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Berry Alliance Information Session on the proposed

"Berry Bypass"

Thursday 8th March - 2pm until 6pm - Berry Courthouse

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Rick Gainford
Chairman, Berry Alliance Inc.
& Berry Alliance Town Crier



COMMUNITY FORUM

To discuss proposed next Tracks to the Future Project
**Clarence Street from Victoria Street
to Albany Lane**

(outside Berry Public School)

Thursday 8th March 7.30pm

Berry Courthouse.

At this Forum we will be asking for community endorsement of the proposal as well as any helpful suggestions or improvements and if anyone would like to join or group for this project.

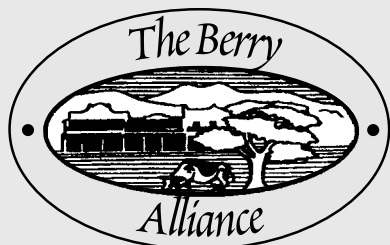
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The Town Crier INFORMATION

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

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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NEWS FROM BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND BERRY MUSEUM

BERRY CEMETERY

The Berry and District Historical Society is currently putting together a book for publication which will tell the stories of people from Berry's History who are buried in Berry Cemetery. We have found that we do not have good photographs of many of them. If anyone has a photograph of any of the people listed below would they let us take a copy to use in our new book.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Thursday 8th March from 10am until 12 noon The Shoalhaven International Women's Day Committee will be hosting a Morning Tea at the Berry Museum. Come and join other women to celebrate 20 years of IWD in the Shoalhaven. Learn about the local services available that assist and provide support to women in the community.

NEW DISPLAY

From mid-March, the Berry and District Historical Society's new temporary display at the Berry Museum will be one that celebrates the history of the Camelia Show. The display will be put up by the Berry and District Garden Club who run this show. This means that if you wish to see FIRE, FIRE, our current special display about the history and work of the two local Fire Brigades, Sunday the 4th March will be your last chance.

Jennifer Clapham
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Full House at Berry School of Arts for Bypass Southern Option Meeting

Over 200 Berry residents packed the Berry School of Arts on the evening of 8 February to hear about the new Southern Option being evaluated by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for the Berry Bypass.

The meeting was originally called by RMS to form a new Community Reference Group to work with RMS to improve design of the RMS "Preferred Route" following community submissions on modifications to this route after the latest round of community consultation.

RMS General Manager Stakeholder Communications Fiona Court explained to the meeting that, as a result of this submission process, RMS had been made aware that there may be value benefits for a route to the south of Berry compared to the current "Preferred Route" passing to the north of Berry. RMS are now reviewing these benefits including a detailed costing and plans and expect to have this review completed by Easter 2012. A synopsis of the Southern Option Submission is available on the RMS Foxground and Berry Bypass website.

This new Southern Option, shown together with the "Preferred Route" on page 4 and 5 of this edition is different from the route to the south which was considered as part of the route selection process undertaken by the RTA in 2008-2009.

Member for Kiama, Gareth Ward, addressed the meeting stating that once he was made aware of these potential benefits in cost and value he had a responsibility to taxpayers to insist the RMS review this new option. He pointed out that this review would have no impact on project timing. The first stage of the Gerringong to Bomaderry Upgrade from Mount Pleasant to Toolijooa Road will commence construction later this year and the Berry Bypass would not commence construction until 2015 at the earliest and that would depend on Federal Government funding. He pointed out that now was the time to address questions relating to the viability of a bypass to the south of Berry roughly of equal length to the northern "preferred route".

The RMS design review and cost estimates will identify knowledge gaps and will lead to a full analysis of cost and value. Factors being considered include the capacity to place excavated material from the Toolijooa Ridge along the route, land acquisition costs, design innovations for structures, drainage measures and geotechnical issues.

RMS also stated that if this review of the Southern Option resulted in them proceeding to a more detailed design and environmental investigation they are committed to undertaking a "fully inclusive community consultation process".

Residents had the opportunity to ask questions

and outline their views relating to the Southern Option. There were a range of views principally relating to the reasons why the RMS commenced this review at this stage. Residents were surprised at this unexpected development.

Some residents pointed out issues that RMS must consider as part of this review such as flooding and soil conditions on the Southern Option. Other residents stated that the evaluation should not be limited to cost alone and environmental and amenity benefits needed to be included in the analysis.

The impact of the Northern "Preferred Route" dividing the Town in two was raised and the need for additional access between east and west Berry if the "Preferred Route" was adopted. It was also pointed out that despite recent gains by the community the "Preferred Route" was still suboptimal from an environmental and social perspective and contingency costs to lower the road along North Street, provision of additional pedestrian and cycle access bridges and planning for a second north bound exit all needed to be included in comparative costs. RMS assured the meeting these contingency sums will be included in the analysis.

The meeting was told that the RMS would continue to work on the Concept Design and Environmental Assessment for the Foxground and Berry Bypass whilst this review was being undertaken. RMS will be holding Community Question and Answer sessions at the Berry School of Arts on February 16, and March 1 and 19 to outline progress of this Southern Option review and to answer question relating to this alternative route. RMS stated that any benefits highlighted from this review will be transferred to both the Southern and Northern options. These include advances in managing soft and acid sulphate soils.

RMS will also be forming Community Review Groups to work on issues identified by submissions on the current Concept Design. A list of residents wanting to be involved in this process was gathered at the meeting. If residents were not able to make the meeting and want to be involved it is recommended they visit the RMS Project Office on Fridays, contact the project information line on 1800 506976 or email: foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au.

Will Armitage, Convenor of Better Options for Berry (BOB), a subcommittee of the Berry Alliance, supported calls for calm by Colin Bowley from the Berry Rural Coop, whilst the RMS conducted this evaluation. Mr. Armitage said "the RMS was working hard to keep the Berry community informed throughout this

Editor's Note...

The closing date for our
APRIL issue will be
Wednesday 14th MARCH 2012

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

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Sharon Dunn - BERRY TOWN CRIER

process and this was best done in a rational balanced way". To this end the Berry Alliance will be conducting an information session on the new Southern Option at the Berry Courthouse on Thursday 8 March from 2pm to 6pm. Bruce Ramsay and a RMS representative will be invited to sit with individual residents to explain the rationale behind this new option.

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Berry bypass update



Transport
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Services

The first Foxground and Berry bypass community working group was held with community members and interest group representatives on 8 February 2012 at the Berry School of Arts. Notes from this meeting and answers to some of the questions raised by the community are available on the project website at www.nsw.gov.au/fbb.

Over the coming months Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will hold question & answer (Q & A) sessions about the southern Berry bypass review (see accompanying map of the suggested southern route) as well as several working group meetings for the preferred northern bypass concept design.

Q & A sessions - Southern Berry bypass review

RMS is inviting local residents in the Foxground and Berry bypass project area to Q & A sessions on the suggested southern route. These meetings will help to keep the community updated on the southern Berry bypass review as investigation work progresses and provide a forum to ask the project team questions. You do not have to pre-register to attend these Q & A sessions.

Southern Berry bypass review Q & A session		
When	Where	Time
Thursday 1 March	The Agricultural Pavilion, corner of Albany Street and Victoria Street, Berry	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)

Working Group meetings

Working group meetings are being formed for community members interested in discussing various design aspects for the preferred northern bypass concept design. These groups will meet fortnightly and will report back to the community on a monthly basis.

