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Berry Show 2013

Friday & Saturday
February 1st & 2nd



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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.

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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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Boutique Chocolate House Opens in Berry

Pompadour's Chocolate House recently opened its doors in Berry. This beautiful store is filled with boutique chocolates handmade in Berry. They specialize in tempting treats like dark salted caramel, sticky honeycomb dipped in chocolate, adult rocky road and gorgeous chocolate lollipops for children. Everything you find has been lovingly handmade with premium Belgian chocolate and all natural ingredients.

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Pompadour's is serving Genovese coffee roasted and blended in Melbourne since 1970 and expertly prepared by master barista Keith Shreeve. Keith has owned two very successful cafes in Sydney and Melbourne and his coffee is getting rave reviews from Berry locals. He also prepares Vietnamese style ice coffees and decadent ice chocolate.

The store has a definite Parisian feel. You can choose to sit up at the coffee bar and watch Berry pass by, or on one of their funky outdoor cubes. Although only open for a couple of weeks, it is proving to be an exciting destination for Berry residents and visitors alike.

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EMERGENCY ALERT

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As we all sweltered under the extreme temperatures on Tuesday 8th January, many residents of Berry received text messages and automated phone calls regarding the pending catastrophic weather conditions and its associated dangers. For many residents, this was their first time receiving such a message. Therefore, the Berry Alliance would like to pass on the following information so the community are better informed about Emergency Alert.

Following the Black Saturday bushfires of 7 February 2009, a number of research reports and government led initiatives on community safety were developed. These include the Council of Australian Governments agreement to take immediate steps to enhance the country's emergency management arrangements through the development of a telephone-based emergency warning system. This study presents a systematic review of reports on experiences of the telephone based emergency warning system, subsequently known as Emergency Alert, that became operational on 1 December 2009.

What is Emergency Alert?

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system used by emergency services to send voice messages to landlines and text messages to mobile phones within a defined area, about likely or actual emergencies such as fire, flood, or extreme weather events. In the case of an emergency, you may receive a voice message on your landline or a text message on your mobile phone.

If you receive an Emergency Alert and want more information, follow the instructions in the message or contact your local emergency service organisation.

When is Emergency Alert used?

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What will the alert message say?

The message will provide information on the current emergency, what action to take and where to find further information.

For further information on emergency alert please refer to:

<http://www.emergencyalert.gov.au/>

We would also like to thank all of our Rural Fire Service volunteers who give up their time freely to defend our properties and livelihoods – true local champions indeed.



Editor's Note...

The closing date for our
MARCH issue will be
Wednesday 13th FEBRUARY 2013

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

Material can be submitted via
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Sharon Dunn - BERRY TOWN CRIER

DELIVERY NEWS

With a new year comes a fresh start with all town deliveries now being handled directly with Australian Post. The Alliance appreciates all feedback received from residents regarding deliveries and we see this as a good solution moving forward.

Rural deliveries will continue to be handled by a private contractor. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that extra copies are given to the Post Office in Berry plus our website has electronic copies of current and all archived issues. Please visit our website on

www.berryalliance.org.au

Our Website is currently undergoing a revamp with a new site coming your way soon (watch this space).

Clean Up Australia Day - Berry

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

Sunday 3rd March is Clean Up Australia Day

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B.O.B

Environmental Assessment on the Proposed Highway Upgrade

As reported in the last edition of the Berry Town Crier the Berry Alliance prepared a detailed submission to the RMS prepared Environmental Assessment for the Foxground and Berry Bypass (EA). This submission was prepared by the Better Options For Berry (BOB), a subcommittee of the Berry Alliance. The submission was 56 pages in length and covered most aspects of the 4,000 page RMS EA.

The submission was prepared under the expert guidance of Berry resident and BOB member Bob Fitzell who as well as being an acoustics expert has experience in the environmental impacts of major infrastructure projects including large road projects. Bob Fitzell was supported by 24 members of the Berry community who volunteered to assist in the preparation of the submission and contributed to varying degrees to the submission.

The submission covered most aspects of the RMS EA. The workload was shared by a number of subgroups formed at the BOB meeting at the Berry Courthouse on 7 November. This was a public meeting where BOB was reconvened and this meeting was advertised in the November Town Crier inviting Berry residents to attend and help. The subgroups formed at this meeting covered the closure of Victoria Street and impact on Mark Radium Park, noise impacts on both sides of the proposed road including

loud noise events, the loss of connectivity between "west" Berry (an RMS term) and the social infrastructure on the east side of Berry such as schools and shops, the design of the road along North Street and the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange, impacts on historic sites and areas and the impact of the bypass on biodiversity and ecology.

The submission also covered the process that lead to the selection of the RMS "Preferred Route" including the fact that they conveniently ignored the results of a 1996 Value Management Workshop which included community representatives and recommended an alternative route away from North Street. This 1996 study was ignored in the RMS EA.

The submission was submitted to the Department of Planning on 31 December after the Department granted the Berry Alliance an extension due to the significant workload involved and the impact of Christmas.

The Berry Alliance would like to thank those community members who put so much time and effort into the preparation of the submission, in particular Bob Fitzell. The submission has been well received by most Berry residents and is a constructive addition to the ongoing debate on the impact of the RMS preferred route on our town.

It should be noted that the NSW Government has announced that funding for the Foxground and Berry Bypass is secure and construction will commence once Stage 1 from Mount Pleasant to Toolijoola Road is completed. This is likely to be 2015 so it is important that the issues highlighted in the Berry Alliance's submission are addressed in a timely manner by RMS. Many of these issues have been raised by community members over the past year and been ignored by RMS. It is hoped that the EA process being run by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will force more accountability on the RMS.

The Berry Alliance submission is available on the Berry Alliance website: www.berryalliance.org.au

STOP PRESS

On Wednesday 9.1.2013 the Sydney Morning Herald ran an opinion piece on the RMS and Berry where the Berry Alliance was stated as having a particular preference. This was not correct. In fact, no-one from the Berry Alliance Executive spoke to the journalist about the issue. Sadly, journalists sometimes get things wrong and this is such an occasion.



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Berry Garden News

I am writing this article during extremely hot days in January and watching leaves burn and in many cases fall. Frequent rains last summer ensured high growth, constant moisture in soil, therefore lulling plants into a fall sense of security, i.e. no need to worry plenty of water is available. However, reverse conditions exist this summer, no decent rain for months, very hot temperatures often accompanied by wind. Top leaves of some shrubs are badly burned; it is tempting to remove these, however this should not be done. A return to hot temperatures and the top leaves are again burned.

Pruning should be carried out when cooler weather arrives. Plants less likely to be affected during extreme conditions are those with thick cuticle leaves. It is well to remember not to remove overhead protection prior to hot months. Surprising to many people is the leaf damage experienced by Agapanthus, usually considered able to survive the toughest conditions.

Watering should be done early morning or in the evening. Annuals, both flower and vegetable, require

frequent watering due to their shallow root systems, some may suffer during the day. If this is the case watering should be carried out, preferably to root system only. Potted plants required special attention, particularly those on terraces and patios. If possible pots should be moved to a sheltered position during very hot weather.

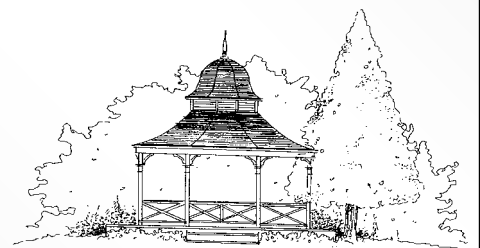
Mulching the garden will, of course, reduce the rate of evaporation from soil while keeping roots cool, if an organic product it will benefit soil as it breaks down. Hot conditions always ensure a quicker break down of compost, a very valuable soil additive. Great care should be taken regarding lawn mowing; some leaf protection is required by the lower sections of the plant.

