenzie provides a shining example of the contribution of clergy in wars and natural disasters. His commitment to his calling epitomises the Christian ethic of serving others before oneself.

A baby before birth and during birth inflicts a level of discomfort and violence on the mother. So it was with the birth of British Empire nations of which Australia was an exception. Australia did not have a large scale violent gestation period or a violent birth. Gallipoli was the belated violent birth which contributed to moulding and defining us as a united nation having imprinted on our collective psyche.

Rob Haines

Snippets from Berry Preschool



We're well into the swing of 2017 at Berry Preschool.

We recently hosted a BBQ to welcome all new and returning families to preschool. What a perfect night! The children (and adults) loved our hilarious entertainer 'The Magic Jester'.

This month we were fortunate to access the 'Living Safely with Dogs' education program. The children were introduced to beautiful Jetta, a standard poodle. Her handler, Gai, was fantastic in teaching the children the rules of how to pat dogs and when not to touch them. For many children this can be their first interaction with a dog and provides a positive and educational experience for each child.

Also this month we've had two visits from our Shoalhaven 'Zoo to You' World Around Us Program. The first visit was an introduction to the different animal groups. For the second visit we enjoyed learning all about bugs. The children were amazed to see these small creatures up close with the use of our digital microscope on our Smartboard. We particularly loved seeing a snail shell up close.

We recently enjoyed a performance from the Young Australia Workshop. The show was called "Turbans, Ties and Turkish Slippers" and the stories were based on the cultures of France, Turkey, India and Russia.

We enjoyed learning these cultural stories through colourful props, puppets, sets, costumes, dance, music and song. Finally, we welcome all preschool parents who can contribute to our next working bee at 10-2 on Sunday 2 April. No particular skills required!

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The game gets you out into the fresh air, meeting new people and making friends. It gives you a sense of belonging, improves confidence and self-esteem and helps alleviate boredom, depression and anxiety.

Lawn bowls is also a game of concentration, precision and accuracy and involves problem solving skills. So it's good for your brain.

Bowls can be a social activity – strictly for leisure – or played at competition level, for those who want to give themselves more of a challenge. It doesn't take long to grasp the basics and you're never too old to learn.

Berry Women's Bowling Club is a small friendly club. We bowl on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and can also join mixed bowls on Saturday afternoons. Free coaching is available for beginners. If you'd like to give bowls a try, or take it up again after a break, then contact Heather Fealy, our coach, on 4464 3624 or Judith Woj on 4464 2839.

Berry Men's Bowling Club

Lawn bowls is a game/ activity that can be enjoyed by all ages and by both male and female players. The game presents an excellent opportunity to create a social environment in extremely pleasant surroundings and provide an opportunity to maintain among other things ones strength and balance which is particularly relevant to the older members of society. Lawn bowls is a very inexpensive sport and the game structure can be made to cater for various wishes of participants.

At Berry the game is played on very well maintained grass greens and social play is structured to cater for all ages and bowling abilities. In social play it is usual for games to be as either pairs or triples and teams are structured on the day to cater for the different levels of bowling experience of the participants. If necessary to introduce those interested to the game free of charge coaching can be provided and the loan of a suitable set of bowls can be arranged. Each year Club championships are played in single, pairs, triples and fours structures and adequately cater for all levels of bowling skills of the members.

The current social bowling structure at Berry see the Ladies play of a Tuesday 9.00 am, Men of a Wednesday at 1.00 pm and Mixed play of a Thursday at 9.00 am and on a Saturday at 1.00 pm. Play of a Wednesday and Saturday is multi (Casual attire).

As previously reported the Club will be committed to play in the District Pennant competition which involves some 14 bowls club spread from Berry to Milton Ulladulla until early May. Following completion of the Pennant competition the attention of members will be directed to both social play and the conduct of the 2017 Club championships which will involve completion of the Fours and the commencement of the singles, pairs, triples and pairs in the mixed with the Ladies Club.

For further information regarding play at Berry contact the staff at the Club or telephone the numbers listed in the Berry Community Groups section of this publication or telephone 0488 729 229.



March has been a busy month for everyone on the Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Committee.

New advertising

You may have seen filming taking place in and around Berry. The filming is for new television and social media ads to promote Berry. The footage we've captured will be used for advertising in the next few months, but will also be adapted for use in advertising later in the year to encourage people to keep coming to Berry.