Group	When	Time
North Berry precinct	Wednesday 29 February	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)
Kangaroo Valley Road and Victoria Street precinct	Thursday 8 March	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)
Berry bridge and northern interchange	Wednesday 7 March	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)
Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area	Monday 5 March	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)

A full working group meeting (will occur monthly) involving the sub working groups to update the community. The meeting will be combined with a Q & A session.

Southern Berry bypass review Q & A session and working group meeting update		
When	Where	Time
Monday 19 March	The Berry School of Arts, 19 Alexandra Street, Berry	Meeting 6.30pm (cuppa from 6.00pm)

If you are interested in participating in a working group **please register** by calling the project information line on **1800 506 976 (free call)** or email foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au

For further information on the Foxground and Berry bypass project, please visit the project office at **Shop 3/113 Queen Street Berry between 10am – 5pm on Friday.**

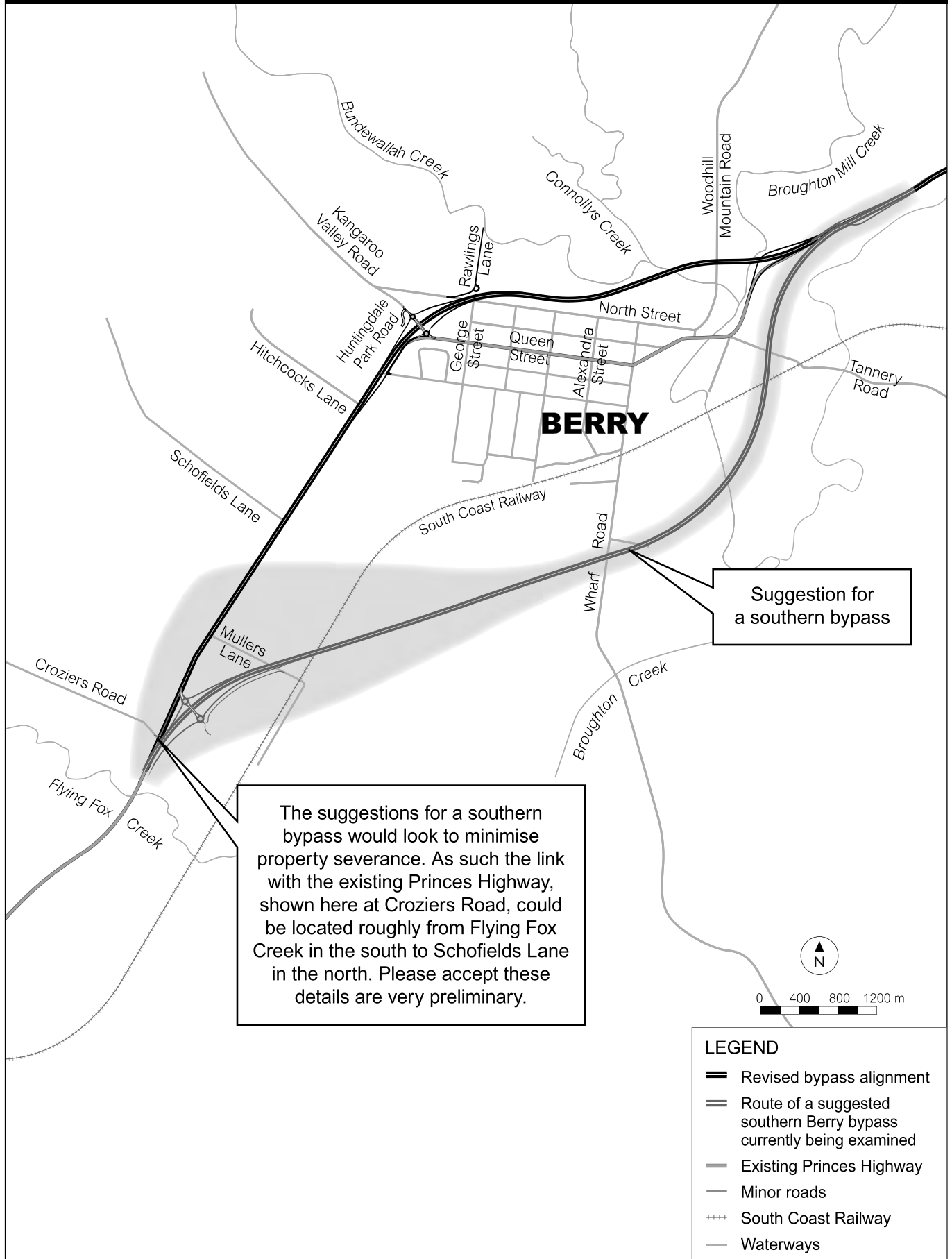
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Berry bypass

preliminary suggestion for a southern route



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Suggestion for a southern bypass

The suggestions for a southern bypass would look to minimise property severance. As such the link with the existing Princes Highway, shown here at Croziers Road, could be located roughly from Flying Fox Creek in the south to Schofields Lane in the north. Please accept these details are very preliminary.



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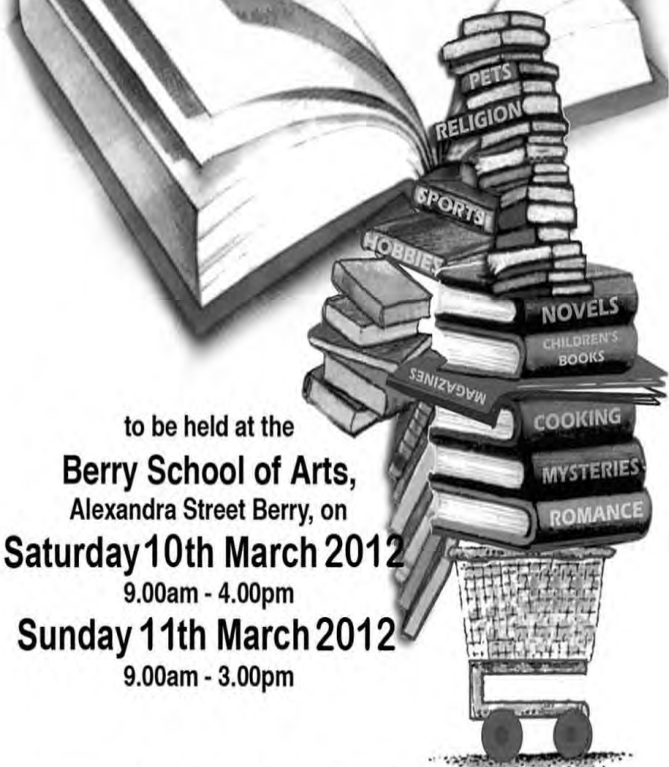
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Any queries phone Maurice Pepper 4464 1313

(The aim is to finish by lunch time)



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Community Forum on next Tracks to the Future Project

Clarence Street from Victoria Street to Albany Lane
(outside Berry Public School)

Background – Tracks to the Future is a Sub Committee of the Berry Alliance and was formed 2 years ago at and from a Community Forum called to discuss the footpaths and parks and gardens around Berry.

The Committee considered everything that was raised and discussed at the Community Forum, studied what was needed and made a recommendation for our first project and this recommendation was endorsed by the community at another Community Forum. It was for 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 the raising of the necessary funds.

This project is mostly completed with a very popular 2 metre wide path the entire length. Council have now installed the necessary “pram ramps” at each street crossing and it now only requires some gardens to be completed and some seats installed along the shareway.

