

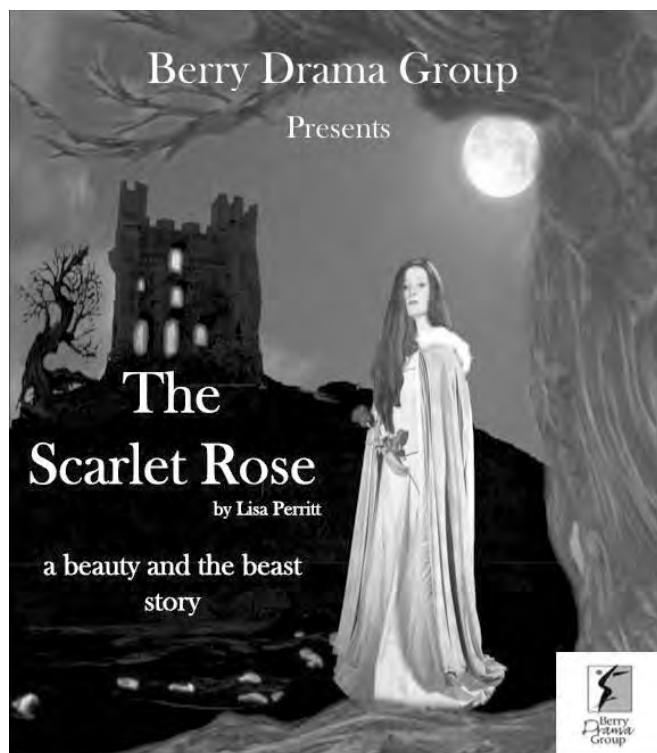
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FEBRUARY 2012



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The Scarlet Rose

by Lisa Perritt

a beauty and the beast
story



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Further details see page 15 of this issue

Berry Community Forum on the Berry Cemetery

Date: Thursday 9th February

Time: 7pm

Venue: Berry Court House, 7pm

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Further details see page 5 of this edition

Berry Show 2012

Friday 3rd February + Saturday 4th February

Some of this year's entertainment includes:

Stunt bikes, a Rodeo and Trick riding plus a Heritage parade. Check out the bullock team, Beaut Utes, and hay stacking competition. There's a Farmers challenge and our Showgirl presentation, plus Fireworks on Saturday night.

Of course this is only some of the features of this year's show.

**Full program inside this edition
back to back so you can tear it out!**



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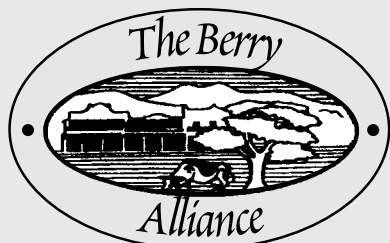
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The Town Crier INFORMATION

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.

Membership is open to Berry community groups and individuals.

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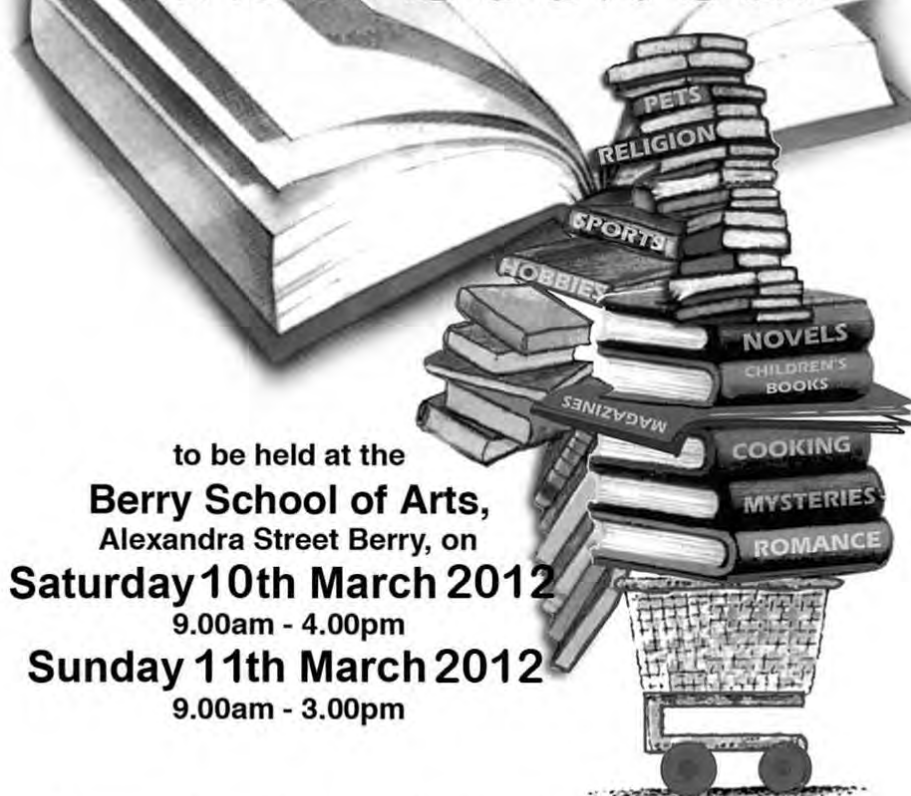
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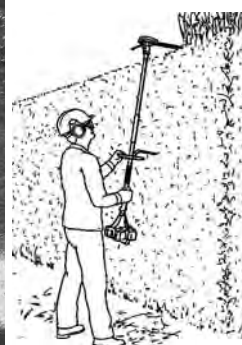
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New Shareway / Footpath - Opened

Rick Gainford, President of the Berry Alliance and chair of the Alliance Sub Committee "Tracks to the Future" welcomed all those present:

- Member for Kiama Cnr Gareth Ward;
- Mayor Paul Green MLA,
- Deputy Mayor Cnr Andrew Guile,
- Members of the Tracks to the Future Committee – Paul Trainer, Ian Parker, Nina Tobin, (Geoff Armstrong & Melissa Wolpert were unable to attend);
- Ken Hutt, the contractor for the job;
- Mary Seelis and Bob Croker from the Berry Garden Club;
- Members of the Berry Alliance Committee;
- Representatives from Berry Playgroup, Berry Public School, Berry Pre-School and Berry Masonic Village;
- Businesses who donated the prizes for the raffle and the winners of the raffle.
- And members of the Berry Community.

Background – Tracks to the Future is a Sub Committee of the Berry Alliance that was formed nearly 2 years ago at a Community Forum called to discuss the footpaths, parks and gardens around Berry. The Committee considered everything that was raised at the Community Forum, studied what was needed, and made a recommendation for our first project. This recommendation was endorsed by the community at another Community Forum. This project was a Shareway along Alexandra Street –between Station Street and Victoria Street. The Committee decided early on that we were better at raising money than floating concrete, so concentrated on raising the necessary funds.

- We were successful in a grant application through the State Governments Community Building Partnership Program and were granted \$22k;
- We were successful in our application to Council under their Community Paths Fund and received a commitment of \$8,500 and Council will install the pram ramps for the shareway;
- We received a donation of \$5,000 from the Garden Festival through the Berry and District Garden Club,
- The Berry Alliance donated \$5,000 to the project;
- The sub Committee raised money by selling raffle tickets, selling sausage sandwiches and through asking for donations.
- In total, nearly \$45k was raised for this project.

The Committee decided that we would make the shareway 2 metres wide, even though we could have settled on 1.5 metre or 1.8 metre shareway. We wanted a shareway that truly could be shared. Wide enough to cater people who use gophers, walking frames, prams or scooters.

We thank each and every person and group who contributed to this project. Some work still needs to be completed - the garden beds at Gillam Street, and the two resting seats that are on order as well as the Pram Ramps at each Street end and the entrance to the Showground.

Prize winners of the Great Big Raffle

Our Great Big Raffle prizes were presented to the winners and Deputy Mayor Andrew Guile assisted in handing out the prizes.

The winners were:

Di Moore - 1st prize: (over \$900 in value) Luxury weekend for 2 at Broughton Mill Farm Guesthouse Berry (\$550); Dinner for two at The Silos Restaurant (\$150); Hedgehogs Coffee Shop (\$50 for a lunch or coffees); 2 bottles of wine from Justin Lill Wines (\$60); \$100 voucher from Berry Mountain Cycles and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

Frank - 2nd prize: (over \$250 in value) Dinner for two at Berry Sourdough Restaurant (\$150); 4 bottles of wine (\$100) and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

Rob Salmon - 3rd prize: (over \$100 in value) Lunch at Table Talk Cafe (\$100) and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

A great big thank you to:

The donors of the raffle prizes: Broughton Mill Farm Guesthouse Berry, Justin Lill Wines, The Silos Restaurant, Berry Sourdough Bakery and Café, Hedgehogs Coffee Shop, Table Talk Café, Berry Mountain Cycles and the Berry Museum.

