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## Clean Up Australia Day - Berry

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(The aim is to finish by lunch time)

**SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017**

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Get involved with this fantastic nationwide Initiative.

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## TOWN CRIER INFORMATION



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

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

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Berry Alliance costs \$10 pa. It aims to share information amongst community groups and individuals, and to ensure that Berry continues to be a community we are proud of.

Membership is open to Berry community groups and individuals.

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## Boomerang Bags Berry New Location



Boomerang Bags Berry HQ  
The Committee Rooms  
Showground, Alexandra Street, Berry  
**Meet: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month**

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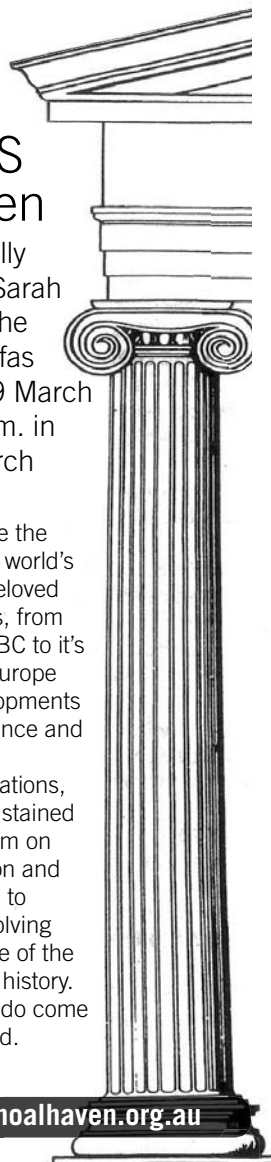
## FAMOUS HARPIST COMING TO ADFAS Shoalhaven

The internationally famous harpist Sarah Deere-Jones is the next guest at Adfas Shoalhaven on 9 March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, Berry.

The lecture will trace the history of one of the world's most ancient and beloved musical instruments, from thousands of years BC to it's arrival in northern Europe and the huge developments during the Renaissance and 19th century.

Sarah will use illustrations, mosaics, sculpture, stained glass and will perform on her own reproduction and antique instruments to demonstrate the evolving sound and repertoire of the harp throughout it's history. All are welcome, so do come along and be uplifted.

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# The Berry Forum

## Forum Meeting Thursday 9 February

Seventy two people attended and heard several presentations, including an update on Berry District Park, progress and plans for the Bypass, an update on the Strategic Plan Focus Areas, status of the Rockfield Park appeal to the Land & Environment Court, Council's proposed rates increase, an introduction to Boomerang Bags, and Council's proposed changes to the recycling and waste facilities.

### Rockfield Park

Council will be defending its refusal of the DA at the Land & Environment Court. The onsite hearing at 801 Kangaroo Valley Road, which is open to the public, is on 20 March. The Forum Committee has made a submission (see website) supporting Council's refusal and Stuart Coughlan will be presenting the key points at the onsite hearing. We encourage Forum members to attend to demonstrate to the Commissioner that Berry residents are serious about protecting the Berry environment and challenging developments that attempt to circumvent planning legislation.

### Council's Proposed Rates Increase

Council is applying to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a gross increase of 13% in 2017/18 and 14% in 2018/19, to financially support the ongoing provision of service levels to the community

and increase levels of asset maintenance and renewal. Council has agreed to consider establishing a Citizens Panel to provide recommendations on priority areas for expenditure and to investigate potential additional sources of revenue related to tourist accommodation.

### Berry District Park

The first meeting of the newly formed District Park Review Group, chaired by the Forum in partnership with Council, took place on Tuesday 14 February.

### Strategic Plan Focus Areas

Review Groups have been established for the following Focus Areas -

- Town Centre - Develop an inviting Town Centre that highlights Berry's atmosphere & appeal
- Infrastructure & Facilities - Provide a high level of well maintained infrastructure and facilities
- Sustainability - Establish Berry as an environmentally aware community with sustainable practices

Initial meetings have taken place and the membership and terms of reference for each

## Editor's Note



The closing date for our April issue will be Wednesday 15 March at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to: [towncrier@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:towncrier@berryalliance.org.au). Phone 0428 037 572. Town Criers can be downloaded for free from [www.berryalliance.org.au](http://www.berryalliance.org.au) or our Facebook Page: Berry Town Crier.



Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

of the review groups can be found on the website.