Website update

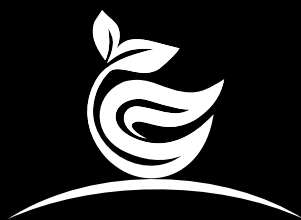
The Berry website (berry.org.au) will soon have a new and updated Homepage. Keep an eye out for updated information and links about Berry, and a new 'look' to the site. Did you know that the website gets thousands of hits a week, and is one of the main sources that visitors to the town use to plan their visit? Members of the Chamber of Commerce are regularly provided with opportunities to feature their business on the website, so if you're not yet a member, this is another good reason to consider joining!

Upcoming Member's Forum

We will shortly be holding our first Chamber members' forum for 2017. An invitation will be sent to all members – it's a great way to catch up with fellow businesses, and hear from some guest speakers about the opportunities open to members, and services available to assist them.

If you would like to know more about the Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, or consider joining the committee, please email: info@berry.org.au

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Ladies

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Mixed

Thursday 9am

Saturday 1pm

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Ladies Ph:0419875358

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS FROM BERRY

THE BERRY FORUM IS THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY

The following Development Applications and determinations have been notified during the month. They are also placed on the Community Noticeboard and posted on the Forum website www.berryforum.org.au. Details of applications, including submissions, can be viewed on Council's website at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and select **DA Tracking**.

	Development Applications Received	Address	Lodged
CD17/1051	Attached Secondary Dwelling	109 Kangaroo V Rd	13-Feb
DA17/1171	Farm Shed for Storage	905 Bolong Rd	17-Feb
DA17/1177	Two Storey Dwelling	17 Parker Cres	21-Feb
DA17/1197	Detached farm shed	271D Tindalls Ln	27-Feb
DS17/1087	Commercial Additions & Alterations for GYM	Old Creamery Ln	8-Mar
	Development Applications Determined		
DA15/2415	REFUSED: New rural dwelling	6 Coomonderry Rg	Nov-15
DA16/2325	Dwelling Additions	235A Back Forest R	10-Nov
DA16/2390	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling	59 Campbells Run	24-Nov



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Sustainable Berry - Reference Guide	
SUBJECT	DETAILS
CHEMICAL RECYCLING	Chemical Cleanout at Shoalhaven City Council Carpark Sunday 18 June 9.00 am - 3.30 pm cleanout.com.au
	Agricultural and veterinarian chemical disposal Agsafe ChemClear program 1800 0080182 agsafe.com.au
RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES	Business Recycling 1300 763 768 businessrecycling.com.au
MATTRESS RECYCLING	Mission Australia Soft Landing 1800 763 852 softlanding.com.au
FRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM	For eligible households, free collection and \$25 rebate 1800 708 401 fridgebuyback.com.au - If you're not eligible for the program, the Berry Depot charges \$12 to take old fridges
BATTERY RECYCLING	Berry Waste Depot / Aldi Supermarkets
OUT OF DATE MEDICATIONS	Don't put in landfill or wash down the sink. Return to place of purchase or local chemist.
MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING	Drop off points found at Officeworks, Post Offices
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	Greener Mobile buys old mobile phone (along with tablets and smart watches) and pledges to plant a tree for every device they recycle. 1300 128 900 greenermobile.com.au
ENERGY SAVING TIPS	energyrating.gov.au livinggreener.gov.au 10percentchallenge.com.au/household-tips/energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver
ETHICAL SHOPPING	behindthebarcode.org.au - goodonyou.com.au
COUNCIL WORKSHOPS	Shoalhaven run free courses on garden waste recycling and other topics. Check the website for upcoming courses. Bookings essential. calendars.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Management-Events
RECYCLING / REUSE AT LOCAL SHOPS	Some retailers may fill your own containers for take away food, egg cartons may be taken back to the place of purchase for reuse, and original containers refilled (for example, Flavours Shoalhaven refill Morella Grove olive oil glass bottles). Don't be afraid to ask the question and start the conversation!
SHARPS DISPOSAL	Medically generated syringes, needles and sharps can be disposed of for free at the Berry Pharmacy. Take your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container. The pharmacy will also safely dispose of out of date medication.

Town Crier Close off date
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**5pm
Deadline**
May - 12/04/17
Jun - 17/05/17
Jul - 14/06/17
Aug - 19/07/17

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24/04/17
29/05/17
26/06/17
31/07/17

**5pm
Deadline**
Sep - 16/08/17
Oct - 13/09/17
Nov - 18/10/17
Dec - 15/11/17

**Delivery week
of Town Crier**
28/08/17
25/09/17
30/10/17
27/11/17

BERRY BRIDGE INTER CLUB TEAMS

Where is the year going? Here it is the first quarter about done and dusted, meanwhile Berry Bridge Club is still proving its popularity, with excellent table numbers each Saturday. Albeit, there is still plenty of room for visitors, who are always welcome to come and join in for some great bridge. Partners can be organised through Lee Ann Roberts (President) on 02 4464 2742.