The following businesses and volunteers for selling tickets for us: Berry Pharmacy, Justin Lill Wines, Berry Mountain Cycles, Jetz Café along with all the volunteers who sold tickets to their friends, families, Berry community members as well as to visitors.

Mayor Paul Green spoke about the Councils Community Footpath Program driving (or walking) the limited \$'s further (Council had awarded this project \$8,500). A great example of the local community and the council successfully working together to get more 'footpath' for their dollar.

Gareth Ward congratulated the Committee on a great example of a community working together to achieve



Editor's Note...

The closing date for our MARCH issue will be Wednesday 15th FEBRUARY 2012

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

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Sharon Dunn - BERRY TOWN CRIER

a wonderful facility. Gareth outlined the Community Partnerships Program from the State Government that continues to assist worthwhile community projects such as this. Gareth also recognised the former member for Kiama, Matt Brown on his work assisting the community through this program.

The Tracks to the Future Committee already has their next project underway and have an application in to the State Government for a grant. We are considering a shareway down Clarence Street next to the School. Gareth Ward has already been lobbied and we are hopeful that we will be successful and be able to rely on Council and the community to assist us in this next project as well.

We will be holding a Community Forum to discuss this early in 2012.

Rick Gainford
Berry Alliance President.



Berry bypass preferred alignment and Berry (south) interchange updated

On 11 January 2012 the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) announced that the preferred alignment and designs for the Berry bypass and the Berry (south) interchange have been updated.

The RMS would like to thank members of the community review group, established to re-examine the bypass alignment, and others in the community for their time, perseverance and ideas for improving the Berry bypass.

The proposed revisions to the alignment were presented to the community on Tuesday 6 December 2011. The community meeting, called by the local Member of Parliament Gareth Ward, was well attended with over 250 residents at the Berry School of Arts to discuss the revised alignment and design.

The revised alignment was displayed at the Berry project office from 1 December to 14 December 2011 for community comment.

153 written submissions were received during the display. Issues raised by the community and stakeholders included:

- potential impacts resulting from the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange.
- the North Street alignment.
- the diversion of Town Creek.
- the proposed two-way traffic movement from Victoria to Queen streets.

An issues report summarising the issues raised in submissions is on the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb. Also, we have a questions and answer webpage newly set up that may assist with some questions.

All project related issues raised in the submissions will also be addressed through the Foxground and Berry bypass environmental assessment.

The community review group has done a great job and there is now an opportunity for other community members to join a refreshed working group to continue the good work. It is intended the new working group and RMS will meet regularly over the coming months to discuss ideas and issues important to the community. The first of these meetings is proposed on Wednesday 8 February and during mid January will be advertised and notified by email to members of the project database.

RMS will also conduct urban design workshops during the first quarter of 2012 working with the community about the North Berry precinct and the buffer zone. Discussions with the community around property access, heavy vehicle rest area, flooding, pedestrian amenity, urban design, noise and visual impacts in the Foxground and Berry bypass project area will continue to inform the assessment for the project.

In 2012 the Berry project office will be open on Fridays from 10am to 5pm from 3 February.

In the meantime, if you would like more information on the project please call the project information line 1800 506 976 (free call) or visit the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb.



Gareth Ward MP State Member for Kiama

MEDIA RELEASE

22 December 2011

TENDER AWARDED FOR WORK ON PRINCES HWY UPGRADE

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today said that Gerringong residents have been handed an early Christmas present with the awarding of the tender to upgrade the Princes Highway.

"Fulton Hogan has been selected as the successful tenderer to design and construct the 7.5 kilometre upgrade of the Princes Highway between Mt Pleasant and Toolijooa Road," Mr Ward announced today.

"This brings great cheer to the local community as it means we are one step closer to a safer, more durable highway," he said.

"Work on the \$310 million upgrade is expected to start in the second half of next year, with completion expected in the first half of 2015, weather permitting," Mr Ward said.

"There are more presents under the tree, with negotiations between Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Fulton Hogan providing for Fern Street to remain open during the work.

"Original plans had indicated Fern Street could be closed for up to 12 months due to the difficulties working with passing traffic, however this has now been solved," Mr Ward said.

"This is a big win for Gerringong, allowing this access to remain open during work is good news for locals and visitors.

"RMS will continue to work with the local community on the designs of the shared access roads, noise mitigation measures and recognition of Aboriginal heritage in the area," he said.

When completed the upgrade will generally follow the existing highway route and include:

- Two lanes in each direction with a median barrier;
- A 100 km/h speed limit across most of the upgrade;
- A new raised interchange at Belinda Street with a service road connecting to Willowvale Road;
- A new raised interchange at Rose Valley Road and service road connecting to Fern Street;
- A third lane for slow vehicles heading south from the Crooked River bridge to the top of the Gerringong Curves;
- A new bridge replacing the railway level crossing in Fern Street;
- Access roads in various locations to improve road safety for vehicles entering or leaving the highway;
- Improved flood immunity to withstand a one in 100 year flood event, including for Belinda Street;
- Preservation of two Moreton Bay fig trees at the Rose Valley interchange; and
- A new bus facility at the Gerringong railway station

MEDIA: Gareth Ward 0401 499 933 or Ben Blackburn 0423 466 358

Berry Community Forum on the Berry Cemetery

**Thursday 9th February
2012 at Berry Court
House, 7pm**

Council is seeking to consult with the Berry Community to obtain views on the future strategy for the Management of Berry Cemetery.

This will include feedback on:

- Issuing of new burial licences being restricted to local residents.
- Management of vehicle traffic into the Cemetery
- Reducing the number of trees in the Cemetery to free up more land for burial spaces
- Heritage strategy & revocation of unexercised burial licences
- Proposals for construction of columbarium walls

There is a feedback form that will be available on the evening.

Submissions can be made at the meeting or in writing to Council via mail: PO Box 42 Nowra, NSW 2541 or Council's email:

council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au until 16 February 2012. Quoting file number: 20890e.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Pierre Du Parte, City Services & Operations Group on (02) 4429 5781.

This Community Forum is to be run in the usual way by the Berry Alliance.

We recommend that you attend and be informed and have your say.



Clean Up Australia Day - Berry

If you enjoy living in Berry please come and help clean it up

Sunday 4th March is Clean Up Australia Day

Come to the Rotunda in Apex Park to sign on at 9am

We will give you gloves and a bag and tell you where to go!

Any queries phone Maurice Pepper 4464 1313

(The aim is to finish by lunch time)

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Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday, 4th March 2012



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124th BERRY SHOW

124th BERRY SHOW is ready to go, with entries coming in fast. The Committee has organised some great events to celebrate "THE YEAR OF THE FARMER" with all of our usual contests with livestock and in the pavilion. It is also a year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of our BERRY MILK CO OP and we will have a display featuring hand milking together with rope and whip making. In the Main Ring the features are the Rodeo and Trick Riding on Friday night. On Saturday night; the Heritage Parade, Bullock Team, Stunt Bikes, Beaut Utes, Hay Stacking, Farmers Challenge, Showgirl Presentation and to finish with Fireworks. Of course this is only some of the features.

The Entries should be into the Office before the closing date at the top of each Section. We are processing everyday now until the Show cut off dates. Unfortunately Class 12 in the Art Section has been deleted as the Sponsor has withdrawn since the publication of our Schedule. All other Classes are still fine.

So don't be late and miss out putting you entries in time.