We are ready to move forward with our next project.

The Tracks to the Future Committee already has our next project underway and we have an application in to the State Government for a grant. We are proposing a 2 metre wide shareway down Clarence Street next to the School. Local State member Gareth Ward has already been lobbied to assist in obtaining this grant 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 important project.

We will be holding a Community Forum to discuss this on Thursday 8th March commencing at 7.30pm at the Berry Courthouse. At this Forum we will be asking for community endorsement of the proposal as well as any helpful suggestions or improvements and if anyone would like to join our group for this project.

Please come along and support us in our efforts.

**Rick Gainford,
President,
Berry Alliance
& Berry Town Crier**



Berry Show Society Inc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Berry Show Society general and auxiliary committees, our sponsors, volunteers, family and friends for their support and contribution towards the success of the 124th Berry Show held on the 3rd and 4th of February. The Berry Show Society rely on the generosity of people from within the local and wider community for their time, skills and knowledge and with these attributes it allows the show to continue to provide the platform for the exhibition of excellence from within the Berry and surrounding districts. The efforts of specific individuals who volunteer to undertake the preparation of the facilities, pavilions, buildings and grounds, the catering and the overall administration involved in ensuring that the show functions effectively and efficiently are to be commended for their dedication to the society.

I am privileged to preside in such an organisation that continues to nurture agriculture, the traditions and heritage of Berry.

**Many thanks.
Paul Gibson,
President Berry Show Society**



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Berry Community Activities Centre Inc



BCAC Update: Ten years have passed since the Berry Community Activities Centre Inc. had to leave Queen Street ("The Bizarre") and thanks to the many committed members we have gone from strength to strength.

The Berry Country Fair has become a huge tourist attraction bringing thousands to Berry each Market day. Our Craft Shop, tucked around the corner from Queen Street in Prince Alfred Street in the former "Baby Health Clinic" has become a wonderful haven for very creative people of the Shoalhaven to make and sell their homemade goods. The shop is manned seven days a week by volunteers one day each month. Some give more hours. For the first 12 months after leaving Queen Street, the BCAC was able to rent an empty restaurant premises now the "Sour Dough Bakery" and if it had not been for the volunteers in the Craft Shop the BCAC would not be here today.

In the past ten years we have been the Lessees of the School of Arts. In that time we have installed a new Kitchen, white goods etc., and have seen the replacement of the Balustrade to the balcony in the main hall. Many local Community Groups have benefited by having their fees waived or greatly reduced.

Our latest project was saving Muir House situated in Prince Alfred Street. It is now being developed as a Centre for Art. Like the Craft Shop, volunteers man this building. At the present time, it is only open on Friday to Sunday but we hope to be able to increase the opening hours as more volunteers come on board. The Shoalhaven City Council did a wonderful job restoring the building. The BCAC put \$20,000 towards the restoration and we hope in time many people will come and visit this lovely old home. We have displays of Paintings, Glassware, Pottery and Alpaca Wool items and hope we will soon have many more interesting Arts and Crafts on display for Sale. On the 4th Sunday of each month we have some of our artisans demonstrating their skills at the house.

Over the past 10 years, the BCAC has been passionate about helping many worthwhile projects in Berry and other areas of the Shoalhaven with financial Assistance. **From 2001 – 2011 the BCAC has given away \$249,907.50.**

Listed are just some beneficiaries:

The Berry/Shoalhaven Heads Day Care for Senior have been provided with meals etc. prepared by volunteers of the BCAC firstly in Queen Street building and now at Berry School of Arts, The Berry

Museum, David Berry Hospital, Berry Public School, Berry Silver Band, Berry Pre School, Zonta, Berry/Shoalhaven Heads Football Club, Berry Drama Group, RSL Sub-branch.

In addition we have also been proud to assist with funding: Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra, Shoalhaven Eisteddfod, Shoalhaven Hospital (if you visit the hospital you will notice paintings and photographs on the walls, the frames were provided by the BCAC). We have provided funding to furnish two wards and provide a birthing bed. Yet another important project was the funding to the Outreach Program at Bundanon for the Indigenous Youth of the Shoalhaven.

Many people are touched by Cancer in our area and again this is an area we have provided funding – The Milton/Ulladulla Cancer Outpatient Clinic, Relay for Life and Patient Transport Service. In addition there is the Nowra Family Health & Support Service, the Alexander Berry Bust, Beach Wheelchair to the Shoalhaven Heads Lifesaver, the Jerry Bailey Pre School, Shoalhaven Art Society.

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Have Your Say on the Berry Cemetery

The Berry Alliance held a Community Forum in February on the proposals by Council to make substantial changes to the current Berry Cemetery. Council approached the Alliance to seek input and comment from us and the Berry Community on their draft plans.

There were approximately 45 community members present and these community members reviewed the proposals put forward. Community comments included:

- strong push to eradicate every camphor laurel tree;
- strong support to remove the liquid ambers along the Kangaroo Valley Road street frontage and replace them with appropriate natives (instead of Council proposal of taking the other trees in this area out, leaving the liquid ambers in and planting more liquid ambers to have a complete row along the street frontage) This would mean the removal of at least a couple of native trees (one is very well established and beautiful hoop pine)
- strong support to retain the post and rail fence along the Kangaroo Valley Road frontage - instead of the Council proposal to have it removed;
- strong support to retain the rural feel and look of the Berry Cemetery;
- support to remove nonnative species such as bougainvillea (planted on western fence line);
- concern about the Camellia hedge

along the northern boundary. The Council plan calls for an existing Camellia sasanqua hedge to be maintained on the northern boundary for a distance of approx. 5 metres from the Kangaroo Valley Road street frontage along the boundary. Sadly, this hedge is terminated just here. There is evidence of large scale poisoning and removal of many more mature camellias along this boundary. One property boundary has a gate in the fence and one has 2 bougainvillea planted on the cemetery side of the dividing fence;

- Strong concern over any proposal to remove established trees on the property – in particular any indigenous species and;
- support for some form of hedge or planting along the Western boundary
- the Council plan is silent on any proposal for plantings along the Eastern boundary.

There are also various proposals concerning matters such as who should be buried or interred here; costs and charges; requests for names of avenues or section etc.

Some people in attendance commented that the cemetery currently looks like it belongs in a small country town and the Councils plans don't look like a small town at all, much more suburban.

Council are requesting submissions and comments on their plans and the future of Berry Cemetery. The Berry Alliance will be making a detailed submission based on matters raised at the Forum, submissions and comments we receive and our discussions on the issue.

Please make any submissions or comments either directly to Council or to the Berry Alliance or to both.

Plans are on Council web site: <http://shoalhaven.public.cemeteries.net/help-a-information/berry-cemet> and submissions can be made to Jane Lewis or Pierre Du Parte on 4429 5781 or preferably email: duparte@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Berry Alliance email is: info@berryalliance.org.au for submissions or if you need assistance with accessing the maps.

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Local Youth Benefit from Rotary Programs

ROTARY



The Rotary Club of Berry Gerringong has always supported local students in a range of endeavors and the last couple of months have been particularly busy in this aspect.

In fact, seven local students have been sponsored in one form or another.

17 year old Matthew Griffiths (pictured at a recent Rotary meeting) was selected to attend the two week National Youth Science Forum held in Canberra. This program was developed to expose high achieving science students to many of



the broad ranging science avenues. Matthew has subsequently been chosen as one of the top biochemical students in Australia and is going on to further educational workshops.