The first of the Inter Club Series is upon us and will be held at the lovely Southern Highlands Bridge Club on Wednesday, April 19th, currently, we have a full contingent of players making up the two teams but would like a couple reserves so please telephone me on 0417286764 if you can help out.

Dates for the following matches are as follows:-

BOWRAL - JUNE (tba)

GOULBURN - AUGUST (tba)

BERRY - SEPT 27th

KIAMA - OCTOBER (tba)

Any members wishing to play in a team, on any of these dates please telephone me.

CONGRESS DATES:

There are various tournaments State-wide each month, but two of the most notable events in May are:- Bathurst Bridge Club Congress: May 6 and May 7. Swiss Pairs Sat. 6 and Teams Sunday 7.

From personal experience, I can highly recommend the Bathurst Congress plus their Novices Tournament later in the year (October). This club excels in all areas of tournament organisation, very professional. Not just well organised bridge but in a great venue, with fabulous homemade catering and one of the friendliest club in the west. The organiser is Karen Le Roux, telephone 0428 859 898 or visit their web site on bathurst.bridge-club.org/

Another congress that comes highly recommended by players around the Shoalhaven, is the Coffs Harbour Bridge Teams. The congress is held over the weekend of May 20 and 21 and details are available on their website:- coffsbridge@gmail.com: This is at another great venue and word has it, it is a very competitive tournament.

BE A GOOD SPORT II:

Tell the opponents what they need to know about your system:

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3. When necessary, provide two fully completed system cards.

BRIDGE HUMOUR:

A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;

A LOSER just awaits until it's time to express his own!!!

So HAPPY BRIDGING and If you have any news or events for publication please telephone me.

Marea Allen, Media, Berry Bridge Club - 0417286764 or mareaallen1@bigpond.com

Calendar of

MARCH/APRIL

27 March - Monday - U3A HOT TOPICS: 1:00 - 3:00 CWA Hall 79 Victoria St Berry

1 April - Saturday - The ONE VOICE SHOALHAVEN free event is to bring the Community of the Shoalhaven together through song and the joy of crowd-singing. Everyone's voice, regardless of singing ability, has a valuable contribution to make in creating our strong and vibrant community. We will all join together and crowd-sing three songs throughout the evening. Song sheets provided. Grass arena at Nowra Showground, 5-8 pm. Information: 0419 021 479.

2 April - Sunday - Penwood Miniature Railway, 215A Princes Highway, Jaspers Brush NSW 2535. Phone: <http://www.penwoodrailroad.com>

2 April - Sunday - Berry Conversations featuring Garry McDonald and Christine Dunstan. 3-5 pm Berry Sport & Recreation Centre; \$30 (includes refreshments). Purchase tickets at Berry Music Centre

3 April - Monday - David Berry Auxiliary Hospital will be having the Zone Day for our members to discuss what is happening at each branch.

4 April - Tuesday - Boomerang Bags working bee at the Committee Rooms, Berry Showgrounds (Alexandra Street) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Contact Elizabeth 0431 663 189 elizabeth@berryquiltingretreat.com.au

7 April - Friday - CWA Monthly meeting 1pm CWA rooms Victoria Street - Contact Emily 4448 8633

12 April - Wednesday - Easter Chicken Street Stall to raise funds for David Berry Hospital.

16 April - Sunday - 2pm. Meroo Union Church. A traditional Anzac Commemoration Service will be held to Reflect and Remember. Join us for Afternoon Tea following the Service. Cnr. Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Contact Brian Outten 4464 2842.

18 April - Tuesday - Boomerang Bags working bee at the Committee Rooms, Berry Showgrounds (Alexandra Street) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Contact Elizabeth 0431 663 189 elizabeth@berryquiltingretreat.com.au

18 April - Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club monthly meeting, 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall, Princess Street, Berry.

19 April - Wednesday - Women Walk the World CWA rooms Victoria Street Contact Emily 4448 8633

20 April - Thursday - Berry Forum meeting 7.30pm at School of Arts

25 April - Tuesday - ANZAC March and Commemoration Service. March assembly by 10.20, with Commemoration Service to commence once March reaches Memorial Park Cenotaph.