So it is on with the Show, see you there,
Jim Bieler, Honorary Secretary



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Saturday 4th Feb 2012

11am - 5pm

Berry School of Arts

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67 Victoria Street, Berry O/A \$600,000

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- Directly opposite Berry Showground amidst quality homes
- A few Minutes' walk to School, the shops and the train station



399 Tourist Road, Berry \$1,280,000

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- 1930's cottage renovated to reflect an era gone by with modern conveniences
- Character filled home with 4 Bedrooms plus 1 very large bathroom
- Large shedding with separate study and workshops
- A spring fed babbling brook bisects the property for livestock and wildlife needs



76 Borrowdale Close, Berry O/A \$1,500,000

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Navy Helicopter Lands at Berry Public School

Thanks to two parents who work at HMAS Albatross, Rebecca Heather and Nick Anderson in collaboration with the Relieving Principal Peter Burney, a 723 Squadron Naval Helicopter landed on Berry's school oval at 10am on Friday 14th October. The whole school ventured out onto the school playground as the chopper descended on to the grass. Children clapped and cheered the airmen as they exited the chopper. The helicopter was crewed by Tom Smillie, Nick Anderson, Matt Bradley, Phil Rhodes and Dan Colbert (three of which have connections to children at the school). Every student had the opportunity to ask questions and climb inside the chopper. Many parents also came up for an inspection. Several students also inquired about how to enlist in the Navy and what opportunities the Navy could provide them with. Peter Burney commented that it's moments like these that kids will remember

for a lifetime. Peter Burney also stated that he was asked by one of the crewmen if Berry was a private school. When he replied it wasn't the crewman had an amazed look on his face and said - with the grounds, how well the kids were behaved and by the intelligent questions they asked he thought it must be private. It was a great experience for the students and the Navy crew seemed to enjoy themselves just as much.



Date set for the Community Group Get Together

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier will be holding their Annual Community Groups Get Together on:

**Thursday 23rd February
at the Berry Courthouse
from 5:30pm.**

Representatives from the Executive Committee and Publicity Officer for each of Berry's Registered Community Groups are encouraged to attend. This is a good chance to share community issues and get to know the Editor of the Town Crier and the Alliance Executive. Invitations will be sent out to all registered community groups listed in the Town Crier. We look forward to a friendly and productive sharing of ideas and hope to support the Berry community.

Refreshments will be available, please RSVP to Sharon by email: towncrier@berryalliance.org.au for catering purposes by Monday 13th February.

Other Berry community groups (sporting clubs as well) are invited to register their group with the Berry Alliance. Benefits include: free listing in each edition of the Town Crier - Community Group contact page; free articles each month to keep the community updated with your group's activities (word limits apply); 50% discount on special advertising requests. To request a registration form, please send an email to the Sharon on the above email address.

Please note - all requests for registration must be approved by the Alliance.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Sharon Dunn

Editor

Berry Alliance Town Crier



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January 2012

Do you spend your weekends in Berry or do you make your home here?

Looking to connect or re-connect with the community?

Whether you are a new resident or an established resident of Berry we would like to encourage you to come along to the 2012 Berry Show this Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February.

The Berry Show has been a tradition of the Berry Township for 124 years. It showcases the best of our local agriculture, produce, animals, local businesses, crafts, cooking, art, axemen, sportspeople and our incredibly strong community spirit. It's a long tradition which we hope continues forever. It is run by two committees of 70 volunteers who plan and organise the show over the 12 months of the year to bring you the showcase and spectacle our township values and loves. During the show this group of volunteers grows to over 200 people.

All of us involved in making the show happen feel that the time, effort and work we put in is worthwhile to keep the bond of the Berry community and our township so strong. We love that so many people can be involved, can participate and ultimately derive joy from the Berry Show. For a lot of us this joy began when we participated in trips to the Berry Show on Friday afternoons as part of the Berry Public School excursion, a tradition which continues every year.

In a time when cities are expanding and globalisation is firmly upon us it could be easy to forget what keeps our country community so special. With all the demands of work and the chaos of the world we feel the Berry Show is a big part of what helps keep our lives balanced.

Would you like to help keep this tradition strong for our children, grand children and into the future?

Do you like a particular area of the show? Maybe it's the showjumping or the cattle judging? Perhaps you fancy the woodchopping or the pet show or maybe you like the goats or an area of cooking or the floral displays or a section in the art? Would you like to sponsor a particular class or an area of the Berry Show in 2013? You don't have to be a business to sponsor, we encourage individuals and families to sponsor. It can be \$50 or \$100 or more.

If you are interested or would like to have a chat about sponsorship for the 2013 Berry Show then come and introduce yourself and have a chat to Ashley during the Berry Show this year. You can sign up, donate and sponsor on the day. Ashley will be running the Axemen & Sawyers Bar near the woodchop. Come and say G'day and have a yarn and put yourself, your family or your business behind our Berry Show.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Warmest Regards, The Berry Show Committee & The Ladies Auxiliary

Berry Show 2012

Friday Program, 3rd February

The Year of the Farmer

Evening Main Arena

6.30 WHIP CRACKING

Competition

Morning



7.30 Showjumping

8.30 Horse Classes

8.30 Beef Cattle Judging

9.00 Dairy Cattle Judging



Afternoon

1.00 **GRAND PARADE**



**Pavilion
Open**

1.30 to 9.00pm

4.00



**Children's
Pet Show**

near Woodchop Arena

4.45

Pony Club

Main Arena Activity



5.30

WOOD

CHOPPING

in Woodchop Arena

6.00 **Ride and
Drive**

in the main Arena



5.45 & 7 **DOUBLE DAN - Trick Riding**



7.30 **Team Penning**

8.00 PM

RODEO

All Day

Animal Nursery

from 10am



➤ **History of Agriculture Display**
in Committee Rooms 10 to 4

➤ **Trade Exhibits**

➤ **Berry Milk Co Op 100 years**
Display, Milking, Rope Making

➤ **Show Bags**

➤ **Fairy Floss**

➤ **Sideshow Alley**

➤ **Food and
Refreshments**



First Aid station
Ringside opposite
the Pavilion

Events and times are correct at date of printing



Berry Show 2012

Saturday Program, 4th February

The Berry of the Farmer

Show Girls 7.00pm



Food and Wine Show



Berry School of Arts, 11am to 5pm

Animal Nursery from 10am

Woodchop in the Woodchop Arena from 10am

Pavilion open 10am to 8.15pm



Poultry Pavilion

open 10am to 5pm

GOATS from 10am

Ring Program



7.30 Showjumping

8.30 Horse Classes

Stunt Bike



1.30 & 9 pm



1.00 and 5.15

BULLOCK TEAM DISPLAYS

4.30 Horse Sporting Events

5.45



HERITAGE
MACHINERY
PARADE

6.30

Beaut Ute
Competition



7.45 Dressage Exhibition

8.00 Hay Stacking
and Farmer's Challenge

8.30 Dog High Jump Event



5.00 & 9.15

DOUBLE DAN
Trick Riding

9.30

FIREWORKS

All Day

- > Trade Exhibits
- > Show Bags
- > Fairy Floss
- > Sideshow Alley
- > Food and Refreshments
- > History of Agriculture Display

in Committee Rooms 10am to 4pm

Berry Milk Co Op 100 years Display,
Milking, Rope Making



First Aid station Ringside
opposite Pavilion

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Berry Garden Club

Christmas and New Year festivities now a memory and gardeners are venturing out to work.

The wet weather experienced over the last months has led to a lot of growth, welcome in many instances, however not where weeds are concerned. Watering is usually a high priority at this time of the year but such is not the case in early January as I write this article. Pruning is high on the agenda, followed by mulching the cuttings. The wet weather was greatly appreciated by many plants, great floral displays and long flowering season noticeable.

An innovative new product has just been released, Every Little Drop Hose Meter. This product shows exactly how much water is being used every time you hose the garden. The meter displays current amount of water being used, the total volume used and average daily consumption.

For information www.everylittledrop.com

The following are flowering in my garden as I write this article. Pentas lanceolata - found from Yemen to tropical East Africa, is a shrub undergoing a revival of interest. Difficult to find a few years ago, some varieties are now available in local nurseries. The common name Star Cluster is descriptive of the flower shape, available in shades of pink, red, less commonly mauve. Hardy, pest and disease resistant, flowering all year, hard to find fault with Pentas.

Hydrangeas have been exceptionally good this season, a wonderful shrub for the garden and floral decoration. It was a pleasure to walk around Berry in early December admiring the massed displays.

Agapanthus put on a great display each year, with little effort from the gardener. Agapanthus 'Black Panther' commences its flowering season in early January. Its dark blue flowers, certainly not black,

are held on stiff stems. Gardeners concerned at the weedy tendencies of Agapanthus prefer to purchase sterile varieties. Justicia, another old favourite experiencing a return to favour. J. carnea has pink flowers, white variety alba is also available. This shrub prefers a shady position, the large flower very noticeable at a distance. Crocosma, a bulb from South America, has a reputation as a weed. However, correct selection of species will overcome this problem.