A tree always admired at this time of the year is Crepe Myrtle. It usually commences flowering in January reaching full bloom in February. However this year many flowered mid December and blooms are now finished. Other trees and shrubs are producing flowers during a non-flowering period, this is caused by unusual weather conditions and the plant is ensuring its survival by seed production.

Garden Club members enjoyed a Christmas Party held at Gerroa Fishermen's Club; views of Seven Mile Beach and the setting sun were admired. Activities for the coming year are now being planned, speakers for monthly meetings and monthly garden visits to enable members to get to know each other. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings held in Activities Hall of Berry Masonic Village on third Tuesday of each month, 7.30 pm.

Gardeners are always interested in visiting Berry Show to see flowers, vegetables, fruit and potted plants. Current weather conditions may limit entry numbers. I hope that conditions will improve in the next three and half weeks.

**Hazel King,
Berry & District Garden Club**



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Planning underway for Seniors Week 2013

The theme for NSW Seniors week this year is 'Live Life!' This theme reflects the celebration of life, achievements, relationships and activities of seniors in the community.

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier are currently putting together a program of events to celebrate Seniors Week 2013.

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.

Close off date for event entries is Tuesday 12th February - no late entries will be accepted.

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NSW Seniors WEEK
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Live Life!



Landcare



The article this month is the first of a series introducing individual work sites; and our new 'weed of the month' an honour that will be awarded to one pest each month!

Bong Bong Road

Where does the name Bong Bong originate?

We do have the Bong Bong Picnic (with no races) on Australia Day - or, as we call it, *The Bong Bong Road Bash*. However Google reveals the following possible Aboriginal meanings...water course lost in a swamp/ many watercourses/many frogs/big swamp or much swamp. The double word makes for the plural, as in Bahasa Indonesian. At one stage we all called the road Bong Bong Creek until the Council sealed the first part a few years ago.

And so to the activities of our Bong Bong Road Landcare group for this year. What trees to plant? Naturally, ones that are endemic to this area. *Casuarina glauca* (swamp oaks), *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Broad-leaved Paperbark), *Melaleuca linariifolia* (Snow in Summer) and *Melaleuca styphelioides* (Prickly-leaved Paperbark) are all good trees for wet swampy areas.

Late last year we planted about 50 seedlings of Swamp Oaks and Broad-leaved Paperbarks into totally water logged soil on the flat, at the Woodhill Mountain end of the road. We haven't had good soaking rain for so long this year and the ground is now rock-

hard but none have died and are looking very healthy. These seedlings were given to us by the Milton Community Nursery which propagated them.

The other source of seedlings is the Shoalhaven Volunteer Community Nursery out at Culburra. Landcare groups are very welcome to use this facility to propagate their own trees from seed collected in their area. The nursery is open last Sunday of the month - 9am-12noon

(contact thompson@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au).

They are very kindly looking after some Prickly-leaved Paperbarks for us to plant in the autumn. An easy way of collecting the seed of *Backhousia myrtifolia* (Grey Myrtle or Ironwood) which grow along the top end of our creek is to place a tray of seed raising mix under a tree in flower (November/December). Remove the tray once the seeds germinate, keep damp and pot up into tubes as soon as they can be handled.

Further up the road we have planted Lilly Pilly, Cheese trees, Red Cedars, Flame trees to name but a few. Whilst there are small weeds round them, spray with glyphosate when absolutely necessary, and very occasionally water the smaller ones.

There are also lots of self-seeded natives at the top end of the road where no-one mows - a good reason not to!! Connolly's Creek will probably be our next area of Landcare in 2013, hence the propagation of the Grey Myrtles.

Weed of the Month - Moth Vine - white flowers visible now, best stem scraped or failing that just cut off the vine to prevent the seeds developing

Working Bees for February (No Work days for January)

Bong Bong Road, 9-11am Sunday 10th February;
Tindalls Lane, 2-4pm Sunday 10th February at Boundary Road site; David Berry Hospital, to be arranged; Bundewallah, Sunday 2-4pm 24th February.
Email: berrylandcare@gmail.com.

For further information

Kim Dove (4464 3391)

David Berry Hospital site

Will Armitage (44642241)

Bundewallah

Julia Woinarski (44642084) - Bong Bong road

Bill Pigott (44643241 or

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Before a disaster

1. **Save important phone numbers to your phone**, including the contact details of disaster information lines, the State Emergency Services (SES) and Police Assistance Line (PAL) in your state or territory, and your "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts. Having ICE contacts programmed into your phone may make it quicker and easier for emergency services workers or passers-by to get in contact with someone who can help with vital information about you. Let your ICE contacts know they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may have.
2. **Prepare a family contact sheet**. Include at least one out-of-town contact who may be able to reach family members on your behalf if you are affected by a disaster in your community.
3. **Download informative smartphone apps** to help you prepare for a disaster, and so you can keep up to date with emergency information (a list of disaster preparedness smartphone apps is available on the Australian Emergency Management website www.em.gov.au).
4. **Keep charged batteries and car-phone chargers** available as back-up power sources for your mobile phone.

During a disaster

1. **Only call Triple Zero (000)** if someone is in need of urgent medical help, or if your life or property is being threatened.
2. **Do not call Triple Zero (000) for information**. Seek reliable disaster information from local TV and radio and refer to emergency services websites, social media sites and information hotlines for advice (preferably using landlines and fixed internet and not mobile devices if possible).
3. **Resist using your mobile device to watch streaming videos**, download music or videos, or play online games. These activities can add to network loading and may affect network use by emergency services in your area during a disaster.
4. **Conserve your mobile phone battery** for essential use by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode, switching off 'push' mail and notifications, and closing background apps you are not using.
5. **Limit the number and duration of mobile phone calls and SMS text messages**. This can help potentially lifesaving emergency voice calls get through to Triple Zero (000) and can help speed up the transmission of telephone-based Emergency Alert warnings from emergency services to disaster-affected communities. Reducing the load on telecommunications networks is something everyone in a disaster-affected area can do to help those trying to help the community.
6. **Charge your digital camera**, or have extra batteries on hand as backup, if you need to document any damage following a disaster, rather than taking photos on your mobile phone camera and draining its battery.
7. If you lose power, **you can charge your mobile phone in your car**. Ensure your car is in a well-ventilated place (remove it from the garage) and do not go to your car until any danger has passed. You can also listen to your car radio for important news alerts.

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE BERRY SHOW

2013 marks the 125th Anniversary of Berry Show and the 100th Anniversary of Hazelberry Park.

From 19th January, the Berry Museum's special display celebrates 125 years of Berry Show. As well as photographs of people who have given their time and effort to the Berry Show over many years, the display covers historical aspects of the Show and the Showground itself, named Hazelberry Park, which on 23 April 2013 celebrates 100 years of being dedicated as a public park.

A feature of the Show display in the Museum is the 1906 "Signature Quilt" which has become a heritage listed item. The quilt was the brainchild of Miss Ida Lewers who invited dignitaries, MPs, members of local Clubs and Associations and members of the community who visited the 1906 Berry Show to sign their names, which she subsequently hand embroidered. The following year the Quilt was raffled and won by a local young man. We can only speculate that the venture was to raise funds for the Berry Show.

Do try and come and have a look and bring your children as there are names of families who still live in Berry. A.B. Paterson (Banjo) has also signed the Quilt and he was possibly at the Berry Show in his capacity as a journalist. For more information, search the internet for the National Quilt Register, quilt number 20 BHS.