Samantha Katon was recently farewelled on a 12 month experience abroad on a Rotary Youth Exchange program to Quebec, Canada. Samantha has already settled in well to her new life and will no doubt gain immensely from this experience over the coming year.

Last September the club had the first of four sponsored year 9/10 students to attend a program called The Science Experience which is held over four days at Sydney and Wollongong University's. Joel Armstrong attended the September program and over the summer break a further three students were sponsored, namely Elizabeth Patterson, Nicholas Day and Saskia Macey.

At recent Club meetings two students were awarded scholarships to assist them with their tertiary studies. Michael Troy received one of the three annual Mo Higgins Scholarships which were awarded, while Harriet Ellerman was the

first recipient to benefit from a financial scholarship from the Artis Medenis Rural Youth Scholarship Fund.

The Rotary Club is delighted to be able to sponsor these successful applicants as a real demonstration of its commitment to providing avenues for ongoing development of local young people to assist in their studies and future career paths.

The club is currently seeking interested applicants for another youth development program. It is known as RYPEN, the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. Many students have previously benefited from this program which is held over three days at Mogo. The program fosters the personal development for 14 -17 year old students and the next one is in May. The club is seeking two candidates to be sponsored to this extremely worthwhile program.

To find out more, call the Club's Director of New Generation programs phone David Lamshed on: 4464 1532.



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Celebrating 10 years, from simple beginnings to a highly successful event, the opening night sets the scene for the weekend - a

professional yet welcoming and inclusive show. Local jazz band Straight No Chaser will return to add 1960s groove, accompanied by excellent local canapés and wines. Items to bid on at the silent and live auction include a personal chef for a night, lunch at Parliament House with Gareth Ward, zumba lessons, surfing classes, a vintage plane flight and cooking lessons from the Hungry Duck.

Record the date on your calendar. Tickets for the champagne opening night are \$20, on sale from Monday April 2 at the Berry Patchwork Shop or Berry Public School.

More information: www.berryquiltshow.com.au or call Sharon Thomson 0405 516 267

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3rd Prize: A voucher valued at \$150 for lunch or dinner at the renowned Silos Restaurant.

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New Listing - 7 Kangaroo Valley Road, A neat Package in Berry - \$590,000

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- 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms plus additional amenities in laundry
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New Listing - 36 Clarence Street, Berry Neat and Complete - \$540,000

- 3 bedrooms (two with built-ins)
- 1 bathroom + separate toilet
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- Single lock up garage, Garden shed/workshop
- Located only minutes from school & shops

Patrick Tynan: 0418 603 980 - Alex Cochrane: 0412 081 600 - Penni Wildi: 0411 756 602
2/65 Queen Street, Berry - Phone: (02) 4464 1300

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PHOTOGRAPHY 2012 BERRY SHOW

This year the winner of the "PEOPLES CHOICE" for photography was David Slayter. His photograph not only won our audience award, but was also judged the Champion Colour Photograph at the show. Congratulations, David.

25 years ago David planted his garden with the hope of encouraging and protecting small birds. Now, this supportive environment is home to a myriad of wrens. It was the beauty of the image of these birds contrasted with the aged spade, tap and fence that resonated not only with the judge but with many Berry people – a worthy winner!

I would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to enter the Photography Section. The standard is unbelievably high, and to see the world through another's eyes, to see another's interpretation of the real is something I never tire of.

Thank you.
Adrienne Blue.
Steward, Photography Section



Berry Public School and the CWA 30 Year Partnership

Every year, Year 5 students from Berry Public School study a different country and as part of that study the students are asked to present a research project - last year the country was Iceland. The projects can be presented on traditional card or in a book but in typical Berry fashion many students think outside the square completing computer based projects or models and dioramas. It is also traditional for the students to present their projects to the Country Women's Association.

Last year was the 30th year that Year 5 students from Berry PS had been to the CWA to present their work and share their knowledge. It was a beautiful day and the event was able to be held outside. The students were very knowledgeable about the country and there wasn't one student who

couldn't answer a question they were asked by the CWA members. The highlight of the visit for the children was the yummy afternoon tea supplied by the CWA, as it is every year!

Also last year, the Principal, Peter Burney, received a call from Murie and Alwyn Brown (retired residents of Berry) who had recently travelled to Iceland on a holiday. He gladly accepted their proposal to talk to the Year 5 students about their first-hand experience of Iceland and to present a Power Point of their trip. It was another great experience for the students of Berry Public and great to have Berry residents taking a personal interest in the school.



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News for Berry - COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY - BERRY ALLIANCE

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

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

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

Applications Received

- DA12/1075** Commercial Additions - Change of building use from Dual Occupancy to Tourist accommodation, change of Bed & Breakfast Accommodation to Residence and use of existing Helipad B640 Princes Hwy, JASPERS BRUSH 25-Jan-12
- DA12/1093** Additions to Existing Dwelling and Garage 78 Harley Hill Rd, BERRY 2-Feb-12
- DA12/1084** Detached Garage and Carport located within 12m from Rear Boundary 363 Kangaroo Valley Rd, BERRY MOUNTAIN 31-Jan-12
- DA12/1087** Proposed 13m Long x 8m Wide x 2.4m High (to eaves) Colorbond Shed 120 Ben Dooley Rd, BERRY MOUNTAIN 1-Feb-12
- DA12/1118** Inground swimming pool and spa 28 Broughton Vale Rd, BROUGHTON VALE 9-Feb-12
- DA12/1120** Alterations and Additions to Dwelling including Elevated Deck 199 Coolangatta Rd, FAR MEADOW 9-Feb-12

Applications Determined

- DA11/2152** Dwelling Additions New Timber Decking & Pool Cabana 30 Borrowdale CI BERRY Approved 23-Jan-12
- DA11/2378** New Dwelling - Two Storey and Detached Double Carport 4 Princess St BERRY Approved 1-Feb-12
- DA11/2405** Proposed operation of fresh fruit van from 9am to 5pm daily at the Shell Service Station site 75-79 Queen Street Berry. 79 Queen St BERRY Approved 30-Jan-12
- DA12/1031** Dwelling Additions - Gazebo & Outdoor Spa Pool 17 Kentia Cres BERRY Approved 3-Feb-12
- DA11/2383** Outbuildings - Machinery/Storage Shed 80 Tullouch Rd BROUGHTON VALE Approved 3-Feb-12
- DA11/2387** Commercial Additions - Activities Shed 660 Coolangatta Rd BERRY Approved 6-Feb-12
- DA11/2441** Proposed 4.7m high illuminated advertising sign. 33 Northview CI COOLANGATTA Refused 6-Feb-12

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

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

Enquiries

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

The development and subdivisions applications may be viewed on Council Website (DA Tracking) - www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Maintenance & Graffiti Reporting Management of Requests Shoalhaven City Council

To notify maintenance problems with Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Parks that require attention (street signs, pot holes, etc.)

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**Telephone: 4429 3821
(for the Northern Area.)**

After Hours

Call the Maintenance & Graffiti Reporting Line 24 hours/day, 7 days/week and an automated system will record your concern.

Telephone 4429 3506

Emergencies: Telephone: 4421 3100

(This number should only be used for emergencies, outside office hours)

For more complex issues write to Council and your correspondence will be referred to the appropriate person for action. Council staff members are required to respond to general correspondence within 28 days of receipt.