Commencing its flowering season in mid-summer, the bright orange flowers are also good as cut flowers. Climber Trachelospermum jasminoides, Chinese Star Jasmine, commenced flowering at the end of October and is still in full bloom. This climber is slow at establishing, a year or two later and growth is very rapid. An asset all year, green glossy leaves and dense coverage make it very suitable for a privacy screen. White, perfumed flowers adorn Madagascan Jasmine, Stephanotis floribunda. A vigorous climber with large glossy leaves a favourite for bridal bouquets. Dainty Hoya bella, miniature wax flower, is a climber very suitable for hanging baskets. White flowers have purple centres.

Gardeners are looking forward to Berry Show on 3rd and 4th February to view the very popular flower, plant and vegetable sections.

The home of Carolyn and Chris Francis, 153 Kangaroo Valley Road, Berry will be open on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm on behalf of Open Gardens Australia

Hazel King.



Leprosy Mission News

As with all New Years we start another stage of our mission, our first is to invite all interested folk along to our meeting in February. This will take place on Thursday the 16th at 17 Gwenda Ave, Berry starting at 1.30 pm. You are all welcome so please come along and hear of our goals for this year.

In the past year we can report that:

- 3,540 self-help group co-operatives were supported by the mission
- 5,643 people received financial support for income generation programs
- 3,656 people were assisted by TLM to successfully start waged or self-employment
- 29,841 people were given assistance by TLM to access government or other social or welfare benefits
- 47554 Leprosy - affected patients were treated in TLM hospitals
- 1341 Leprosy reconstructive surgeries were carried out
- 10,095 children benefited from non-formal and formal education programs
- 3414 people were assisted through TLM - funded Vocational training schemes.

To know that we the folk of Berry were part of this amazing picture let us get together and raise more funds for these ongoing projects. We will never know the folk individually but we know that there is a great amount of work being done on our behalf.

Trish Nicholson sec/tres.

For more information contact me on 44641693
New Email Address: trishr.n@optusnet.com.au



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WATERFRONT RESERVE ON BERRYS BAY

Situated at the historic region of Coolangatta is this 2 bedroom cottage on Berry's Bay. The home has been in the same family for over 30 years but the time has come to sell. Set on over 1160 sqm the home features 2 living areas, timber flooring and great relaxed feel. Fabulous position on Berrys Bay which is part of the Shoalhaven River where you can not only admire the water but also the outlook to Coolangatta Mountain.

PRICE: \$530,000
WEB ID: 3926249

THE BERRY LIFESTYLE

Situated down a cul-de-sac known as Borrowdale Close a home of grandeur lays across a park like one acre parcel of land with majestic views to the escarpment on one side and the ocean on the other. The home boasts 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms and 4 living areas in the main residence as well as 2 individual 1 bedroom self-contained studios, one which is connected to the home, the other separate. Fantastic alfresco entertaining capability is one thing that is always the envy of any neighbour during the warmer months.

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This charming original cottage has had an extension a few years ago. The renovations are an example of old world style merging with the new to create a comfortable and welcoming home. The front of this cottage does not indicate the internal size and it has been tastefully renovated. The home consists of 2 good sized bedrooms (an option of a 3rd), 2 living areas, 2 bathrooms, a clever conversion of a verandah now is a sun filled sunroom. & private courtyard.

Price on Application
WEB ID: 3762650

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PRESENTS

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one of their favourite destinations.

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The concert should be an opportunity for
the audience to appreciate the PIANO gifted
to Berry Public School
by Berry Musicale.

Berry Drama Group presents the World Premiere of: *The Scarlet Rose*

This play is written and directed by local Gerringong resident Lisa Perritt. *The Scarlet Rose* is an adaptation of the Russian folk tale *The Scarlet Flower*.

The Scarlet Rose has been set in the 19th century town of Haskovo, The Scarlet Rose is not a children's fairy tale but more of an exploration of the origins of the legend. The story and its questions regarding human values run deeper than the simple facts and details of the tale and remain timeless.

Setting the tale in Bulgaria allows for the beautiful costumes and the intriguing haunting music of the traditional folk culture. The play is not a musical but as music and dancing are a large part of the Bulgarian culture, they are used throughout the play. This play has something for everyone, humour, romance, intrigue and action.

Those who attend the Gala night will be treated to post-performance drinks and nibbles. They will also have the opportunity to meet the cast and have a close up look at the costumes that have been made by Lisa.

The Scarlet Rose will be performed at the Showground Pavilion. It will have an extended season from Wednesday 15th February Gala night through to Saturday 25th February which will be a matinee performance. Seating is limited for each performance so book early for this wonderful production.

We advise that this production may not be suitable for young children and parental guidance is recommended.





2012 Campaign Dates:

Business Clean Up – Tues 28th February

Schools Clean Up – Fri 2nd March

Clean Up Australia – Sun 4th March

CUAD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD) is coming around again and Shoalhaven City Council would like to invite you to become part of this national event.

Join with other members of the community to clean up the Shoalhaven environment; our local beaches, reserves, forests, creeks, bushland, farmland, schools and business areas. As part of Council's commitment to this program Shoalhaven City Council will be offering assistance with waste removal on the day.

Registration for the 2012 Campaign is now open. To participate in this national event you must register with Clean up Australia on- line at - www.cleanup.org.au .

We look forward to working together with you as part of our ongoing commitment to care for, and protect, the unique and precious environment of the Shoalhaven.

For further information

Ph: 44293462

or e-mail

wilbya@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

Regards,

Avalynne Wilby, Coordinator

2012Clean Up Australia

Shoalhaven City Council

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SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

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 submission numbers are displayed for your information. Go to: www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and go to DA Tracking.

Applications Received

CD11/1238	Swimming Pool – In ground 12 King St, BERRY - 24-Nov-11
DA11/2347	Change of Use - Unit 1 - Production & Sales of jars of Relish, sauces, jams etc. 89 Queen St, BERRY - 24-Nov-11
DA11/2344	Single storey dwelling Jade Pl, MEROO MEADOW - 23-Nov-11
DA11/2350	Attached Garage 60 Emerald Dr, MEROO MEADOW - 25-Nov-11
DA11/2378	New Urban Dwelling - 2 storey dwelling and detached carport 4 Princess St, BERRY 2-Dec-11
DA11/2357	Detached Shed 31 St Andrews Way, COOLANGATTA - 28-Nov-11
DA11/2387	New Activities Shed 660 Coolangatta Rd, BERRY 6-Dec-11
CD11/1251	Inground Swimming Pool 4 Huntingdale Park Rd, BERRY 9-Dec-11
DA11/2383	Storage Shed 80 Tullouch Rd, BROUGHTON VALE 6-Dec-11
DA11/2395	New Rural Dwelling - single storey dwelling Strongs Rd, JASPERS BRUSH 7-Dec-11
DA11/2388	Alterations/Additions to Dwelling & Garage 928 Wattamolla Rd, WATTAMOLLA 6-Dec-11
DA11/2405	To locate fruit van in Shell Service Station to sell fresh fruit 7 days a week 79 Queen St, BERRY 12-Dec-11
DA11/2459	Proposed commercial development comprising of four shops, carparking & community title subdivision 58 Albert St, BERRY 22-Dec-11
DA12/1009	New Commercial - cafe in existing shop with takeaway & catering including outdoor dining & market stalls in park area 102 Queen St, BERRY 3-Jan-12
DA12/1015	Addition to Existing Gazebo with side boundary variation of 5.5mtrs Coomonderry ge, BERRY 4-Jan-12
CD12/1004	New Secondary Dwelling - Detached Single Storey Granny Flat 14 Sabal CI, BERRY 5-Jan-12
DA11/2441	Proposed 4.7m high illuminated advertising sign. 33 Northview CI, COOLANGATTA 20-Dec-11
DA12/1005	Penwood Railroad Open Days B215A Princes Hwy, JASPERS BRUSH 3-Jan-12
DA12/1029	Demolition of dwelling to floor level and erection of a new dwelling with alterations and additions 640B Beach Rd, BERRY - 10-Jan-12
DA12/1031	Gazebo & Outdoor Spa 17 Kentia Cres, BERRY - 10-Jan-12
DA12/1035	Urban Dwelling Additions 2 Gillam St, BERRY - 12-Jan-12

Community members will be interested to note that there is a Development Application in this edition for the large vacant block behind the Great Southern Hotel. (DA11/2459) This follows the unsuccessful Development Application (withdrawn) for a supermarket that a Community Forum was held on last year. This is a different Development Application to the original one and is not for a supermarket."