As part of the 125th Berry Show Celebrations, visitors to the 2013 Berry Show on 1-2 February will be invited to add their names to a modern version of the 'Quilt', named "The 125th Anniversary Berry Show Signature Showpiece". This will become a prominent display item and a record of the 125th Anniversary Show for years to come.

After this year's Berry Show closes on 2 February, this "Signature Showpiece" will be displayed at the Berry Museum as part of the 125th Berry Show display.

Drop into the museum to catch the display, and see both old and new 'signature quilts' - entry is free.

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

Jennifer Clapham
44642446



SHOALHAVEN WINES AND FOOD ON SHOW

The Berry Show Society's 11th annual Wine and Food Showcase, to be held on Show Saturday, 2 February 2013, is always a wonderful, upbeat event. It will again feature the area's speciality wines and food, making this annual day well recognised as the premier local show to attend.

A diverse range of products will be available: such as fabulous wines, interesting ports and liquors, cheeses, olives, gourmet meats (such as free-range pork products and alpaca), hand-made chocolate and fudges, jams, coffee, cakes and much more.

"The show continues to grow in variety each year with the development of new wineries and speciality food businesses in the region," said Mary Seelis from the Berry Show Society. "There will be demonstrations, tastings, personalities and the opportunity to sample and purchase a range of high quality wines and produce."

The Showcase will run from 12 noon to 5pm on Show Saturday at the Berry School of Arts, Alexandra St, Berry.

Entry is \$12. Tickets are available at the door. The entry charge includes a take-home tasting glass.

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Media Release from Shoalhaven City Council December 13, 2012

Community to have their say on Access Areas for Dogs Policy



Shoalhaven City Council is calling on the community to have their say as part of the current review of the Access Areas for Dogs Policy.

The Policy provides dog owners in the Shoalhaven with public domain conduct guidelines while also defining off leash, on leash and prohibited dog areas throughout the City.

Council is currently seeking community input in developing a Policy that best fits the entire community while balancing concerns for the local environment.

As such, Council has created an online survey to allow local residents to have their say on dog access areas throughout the City.

Mayor Gash said it was important that a wide cross section of the community took the time to comment on the Policy.

"Council currently has 22 off leash areas available to dog owners within the Shoalhaven," said Cllr Gash.

"As part of the review of the Access Areas for Dogs Policy, Council is asking the community as to whether a need exists for more off leash areas, potential off leash area locations and any areas that could be made dog prohibited.

"This Policy has the potential to affect both dog owners and non-dog owners alike making it imperative that all local residents take the time to fill out the survey on Council's website."

The survey will be available at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au until 1 March 2013.

For more information on the Access Area for Dogs Policy please contact 4429 3632

Editorial note: Members to the Alliance executive have completed the survey and found it to be relatively quick and easy. We encourage all residents to engage in this consultation process.

RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

The New Year has come around quickly..... Red Cross members hope that 2013 will be good to all members of the Berry Community.

The year has begun with the Red Cross Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal 2013. Today as I write this article the fires are still out of control, Red Cross Volunteers are registering people at Hobart City Hall. The Red Cross National Registration and Inquiry System has been activated and Red Cross is working closely with Emergency Services Authorities to determine what other support RC can provide at this time - an awful situation which is very distressing for many people.

Our local Red Cross Emergency Services volunteers are on stand-by to attend areas within the Illawarra/Shoalhaven due to predicted forecasts of 'Catastrophic' weather conditions tomorrow.

Have you ever thought of a way to help your community? You could become a Red Cross volunteer, ring our Nowra Office on phone: 44 230 053 to join the next training group for Red Cross Emergency Services.

We wish to thank the members of Mystery Train, volunteers from the community and all those who joined us in Victoria Park in December 2012. We raised \$1,000 for the Red Cross Tracing Service. A service still tracing missing person from WW11 as well as person missing during recent conflict or families separated for other reasons e.g. natural disasters. Red Cross Tracing is a service which functions on funds raised by Red Cross volunteers.

March is Red Cross Calling with funds raised being used specifically for Red Cross Services across Australia and the South East Asia Region. Red Cross services provided in our local community such as Telecross, Community Visitors Scheme, the Young Parents Program and SAM (Save a Mate). Last year for the first time members very successfully collected at the gates of HMAS Albatross. Ditto this year as well as hopefully collecting at the gates of HMAS Creswell.

Sandra Eldridge
Hon Secretary, Berry Red Cross
Phone: 44 642 612



Foxground and Berry bypass update



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Planning approval process

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure received about 150 submissions during the public display of the Foxground and Berry bypass environmental assessment from 14 November to 17 December 2012.

Submissions are being collated by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and referred to RMS for consideration. A submissions report is being prepared and will:

- Identify the issues raised during the display of the environmental assessment and provide responses to these issues.
- Detail any additional studies which have been carried out since the environmental assessment display.
- Describe any changes to the concept design to minimise environmental impacts or to address issues raised during the assessment process.
- Include a revised statement of commitments for the project.

Once finalised, the submissions report will be published. The submissions report will be considered by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, prior to his decision on the project.

If approved, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure will provide a set of approval conditions to RMS. These conditions will guide the detailed design and construction of the project.

Construction of the project is expected to commence in 2014, subject to approval. To achieve this timeframe, RMS has advertised for expressions of interest from contractors to tender for the detailed design and construction of the project.

For further information on the project please refer to the contact details below or visit the project office in Berry which will reopen on **Friday 1 February 2013 at 10am.**

For further information on the Foxground and Berry bypass project visit the project office at **Shop 3/113 Queen Street Berry** (open Fridays 10am to 5pm from 1 February 2013) or call the project information line (**free call**) **1800 506 976** email **foxgroundandberrypass@rms.nsw.gov.au** or visit **www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb**

ROTARY



New Years Eve Fireworks another great success

A beautiful evening and a huge crowd ensured that this year's New Years Eve fireworks family fun night at the Berry Showground was a great success.

Entertainment included segments from Pirate Pete and the wonderful music of Ben McNeil. Once again kids had great fun playing the free games in the middle of the Showground and enjoying the many carnival rides. And everyone agreed that the fireworks display was simply magnificent.

A big thank you from the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerringong goes to the many businesses that supported the event with donations to the lucky prize draw.

2013 promises to be another busy year for the Club with a number of community activities planned. For the first time, an Australia Day BYO Picnic Breakfast is being held on the morning of January 26th at Berry Showground.

Commencing from 7am it is a BYO picnic style breakfast, however egg and bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee and soft drinks will also be available from the Rotary BBQ and Grill. A variety of entertainment will ensure an enjoyable morning together with an official service recognising Australia Day. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. To find out more contact Tina Ballard on 4464 2118.

Then, it's time for Berry Show and this year, as well as putting on the early morning competitor breakfast; the Rotary Club is operating the Rotary BBQ & Grill with steak sandwiches, sausage sizzles, and drinks on offer. So, for some good wholesome tucker, come and see us at the Show, just near the wood chopping.

One of the Club's major community projects over recent times is nearing completion: the construction of Stage 1 of the Rotary Circuit, a community cycleway/walkway linking the town with the Berry Hospital. Club members are looking forward to the official opening during February/March.

Other major events staged by the Club during the year include the Celtic Festival on 25 May and the Small Farm Field Day on 6 and 7 September.

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 Guy Mainsbridge on 0435 766 504.

RedBerry QUILTERS

New Local Quilting Group Starting This Month

Inaugural Meeting
22 February 2013 9.30am
at the Grandstand, Berry Showground

Are you a quilter or interested in all things quilting? Join RedBerry Quilters for our inaugural meeting on 22 February at 9.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Grandstand, Berry Showground.