Please address all correspondence: The General Manager, Shoalhaven City Council,
PO Box 42, Nowra NSW 2541



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 Community Preschool

Easter Cake Stall

Hop along to The Broughton Mall on

Saturday, 31st March, 2012

between 9am and 1pm

for our annual Easter Cake Stall.

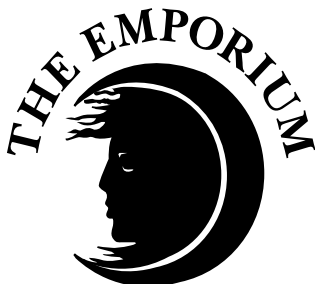


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Calendar of Events

March

2nd March - Friday - Knit with Love Weekly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm- 3pm. Newcomers welcome (meets each Friday same time/place). Bring size 4.00mm (no.8) needles and patterns and help will be provided. All knitting goes to cold and needy folk somewhere in the world. We knit squares for rugs, knitted garments and toys. Contact person: Lee 4464 1204

4th 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.

8th March - Thursday - The Shoalhaven Art Society will hold twilight Social Meeting and BBQ. Arrival at 4.30 for a 5pm start with a demonstration by Allan Fizzell well known traditional landscape artist. Admission fee is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. A BBQ will follow the demonstration. For catering purposes please phone Val McMahon 44221794

8th March - Thursday - Berry Alliance Community Forum - 7.30pm at the Berry Courthouse - To discuss proposed next Tracks to the Future Project - Clarence Street from Victoria Street to Albany Lane (outside Berry Public School). Enquiries please call 0449 569 059 or email: info@berryalliance.org.au

8th March - Thursday - Berry Alliance Information Session on the proposed "Berry Bypass" 2pm until 6pm at the Berry Courthouse. This Information Session will be a static display and afford Berry community members a "one on one" discussion with either Bruce Ramsay or a representative from the RMS or both.

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 on 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 are free of charge. 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 - gold coin donation 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 at the Activities Room - Berry Masonic Village in Albany Lane, Berry - 7pm for 7.30pm. New members very welcome. Enquiries to Jennifer ph.: 44642563.

21st 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.

23rd March - Friday - Candle Light Dinner to be held at the CWA rooms Victoria Street in aid of Prostate Cancer Research. 6pm March 23rd Contact Marcia 4464 3187 or Marie 4423-2164

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 - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com

30th March - 15th April - EASTER ART EXHIBITION with works for sale by members of the Shoalhaven Art Society. Open every day from 10am to 4pm at the Berry School of Arts. All enquiries to Val McMahon 44221794

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st September – Saturday – Villa Music – classical chamber music in Bellawongarah featuring the winner of the Sydney International Piano Competition. All enquiries to Tony on 0418 675 863 www.villamusic.com.au

2nd September – Sunday – Villa Music – classical chamber music in Bellawongarah featuring Baroque lute and Soprano – Sophia Brumfitt & Rosemary Hodgson. All enquiries to Tony on 0418 675 863 www.villamusic.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 Calender entry at the time of booking your ad.

For advertising enquiries:

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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 7, 21 March & 4, 18 April

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:

"FIRE FIRE"

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

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.

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Berry Alliance Inc. PO Box 202 Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Monthly 6.30pm Courthouse 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@berry.org.au	4464 3122 www.berry.org.au
Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society PO Box 269 Berry 25345 Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry School of Arts	4464 3242 shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com.au
Australian Red Cross PO Box 249 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm, Berry School of Arts	4464 2612
Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch 78 Woodhill Mountain Rd Berry 2535 2 nd Tuesday Monthly, Hotel Berry, 6.00pm meeting	4464 3965 adriandee@bigpond.com
Berry Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm 34 Alexander Street Berry www.shoalhavenaa.com.au	1300 903 392
Berry AI Anon Family Group Meet every Monday at 7.30 Uniting Church Centre - Albert Street, Berry	Irene 4448 8231
Berry Bridge Club INC PO Box 366 Berry 2535 Meets Saturdays 1pm - 4:30pm at Masonic Lodge Community Hall	4464 3009 mcorran@shoalhaven.net.au
Berry Community Activities Centre Inc. PO Box 244 Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm Muir House - 12 Prince Alfred St Berry	4422 1794 berrymarkets@bigpond.com
Berry Computers for Seniors PO Box 103 Berry 2535 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday monthly, 10 - 12noon Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	4448 6267 berrycfs@gmail.com
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 leith@shoal.net.au	4464 2563 www.berrygardens.org.au
Berry Drama group PO Box 423 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday monthly - 7.00pm Berry School of Arts (except Jan & Dec)	4464 2700 hugsfromrosie@shoal.net.au
Berry & District Historical Society Inc. PO Box 153 Berry 2535 3rd Monday Monthly, 1pm at the Berry Museum	4464 3097 berrymuseum@bigpond.com
Berry Evening View Club PO Box 76 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7pm Berry Bowling Club	4464 1032 pamcoles@optusnet.com.au
Berry-Gerringong Rotary Club PO Box 81 Berry 2535 Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club	4464 3636 smithgf@bigpond.com
Berry Landcare c/- 35 Houston Place Berry 2535 3rd Saturday monthly and last Sunday monthly (Bundewallah)	4464 3241 berrylandcare@gmail.com
Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary 17 Gwenda Avenue Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.) 1.30pm above address.	4464 1693 trish.n@optusnet.com.au
Berry Masonic Village 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 www.berrymensshed.com.au	4464 2619 e: richardcwiseman@hotmail.com
Berry Playgroup PO Box 279 Berry NSW Friday mornings at St Luke's Hall, via Victoria St Facebook: Berry PlayGroup	0415 519 262 berryplaygroup@yahoo.com.au
Berry Public School P&C Association PO Box 222 Berry 2535 berry_p.school@def.nsw.edu.au	4464 1158
Berry RSL Sub Branch PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 1st Tuesday Monthly at 10.30am Sub Branch Hall-26 Alexandra St Berry	4423 1960 stuart.christmas@defence.gov.au
Berry School of Arts 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	4464 1567

berryshow@virtualcity.com.au www.berryshow.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

David Berry Hospital Auxiliary **4448 5703**
PO Box 285 Berry 2535 bke25349@bigpond.net.au
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Shoalhaven Arts Society Inc. **4422 1794**
PO Box 240 Nowra 2541
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Shoalhaven Poultry Group **0410 548 704**
165 Kangaroo Valley Road
1st Wednesday each month above address
shayne_early@hotmail.com.au www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

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

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Thank you to all who are ringing us to collect some wonderful books. We will stop collecting this year on MONDAY 5th March. Don't forget our BIG BOOK SALE on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th March at the Berry School of Arts from 9am and what a Book Sale it is going to be, come one and all bring a friend. For more information see page 7 of this edition.

Also our Annual Chicken Day will be on Wednesday 4th APRIL from 8.30am in Broughton Court alongside Berry Chemist, come get your lovely Chickens and eggs, come along and support your local Hospital "David Berry"

A beautiful card went around at the meeting to be given to Sheila Bowden our dear member who is turning 90 this month best wishes.