Applications Determined

DA11/1793	New Dwelling - Single Storey and Farm Shed Harley Hill Rd BERRY - 25-Nov-11 Approved
DA11/2037	New Commercial - Proposed Bed & Breakfast addition to existing dwelling and erection of a work shed 43 Coomonderry Rge BERRY - 30-Nov-11 - Approved
DA11/2121	Garage – Detached 505 Bolong Rd BOLONG - 30-Nov-11 - Approved
DA11/2047	Dwelling additions - 2nd Storey 290 Woodhill Mountain Rd BROUGHTON VALE - 30-Nov-11 - Approved
DA11/2344	New Dwelling - Single Storey Jade Pl MEROO MEADOW - 30-Nov-11 – Approved
DA11/1819	Modification and addition to existing dairy building to change use to a two (2) bedroom bed and breakfast tourist accommodation. 932 Kangaroo Valley Rd BELLAWONGARAH - 12-Dec-11 - Approved
CD11/1251	Swimming Pool – Inground 4 Huntingdale Park Rd BERRY - 15-Dec-11 - Approved
DA11/2160	Alterations and Additions to Dwelling: Decks Solid Fuel Heater and New Garage. The Deck to the George Street Frontage will stand 2.2m from the boundary and the Deck adjacent the western boundary will stand 450mm from the boundary 21 Queen St BERRY - 14-Dec-11 - Approved
DA11/2251	The private use of an existing model railway track model railway station bridge and shelter structure B215A Princes Hwy JASPERS BRUSH - 15-Dec-11 – Approved
DA11/2054	Dwelling Additions & Detached Pavilion 3 Bailleul Lane (priv) BACK FOREST 4-Jan-12 - Approved
CD12/1004	New Secondary Dwelling - Detached Single Storey Granny Flat 14 Sabal CI BERRY 4-Jan-12 - Approved
DA11/1236	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling New Swimming Pool Cabana Storage. Area Tennis Court with Fencing and Lighting Additions to Shed New Driveway New Rainwater Tanks (Partially Installed) and Demolition Works Associated with the Proposed Development. The Eastern Corner of the Proposed Addition to the Dwelling will Stand 14m from the Borrowdale Close Street Boundary 10 Borrowdale CI BERRY 20-Dec-11 - Refused
DA11/2357	Outbuildings - Detached Shed 31 St Andrews Way COOLANGATTA 3-Jan-12 Approved
DA11/2350	Garage – Attached 60 Emerald Dr MEROO MEADOW 21-Dec-11 - Approved
DA11/2224	Dwelling Additions including an Attached Carport which stands 8.83m from the southern boundary plus a 12m x 10m Detached Shed which stands 5m from the southern boundary 28 Broughton Vale Rd BROUGHTON VALE -10-Jan-12 Approved

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) www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au



St Luke's Anglican Church,
Princess Street, Berry
invites you to

a Meditation on Good Friday

**Passiontide Readings and
Music - Choir and Soloist**

3pm Good Friday, 6 April 2012

Enquiries: office@berry.anglican.asn.au,
Phone: 4464 1058

BERRY HOCKEY CLUB

Registration of Players
for the 2012 season.

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Calendar of Events

February

1st February - 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 & 4th February - Friday and Saturday - Annual Berry Show - see 2 pages insert inside this issue for further information

4th February - Saturday - Berry Show Society Inc. presents the Berry Local Food & Wine Show from 11am - 5pm at the Berry School of Arts Tickets \$15 for Food & Wine entry or buy a combined ticket for \$20 for entry into Food & Wine and the Berry Show. All enquiries to: www.berryshow.org.au/foodwine.html

9th February - Thursday - Community Forum on the Berry Cemetery at Berry Court House, 7pm. Council is seeking to consult with the Berry Community to obtain views on the future strategy for the Management of Berry Cemetery. All Berry community members are welcome. If you need further information about this matter, please contact Pierre Du Parte, City Services & Operations Group on (02) 4429 5781.

10th February - Friday - Zonta Club of Berry Working Bee from 10a.m. at the home of Margot Claringbold All enquiries Fay Lewis 4422 6652

10th February - Friday - Knit with Love monthly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm - 3pm. Newcomers welcome. 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

10th February - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

15th February - 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.

15th - 25th February - Berry Drama Groups presents 'The Scarlet Rose' by Lisa Perritt at the Berry Showground Pavilion. Tickets are \$20 each, concession \$15, Gala opening \$25. All booking made by Global Contact, 131 Queen St, Berry ph. 4464 2121

21st February - Tuesday - Berry and District Garden Club Inc. monthly meeting to be held in the Activities Room at the Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry - 7pm for 7.30pm. New members very welcome. Enquiries to Jennifer ph.: 44642563.

23rd February - Thursday - Annual Berry Alliance and Town Crier 'Community Groups Get Together' at Berry Courthouse from 5.30pm. Representation from the executive committee and Publicity Officer of registered community groups are encouraged to attend. All enquiries Sharon Dunn ph.: 0428 037572

March

2nd March - Friday - Knit with Love monthly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm - 3pm. Newcomers welcome. 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 March - Sunday - Clean Up Australia Day - Berry. Come to the Rotunda in the Apex Park at 9am to sign up (the aim is to be finished by lunchtime) Further enquiries Maurice 4464 1313

4th March - Sunday - Berry Country Fair at the Berry Showgrounds Enquiries to 4464 1476 on Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3.30pm

7th March - 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.

9th March - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

10th & 11th March - Saturday and Sunday - David Berry Hospital Auxiliary 16th Annual Book Sale at the Berry School of Arts 9am - 4pm (Sat) and 9am - 3pm (Sun) All enquiries and to donate books please call Marilyn 4448 5703

11th March - Sunday - BERRY MUSICAL presents THE SYDNEY SYMPHONY FELLOWS IN CLASSICAL RECITAL at the new assembly hall Berry Public School at 2.30pm. Tickets \$20 per adult/ students and children - free. Tickets can be purchased from the Berry Music Centre ph. 4464 1824 or 4464 2624. Refreshments will be served.

11th March - Sunday - Shoalhaven Baby & Toddler Expo from 10am-3pm at Nowra High School. Entry by gold coin in support of the Nowra Family Care Centre. All enquiries to: www.shoalhavenbabyexpo.com or shoalhavenbabyexpo@live.com.au.

20th March - Tuesday - Berry and District Garden Club Inc. monthly meeting to be held in the Activities Room at the Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry - 7pm for 7.30pm. New members very welcome. Enquiries to Jennifer ph.: 44642563.

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29th March - Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - The Art and Architecture of the Khmer Empire. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$20 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

Future dates

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

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 to be held in the Activities Room at the Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry - 7pm for 7.30pm. 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 - \$20 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

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

The Calendar of Events page is on the Web

See this page at www.berryalliance.org.au - see the latest edition of the Town Crier or go to Calendar of Events on the home page. Just \$30 (inc. GST) or a display ad gets you a listing in the Town Crier and on our Web site, please request at Calendar entry at the time of booking your ad.

For advertising enquiries:

call the Editor on **0428 037 572** or email towncrier@berryalliance.org.au

Free listing for Berry community groups - must be registered with the Berry Alliance and provide a contact name and number to be listed.

Berry's Calendar of Events is constantly being updated. Information given here is provided by event organisers. The Berry Alliance does not accept responsibility for errors, alterations or omissions.

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR BERRY 8, 22 February & 7, 21 March

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:

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This display shows the history and activities of both of our local Berry Fire Brigades, the Town Brigade and the Rural Brigade. Come and learn the difference.

Also come and learn how best to prepare your property or house for the coming fire season and what it is best to do if a fire does break out.

135 Queen Street, Berry - Ph: 44643097
www.berryhistory.org.au
berrymuseum@bigpond.com

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Saturday 11am to 2pm

Sunday 11am to 3pm

Remember also that the museum is open Mon to Fri in School Holidays from 11am to 2pm.

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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 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly, 10 - 12noon Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	4448 6267 berrycfs@gmail.com
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Berry & District Historical Society Inc. PO Box 153 Berry 2535 3rd Monday Monthly, 1pm at the Berry Museum	4464 3097 berrymuseum@bigpond.com
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NEWS from BERRY PROBUS CLUB

The Probud year of 2011 has drawn to a close and we can report another successful year of enjoyable fellowship and social activities.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended and we have enjoyed the addresses by a range of guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects all of which proved interesting and informative.