RedBerry Quilters has been established by Dorothy Hanbridge, Liz Dubbelde and Carolyn Collins with the primary objectives of promoting the art and craft of patchwork and quilting and bringing quilters together to exchange information, knowledge and skills in quilt making. RedBerry Quilters is an affiliated member of the South Coast and Country Quilters Guild.

We have lot of ideas and we are keen for you to help us shape the program for the year ahead.

Bring along your current quilting project, we'll have show and tell, a guest speaker and a great morning tea - everyone is welcome, the cost is \$4.

We will meet on the 4th Friday of each month; come to two meetings for \$4/meeting and then we'll ask you to join the group for an annual fee of \$40.00.

For more information contact:
Dorothy 0418282199, Carolyn 0447868055 or Liz 0431663189

Inaugural Meeting: **Friday 22 February**

BerryHaven Veterinary Group



www.berryhavenvet.com.au



New hours...

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Mon-Fri 9am -10.45am &

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Sat 9am -10.45am

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Local Parvovirus Cases Seen

Several cases of the deadly & highly contagious *Parvovirus* have been treated recently at Nowra & Wollongong vets.

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Visit our website with 275 pages of pet information and **Obay shopping**. Read the latest on ticks and fleas and see the *Case of the Month*.

Pet of the Month

Cally had her ruptured *left ACL* (cruciate ligament) repaired by Mark in August & felt so good she ran around telling her friends and then ruptured her *right ACL*. She is healing very well after the 2nd operation.





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**Congratulations to the Berry Show Society celebrating the
“125th” Anniversary from all at Christine Hunt Berry Real Estate**

Berry Show 2013

Friday Program, 1st February

125th Berry Show

Evening Main Arena

7.45 WHIP CRACKING

Competition

Morning

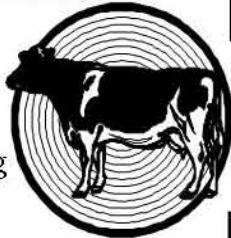


7.30 Showjumping

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



6.15 Ride and
Drive

in the main Arena



5.45 & 7.45 DOUBLE DAN - Trick Riding



7.00 Team Penning

8.00 PM

ROPE



All Day

Animal Nursery

from 10am

- History of Agriculture Display in Committee Rooms 10 to 4
- Trade Exhibits
- Berry Milk Co Op 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 2013

Saturday Program, 2nd February

125th Berry Show

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 8pm



Poultry Pavilion

open 10am to 5pm

GOATS

 from 10am

Ring Program



7.30 Showjumping

8.30 Horse Classes

Stunt Bike



5.00 & 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



4.30 **Dressage Exhibition**

8.30 **Hay Stacking**
and 6.30 **Farmer's Challenge**

8.30 **Dog High Jump Event**



4.45 & 8.00

DOUBLE DAN Trick Riding

9.30



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 Display,

Milking, Rope Making



First Aid station Ringside
opposite Pavilion

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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 submissions are displayed for your information.

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

Applications Received

- DA12/2168** New American Style Barn with size variation to 76m2 and side boundary setback variation to 2.5 metres 580A Tourist Rd, BELLAWONGARAH 15-Nov-12
- DA12/2188** Commercial Additions - construct building to be used as restaurant & function area 11 Coolangatta Rd, COOLANGATTA - 22-Nov-12
- SF10312** Subdivision of 2 Rural Lots into 3 B680 Princes Hwy, JASPERS BRUSH 27-Nov-12
- DA12/2222** Detached Garage 65B Kangaroo Valley Rd, BERRY - 3-Dec-12
- DA12/2224** New Rural Dwelling - demolish existing dwelling & construct new partially two storey residence 160 Beach Rd, BERRY - 3-Dec-12
- DA12/2227** Miscellaneous - outdoor dining 113 Queen St, BERRY - 4-Dec-12
- DA12/2235** Commercial Additions - additions to existing medical practice 22 Prince Alfred St, BERRY - 5-Dec-12
- DA12/2242** Dwelling Additions & Demolition of Carport & Construction of New Detached Garage 15 Albany St, BERRY - 6-Dec-12
- DA12/2238** Detached Garage 13 St Andrews Way, COOLANGATTA - 6-Dec-12
- DA12/2251** Miscellaneous - Home Activity to construct commercial kitchen for home catering business 99A Harley Hill Rd, BERRY - 11-Dec-12
- DA12/2262** Two Storey Dwelling with Swimming Pool, Cabana, Attached Garage & Tennis Court Coomonderry Rge, BERRY - 12-Dec-12
- DA12/2263** Dwelling Additions 25 King St, BERRY - 12-Dec-12
- DA12/2264** Commercial Additions - Building works to existing hangar & club - in accordance with condition 1 of DA11/1834 Swamp Rd, JASPERS BRUSH - 12-Dec-12
- DA12/2299** Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling, Demolition of Existing Sheds and Construction of New Detached Shed and New Front Deck with Building Line Variation to 6.28mts 68 Victoria St, BERRY - 18-Dec-12

- DA12/2315** Replace roof on existing patio and enclose 55B Mullers Lane, BERRY - 21-Dec-12
- DA12/2298** Demolition of Existing Dwelling & Construction of New Residence and Swimming Pool 97E Red Cedar Lane, MEROO MEADOW - 18-Dec-12

Applications Determined

- DA12/1894** New Commercial - Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Garage & Construction of Two Storey Dwelling with Bed & Breakfast & Detached Garage 10 Clarence St BERRY - 20-Nov-12 Approved
- DA12/2139** Rock Retaining Wall 24 Tullouch Rd BROUGHTON VALE - 30-Nov-12 Approved
- DA12/1996** New Dwelling - Single Storey 13 St Andrews Way COOLANGATTA - 3-Dec-12 Approved
- DA12/1887** New Dwelling Single Storey & Detached Outbuilding Boxsells Lane MEROO MEADOW - 14-Dec-12 Approved
- DA12/1952** Proposed extension of access driveway to the rear of No. 22 Prince Alfred Street to approved parking spaces and the construction of one additional parking space to the front of the subject building 22 Prince Alfred St & 140-140A Princes Hwy BERRY - 20-Dec-12 Approved
- DA12/2065** DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT Alterations & Additions to Existing Farm House & Construction of an Inground Swimming Pool Tennis Court Cabana. Extension to Existing Farm Shed Driveway & Cross Over with associated Earth Works 10 Borrowdale CI BERRY - 21-Dec-12 Approved
- DA12/2148** Convert Existing Studio to Detached Habitable Room 210 Bong Bong Rd BROUGHTON VALE - 19-Dec-12 Approved
- DA12/2168** Detached Colourbond Garage 580A Tourist Rd BELLAWONGARAH - 4-Jan-13 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

Jaspers Brush Airfield – Development

Council have received a Development Application for the Jaspers Brush Hanger and Club Building. They send these to the Berry Alliance as the Community Consultative Body for us to publicise these DA's to inform and invite comment or submissions from the wider community.

Here is the latest Development application received DA 12/2264-12 December 2012.

Swamp Road, Jaspers Brush – Lot 1 – DP 813335

Proposed Structural Engineering and Building Works to Existing Hanger and Club Building in accordance with Condition No. 1 of Development Consent DA11/1834

The applicant is South Coast Recreational Flying Club.

Submissions were set to close on 19 January and because of the timing of the Town Crier, the holiday period with many residents away and the interest in this development within the community the Berry Alliance has written to Council requesting an extension of this date to 10 February.

Whatever their response to this request is we suggest any submissions should still be made and even if it is after the cut-off date as they will be taken into account until such time as the final decision or determination is made by Council.

Berry Alliance





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

"125 YEARS OF THE BERRY SHOW"

Come and see our special exhibition on the history of the Berry Show. On show for this exhibition is the Berry Heritage Signature Quilt. This is covered with the signatures of people who attended the 1906 Berry Agricultural Show. One of the signatures is that of Banjo Paterson.