29 April - Saturday - 2:30pm - Shoalhaven Lydian Singers present FAURE'S REQUIEM at the Uniting Church, Berry. TICKETS: \$30, Concession: \$25, Students: \$10, Under 14's FREE. <http://www.lydiansingers.org.au> - Contact: 0412 219 895

30 April - Sunday - 2:30pm - Shoalhaven Lydian Singers present FAURE'S REQUIEM at Nowra School of Arts. TICKETS: \$30, Concession: \$25, Students: \$10, Under 14's FREE. <http://www.lydiansingers.org.au> Contact: 0412 219 895

FUTURE DATES

1 May - Tuesday - Boomerang Bags working bee at the Committee Rooms, Berry Showgrounds (Alexandra Street) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Contact Elizabeth 0431 663 189 elizabeth@berryquiltingretreat.com.au

5-7 May - Friday - Sunday, 10-4, Sculpture in the Valley, Kangaroo Valley at Cedar Grove, Jarretts Lane. Opening Sat 6 May @ 11.00am by Richard Glover (ABC journalist and writer). Free parking, admission \$7, children fee, cafe for light refreshments, picnic areas, musicians. All exhibits are for purchase on site. Photography competition. Further information please visit www.artsinthevalley.net.au

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Events

Annual Events Guide for Berry 2017

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

Registered Community Groups organising annual events are welcome to contribute and advise of further information or changes to listed information.

MONTH	EVENT
RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS	<p>First Sunday of the Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penwood Railroad Inc, a scenic miniature railway open from 10:30am till mid afternoon. 215A Princes Highway - Jaspers Brush NSW - Ph: 02 4464 1201 Berry Country Fair (Berry Markets). Approximately 200 stalls selling handmade products, arts and crafts, fresh produce and more. Berry Showground (not held in February).
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	129 th Annual Berry Show – 3rd & 4th February, Berry Showground
MARCH	Seniors Week – Various venues Clean Up Australia Day, Apex Park
APRIL	ANZAC Day Youth Week Easter Celebrations
MAY	Berry Celtic Festival, Berry Showground National Motoring Heritage Day, Berry Showground
JUNE	
JULY	Tour de Berry
AUGUST	Annual Camellia and Floral Show
SEPTEMBER	Berry Small Farm Field Day
OCTOBER	Berry Garden Club's Annual Garden Festival
NOVEMBER	Remembrance Day
DECEMBER	Berry Merry Christmas Carols in the Park, Apex Park Rotary's New Year's Eve Fireworks Berry Showground

Permit Update

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2017 Scholarship Programme



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In 2017 The Berry Men's Shed in partnership with the Berry Uniting Church will once again make available 8 scholarships to students who are currently attending four Nowra schools/colleges. The Scholarships are to the value of \$4,000. The generosity of the local community who support the Berry Men's Shed with work and donations have allowed funds to be allocated to this important project. The future of the Scholarships is dependent upon the Shed's operations moving forward in future years.

The Scholarship programme which commenced in 2015, is designed to reward students in their final year of study to assist them in the transition from their final year Schooling to tertiary education.

The programme which originally started with Shoalhaven High School in 2015 was extended to Nowra High School, Bomaderry High School and Bomaderry TAFE in 2016. Following initial discussions with the Schools it was agreed that the Schools were best to determine who should receive the scholarships, however the Shed has provided the Schools with some criteria that they would like to have followed. 'We are looking for the Schools to select students that have shown significant improvement in all aspects of School life over the years. This includes meeting the schools code of Conduct, having attended the school consistently over the years, showing potential in either sporting or cultural activities and in some cases rising

above outside influences be it within the home or within the community.

Each School will be awarded two scholarships to the value of \$500 each.

The presentation of the Scholarships will be made at special ceremonies held at the Schools.

'Last year one of the ceremonies held at Shoalhaven High School was held in front of over 1,000 students and parents. It was an extremely rewarding experience to be able to stand up in front of all these people and award our scholarship to two students.' said Secretary Richard Wiseman.

The Chairman of the Berry Uniting Church, John Brentnall said that the Church was delighted to be part of the Scholarship programme.

All successful students will be asked to visit the Shed and speak to our members about the benefits of receiving the award and at the same time it will give the members the opportunity to show the students what we do at the Shed.



Far Left: Richard Wiseman and Grahame Hepper with 2016 winners from Bomaderry High School .