Probus is an association for active retirees, providing regular opportunities to keep minds active, expanding interests and enjoying the company and fellowship of new friends.

The Probud Club of Berry meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Berry Masonic Village Hall, from 9.30 to noon, and comprises a formal business meeting, a 10 minute club speaker, morning tea and a guest speaker. Our Ladies join us four times per year at meetings after which we attend a luncheon as an extension of our social activities.

The Club committee is at present involved in final preparations for the current calendar year, the first of which will be a trip to Port Hacking for a lunch cruise on February 27th, and a major outing to southern climes, with a coach tour of Lakes Entrance/ Bairnsdale, Victoria from April 16th to 20th.

We would be pleased to welcome any retired gentlemen interested to learn more of Probud activities to attend a meeting without obligation or make contact with our President Peter Johnstone on 4464 2367 or Secretary Hugh McCowatt on 4448 6053.



Zonta



Happy New Year

Welcome back all **Zontians and friends** and a **Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.** Hopefully after a short break we are all rested and ready for another great fundraising year.

Our Christmas meeting and dinner, held at Gabby's function centre concluded our business for 2011 and a lovely evening in festive spirit was had by members and guests.

Business was interspersed with lucky door prizes and light entertainment supplied by some of our members and \$120 donated to charity to purchase a composting toilet and a goat for World Vision.

The raffle for the beautiful children's quilt was drawn and the winner was Donna from Nowra. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

We are delighted to induct two new members, Barbara Wiley and Lorraine Montgomery. Welcome and happy fundraising!

Show Girl 2012

Zonta Club of Berry was thrilled and delighted to be able to sponsor a young woman entrant in the **Berry Show girl** competition. **Jane Curran** from **Berry** is a **Uni Student** at Wollongong, studying for a **Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Environment** and she also works casually at **Just Delicious Deli Cafe, Albert Street, Berry.** We enjoyed meeting and hearing more about her by supporting her at the **Show Girl Ball on 21st January** and wish her success at the judging at the **Berry Show on Sat. 4th February.**

Fundraising

Following the huge success of our **Pre-loved Clothing Sale** held last year, we are organising another one as our first major fundraiser for 2012, to be held on **Market Sunday, 1st April 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

Working Bee

Our next Breast Cushion and Drainage bag cover working bee will be held on **Fri. 10th February** at the home of **Margot Claringbold.** Guests are welcome to come along and enjoy a friendly social day whilst contributing to the assembly of these valuable items which are donated to hospitals in the Shoalhaven for women who have recently undergone breast surgery.

No sewing experience is necessary but a plate of food to share would be appreciated.

For more information please contact Fay Lewis on 4422 6652

Dinner Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held on **Tues. 28th February** at **Gabby's. 6.30 for 7.00p.m.**

Guest speaker this month will be **Renae Richardson** from **YWCA Y Quest, East Nowra** who will outline the mentoring program which Zonta, Berry has participated in for the past three years. **Guests are invited to attend but Bookings are essential. Cost \$30 for 2 course dinner and tea/coffee. Please contact Pat Collins on 4446 1001 by Sunday 26th Feb.**

If you are new in town and would like to make new friends whilst being a part of an active diversified group of women involved in social pastimes and fundraising activities; why not come along and see what great events we are planning for 2012?

Jan Chambers

PR and Communication Committee

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ADFAS

ADFAS LECTURE TOPICS FOR 2012

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Lecture topics this year are as follows:

29 March; THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE KHMER EMPIRE

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24 May; STYLE ICON OR AMBITIOUS SEDUCTRESS: Jennie Churchill, Winston's American mother

21 June; ABORIGINAL ART: From Rock Art to the 21st Century

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25 Oct; THE STORY OF SAIHOJI: Muso Soseki and the Moss Garden at Saihoji, Kyoto

Further information can be found on our website:

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shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

* Special Interest Days are either 3 lectures with morning tea and lunch or 2 lectures with morning tea only.



community church

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT

One night a wife found her husband standing over their newborn baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. He would stand back; shake his head and say, "Amazing," while smiling from ear to ear.

Touched by his unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, her eyes glistened as she slipped her arms around him. "A penny for your thoughts," she whispered in his ear. "Isn't it amazing!" he replied. "When you take the time and really look close, how can anyone make a crib like that for only \$69.99!"

This funny reminds me that we, sometimes deliberately and sometimes by accident, don't focus on the most important things.

When I first started exploring following Jesus for myself I know I spent a lot of time asking the questions around what I might have to 'do' or 'give up' in order to follow him. But that is a bit like looking at the cot rather than the baby.

The Bible puts it like this... "In view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices" [Rom 12:1]. The better place to look first is at God's mercy as this sets the scene for what follows. It is as we encounter God's mercy that we then start to live in

the freedom that he brings us, which will bring positive changes in our life.

The bible talks about God's mercy, freedom and our positive life change like this... "So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through... A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of

Open your eyes and see— how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.⁹ Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness." [Jn 8:35; 10:10; Ps 34:8-9 (TM)]

This year, as a church community, our theme for 2012 is exploring issues around living in the mercy and freedom that God has for us. What are you looking at? This will be a question that our church community will ask ourselves often. I encourage you to 'look afresh' at the mercy of God; and come and join with us as we do that together and in so doing experience his goodness in a whole new way.

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BERRY CWA NEWS

The Old Year – John Clare

The Old Year's gone away
To nothingness and night:
We cannot find him all the day
Nor hear him in the night:
He left no footstep, mark or place
In either shade or sun:
The last year he'd a neighbour's face,
In this he's known by none.

Old papers thrown away
Old garments cast aside,
The talk of yesterday,
Are things identified:
But time once torn away
No voices can recall:
The eve of the New Year's Day
Left the old year lost to all.

May we extend to you all greetings for a safe and happy 2012.

Time has certainly begun its march into 2012 and there will be many things to keep us all well and truly occupied. By the time this has gone to print Berry CWA's year will have begun – raising of our national flag on Australia Day followed by trivia and an international morning tea, making of sandwiches for the Berry Show. The Craft mornings will be well into production mode. A busy year ahead!

Plans are well ahead for the Annual Conference at Blacktown which will be celebrating ninety years of CWA in New South Wales. We will be eager to learn of our neighbour East Timor which will be our country of study this

year. Our International Officer will share with us many interesting aspects of its history, geography, agriculture, and culture, and much more. There will be also much to whet our appetite as we take a look at our own native fauna and flora for this year, in particular the emu and Emu Bush (*Eremophila*).

Our monthly CWA meetings will resume on Friday 10th February at 1pm. Please come along and stay a while. The Combined CWA Choir will also resume on the same day at

9:30am. "Music has brought us together" and if you enjoy music, laughter and enjoyment of others please consider joining up.

Once again may I wish you all a wonderful 2012.

Jean Stanfield
Publicity Officer

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.



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NEWS FROM BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND BERRY MUSEUM

VALE NAN THOMAS (1915 – 2011)

Nancy Cullum was born in London in 1915. Her father, Ernest, was a church organist, and her mother Emily a schoolteacher. She had an older sister, Peggie. They were not a well-off family, but held together by the hard work of her mother, who instilled in Nan the need of independence and a good education.

Nan excelled in school studies, winning a scholarship to King's College of London University to study Classics, including Latin and French, in which she was fluent. In her second year at University, she won another scholarship to study at the prestigious French college, The Sorbonne. Her year in France was perhaps one of her happiest; she established a long-standing relationship with the French family with whom she stayed, still corresponding with them until recent times. She graduated from University (with a first, quite an accomplishment for a woman in the 1930's).

Nan had a great love of the theatre and spent her spare time queuing for the 6-penny seats "in the gods" at London theatres to see the famous actors of the day. It was her involvement in the University drama group that led her to meet a charming Welsh medical student, Kenneth Bryn Thomas. Their romance flourished as war threatened and she married "Bryn" in 1939. Three children were born, David, Hilary and Elizabeth.

After the war, Nan and Bryn settled in the English countryside and Nan continued her teaching career, teaching French and Latin, until

retirement in the early '70s. Dreams of travel with Bryn after his retirement were cut short when Bryn died suddenly at the age of 62 in 1978. After a couple of years, Nan made the decision to emigrate to Australia, where two of her children already lived, and arrived here in 1981 at the age of 65, to start a new life for herself.

Her arrival in Berry was serendipitous. Looking around the area with a friend, she came across a house on Victoria Street which had been put on the market the previous day. Nan took one look and decided to buy it, much to the delight of the owner!