Our next meeting will be at the Hospital Conference Room on Monday 12th March, at 12.30p.m for a light lunch then our meeting starts around 12.45p.m and you are most welcome. For more information please ring our President Moira Harris: 44 642 776



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MATE MATE MATE MATE MATE

I found a funny website about the term *mate*. The website states – "It's been more than a decade since every man and his dog in Australia was talking about the meaning of mateship, and whether former Prime Minister John Howard was being true blue or just bogan wanting to include the phrase into his draft of an Australian constitution. Twelve years later...the use of the quintessentially Australian expression "mate" has not waned in popularity. According to Gerald Wilkes, emeritus professor of English at the University of Sydney writing in "A Dictionary of Australian Colloquialisms", the use of the term "mate" goes back to the 1890s. But what exactly does an Aussie mean these days when they address someone as "mate"?"

The website then has 18 short video clips of different ways the term *mate* is used. Whether used to say hello, show sympathy, get somebodies attention, comment on how good something was, or as a way of addressing a person when you have forgotten their name, the term *mate* is used in many different contexts.

In church today we sing many new songs with a very modern feel. But there is a very old Christian song that is entitled, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" which was written by Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada.

The song includes some of the following lines... What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Another meaning for a friend is a *mate*. So that song could have been entitled "What a Mate We Have in Jesus" if written in Australia today. I encourage you to ponder afresh with us Jesus, who proved through his life, death and resurrection that he is the best *mate* a person could have.

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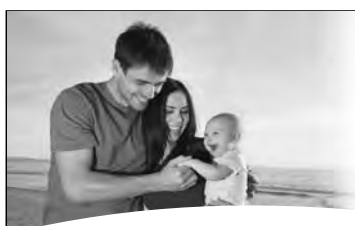
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Berry Garden Club

A very sad note for the Club was the death of member Suzanne (Sue) Radburn on 7th February. Sue had a long association with the Club and will be very much missed. Her lovely garden was entered three times in Berry Gardens Festival; she was a very keen and knowledgeable gardener. Members were very pleased that Sue's entry into Container of Pentas won The Betty Miles Memorial Ribbon at Berry's 2012 Show. I mentioned Pentas in my article in the February edition of Town Crier.

There were many entries in the flower, pot plant and vegetable sections at the Show, a great result when one considers the months of wet weather experienced locally. Obviously, wet weather does not deter a keen gardener. A highlight of the Show was the number of entries from young members of the community.

During January, I spent some time with family in Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. My time coincided with the very heavy rain experienced in that area; in fact it rained every day during my visit. However, I was able to see many lovely tropical plants; some grow well in this area if given a sheltered, preferably north facing aspect.

I was reminded of this fact when visiting the Nowra Show in February. A lovely specimen of *Acalypha*, commonly known as Fijian Fire Plant, is planted in the abovementioned aspect and can certainly hold its own in comparison to those I saw in the northern area of NSW. *Acalypha* is native to Fiji and nearby islands.

Frangipani shrubs and trees were in full bloom, more red and pink flowered specimens than white.

This plant has been the subject of intense hybridisation over the last twenty years and many variants of colour are now available. I must admit that some differences are rather hard to distinguish.

The Frangipani is a very valuable small, deciduous tree, its spreading habit shelters plants that require some shade. Its flowers have a lovely perfume and it is tolerant of coastal conditions. It is native to Central America, Mexico and Venezuela. *Delonix regia* common name is Royal Poinciana.

Another deciduous tropical plant, native to Madagascar, much admired by all, (especially those who hanker to plant it even though they live in 'snow-bound landscapes')!! The green feathery leaves are shed prior to the arrival of orange-scarlet flowers. Also

of interest are the huge flat pods. A very popular street trees in the tropics, where its spreading branches give protection in summer months. Another native of South America is *Allamanda*, a vigorous climber with glossy green leaves and large deep yellow flowers. My sister lives in Brisbane and this plant twines around the verandah on three sides of her house - it is spectacular. It is always a great pleasure to visit areas away from home, admire and get to know the plants that grow there.

Berry Garden Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Village Hall, Albany Street, doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm. New members and visitors welcome.

For information ring Jennifer 4464 2563.

March meeting topic 'Herbs'.

Hazel King



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Ron, Gordon and Steve making possum boxes.

Chairman Tom Darby has commenced a review of training for all members of the Shed. Each month there will be a focus on a new machine and all members of the Shed will be watching. First up this month was the 13" bench drill, a large piece of equipment that

requires lots of pre preparation before turning on the unit. "Members must not just assume that the previous settings are correct" said Tom. Tom demonstrated the uses of the bench drill and highlighted to members that if they were still a little unsure of how to use it .JUST ASK a supervisor. Further training within the Shed will continue to ensure everybody is working in a safe environment and gets the best out of the machinery.

Once again the Berry Men's Shed won a number of prizes at this months Berry Show. "We entered about 8 items this year" said Richard Wiseman. It was very pleasing to see that one of the awards was for best exhibit of the Show. This is the second year that the Shed has won this coveted award. This year there was an increase in the overall entries with the Shed facing some serious competition from the local community. "All good healthy competition" said Richard

Seniors week will be held during March 2012 and once again the Berry Men's Shed is opening its doors to members of the community. The actual day will be Thursday 22nd March and the objective is to show as many people as possible through our Shed and gain more members. In addition to the inspection of the Shed, we will be combining the event with the first health talk for 2012. The guest speaker will be Karen Baldwin, Community Development Officer Aged and Disability. Following the presentation from Karen we will be serving the famous Shed BBQ and salads for just \$5. We are hoping that this will make for a very interesting day for the community of Berry. The Shed will be opened from 11.00am for inspections with the presentation from Karen commencing at 12 noon followed by lunch.

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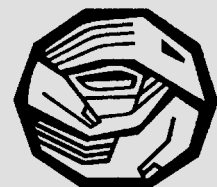
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Please contact Jenny on **ph: 44487648**

Your help will help us to help others.

Landcare at the Berry Show

Berry Landcarers were pleased to have had an opportunity to engage with local residents at the recent Berry Show. The focus was on our new project "Escarpment to the Sea, Berry Corridors". We were able to hand out copies of a draft Strategic plan, announce a logo competition and clarify aspects of this initiative.

The provision for a corridor from the escarpment to the sea already exists in the South Coast Regional Conservation Plan, and we are just responding to this. It links with the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative which is promoting the north south corridor between the Alps and the Atherton Tableland. The Berry Corridor has already attracted funding from the Southern Rivers CMA to assist local landowners to maintain, restore and link patches of remnant vegetation on properties both within the designated corridor and alongside.

Our project's aim is to encourage other landowners to participate and on the basis of a strategic plan, raise funds to enable more work to be done and over time realise such a corridor. If you would like a copy of the draft plan or the brochure, please contact berrylandcare@gmail.com. Comments on the plan are welcome.

Native Plant Identification Service

The Landcarers at the Show were able to welcome a number of new residents to the Berry area to the ideals of the Landcare movement. Many of these newcomers to the region wished to become familiar with the native flora around their properties. To this end we were able to offer them the Local Native Plant Identification service which Berry Landcare is offering to land holders in the area. Please contact email address above for this service.

Artfest

The Berry Landcare Artfest committee has announced the date and theme for this year's Landcare Artfest. The theme is "Harmony in Nature", and the date is Saturday August 18th 2012 at the Berry School of Arts from 10 am to 5pm, with an Opening Ceremony at 11.00am. The Friday before will be a special 'young peoples' day'. Entries are welcome in the 5 sections: Photographs, Paintings (Oil, Watercolour, Acrylic), Open (pastel, prints, drawings), Installations (includes Sculptures and Waste to Art) and Posters. All works will be for sale

and there will be a cash prize for the winner of each section.