### Boomerang Bags

The bags will be introduced into the IGA in a box with a message 'Borrow & Bring Back'. The bag will include a flyer to explain the purpose of Boomerang Bags and the goals for a "plastic bag-free Berry".

### Changes to Recycling and Waste Facilities

Council has proposed the following recommendations for the Berry facility-

- Change the operating days to three days per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and open the buyback facilities on Saturday and Sunday mornings
- Continue operating for 7 days per week from Christmas to the end of the January school holidays
- Close the recycling and waste facilities on all public holidays
- Close and remove the bottle bank from the car park behind the IGA.

**NEXT FORUM MEETING:** THURSDAY 20 APRIL AT 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL OF ARTS

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## IT'S OUR FINAL CHANCE TO STOP IT!



**PLEASE JOIN US IN ATTENDING  
THE FINAL L&E COURT HEARING AT:  
The front gates of Rockfield Park,  
801 Kangaroo Valley Rd,  
10.30am, 20th March, 2017**

***The Land & Environment Court has granted an appeal to The Applicant on the basis that they have renamed the ILLEGAL Function Centre as a 'Restaurant'.***

***This is an extremely contentious and dishonest amendment and displays a blatant disregard of our SLEP planning laws. It is on a par with them calling the development an 'ECO Resort' when everyone knows it's a HOTEL - which is also ILLEGAL in the RU1 zone.***

***The same issues still remain:***

- The proposed 50 acre massive resort catering for in excess of 300 patrons is too large for the area.
- The environmental and social impact that this will have.
- Poor roads and traffic chaos could lead to road accidents and possible injuries to people and wildlife.



This advertisement has been prepared by concerned local individuals, united to protect the pristine nature and environment of the Shoalhaven.

# SUSTAINABLE BERRY

By Holly Landgren



The start of 2017 has seen some positive moves for our town. The Berry Forum has established a sub-committee to research relevant areas of sustainability identified by the community during the strategic planning process.

The Boomerang Bag group continues to forge ahead towards their initial target of a thousand hand sewn fabric bags as a replacement for plastic shopping bags. This is a project that combines a desire to contribute to a more sustainable way of living with the benefits of the community working-bee. There is both an altruistic reward and an enriching community experience. Shoalhaven Council is running a Plastic Free July initiative. You might choose to participate as a family, work place, community group or school classroom. For more information check their website. [shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Waste-and-recycling/Plastic-Free-July](http://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Waste-and-recycling/Plastic-Free-July)

This month we are introducing a permanent feature in the Town Crier. In the coming months, the table pictured across should evolve to become a one-stop resource for residents looking for phone numbers, email addresses and contact details for recycling, reducing and reusing.

SUBJECT	DETAILS
<b>Chemical Recycling</b>	Chemical Cleanout at Shoalhaven City Council Carpark Sunday 18 June 9.00 am – 3.30 pm <a href="http://cleanout.com.au">cleanout.com.au</a>
	Agricultural and veterinarian chemical disposal Agsafe ChemClear program 1800 0080182 • <a href="http://agsafe.com.au">agsafe.com.au</a>
<b>Recycling for businesses</b>	Business Recycling • 1300 763 768 • <a href="http://businessrecycling.com.au">businessrecycling.com.au</a>
<b>Mattress Recycling</b>	Mission Australia Soft Landing • 1800 763 852 • <a href="http://softlanding.com.au">softlanding.com.au</a>
<b>Fridge Buyback program</b>	For eligible households • 1800 708 401 • <a href="http://fridgebuyback.com.au">fridgebuyback.com.au</a>
<b>Battery recycling</b>	Berry Waste Depot Aldi Supermarkets
<b>Out of date medications</b>	Don't put in landfill or wash down the sink. Return to place of purchase or local chemist.
<b>Mobile phone recycling</b>	Drop off points found at Officeworks, Post Offices
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	Greener Mobile buys old mobile phone (along with tablets and smart watches) and pledges to plant a tree for every device they recycle. <a href="http://greenermobile.com.au">greenermobile.com.au</a> • 1300 128 900
<b>Energy saving tips</b>	<a href="http://energyrating.gov.au">energyrating.gov.au</a> <a href="http://livinggreener.gov.au">livinggreener.gov.au</a> <a href="http://10percentchallenge.com.au/household-tips/">10percentchallenge.com.au/household-tips/</a> <a href="http://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver">energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver</a>
<b>Ethical shopping</b>	<a href="http://behindthebarcode.org.au">behindthebarcode.org.au</a> <a href="http://goodonyou.com.au">goodonyou.com.au</a>
<b>Council workshops</b>	Shoalhaven run free courses on garden waste recycling and other topics. Check the website for upcoming courses. Bookings essential. <a href="http://calendars.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Management-Events">calendars.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Management-Events</a>
<b>Recycling / resuing at local shops</b>	Some retailers may fill your own containers for take away food, egg cartons may be taken back to the place of purchase for reuse, and original containers refilled (for example, Flavours Shoalhaven refill Morella Grove olive oil glass bottles). Don't be afraid to ask the question and start the conversation!