21 Victoria Street became her home for the next 30 years.

She quickly became involved with the Historical Society, making lasting friends at the Museum, and served as Secretary and President of the Society. She also became involved in local activities, learning woodworking and German, and supporting the local Aboriginal group for reconciliation. She loved her garden and had a succession of cats as her faithful companions, the last being her beloved Piers.

She stayed in her house until just a year ago, having celebrated her 95th birthday in her garden with her friends. In December 2010 she moved to the Berry Masonic Village, where she has been well and lovingly cared for in her final year.

Nan's family wish to thank you all for your friendship and support for Nan over the years,



and know that you will all take with you your special memories of Nan.

Nan was greatly involved with the Historical Society during her 30 years in Berry. She served not only as Secretary and President but also for many years as a committee member, roster organiser and trainer of new volunteers. Amongst her many other roles at the museum she represented the Society on the Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee and the Illawarra Branch of the National Trust for whom she organised many historical tours of Berry.

She will be remembered with great fondness by the members of the Berry and District Historical Society.

For details of the opening hours and current special exhibition see the advertisement on the Calendar of Events Page.

Jennifer Clapham 44642446

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Each New Year begins with our annual New Year lunch. For 2012, we enjoyed a lunch at Cambewarra Lookout. Christmas and New Year is such a busy time. It is nice to take a breath with renewed energy looking forward to another year of raising funds for Red Cross. You may like to join us; we meet on the first Wednesday each month, 2 pm at Berry School of Arts.

Christmas and New Year has come and gone without the need for Red Cross to appeal to the Australian public to raise funds for disasters here and or abroad. Weather events have threatened, as they do at this time of year, and it is good fortune they have subsided (at the time of writing this article).

Our fundraising begins in March with Red Cross Calling, an annual event to raise funds for Red Cross services throughout Australian and the Asia Pacific. Illawarra and Shoalhaven Services now operate from the new offices 1/57 Graham Street, Nowra. Services such as: Telecross and Community Visitors Scheme, the Young Parents Program and the Breakfast Clubs as well as SAM (Save a Mate) Program. Volunteers are needed for our programs so if you are interested, for more information you can contact the Administration Co-Ordinator - Alison Muriel on Phone: 44 284 900.

The Red Cross Shop in Schofields Lane, Nowra is still going strong, maned by volunteers from Nowra Branch of Red Cross. Donations of small household items or clothing are always appreciated.

Thought of becoming a Blood Donor? The Red Cross Mobile Blood Service will visit Nowra in March to Book an Online Appointment phone: 13 14 95.

To contact Berry Branch of Red Cross phone Irene Birks on:
Phone 44 642 612.

Sandra Eldridge
Hon Secretary.
P.O. Box 249 BERRY, NSW 2535.
Phone: 44 642 612

DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

We hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and a safe New Year. And a belated thank you must go to Dr. and Libby Hannan of Berry who opened their Garden in early November with proceeds going to David Berry Hospital Auxiliary and Berry Public School. This kind donation will go towards the purchase of MEMORY Mattresses that will be required in the Hospital and Karinya in the New Year.

That Fabulous Fashion Parade we held in late November went off fantastically well. Thank you everyone who supported us on this day. It is great when women from all Services in town and outside Branches come together to support each other, such great friendship in this town of Berry.

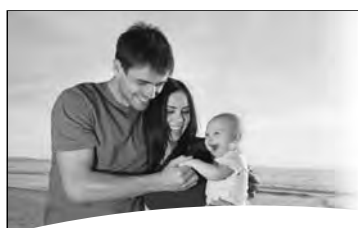
What a successful Street Stall we had on 17th December last year. Thank you one and all for your support. Kathy Clarke of Berry WON our Raffle, Kathy is one of our Members who was unable to help on this day because of ill health but brought plenty of tickets.

Also, we must thank Allison and staff for a lovely Christmas Lunch to end our 2011 year and we look forward to working together to support our Hospital in 2012.

It's that time of the year again!! We are collecting books for our Book Sale in March. Please if you have any books in good condition we would love to come and collect them from you. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THEM TO THE HOSPITAL. Ring Brian or Marilyn 44 485 703

Members and Friends are busy with knitting needles in readiness for our Chicken Day on the 4th April - see you all there.

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BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB

Welcome to 2012 from the Berry Evening VIEW Club. We hope you all had a very pleasant Christmas and New Year and are ready to start again in 2012.

All is quite with our Club at the moment, being like all organisations, a well earned brake has been had by all.

We finished the year with our Christmas Dinner at Table Talk will 26 members attending – we had a good night with presents and games to test our mind – at this time of the year!! Thank you to Table Talk.

On 5th March, our International Women's Gala Day will again be held at Bateman's Bay. Further details will be available within the next month and I will let you know. It was a very good day last year and I would encourage you to go.

During April, our Clubs are encouraged to have a "Back to School Day" at our April meeting. A test - who has still got their school uniform?

Our Coffee Mornings are going well. On Thursday 2nd February we will be holding another one at Jetz's café. Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday, 1st March at the Berry Book Shop Cafe. All are welcome, no bookings required. It is a very social gathering, a time for relaxing and chatting with members and friends.

Our next meeting will be on 15th February and will be our Annual General Meeting. This meeting is for members only.

Pamela Coles
Publicity Officer.

Berry Nature Corridors: From Escarpment to Sea

Back in March 2011 we wrote about the concept of habitat corridors and the Berry Corridors project. With the imminent Berry Show and our desire to engage the community it seemed timely to revisit this project. Over the last few months a small group of Landcarers have been meeting to develop a comprehensive project plan for this project, with the support of Shoalhaven Landcare Association, and Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. The project is financed by a "Caring for our Country" grant from the Commonwealth government.

With increasing incidence of higher and higher maximum temperatures, and the potential for sea level rise and periodic flooding, many native animals are going to struggle to survive. The "Corridors" concept is designed to help animals (and indeed some native plant species) move more freely to escape such climate induced events. Berry Corridors will intersect with the Great Eastern Ranges or Atherton to the Alps project. Its vision is to establish sustainable and resilient vegetation connections supporting the movement of wildlife between the coast and the escarpment.

The initial focus area is to the east of Berry, including Broughton Creek, Harley Hill, Moeyan Hill, Coolangatta Mountain and Seven Mile Beach National Park bounded by the Shoalhaven River to the south.

Whilst there are many "on-the-ground" activities planned, the project recognises the importance of building relationships with the community to achieve support for the works and we see the Berry Show as an important opportunity to do this. Education of landholders is a key issue and some training workshops will be held. Assistance is offered to prepare individual property vegetation plans and a weed and

Landcare

indigenous species identification service aimed at those properties in the corridor - key educational resources that we can explain to you on the Berry Show Landcare stand.

LOGO Competition: Please see the "Special Show Edition" of the South Coast Register for the launch of our competition for a logo for Berry Green Corridors, and the colouring-in page for kids. Come and visit the Landcare stand, **Berry Showground Feb 3-4th** to submit your entries for the colouring-in competition. There will also be a table for children to enter the colouring in competition at the stand, along with maps and some native plants. We will be pleased to meet you and answer your questions at the Show. Field days are planned at Moeyan Hill on Saturday 25th February and Tuesday 28th February.

Email : berrylandcare@gmail.com

Working Bees for February: Bong Bong Road, 9-11am Sunday 12th February; Tindalls Lane, 3-5pm Sunday 12th February; Moeyan Hill, 3-5 pm Saturday 18th February; Bundewallah, Sunday 3-5 pm 26th February; Coolangatta Mountain, 3pm Saturday 11th and Sunday 26th February.

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 or ianlindap@shoalhaven.net.au) - Strongs Road; Myke Cunningham (0418297435) - Coolangatta Mountain. Information can also be found at Berry Landcare on Facebook, or email berrylandcare@gmail.com

Seniors Week will run from 18 - 24 March 2012

Based on the theme 'Live Life', Seniors Week is designed to recognise the contribution of older people in the local community and provide an opportunity to highlight the diverse interests and achievements of over 55s. Seniors week celebrates the contribution that older people make to the community.

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier are currently putting together a program of events to celebrate Seniors Week 2012. An invitation is extended to any registered Berry community group wishing to hold an event to email the details to the Editor – Sharon Dunn on email: towncrier@berryalliance.org.au

Events will be listed in a special 4 page insert of the March Town Crier with approximately 2300 copies distributed throughout the Berry and surrounding areas.