Working Bees in March

Bong Bong Road, 9-11 am Sunday 11th March; Tindalls Lane, 3-5 pm Sunday 11th March; David Berry Hospital, 3-5 pm Saturday 18th March; Bundewallah, 3 pm Sunday 25th March.

For further information:

Email: berrylandcare@gmail.com.

Kim Dove (4464 3391)

David Berry Hospital site

Will Armitage (44642241) - Bundewallah

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Philip Thorniley (44642198) - Broughton Vale

Ian Parker (44486359) - Strongs Road.

Information can also be found at Berry Landcare on Facebook.

See elsewhere in this Town Crier for information on Landcare Seniors Week Walks.

BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE AUXILLARY

So sorry to you all for the incorrect date in last month's edition; our upcoming Fashion Parade with Kerri's Klothes of Nowra and Kiama will now be held on THURSDAY 3RD May starting around 10.30am with a light lunch, more information will be given as we get closer to this day.

The members of the Auxiliary were very sad to lose our Manager Karen Walker who resigned during January our Best Wishes go to her and her family and a Big Thank you for all her help these past few years, we will miss her.

Oh! And big birthday wishes to our member Sheila Bowden who turned 90 in February.

Thank you to our Members Barbara & Jeanette for our lovely new tablecloths.

We were very happy to have two new members join us Mary, and Evelyn hope you both stay and enjoy it all as much as we all do.

We welcome all new members our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 9.30am in the Activity Hall at the Village. For more information please ring our President Una Graaf **44 641 713**

Zonta



Show Girl 2012

Our thanks to local girl, **Jane Curran** who was proudly sponsored as an entrant in the **Berry Show girl Competition** by the **Zonta Club of Berry** at this year's **Berry Show**. Some of our members were able to attend the **Grand Ball** where **Jane**, looking beautiful, was introduced to the community and was interviewed along with the other seven entrants.

Although **Jane** didn't win the competition, she will tell you what a great opportunity this has been to learn more about this wonderful country town in which she lives, enjoyment of meeting so many interesting people and in building her confidence in public speaking. Congratulations to the worthy winner **Jessica Monteith**.

We look forward to the opportunity to sponsor another young lady next year.

Working Bee

Our last sewing day saw the largest attendance so far of willing hands, including four visitors. Thank you to all 22 members and guests who contributed to the final figure of 25 Breast Cushions and 18 Drainage Bag Covers.

We were fortunate to receive a donation from Sydney of some rubber backed material essential to the Drainage Bag covers and also from another person, some much needed dark coloured satin for the Breast Cushions as it has been brought to our notice recently that there is a need for Breast Cushions for men.

We welcome any donations of materials suitable for use in the making of these items. For more information please contact **Fay Lewis on 4422 6652**

Pre-loved Clothing Sale

Just another reminder that we will be holding our **Pre-loved Clothing Sale** on **Sun. 1st April** under the **Grand Stand** at **Berry Showground. 9-3pm.**

PLEASE.....now is the time to sort through those clothes which may have shrunk!!

All donations of women's clothes and accessories in good clean order will be gratefully received to make this fund raising effort another big success.

Please contact Jan Chambers on 4464 2181 or Ali Hartwell on 4464 2710 and Thank you!

March Dinner Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held on **Tues. 27th March** at **Gabby's Function Centre.**

On 8th March we celebrate **International Women's Day** and to recognise the importance of this day we are hoping to have a **Special Guest Speaker** at our March meeting.

Guests are welcome at a cost of \$30 for a two course dinner. Bookings are essential. Please contact Pat Collins on 4446 1001 by Sun 25th March.

New Members

Welcome to new member **Lorraine Montgomery**, bringing our membership to **33!** Why not come along and see what our Club has to offer or more importantly what you can contribute to the betterment of the **Zonta Organisation?**

New friends and innovative fund raising ideas are welcomed. For more information please contact President Gillian Dickinson on **4464 1471**

You can read more about the Zonta Organisation at **www.zonta.org**

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Shoalhaven residents may be eligible for Satellite Subsidy Scheme

Kangaroo Valley and Berry residents currently receiving an analogue television signal from the Clover Hill or Moeyan Hill transmitters may be eligible for funding under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

Analogue services to the Shoalhaven will be switched off from Tuesday 5 June as part of the national upgrade to digital services.

While the majority of Shoalhaven residents are already receiving digital television via transmitters in Wollongong, Cambewarra and Ulladulla, selected sites in Kangaroo Valley and Berry are only able to view analogue television through the self-help site transmitters on Clover Hill or Moeyan Hill.

These self-help sites are broadcasting analogue television services and will not be upgraded to provide a digital television signal.

Residents currently using these self-help sites will need to access the Federal Government's Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service, a utility which will provide access to a full range of digital television channels.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor, Paul Green said that Kangaroo Valley and Berry residents needing to access the VAST service in order to access digital television may be eligible for a subsidy.

"The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will help ensure the entire Shoalhaven has access to digital television once the analogue signal has been removed," said Clr Green.

"Households reliant on the Kangaroo Valley or Berry self-help sites must confirm their eligibility by applying online at: **www.digitalready.gov.au** or by phoning the Digital Ready Information line on 1800 20 10 13 before the 17th April 2012.

"To be eligible for the subsidy the applicant must currently receive analogue television via a terrestrial signal and be unable to receive a digital signal."

"I would encourage all residents eligible for this scheme to make sure they apply and are ready to receive digital television signals prior to the conclusion of the analogue signal."

Successful applicants will need to make a payment of \$220 to their installer.

Applications for the subsidy opened on the 10 January 2012 and close on the 17 April 2012.

For more details please visit: **www.digitalready.gov.au** or phone the Digital Ready Information line on 1800 20 10 13

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward is today encouraging local residents to have their say on the NSW Government's draft Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms on public exhibition until Wednesday 14 March.

"The draft Guidelines strike a balance between providing opportunities for investment in wind farms and protecting local communities from potential impacts of new developments," he said.

"These draft guidelines ensure all decisions on wind farm developments take into account the views of locals.

"These draft guidelines introduce tough new measures for new wind farms including:

- A rigorous gateway assessment process for wind farm applications with turbines proposed within 2km of existing residences;
- The most stringent noise controls for wind farms in Australia and;
- Extensive community consultation with local communities

"Community consultation is pivotal to everything this Government does in the planning area," Mr Ward said.

"As these guidelines are in draft form, residents and applicants can continue to have their say in the future approach to wind farms in NSW," he said.

The draft guidelines can be accessed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition until 14 March.

"I encourage local residents to get involved and make sure their voice is heard on the future of wind farm developments," Mr Ward said.

BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB

Our February meeting was our first meeting for 2012. It was our Annual General Meeting with Margaret Bailey, our Zone Councillor, attending as our guest for the evening.

As we do not have a meeting in January, we take ourselves out to dinner as a social event. This year, 18 members, went to the Berry Hotel for dinner and had a good night.

Our coffee mornings are going very well. Not a lot of ladies came to the last morning but if you remember it rained (Berry Show weekend - what do you expect!) and also several of our members are involved with the show. Our next coffee morning will be on 1st March it will be held at The Bookshop Café – a welcome to all and friends.