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# HIGHLY STRUNG

May 5 – 7, 2017 Kangaroo Valley

*Arts in the Valley is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special festival featuring stringed instruments. We will present a quintet of kotos, a quintet of harps and a string quartet. Are you up for it?*

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# ROTARY CLUB of BERRY-YOUTH PROGRAMS

Rotary Clubs across Australia sponsor young people in the development of a whole range of skills including in the areas of communication, leadership, resilience and self-esteem and in furthering their career aspirations. The Rotary Club of Berry prides itself on making a significant contribution to the younger generation.

The March 9th meeting of the Club is bound to be a very interesting night as several of the sponsored participants who attended youth programs during January will come along to give an overview of their experiences at the programs.

Hannah Jones of Berry attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) which is a 12 day residential program conducted at the Australian National University Canberra. For Year 11 students passionate about science, NYSF gives an opportunity to visit a large variety of some of Australia's leading scientific facilities and to talk to many of our top scientists enabling informed career choices to be made.

Also conducted in Canberra is the program known as The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, (RYLA) which Aaron Plain attended. This program is a 7 day residential seminar for aspiring leaders aged 18 - 25



years. There is a lot of self-development where participants can learn leadership, communication and problem solving skills, practice new behaviours, forge life-long friends and challenge their own personal beliefs and values. For many attendees there is a realisation that they can aspire to higher things in life than possibly they had previously considered possible.

At the recent Honeywell Summer Science School the club sponsored four students from the Shoalhaven High School. This program gives an abbreviated version of the NYSF program and can assist students in their selection of what further studies they may choose to follow.

For younger students aged 15-17 the program known as the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, (RYPEN) provides an opportunity for self-development and confidence building. Over past years the Rotary Club of Berry has sponsored dozens of students to attend this camp. This weekend program engages the participants in various activities learning new skills, hearing from others about their life stories, while having heaps of fun and meeting new friends.

The next RYPEN program will be conducted in May, it's a weekend event at Mogo and the awardees selected are fully subsidised by the Rotary Club. This program has beneficially changed the lives of many young people.

All of these programs are available by application, and further information can be accessed via the Rotary Club of Berry website [www.berryrotary.org.au](http://www.berryrotary.org.au) under the heading of New Generations.



The Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism has started 2017 at a cracking pace, with many projects underway to ensure the best possible position for Berry when the re-alignment is opened later this year.

## Signage

The Chamber Committee is working closely with the RMS, Shoalhaven Council, Shoalhaven Tourism, Gareth Ward and other local groups to finalise the design of tourism sign-age for the town and confirm appropriate sites. This signage is separate from the RMS signage, and is aimed at encouraging people to stop in Berry for a break, instead of bypassing it.

## Historical Trails

We are also working with the Berry Historical Society on developing a historical walking trail around Berry, which will be available on GoogleMaps. Visitors will be able to follow a route around our local historic sites, and read information on the map about each site. Developing this trail is part of a wider project to obtain road signage designating Berry as a historic town, again with a view to encouraging tourists to visit the town.

## Advertising

We continue to actively manage the Chamber's social media sites, and are currently filming some new footage in Berry and surrounds. We are planning specific advertising, both social media and television, at the time of the opening of the realignment later this year.

## Thank you

The Chamber committee would like to thank everybody who took part in, or supported, the Berry Merry Christmas event last year. We had the biggest turn out to date, and collected around 20 trolley loads of goods for the Shoalhaven Homeless Hub. It was also a very happy celebration of another great year for Berry.

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

Sophie Ray

## Celebration Of Youth

Sunday 12 March, 2pm

In a spectacular concert, the Steel City Strings Orchestra will be joined by members of the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra and L'Estro Armonico Youth Orchestra.