135 Queen Street, Berry
Ph: 44643097

www.berryhistory.org.au
berrymuseum@bigpond.com

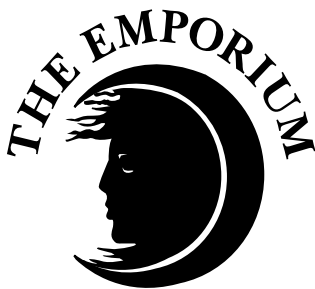
OPENING HOURS

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.

ALSO OPEN BY ARRANGEMENT OUTSIDE THESE HOURS SO CONSIDER A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR YOUR GROUP.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HELPING RUN THE MUSEUM, ATTEND LECTURES ABOUT THE AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE AND OPENINGS OF NEW DISPLAY. AS A MEMBER YOU WOULD RECEIVE "THE CHRONOGRAPH" ABOUT MUSEUM ACTIVITIES.



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Calendar of Events

February

7th February - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

8th February - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

15th February - Friday - Kangaroo Valley Show - Soak up Kangaroo Valley's friendly, welcoming atmosphere and its stunning natural beauty. Enjoy two unforgettable days of family fun, excellent competition and great entertainment! For our two day program and to enter online a wide range of adult and children's events www.kangaroovalley.nsw.au/show

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22nd February - Friday - CWA Antiques Appraisal Afternoon Tea with Margot Claribold. \$8 entry, 2 free appraisals. CWA rooms, Victoria Street Berry 1pm - Fund raiser - local charity. Enquires Marie 4423 2164

Future Dates

3th 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

6th March - Wednesday - 2pm Red Cross monthly meeting, Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street, Berry. Come and join us for a cup of tea, new members are always welcome. Phone Sandra on 44 642 612

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9th March - Saturday - CWA presents B & M Clothing Fashion Parade from 2pm St. Patrick's Hall, Albert Street Berry. Entry \$10 Includes afternoon tea Fund raiser for Crohn's Disease Enquires Marie 4423 2164

21st March - Thursday - Berry Men's Shed luncheon and open day from 12noon onwards Contact Richard Wiseman 4464 2619

29th March - Good Friday 3pm A Meditation on Good Friday, **REQUIEM**, by John Rutter, at St Luke's Anglican Church, Princess Street, Berry. Enquiries: 4464 1058, www.berry.anglican.asn.au.

4th April - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

12th April - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

28th April - Sunday - CWA hosts 'Women Walk the World' from 10am. Refreshments to follow Contact Marie 4423 2164

2nd May - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

10th May - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

6th June - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

14th June - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

3rd July - Wednesday - CWA hosts the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre Fund raiser at 12pm Berry CWA rooms Victoria Street Enquires Marie 4423 2164

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12th July - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

1st August - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

9th August - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

1st September - Sunday - CWA hosts a Jumble/Boot Car Sale from 8am Berry CWA Rooms Victoria Street, Berry Enquires Marie 4423 2164

1st September - Sunday - Berry Musicales hosts the Sydney Symphony Fellows for a concert at The Berry Public School at 2 pm. All enquiries to Yvonne 4464 2629

5th September - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

11th September – Wednesday – CWA's of NSW Awareness day Enquires Marie 4423 2164

13th September –Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marie 4423 2164 or Yvonne 4441 6656 or www.cwaofnsw.org.au

25th September – Wednesday CWA Branch International day with Berry Primary School Enquires Marie 4423 2164

3rd October - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Consultative Meeting at the Berry Courthouse - 6.30pm. All members of the Berry Community are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future forum discussion please contact info@berryalliance.org.au or telephone 0449 569 059

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St Luke's Anglican Church,
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Permits can be issued by John Milne (Captain) – 0427 641 445, Neil Percival (Senior Deputy Captain) – 0412 352 937, Alan Armstrong 0428 200 833 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.

Please be aware that even with a permit, the lighting of fires is prohibited (and the permit is automatically suspended) on (1) TOTAL FIRE BAN days, (2) Days of EXTREME fire danger or (3) When the Environment Protection Authority declares a 'NO BURN DAY': State Emergency Service Nowra 4424 4472

Berry Community Groups

If your Berry Community Group is not listed here please return the form sent out or contact the Berry Alliance for the form to complete to register.

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Berry Alliance Inc. PO Box 202 Berry 2535 info@berryalliance.org.au	0449 569 059 www.berryalliance.org.au
Berry Alliance Town Crier PO Box 202 Berry 2535 towncrier@berryalliance.org.au	0428 037 572 www.berryalliance.org.au
Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc. PO Box 216 Berry 2535 info@berryalliance.org.au	4464 3122 www.berry.org.au
Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society PO Box 269 Berry 2535 Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry School of Arts	4464 3242 shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com
Australian Red Cross PO Box 249 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm, Berry Uniting Church	4464 2612
Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch 78 Woodhill Mountain Rd Berry 2535 2 nd Tuesday Monthly, Hotel Berry, 6.30pm meeting	4464 3965 adriandee@bigpond.com
Berry Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm 34 Alexander Street Berry www.shoalhavenaa.com.au	1300 903 392
Berry Al Anon Family Group For family & friends of problem drinkers Meet every Tuesday at 7pm CWA rooms - Victoria Street, Berry	4448 8231
Berry Bridge Club Inc PO Box 366 Berry 2535 Meets Saturdays 1pm - 4:30pm at Masonic Lodge Community Hall	4464 3009 mcorran@shoalhaven.net.au
Berry Community Activities Centre Inc. Berry Community Craft Cottage 12 Prince Alfred St Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm @ Muir House - berrymarkets@bigpond.com	4464 1476
Berry Computers for Seniors PO Box 103 Berry 2535 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday monthly, 10 - 12noon Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	4448 6267 berrycfs@gmail.com
Berry Community Pre-school PO Box 143 Berry 2535 berrypreschool@bigpond.com	4464 1764 www.berrypreschool.org.au
Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee PO Box 218 Berry 2535 2 nd Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the Berry Courthouse	0458 369 266
Berry Crafters & Quilters Meets each Wednesday 10am - 4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred St mford.646@gmail.com	4464 3788
Berry & District Garden Club PO Box 122 Berry 2535 3 rd Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm Masonic Village Community Room leith151@bigpond.com	4464 2563 www.berrygardens.org.au
Berry Drama group PO Box 423 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday monthly - 7.00pm Berry School of Arts (except Jan & Dec)	4464 2700 feargus.manning@gmail.com
Berry & District Historical Society Inc. PO Box 153 Berry 2535 3rd Monday Monthly, 1pm at the Berry Museum	4464 3097 berrymuseum@bigpond.com
Berry Evening View Club PO Box 76 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7pm Berry Bowling Club	4464 1032 pamcoles@optusnet.com.au
Berry-Gerringong Rotary Club PO Box 81 Berry 2535 Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club	4464 3636 smithgf@bigpond.com
Berry Landcare PO Box 422 Berry NSW 2535 See monthly article for working bees.	4464 2198 berrylandcare@gmail.com.
Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary 17 Gwenda Avenue Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.) 1.30pm above address.	4464 1693 trish.n@optusnet.com.au
Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc. PO Box 435 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9:30am Activities Room Berry Masonic Village	4464 3457
Berry Meals on Wheels PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535 3 rd Monday monthly at 9am CWA Hall Berry	4464 1604
Berry Men's Shed PO Box 103 Berry 2535 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am- 4pm North Street Berry	4464 3956 / 4464 2619 A.H e: richardcwiseman@hotmail.com www.berrymensshed.com.au
Berry Playgroup PO Box 279 Berry NSW Friday mornings at St Luke's Hall, via Victoria St	0415 519 262 berryplygroup@yahoo.com.au Facebook: Berry PlayGroup
Berry Public School P&C Association PO Box 222 Berry 2535	4464 1158 berry_p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Berry RSL Sub Branch PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 1st Tuesday Monthly at 10.30am Sub Branch Hall-26 Alexandra St Berry	4423 1960 stuart.christmas@defence.gov.au
Berry School of Arts Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.	4464 1476
Berry Show Society Inc. PO Box 173 Berry 2535 Meet 1st Tuesday monthly at Committee Rooms at the Showground berryshow@virtualcity.com.au	4464 1567 www.berryshow.org.au
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The winner of the raffle was won by Janine Casey.