You have noticed that "Table Talk" Coffee Shop has closed and moved to Shoalhaven Heads. Thank you, Kristy and Sue, for your hospitality and we wish you well in your new venture. Clean up Australia Day will be held on 4th March and if anyone can help I am sure you will be very welcome. The meeting place is the Rotunda in Apex Park at 9am.

VIEW International Women's Day is again to be held at Bateman's Bay

on 5th March. The cost for the day will be \$28. If you wish to travel by bus it will be running from Bomaderry RSL leaving at 8.30am - cost \$22. This was a very interesting day last year.

Further date for the diary 13th -17th September will be our VIEW National Convention. It is being held at Coffs Harbour. Accommodation can be arranged at the Novotel at a cost of \$85.90 ppts – per night, and a bus will be leaving from the area, costing \$114. As the hotel is out of town, the bus will be available to take you to the Convention Centre and any other events that may be on.

Our next meeting will be on 21st March at the Berry Bowling Club, commencing at 7pm. If you care to join us, please ring Kath Bowley on 44 641032 by the Saturday prior to make your booking. If you are new to town, it is a good way to meet people and if you care to join Berry Evening VIEW Club, we meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. You will be most welcome,

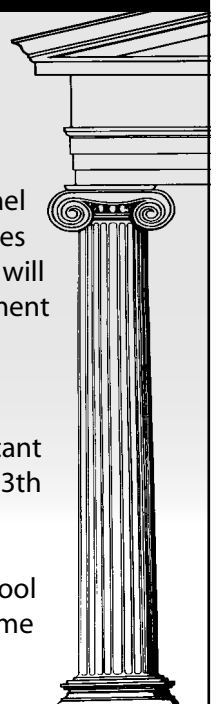
Pamela J. Coles
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ADFAS

"The Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society will begin the Lecture Series for 2012 with Dr Michael O'Brien showing and speaking on "The Art and Architecture of the Khmer Empire". The lecture includes a brief account of the geography, the historical sources, the language and religion of the Khmers. It will trace the development of the empire from small indianised states in the 6th century to the establishment of their capital in the Angkor region in 803, and on its demise after the middle of the 13th century. We will be shown how the sculpture and architecture evolved during this time.

Although there are hundreds of temples and other structures at Angkor, three of the most significant will be discussed in detail, Banteay Srei (967), Angkor Wat (early 12th century) and the Bayon (early 13th century) with brief mention of some others.

Our well-attended lectures are varied and full of interest so be sure to come along to the Berry School of Arts at 7.30 pm on Thursday, March 29 and renew your membership. Visitors are also very welcome to ADFAS evenings. The cost is \$25 which includes a light supper."





BERRY CWA NEWS

In ancient Britain the month of February was called solmonao or "mud-month". Despite the mud, puddles and rain showers we had our first meeting for 2012. What a time of catching up we had! There was much chatter and laughing; then we got down to "business arising".

What country comes to mind when reading a few of the following statistics?

- Australia's closest neighbour 400 kms north of WA
- Total area slightly larger than the area of Sydney
- Natural resources - gold, petroleum, natural gas, manganese and marble
- Natural hazards - floods, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis, and tropical cyclones
- National flag - red, yellow, black, with a white star superimposed on the black
- Religion - 90% Catholic, 3% Protestant, 4% Muslim
- Crafts - basket weaving, pottery and wood carving. The women weave tais using their distinctive designs that represent their stories, records and beliefs. The tais are used for carrying a baby, blanket, shawls and tablecloths
- Music is an art form
- Major industries - coffee, rice, spices, fishing, coconuts and cocoa
- Rice is the staple food - malnutrition in children a major problem with 4/5 households having insufficient food for 2 months each year. TB and malaria affect much of the population. Infant mortality high.
- Best known before colonisation for their sandalwood
- Became an independent nation in 2002
- Xanana Gusmao elected the first President, Mari Alkatiri the first prime Minister.
- This unique neighbour of ours is Timor-Leste. Their motto (Unidade, Accao, Progresso) means Unity, Action, Progress.

Did you think that the CWA ladies from Berry were all Tea and Scones? They have now become Super Sausage Sandwich makers as they embarked on serving the community at Bunnings, South Nowra. Despite the rain, puddles and splashes, a satisfactory day was spent.

At our last meeting, we were delighted to hear Karen Anstiss speak passionately about "The Slice of Life" and their work in hospitality that enables folk with a disability to experience the satisfaction of working and serving the community. Apart from two cafes and a Solar general store they provide take-away foods and catering for the community. Future planning involves a plot of ground to set up a sustainable garden to provide horticultural experiences for people with a disability.

Congratulations are definitely in order for a number of ladies for the number of prizes at the Berry Show. Quite a number of the sections were entered. Well done ladies!

Our junior member, Gabby Bamber, has been granted an Educational Scholarship from the Phillip CWA group. Congratulations Gabby!

At 6 PM on March 23rd a Candlelight Dinner will be held at the CWA Rooms, Victoria Street. This will be a fund raiser for the medical research into Prostate Cancer. All enquires to Marcia 44643187 or Marie 44232164.

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

Jean Stanfield
Publicity Officer

Leprosy Mission News

Like all groups we have started back with our activities. Our first street stall for the year will be in Broughton Court on Saturday the 24th March - we look forward to your support and contributions at this stall.

When we hear of Leprosy, many folk are not aware of the various programs that are available to those who suffer from Leprosy, so I would like to inform you of a program called Total Leprosy Care- the ongoing program that gives ongoing TLC. The program goes beyond finding a cure to providing the ongoing support needed to help patients not only survive, but also thrive in their lives.

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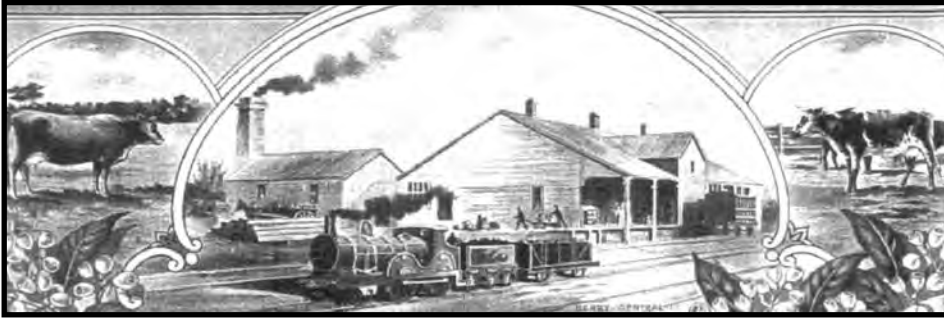
What an exciting start to 2012 we had with the production of 'The Scarlet Rose' by Lisa Perritt. The play was held in the Pavilion building of the Berry Showground and thrilled and delighted our audiences.

Seating was limited for this production and so we ran it over a two week period which isn't usual for BDG productions. I'd like to thank the Berry Community for supporting the Berry Drama Group and inform you that our next production, 'When the Rain Stops Falling' by Andrew Bovell is scheduled for the end of July 2012.

We have a partial play reading for 'When the Rain Stops Falling' on our next group night on Wednesday March 7th at 7pm. Debra Davies will be facilitating the reading and she will also be the Director for this play.

Debra will be able to answer any questions on the night with regards to characters and general synopsis. All are welcome to attend our play reading group nights.

For more information on the Berry Drama Group or how to become a member please contact Rosie tel: **44 643550**.



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