Featuring soloists Olivia Kowalik (violin), Ethan Ireland (double bass) and Joy Liu (violin).



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The take home plants which are available from the school nursery, are hardy and suitable to grow in a wide range of soil types and conditions in the local area, and can be incorporated into most garden designs and small town or villa gardens.



Dianella flowers

## Blue Flax Lily (*Dianella caerulea*)

- A tufted perennial plant from 70cm to 1m tall.
- It grows in clumps and has grass-like leaves.
- In spring and summer the pale blue star shaped flowers are held on long slender stems.
- Small dark blue/purple fleshy berries containing many black seeds develop when the flowers finish.
- The berries provide food for small local birds.

## Little Breynia (*Breynia oblongifolia*)

- A small shrub with a weeping habit growing to about 2 metres tall which can be kept compact and dense by pruning.
- The small rounded leaves have a soft appearance.
- The tiny bell shaped flowers in spring are hidden below the leaves.
- The fruits resemble tiny apples and as they develop, they change from green to red and then purple when they are fully ripe.
- The plant attracts butterflies and provides food and protection for small local birds.
- Little Breynia is an understorey plant preferring some shade, but is hardy when established.



Breynia fruit



Viola hederacea

## Native Violet (*Viola hederacea*)

- A pretty carpet forming ground cover. It creeps along the ground forming a living mulch, helping to exclude weeds.
- The flowers are white with purple markings and some flowers are present for most of the year.
- It grows best in moist shady places and looks attractive in a hanging basket

THE NURSERY WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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# STAYING ACTIVE PROGRAM

Shoalhaven City Council has been successful in a funding application submitted to the Aquatic and Recreation Institute of Australia for the amount of \$8,000 to enable Shoalhaven Swim and Fitness Centres to host the Institute's Staying Active Program.

**The Staying Active pilot initiative will run from January to June this year and will focus on:**

- Falls prevention – through improving the strength and balance of participants;
- Combining wet and dry activities – water based classes improve cardio vascular health and range of movement, while land based classes improve load, bearing capabilities;
- Removing barriers – reducing costs and making classes more accessible to seniors;
- Creating a social atmosphere – improving mental health and maximising the potential of over 50s returning regularly to social activities.

The following Staying Active Programs are being offered by Bomaderry Aquatic Centre at a subsidised rate of \$10 per class thanks to the funding received:

Aqua Aerobics - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1pm, at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre  
Gentle Exercise Class - Fridays, 2pm, at Bomaderry Community Centre (starting Friday 3rd February 2017)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BOMADERY AQUATIC CENTRE ON  
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# Highly Strung and Sculpture in the Valley, the 2017 KV Arts Festival

Since 2007 the Festival has brought to the valley artistic greats such as sopranos Yvonne Kenny and Emma Matthews, guitarists the Grigoriyan Brothers, pianist Simon Tedeschi, novelist and poet David Malouf.

Belinda Webster says: 'This tenth anniversary festival will follow our usual pattern of three concerts in the village hall and several Hausmusik concerts in private homes in the valley, offering music in a more intimate setting. We will also present Sculpture in the Valley, which has evolved into a major show'.

Five harps, a quintet of Japanese kotos, and the more traditional Goldner String Quartet are at the core of the 'highly strung' offering this year. Adding to the mix will be a soprano, an accordion-player, as well as a world premiere of a piece by well-known composer Andrew Ford, with Ian Munro at the piano.

'This will be the first time we've had a koto in the valley', says Belinda, 'and we'll be enjoying five of them in the Sydney Koto Quintet, led by the amazing Satsuki Odamura.'

The Goldner String Quartet, Australia's leading string quartet, will provide the

Saturday evening concert. Ravel's string quartet will be in the program.

The Highly Strung Harp Quintet will be led by Alice Giles. You can see why the festival is indeed highly strung with a commanding 235 strings, 47 on each harp!

Hausmusik concerts will be held at private houses Alcheringa, Serenata and Wollanderri. Satsuki Odamura, Alice Giles and Goldner players Dimity Hall (violin) and Julian Smiles (cello) will play along with Cathie Travers (accordion), and Annette Tesoriero (soprano). The final treat for this festival will be Andrew Ford's piece In Transit with Ian Munro on the piano.