Left: Richard Wiseman and Phil Reid with 2016 winners from Nowra High School



PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

In late February the School Nursery hosted a second successful workshop for the Urban Diversity Program. Twenty seven attendees added their expertise and personal experience to reviewing previous work and to preparing descriptions of species of local native plants

suitable for urban use. The program will result in an interactive website for the use and cultivation of our native plants from the Illawarra, for domestic, rural and community purposes. There will be a third workshop held at the school on Saturday, May 13 for anyone interested in being involved in or contributing to the project.

Local plant species being propagated by the pupils in April will include;

Blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) Blackbutt is a widespread and often dominant tree in many forest areas around Berry and there are some fine examples of this tree in our town and surrounding localities from Seven Mile Beach to the escarpment. It is a tall, stately tree mostly 20 to 45 metres, although there is a record of one felled in Bulli which measured 85 metres.



To find these trees around Berry look for eucalypts which have rough bark half way up the trunk and on to some main branches and persistent after fire blackening it, hence the name Blackbutt. As with most eucalypts however, the easiest way to identify it is to find some capsules either still attached or fallen on the ground. These are quite distinctive, rounded and with enclosed valves.

Blackbutt is an important hardwood for construction, flooring, sleepers and decking and has been used in Parliament House in Canberra. The famous "bum tree" near Berry Beach was a Blackbutt which along with many others in the Seven Mile Beach National Park support a big population of Greater Gliders. It is also a koala food tree.

It is readily grown from seed collected from the mature brown capsules. When the valves open the tiny seed, larger than most eucalypts can be shaken out on to a sandy seed raising mix, covered with a fine layer of mix and then bottom watered by placing the punnet in a tray of water. In a sunny position the seedlings should be up in a week and when second leaves appear may be pricked out, potted up and fertilised. This is what the pupils will be doing in April. It is a fast growing tree suitable for many sites around Berry. Not however in a small urban garden.

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Berry & District Garden Club News



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Autumn colour is beginning to appear in our streets but so too are some flowers on camellias, azaleas and other late winter flowering plants. Bulbs are already pushing their green spikes up through the soil. Crepe myrtles are flowering again. The plant world in Berry is confused. Prolonged rain following intensely hot weather, a few cool nights, then mild sunny days; many of our plants think winter has been and gone. The fungi aren't confused though. They are seizing the moment to flourish both above and below ground. The domes of tall white toadstools in farm paddocks bring to mind recent warnings about the danger of uninformed "mushroom" picking. Leaf spot and stem disease or the sudden collapse of established plants may also be evidence of flourishing fungi populations. Perhaps most feared is Phytophthora root rot, a water borne mould. Grass trees, Xanthorrhoea australis, are highly susceptible with dead or

collapsed specimens a good indicator of the presence of this disease which is impacting on plants around the country. Federal funding recently allowed an international team of plant scientists to visit the far South Coast where new species of fungi and seeds of native species most at risk were collected.

Garden Club members heading off on our tour to the Victorian High Country on 28 April are hoping that there is no seasonal confusion there. We want to see autumn colour, and lots of it! Timed to coincide with Autumn Festivals in both Tumut and Bright, we should not be disappointed. Bright's street plantings of exotic species is unmatched in Victoria; the splendid result of an ambitious scheme that followed the proclamation of the Shire of Bright in 1866, to enhance the visual appeal of the town and to encourage tourism.

With news that the last plant nursery on the

highway in Nowra plans to close mid-year we have all been wondering, "Where have all the nurseries gone?" This will be addressed by our April Guest Speaker Michael Magill, who was literally born into the nursery industry. Managing Director of Wollongong Wholesale Nursery at the Albion Park roundabout for the past 19 years, Michael has recently extended the nursery's operation to a property in Agars Lane. Michael's second topic, "New is not always Best", should also help end our confusion when faced with a constant flow of new variations of old plant favourites.

Visitors are most welcome to join us for this interesting presentation. Our next meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall in Princess St on Tuesday, 18 April at 7.30pm. To find out more about our club, please contact our secretary, Gail Paton, on 0413 893 508 or visit us on www.berrygardens.org.au

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We were very saddened to hear of the death of our Patron, Mrs. Betty Ireland, a few weeks ago. Betty was a very long-serving member of our Auxiliary and over time, had held all the positions on the committee. Although she had not been able to attend our meetings lately, Betty always did her crocheting and knitting, especially our Easter Chickens, for our Street Stalls. She was farewelled by a lot of her friends and will be greatly missed.