The hospital staff again were generous and invited all volunteers to a Christmas lunch at the hospital. Thank you to you all for making it a fun day. Small Xmas gifts were distributed out to the patients.

January is our R&R month so our next meeting will not be until February. Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Our first project for the year will be to refurbish the veranda at David Berry, new furniture will be purchased and air conditioning will be installed.

We have now started knitting chickens for our Chicken Day on March 27th

We are now collecting books again for our Annual book sale on March 9th and 10th. Donations of CLEAN Books (no magazines) will be gratefully received; Fiction and Biography are always very popular. **PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BOOKS TO THE HOSPITAL.** If you have books for collection call either Moira on 44642776, or Brian Kellett on 44641774 and arrangements will be made for a pick up.

Our next meeting will be held on the Monday February 11th 2013 in the Conference room at the David Berry Hospital. New members are always welcome.

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Our conversation at some point in the night came to the topic of New Year's resolutions. It made me ask, 'Why *do we make new year's resolutions?*' I think that part of the answer lies in our wanting to have a fresh starts in life.

Jerry Seinfeld, in the show that bore his name, once said that he wished there were parts of his life that were like a movie set... where the director would come in after he had said or done something he regretted and say 'cut cut that's not going to work at all, let's take it again from the top!'

How nice would it be for all of those things that we regret or neglected to be scrubbed from the 'recording' of our lives? Well the truth is that God doesn't offer fresh starts just at the beginning of every year; He offers fresh starts at the beginning of every day.

Listen to one person's experience as recorded in the Bible, who in the midst of despair found hope in the character

of God who grants fresh starts daily. 'I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' [Lam 3:19-22]

For this person remembering who God is, how great His love is, how much compassion He has towards us, and how He is faithful to his promises led him to experience these things every morning.

New beginnings are often about a God given opportunity to set ourselves in a new way or on a new direction. I encourage you if you don't go regularly to church to come along and join us on any Sunday and experience this fresh start that Jesus offers. You might be surprised and enter into the journey of your life.

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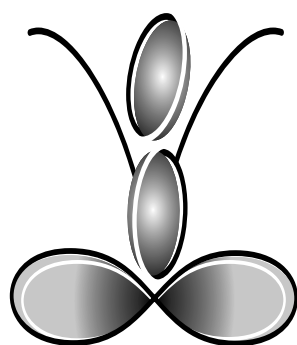
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BERRY CWA NEWS



Summer is here! And as with a vengeance some days are hot, hot, and very hot. Maybe our gardens have suffered a little but there is still a lot to enjoy.

"Summer's a pleasant time:
Flowers of every colour"
Robert Burns.

The end of the year came upon us very quickly and before we knew it we were celebrating with a Christmas lunch at the Pavilion restaurant - a lovely way to round off a year of busy fingers, meetings, choir and, above all, the friendships and the camaraderie that is engendered when working together.

On a sad note we farewelled a loved member of 35 years standing, Mrs Marjorie Stapleton. Our condolences go out to her family from all of us of Berry CWA.

Plans are in place already for 2013 -the State Conference at Moree, street stalls, fund raising activities, cookery and craft competitions. What does "busy" mean? Actively and attentively engaged. Yes, you have it in two words, and that is Berry CWA. By the time this has gone to print craft mornings will have begun, Australia Day celebrated, and sandwiches made and prepared for the Berry Show. Yes, actively engaged, is the word.

An interesting note: the "knit while you wait at the doctor's" basket, saw four rugs made from the squares knitted donated to the Sydney City Mission. Thank you.

We are in for a colourful "ride" when we look at our Country of Study, Morocco. The kingdom of Morocco is called "al-Mamlakat a-Maghribiyah" meaning "The Western Kingdom". It is the most westerly of the North African countries, with both an Atlantic and Mediterranean coastline. It is a constitutional monarchy with an elected parliament. The King, Mohammed VI, holds executive and legislative power. He is a cautious moderniser. The main religion is Islam and the official language is Moroccan Arabic. Casablanca is the largest city, holding 3.5 million. Their music sounds exciting; it is the home of classic and modern Andalusian music, and chaabi bands. As we further look at this country there will be many insights into the lives of the Moroccans.

As mentioned, craft mornings have begun and the Combined CWA choir resumes practice on Friday 8th February. We would love for you to visit or even join us on one of these mornings.

May we wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

For further information contact either Marie 44232164, Yvonne 44416656, the CWA website at www.cwaofnsw.org.au, or the Secretary PO Box 321 Berry 2535

News from *Knit with Love*



Knit with Love has a new project.

Who would have thought that boys living on the streets of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) love knitted beanies? Apparently the brighter the colours the better!

In September last year we had a visit from Lynn Kay, a director of *Retrak* in Ethiopia. *Retrak* works with some of the most marginalised children in the world, inspiring them to find a viable alternative to life on the street.

They do everything they can to help street children. (www.retrak.org)

So in response to Lynn's request, a number of our members have changed focus and are busily knitting beanies, using up all those odd bits of coloured wool that have accumulated at home in the process.



If you enjoy knitting and good company, why not join us at *Knit with Love*, each Friday in St Luke's Church Hall (68A Princess St) from 1 to 3pm?

Our first meeting for the year is on 8th February. We make a variety of knitted garments and items, that are all given away free to those in need.

Patterns are provided and we are happy to receive donations of wool or money.

"Knit with Love"



Contact persons:

Lyn (4464 3651) or

Niesje (4464 2558)



Berry Spinners and Weavers have it all wrapped up for Berry Show!

When you are at the Berry Show on 1 & 2 February, don't miss the Berry Spinners and Weavers' "All Wrapped Up" installation in the Rural Youth Hall. The Berry Group has been busy all year spinning, weaving, knitting and crocheting to produce a room sized kaleidoscope of rugs to decorate the hall and create a colourful celebration for the 125th Berry Show.



Not only will this be a fun addition to the 125th celebrations, but after the show the installation will be dismantled into its individual knee rugs, many of which will be donated to a local nursing home to be used to warm elderly folk's knees.



BERRY MEN'S SHED

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Terry Smith receiving the award from last year's winner Dan Bjarnoc.

The major award presented to Men's Shed members is the Contributors award and this year it was won by Terry Smith. "Terry won the award for his consistent attendance, his ability to help others perform their tasks and was generally considered the best all round contributor in the Shed" said Chairman Peter Johnstone. The award was presented to Terry at the annual Shed Christmas party held again at Seven Mile Beach BBQ grounds which was attended by 40 members and their partners. Organizer for the day David Merrington said "this is the third time we have held the event at Seven Mile Beach and with fine weather and excellent facilities all the members enjoyed the festivities".

"The Shed undertook 196 projects in 2012 covering the usual wide variety of projects from replacing the doors at Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club to making 8 possum boxes for the Berry Show ground trust." said Supervisor Graham Hepper.