Sculpture in the Valley, Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May, 10am - 4pm will be held at beautiful Cedar Grove. Colleen Fry, Sculpture Director says, "Last festival we extended the reach of Sculpture in the Valley to a wider group of sculptors and this was most successful, despite a week of torrential rain. This year we expect to have a sensational range of artists, and definitely better weather! We are looking forward to a great weekend of sculpture!"





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# The benefits of Calisthenics for young dancers

(BASED ON AN ARTICLE BY **HAYLEY SIMMONS**)

For those unfamiliar with 'cali', it is a multi-discipline dance sport involving dance, apparatus (clubs and rods), gymnastics exercises, marching, ballet, singing and acting. You can easily spot a 'calisthenics girl' by her commitment to perfection and technical exactness.

The following are 8 significant benefits of Calisthenics as a dance form:-

## Structure, discipline and focus

Within their first year of calisthenics, parents will often comment on how their child's focus and self-discipline has improved. This is because pupils learn complicated apparatus manipulation (clubs and rods) and floor patterning in their routines, and are also challenged to learn and remember five to six 2.5 – 3.5 minute routines. That's serious brain training! It's confidence-building to say the least.

These Tinies are in the Zone of focus, concentration and teamwork.

## Variety

Children learn a variety of different types of dance and movement as part of one weekly lesson. There is no time to get bored! And if they don't like a particular dance, they can be more willing to tolerate it for love of the other routines, as each provides something different to appreciate.

## Caters for all personality types – the bouncy kids and the fairies

Many kids do not suit the softness of ballet, for whom calisthenics is a great alternative. They do learn the foundations of ballet technique, so they can pick it up again later if they wish. The softer, more ballet-inclined dancers come into their own in an aesthetic routine.



## Focus on rhythm

Calisthenics participants have fantastic rhythm, owed mainly to marching, and a strong understanding of the differences between all time signatures. Movements are learned to counts, not lyrics or beats, and precision of timing with the music and each other necessitates counting. Therefore, musical appreciation develops early while young ones still have their in-born sense of rhythm and pitch.

## Strength & flexibility in concert

Dance shows a concerning trend towards encouraging hypermobility at a cost to safety, technique and longevity. Calisthenics has blazed a trail in dance over many years to ensure pupils develop the strength needed to balance out the flexibility, and that coaches are adequately trained to ensure this happens. As part of Level 1 compulsory training, every coach completes a 6-hour standardised Strength & Conditioning module developed and delivered by a physiotherapist and/or exercise scientist.

## Opportunities to perform in a theatre

From the age of 3, calisthenics participants perform in a proper, proscenium arch theatre with technical capabilities. These are team performances, and there are also solo and

duo opportunities. From an early age, a true performer is born!

## A governing body – one each for coaches and members

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Juniors (ages 10-13) 4.30-6.30pm,  
Intermediates (ages 13-16) 5.30-7.30pm,  
Seniors (ages 16+) 5.30-7.30pm, and  
Masters (26 to much older!) 6.30-8pm.

**Enquiries:** via FB: diamond calisthenics, diamond calisthenics club, the **Website:** <http://www.diamondcalisthenics.com>, **Email:** [diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com](mailto:diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com), or phone 0414 655 129



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# Berry & District Garden Club News



SECRETARY - GAIL PATON ON 0413 893 508 OR VISIT US ON [www.berrygardens.org.au](http://www.berrygardens.org.au)

This will be a memorable year for the Garden Club. Our 2017 activities kick off with a soiree in a beautiful garden in Beach Road followed soon after by our February meeting. Preparations for the Camellia Show and Gardens Festival are underway and planning for our autumn tour to Bright is complete. In November we will participate in The Garden Clubs of Australia Biennial Convention hosted by Ulladulla Garden Club. The highlight of our year, however, will be the celebration of our 40th anniversary. It will be a time to reflect on our history and to share our memories.

By 1977, the Shoalhaven Branch of the Garden Clubs of Australia, based in Nowra, had 170 members and was bursting at the seams. Many people from Berry were members of this Club and they travelled to Nowra each month for meetings. The Club either had to find larger premises for their meetings or limit their numbers. A search for larger premises in Nowra, with the facilities they enjoyed at the Masonic Hall in Moss Street, was unsuccessful. The second alternative was pursued. At this time Nancy Bevan from Berry had been the President of the Club for 3 years. She placed a notice in the South Coast Register inviting anyone interested in forming a garden club in Berry to attend a public meeting on 13 July 1977. Twenty-four people attended the meeting with many more expressing interest but unable to attend. As a result the Berry and District Garden Club was formed with an initial membership of 37. The first President was

Nancy Bevan, the Secretary Beverley Ray and the Treasurer Lillian Wilkins. Two foundation members are still members of the Club - Nancy Bevan, who was awarded life membership in 1996, and Chris Hallahan.