Firstly, thank you to all the people who helped us at our Book Sale at the weekend. The Berry Rotary Club for moving chairs, Brian Kellett, Brian Lindberg and Paul Brereton for collecting books and setting up the tables. Also Irene Birks and her friend Sarah who came to deliver books and stay to help and also came on Saturday to help pack up. And of course our own members for the weekend work and general public for your support. A good job done by all and a long one.

Please remember people, all the monies raised by our Auxiliary stays in our town and goes direct to the David Berry Hospital to pay for any equipment that they require for our patients. Remember, you may be the next patient.

Also on the 3rd April, we will be having the Zone Day for Auxiliaries. Another big day for our members when all auxiliary members come together to discuss what is happening at each branch.

We have coming up our Chicken Stall on Wednesday 12th April. We are all knitting flat out and stuffing with our Easter Eggs, so come along and buy up either for yourself or your grandchildren.

Pamela Coles - Publicity Officer



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IWD - Did you miss the International Women's Day breakfast?? Really sorry if you did, as it was an inspiring and fun morning. Around 100 women and men splashed lavishly on great raffle prizes, bopped along to the Zonta Choir, but most of all were moved to tears listening to Kelly Foran tell how she established her Friendly Faces, Helping Hands Foundation. What one young woman with serious family health issues did for herself, then went on

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to assist many families in rural areas to find the support they need, was a revelation to us all. Check out Kelly's website on www.friendlyfaces.info.

And the other inspiring speaker you may have missed was Theodora Ahlias, senior lawyer with Maurice Blackburn, specialising in the ongoing asbestos

litigation. Growing up as the child of migrant Greek parents, she told moving tales of her childhood in Australia and the loving support always shown by her parents, ensuring her success in the legal world.

We all came away uplifted and proud of our 'sisters'.

ANOTHER INSPIRING SPEAKER!

At our next dinner meeting we will be proud to present Sue Gray, recently returned from a very remote area of the Kimberley where she nursed in extremely basic

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"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree" - Emily Bronte

We agree with Emily Bronte. Autumn is something special as we watch the leaves of varying shades fall to the ground, silently, peacefully. This is their way of telling us that a new season has begun.

Apart from busy fingers preparing, making craft items for the upcoming stalls we are there heads down and knives in hand to conjure up luscious sandwiches for the Shoalhaven Women's Wellness Festival, and Berry Conversations. The CWA competitions have begun for Branch and Group handicraft. Congratulations to all who participated.

The members of Berry Branch CWA invite you to walk with us around Berry Oval on Wednesday 19th April at 10am. The number of circuits is up to each participant. This is in support of the Associated Country Women of the World aim to provide finance for small projects in needy communities around the world. When the walk is finished and you have shed a few kilojoules come and join us in the CWA rooms for a delicious morning tea. We would love for you to join us!

There are individual volunteers, school groups and community groups working together in many areas to produce 'Boomerang Bags'. What are they? They are bags made of re-usable, recycled fabrics as a way of reducing the plastics pollution. In the Berry district the Berry CWA rooms will be a venue for such positive activity. Keep watch for the launch in May outside the Berry IGA.

Youth Week is a celebration organised by young people for young people. On Tuesday 4th April a Cup Cake Day will be held at the Nowra School of Arts 9am-2pm. It is a fun event that allows anyone in the Shoalhaven area to participate in making an imaginative variety of cupcakes. There is no charge for entry. However, morning tea will be available at a small cost. On 14th April at our monthly meeting we will have as guest speaker Cindy Johnston who represents "Look Good Feel Better" a community service program which helps women to manage their appearance in relation to their chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment. This program commenced in 1900 at Westmead Hospital and now operates in 25 countries.

Congratulations to Mrs Velma Walker, Berry CWA Member, for her award as Shoalhaven 2017 Woman of the Year for her services to the Rural Fire Service. State member Shelley Hancock presented her with this award. Mrs Walker was also awarded Life M membership of the Albatross Musical Theatre Company.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cup Cake Day

Nowra School of Arts

4th April

Women Walk the World

Berry Oval

19th April 10am

CWA Monthly Meeting

CWA Rooms Victoria Street

14th April 12:30pm



Top:
Mrs Velma Walker, 2017 Shoalhaven Woman of the Year
Bottom: Craft ladies on a Wednesday morning.

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For further information contact either Emily 4448 8633 or 0417.423.018, Sandra 4464.2836, the CWA website at www.cwaofnsw.org.au, or the Secretary PO Box 321 Berry 2535

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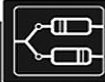
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