In March, during Seniors week the Shed will be holding a special day on Thursday 21st March. The day will have two purposes. In the morning we will be inviting representatives from all the South Coast Sheds to a presentation from Alison Wicks, Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy from University of Canberra. Alison will be talking to the Shed delegates about the 'reasons of being'. In the afternoon she will talk to members of the Berry community about the importance of the Men's Shed movement. This year we will focus on the three retirement villages in Berry and will provide more information in the next publication.

Richard Wiseman
Secretary
4464 2619

Zonta

Berry Zonta Club members wish all readers of the Town Crier a Happy New Year, and send all community groups our best wishes for their fundraising and other events in 2013.

Watch this space for details of our activities for 2013, following our planning meeting in January.

School Awards

The final duty undertaken by the club in 2012 was to present awards at four local high schools. Junior and Senior awards are given for overall improvement and involvement in community work.

We have also supported the YQuest in-school mentoring program at East Nowra PS by proving mentors. This program, run by the YWCA, aims to support students in the areas of literacy and numeracy, self-esteem, skills and leadership. It helps to improve overall school performance, behaviours and feelings of connectedness to their community. Two of our members were present at the graduation of fourteen Year 6 girls from the program and were delighted to present them with books and to see the way in which their development has been enhanced.

Member News

Leonie Winlaw was able to attend a Zonta meeting whilst visiting Wellington NZ, and to spoke with Zonta's International President. Leonie presented her club with a copy of the book 'A Snapshot of Berry 2007-2010, Capturing the Spirit of a Small Town'.

Mary Seelis has been nominated by us for an Australia Day Award for her dedication to our work, and in particular for co-ordinating Birthing Kit Assembly Days over the last 3 years. We have inducted a new member, Sandy Munro at the January dinner meeting and sincerely welcome her to our club.

Berry Showgirl

This year we are supporting Molly Primrose, a wonderful young woman from Meroo. Molly has recently graduated in nursing. How could patients not feel better when looked after by a nurse with such a beautiful name! We wish her all the very best and hope she enjoys the experience.

New Signage

Very soon Zonta's new signs will appear on the smart new community group information boards at the southern and northern entrances to the town. Thanks go to Rotary, who rebuilt the structures, so that visitors can now see at a glance how to make contact with clubs in Berry.

Meeting Information

Following a planning meeting for members in January, our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 26th and visitors are very welcome. Our meetings are dinner meetings, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please call Pat Collins on 44461001 for details. Check us out on Facebook

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The Berry Show Society would like to extend a warm welcome to the Berry community to attend your 125th Berry Show on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd February.

This annual showcase of the best of our local agriculture, produce, animals, local businesses, crafts, cooking, art, woodchoppers and sportspeople is all made possible by our sponsors and supporters.

We thank these outstanding businesses, organisations and individuals for helping to keep our Berry Show tradition alive & thriving. Thank you to our Champion Sponsors; Strongbuild Classic Design and Express Tools & Camping for their grand generosity. A kind thank you to our Blue Ribbon Sponsors; Berry Rural Co-op, Berry Hardware, Berry Pharmacy, Elders Real Estate, Engineered Floors Australia, Great Southern Hotel, Kevin Orford Rural Contracting, Ray White Real Estate, Silos Estate, The Grange, The Waddell Family and Tyco.

Thank you also to our Red Ribbon, White Ribbon, Yellow Ribbon and Green Ribbon Sponsors. All of the Berry Show sponsors for 2013 are listed on the next page. Many of those listed offer their contribution year after year. We thank them all for their support. If you would like to become a sponsor of the Berry Show please contact our Sponsorship committee.

We hope everyone is looking forward to celebrating the history of the Berry Show as we celebrate our 125th year. The historical display will feature many articles, photographs and memorabilia from previous shows and it will be a great opportunity for people to learn about the history of the Berry Show.

Come along and see the Historical Display and donate any amount to sign the 125th Anniversary Berry Show Signature Showpiece and be a part of our rich Berry history. The signing will be happening in the Committee Room near the Alexandra Street entrance. This will be a modern version of the Signature Quilt that visitors including A B (Banjo) Paterson signed at the 1906 Berry Show and will be a prominent display item and record of the 125th Show for years to come.

Along with celebrating our history there will be new events, like the Young Farmer Challenge Display, and new displays, like the Whipmaker. There will be the Rampaging Rodeo and Double Dan as well as a Stockhorse display and the Stunt Biker. The Showgirls will be seen around the grounds before the announcement of the 2013 Berry Showgirl on Saturday evening. Relax in the Locavore Cafe, chill at the Axemen & Sawyers Bar with live entertainment, pat the foals and calves in the Animal Nursery and see the woodchips fly.

Watch, participate, get involved and outdoors and make the most of the best event on the annual Berry calendar, the Berry Show. See you there!

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As we commence the new year, the mission is currently celebrating 100 years of work in Australia. The work actually goes back to 1900 when a keen Christian with a missionary heart, Mr Horace Hannah - a member of the Anglican Church who was connected with the Church Mission Society, welcomed the Rev J A Cullen. Rev Cullen was a missionary, home from India for medical recuperation. Rev Cullen spoke at Mr Hannah's church about the work of the leprosy mission and how they cared for those suffering from leprosy. The collection that day of two pound ten shillings (\$335.86) was sent to the 'Mission to Leapers'.

By the time Mr and Mrs Bailey arrived at Melbourne in 1913 the Auxiliary was well established with active committees established in all states. For 60 years now, individuals, groups and churches have used World Leprosy Day to reaffirm their concern for those affected by leprosy and recommit themselves to doing something to make a difference. The date was chosen to be the closest Sunday to the anniversary of assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, a man who showed great concern for those affected by leprosy. During his lifetime, Mahatma was invited to open a new leprosy care home; in his speech he stated that he wished he had been asked to close it instead.

World Leprosy Day is Sunday the 27th January - the biggest day in our Calender.

World Leprosy day is the last Sunday in January every year. TLM Australia celebrates World Leprosy Day encouraging churches and other groups to mark it in some way. If you or your group wish to learn more about the work of the mission please contact Trish Nicholson sec/tres Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary. trishr.n@optusnet.com.au or **44646193** or **0401151820**.

Our first committee meeting will be on 21st February at 1.20 pm your welcome to come along and support the work of the group.



FOR A WORLD WITHOUT LEPROSY

Welcome to Berry Evening VIEW Club news

We hope you all had a happy and blessed Christmas and we wish you all the best for 2013.

Not a lot to report since my last news article. Dr. J. Michael Davey was our Guest Speaker for our November meeting. Dr. Davey has written a book, "Journey of Life" regarding his life. At the age of 17 months Michael and his brothers and sisters (5) were taken from the family and it was a long time before Michael was aware that he had brothers and sisters. He was fostered out several times and it was not a happy time for him. I would recommend Michael's book, though sad, it is a testament to his life and how it has made him the man he is today.

Although Michael has trouble publishing his book it has become an ABC Best Seller. Michael will soon be attempting a pushbike ride around Australia raising money for a couple of charities as he goes. He is also available as a Guest Speaker and is well worth hearing. We wish you all the best, Michael.



President Sue Hinkley with Jill Healy after the presentation of Jill's 30th year of service badge



Dr. J. Michael Davey, author of "Journey of Life" and his wife, Connie, at our November meeting

In November, Jill Healy was presented with her 30th year Membership Badge. Congratulations Jill. We have quite a few of our members with 30 year badges now.

In December, we had our Christmas function with 26 members and guests in attendance.

As we do not meet in January, a social meeting was held at the Great Southern Hotel - it was a very enjoyable evening. Sometimes, it's very relaxing to just have an evening out and sit and enjoy ourselves.