Close off date for event entries is Wednesday 15th February – no late entries will be accepted. Any advertisers wishing to be involved please contact the Editor on the above email address.

SENIORS WEEK

ROTARY

NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS FUN NIGHT SUCCESS

A perfect balmy evening was the icing on the cake at this year's New Years Eve fireworks family fun night at the Berry Showground. The record crowd were treated to a mix of entertainment which was lead off with wonderful performances by students from Berry Public School. Kids had great fun playing the free old fashioned games in the middle of the Showground; the lawn mower racing was very exciting; the fire brigade boys had fun competing against one another; and then as the daylight saving night skies darkened, a magnificent fireworks display lit up Berry and was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you from the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong goes to the many businesses that supported the event with donations to the fundraising lucky draw. Nearly \$2000 in prizes was won by 11 lucky people attending the evening

The fireworks family fun night was the start to a busy 2012 year for the Club with a number of community activities planned. The next event was on Australia Day when members joined with other local Clubs to provide breakfast on the beach at Werri Beach Gerrigong for the general public and also residents from Mayflower Village.

Then, it's time for Berry Show and this year, as well as running the early morning competitor breakfast; the Rotary Club has taken on the catering in the former Apex Shed with scrumptious steak sandwiches, sausage sizzles and other items on offer. Now named the "Rotary BBQ & Grill", much lead up work has been done by members giving the shed a spruce up. So, for some good wholesome tucker, come and see us at the Show, right next to the bar area near the wood chopping

One of the major community projects currently being undertaken by the Rotary Club is the construction of a concrete community cycleway/walkway linking the town with the Berry Hospital ... stage 1 of the Rotary Circuit and work has begun in earnest on this project

Potential new members are always welcomed at the Rotary Club's weekly dinner meeting at the Berry Bowling Club. To find out more, interested persons should contact the Club's Membership Director David Ensor on 0412 418 515.



Shoalhaven Poultry Group

Happy New Year and once again thank you to all those who supported our auction in November, it was a huge success. A BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors, Simmark, Berry Street Seed and Produce, Cafe2U and all our fantastic volunteers.

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

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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

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Deaconess Winifred (Win) Hilliard MBE; OAM born 1922, died January 2, 2012 in Nowra (aged 90)

A great Australian has passed-on and her memory deserves to be treasured by all who love charity and justice. Rosemary O'Grady, Lawyer (Melbourne)

Win trained in Melbourne as a Deaconess between 1948 and 1950 and was commissioned in 1951. She had short placements at Carlton, Victoria (1950-51) and Albury, NSW (1952-54). Win was hoping to follow in her aunt's footsteps by working as a missionary in Korea, but she was asked to go to Ernabella. This became her life's main ministry, and she lived for 32 years in Ernabella, from 1954 to 1986. Until then, she had had no real previous experience of Aboriginal people and had only lived in large cities and towns. Yet she had an amazing ministry amongst the indigenous community at Ernabella, especially with the women.

It was the policy of the Presbyterian Church that the missionaries learnt Pitjantjatjara, so for several months after arriving, Win had instruction in the local language. She retained fluency in the language for the rest of her life.

Win took over the role of the Arts Centre coordinator at Ernabella (established 1948), and the Centre remains the longest continuously running aboriginal arts and craft organisation in Australia.

For the first 28 years of the Arts Centre, artists worked almost exclusively spinning and weaving wool, and making hand pulled floor rugs incorporating the distinctive Ernabella designs (*anapala walka*). Win introduced different media, always with an emphasis on the quality of production. In particular, she introduced batik into Ernabella in the late 1960's, enabling the

women to translate traditional art and designs onto fabric and thus setting up a profitable business. It quickly became a signature art form for Ernabella.

Of her time in Ernabella, Win reflected: "I love that I've had the great opportunity of living and working with the Aboriginal people in Australia. It's a privilege that has been shared with others who have lived with the Aboriginal people – in every case you'd find they're grateful to have been given that opportunity to live with these people and learn to understand their point of view."

Win was able to travel to Ernabella to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Ernabella Arts in 2008.

During her 32 years in Ernabella, Win was able to gather a remarkable collection documenting many aspects of Ernabella's history including the church and school. The most significant components of the collection are the many examples of art and craft including batiks and other decorated fabrics, children's drawings, paintings, and various other wooden implements and carvings.

As part of Win's contribution to the religious life at Ernabella, she illustrated lessons and stories with her distinctive drawings. Similarly, her drawings were used on Christmas cards which were sold as a way to raise funds for Ernabella.

Win's contribution to the life at Ernabella was recognised in being incorporated into the local social organisation and given the name, *Awulari*. She was awarded an MBE in 1977 (Member of the Order of the British Empire) and a medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1989.

Win wrote several publications including the book *The People in Between*, published in 1968. This is an extract from an article in the Age Newspaper.

Win was a member of the Berry Branch of the ALP and for many years she was the Treasurer of the Branch. She was a stalwart of the Branch and was always busy particularly around election time when she used to do an enormous amount of letter boxing as well as working all day on the polling booth at Shoalhaven Heads.

Social justice was much more than a saying for Win – she lived it! Until ill health forced her to leave the Branch and the home that she loved (and had turned into a library and museum) Win was still very active and was always a fascinating person to spend time with and discuss policy and all things political.

Win will be missed by all her friends and colleagues here in Berry and Shoalhaven.

We appreciate the assistance given by Reverend John Brentnall from the Berry Uniting Church and advise that if you are interested in attending a memorial service (date yet to be arranged) please contact either John or email below.

You can read more about the National Museum Deaconess Hilliard collection and the book written by David Kaus about the collection. Just email rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com and you will be sent the links.

Berry ALP

BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE AUXILLIARY

Welcome back to another year.

Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary ended 2011 with lunch at Jasper Valley Winery and a fun day was had by all - that view is fantastic!

We start back in February with our first meeting for the year and looking forward to making plans for the year. Hopefully in late March we will hold our Fashion Parade with Kerrie's Klothes from Nowra. Stay tuned to later editions of the Berry Town Crier for further information.

Throughout the year we will be holding Street Stalls and plans are in progress to hold our

Stall at the Celtic Fair so we can sell our mouth-watering scones, jam & cream.

Thank you everyone for your support during 2011, we hope to have your continued support in 2012.

New members are always welcome to attend our meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Activity Hall in Albany Lane at 9.30am, any enquires please ring President: Una Graaf 44 641 713

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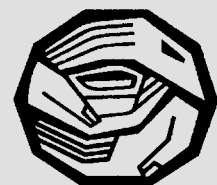
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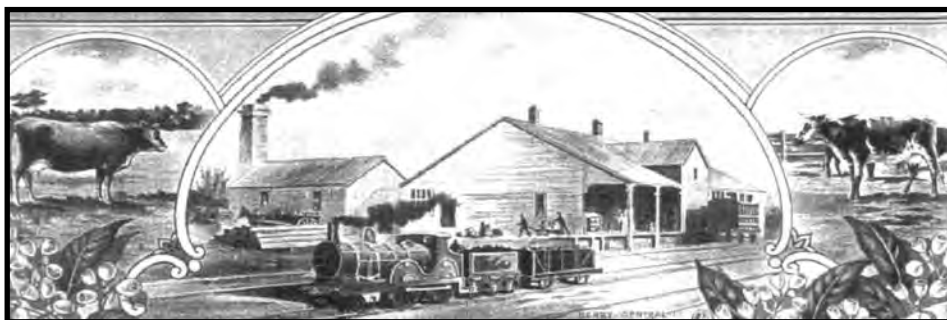
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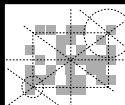


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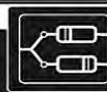
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Good Luck to staff member,
Harriett Elleman, Berry Showgirl
representative for The Berry Hotel

Spotted enjoying a bevy or two over Christmas

- Rugby Legend Stirling Mortlock
- League supremo David Gallop
- Motorcycle Champion Wayne Gardener
- ABC League commentator David Morrow

Kitchen News

Well done to the team in the Kitchen. Listed and
scoring well in **The Sydney Morning Herald**
Good Pub Food Guide...again!

Mid-week Specials menu is back Tuesday - Thursday

\$16.50 per meal with complimentary Garlic Bread

Sunday Night Roasts Still only \$15

BAR NEWS

at

55

for
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\$5 Schooner James Squire Apple Crush cider

\$5 Freshly made Cocktail of the Day

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