Our Coffee mornings are still going well and the next one will be on Thursday, 7th February, at Laura's Café on Queen. You do not have to belong to VIEW club just some along and enjoy the company, chat, coffee and cake.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 20th February. This will be our AGM, so we cannot invite guests on the night - never mind, there is always our March meeting and you are most welcome to join with us.

Pamela Coles
Publicity Officer

Paul Morton Abbott

1967 – 2012



Paul is the 14th child of Charles Henry Abbott (dec) and Elsie Doris Abbott.

Born in Berry on October 29, 1967, Paul spent most of his short life in Berry growing up on the family dairy farm in Tindall's Lane Berry, attending Berry Public School and then Bomaderry High School.

After leaving school Paul worked in hardware stores P Walsh & Sons Mitre 10 Nowra and the Mitre 10 Berry store. The Berry store changed ownership in the '90s and was renamed Berry Hardware Store and Paul was offered a position as store manager. He was a popular young man well liked and respected for his knowledge and service he gave to his customers. Owner of the Berry store Warren Baines looked upon Paul not only as work colleague but as a son and they had the utmost respect for one another.

Paul's passion in life was the fire service and he became a member of the Berry Station 224 NSW Fire & Rescue Services where he served from 1995 – 2005. Proving to be a

dedicated and valued Fireman he assisted with the devastating 2001 fires that engulfed the Shoalhaven and was part of the task force sent to fight out of control bushfires in the states snowy mountains region. Paul took on the role of Deputy Captain in the Berry Brigade when fireman Terry Gray retired. Paul later transferred to Nowra Station 405 where he stayed up until his retirement in 2012 due to illness. He developed a great rapport with his fellow firemen at Nowra and was highly respected by his peers.

Paul found time during his battle with oesophageal cancer to raise awareness of the disease and together with his wife Julie and family they joined the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong in a fund raising dinner to assist in research of the disease.

Paul battled on very bravely and succumbed to the disease on December 2.

He now joins his father, sister Jenny and brother Max.

Paul is survived by his wife Julie and his sons Brayden and Cameron. He is sadly missed by his wife, mother, sons, brothers, sisters and extended families and friends.

We would like to thank Dr John Thompson of Berry Medical Centre and Karinya Palliative Care staff for their care and support to Paul and Julie during his illness.

The Abbott family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. Please take this as our thank you for supporting us at this sad time.



Slow Food Shoalhaven celebrate Terra Madre Day in style

In December 2012 members and friends of Slow Food Shoalhaven gathered at the beautiful home of Bruce and Rosie Morton to celebrate Terra Madre Day. Terra Madre Day is a worldwide celebration held every year on December 10th. As the name suggests the Day celebrates the good things 'mother earth' provides us with and brings us together to give thanks - over some great food, of course.

This year the theme was the food of Indonesia and the combined efforts of Slow Food Committee members and friends produced a truly delicious banquet. The day started with spicy chicken and lamb satay, followed by a buffet-style feast including spice-encrusted whole baked snapper in banana leaves, Beef Rendang, Babi Kecap (Balinese roast pork), Ayam Goreng (Chicken), Indonesian boiled egg curry and a variety of colourful vegetarian curries and accompaniments.

The forty plus guests spilled out into the gardens for a relaxed, long lunch under the trees. The meal was rounded off with Javanese Thousand Layer Cake, fresh mango, melon and lychees.

The Terra Madre luncheon was a fundraiser for the many local projects which Slow Food Shoalhaven supports such as kitchen gardens in primary schools (Illaroo Rd Public and Milton Public to date). Our organisation is open to other ideas and welcomes new members. Contact us on: info@slowfoodshoalhaven.com.au



Slow Food is a non-profit member-supported association with local chapters called 'convivia' around the world. It was founded to counter the rise of fast food and fast lifestyle. We support local small-scale food producers and promote the enjoyment of quality, sustainably-produced food. Slow Food Shoalhaven meets at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the Berry Hotel.

The February meeting is the AGM and will be held in the Coachhouse Restaurant at the back of the pub, 6pm for a 6:30pm meeting start. All are welcome.



Ings Family/Berry Alliance Scholarship recipients



Last December at Berry public school's Presentation Evening, Berry Alliance President Rick Gainford was honoured to present scholarships totalling \$1000 to three worthy recipients. This is the second year the Berry Alliance has awarded the scholarships. It is the Alliance's way of honouring their good friends John and Judith Ings while at the same time supporting Berry public school - we really couldn't be prouder,' said Rick.

The Berry Alliance would like to congratulate (pictured left to right) Jayden Katis Brea Sainsbury-Mantle and Aleesha Warne and wish them all the best in 2013.



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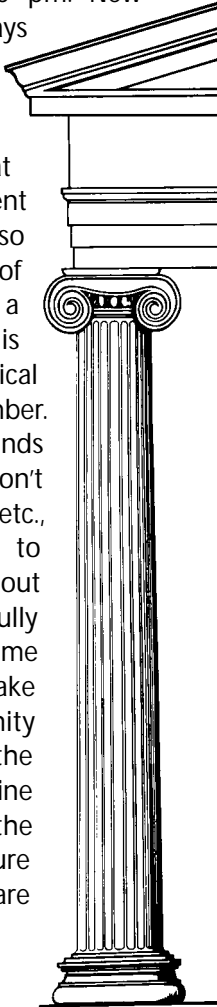
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The lecture is based on the Islamic Manuscript, the Padshahnama, (chronicle of the King of the World) which is the unique official history of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan, who ruled India from 1628 – 1658. He is best remembered for the building of the Taj Mahal as a tomb for his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The Padshahnama is illustrated with 44 of the finest Mughal paintings in the world. They vividly depict the very dramatic events in the Emperor's reign and the years before it. Most important individuals in Shah Jahan's court can be identified and the paintings tell the remarkable story of the intrigues of court life as well as the Emperor's Coronation, royal weddings, bloody battles and hunting scenes. The book, given to King George III is in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

Don't miss this fascinating lecture at the Berry School of Arts, Thursday March 7th at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome. Nine lectures and our end of year Garden Party works out at \$12 a night. Excellent value! Visitors are also welcome at a cost of \$25 which includes a light supper, but it is far more economical to become a member. ADFAS is not a hands on group, you don't have to paint etc., just be curious to discover more about our wonderfully creative world. Come and join us, and take the opportunity to learn about the decorative and fine arts, the history of the setting and culture from people who are expert in their field.



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If you attended the carol night in Apex Park you would have seen the children playing the tambourines to the 'Little Drummer Boy'. This is only a small example of what we do every Tuesday morning in our thirty-minute music session. Following the music session is morning tea and free play for the children. Please feel free to pop in and see for yourself what fun is shared by all.



mainly music is run by volunteers from Berry Community Church. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more, plus families given a chance to think about the God-part of life.

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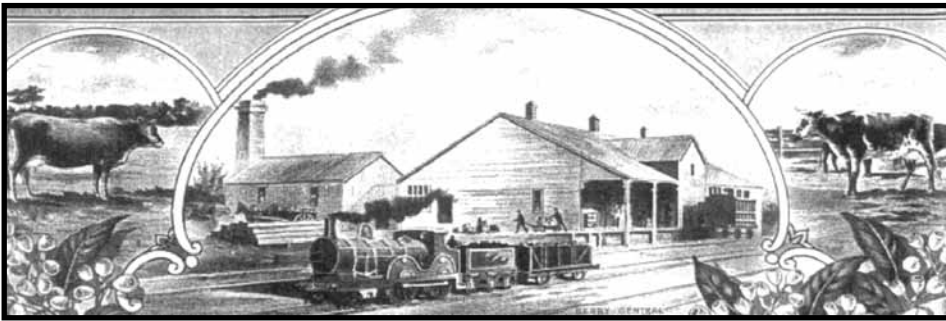
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