Those who consider geraniums a somewhat humble plant would change their mind if they saw the range that is now available. Our March Guest Speaker, Robyn Bible, is a well-known geranium enthusiast. Last seen in Berry at the 2016 Small Farms Field Days, Robyn can be found at many plant fairs with her geraniums and pelargoniums and happily shares the joys of growing them with others. Robyn inherited her love of geraniums from her aunt who brought many varieties into Australia from her visits to geranium nurseries and hybridisers overseas. Cuttings were potted up, people showed great interest, and so Robyn's nursery began.



*Nancy Bevan, first president of the B&DGC.*

Visitors are most welcome to join us for this interesting presentation. Our next meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall in Princess Street on Tuesday, 21 March at 7.30pm. To find out more about our club, please contact our secretary, Gail Paton, on 0413 893 508 or visit us on [www.berrygardens.org.au](http://www.berrygardens.org.au)

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## Berry Community Church

### A life of significance and purpose

Author and motivational speaker Zig Ziglar once said "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time." If you think about it there is great truth in this statement. Very few people achieve greatness without first setting goals and making choices to see it happen. It is also true for the rest of us who may never make the news, but who still wish to do something significant with our lives. If we fail to set goals or at least articulate a clear understanding of what we want to achieve in life we will not head there.

Make no mistake others have an aim for your life! Your workplace wants you to work long and hard, the advertising industry wants you to spend money you don't have and there is never any shortage of community groups who want your time and money. If we want to live a life of significance we need to set the agenda, not allow others to do it for us.

The first step in living a life of significance is to articulate what your life is about. It is helpful to ask questions like:

- What do I want to be remembered for?
- What do I value?
- What is one injustice in the world that I feel needs to be made right?

It is also helpful at this stage to ask the question of whether this aim or this goal will bring satisfaction in my life. At Berry Community Church God has given us the vision of "Lighting up Lives & Communities with Jesus". We believe that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12) and that through living out his teachings of grace and love we can bring, not only fullness of life in our community but also real transformation and satisfaction in our own lives.

The second step in living a life of significance is to make the hard choices required to see what you want happen. Like athletes need to sacrifice their time and often relationships so they can train hard, we too will need to make decisions that may not be easy. Anything that has been significant in your life hasn't come easy; it has come through hard work and sacrifice. We don't remember the things that came easy, but we do remember the things that came out of struggle.

The people of Berry Community Church are just bunch of ordinary people who have a clear vision of who we want to be and are willing to make the hard choices to see that happen. If you'd like to join us on this journey we'd love to talk or turn up to one of our services 9.30am or 5pm Sundays or give us a call (our details are on the website). May 2017 be a year of break-through and significance!

Joel Noonan - [berrycommunitychurch.org](http://berrycommunitychurch.org)

## Show Success

Kiama and Berry shows were well attended, and we were well represented. Members demonstrated our skills and passions for a huge number of visitors, young and old. Thanks to everyone who helped with entries, transfers and demonstrations. Many members had great success entering their creations.

Most notable was Susan Rodgers who took out the Inaugural Ingrid Wass Memorial Award for Excellence in Weaving for her beautiful 60/2 silk scarf.

Kiama's Most Successful Spinning Exhibitor was Brian McCarthy Most Successful Weaving Exhibitor was Susan Rodgers Berry - Coral Lloyd Award went to Brian McCarthy

Jan Riley Award went to Sue Rodgers Mavis Hutchings Award went to Margaret Bell Most Successful Exhibitor was Brian McCarthy Upcoming workshops include Tatting, Felting, and Natural dyeing.

Our Wednesday evening sessions are taking off, with fibre enthusiasts from around the area getting together to spin, weave, knit, crochet and chat in a very informal setting. New members all welcome, pop in for a visit to see if it's your cup of tea (or slice of cake, we usually have some). Thursday mornings are much of the same, with a lively bunch sharing ideas, skills and knowledge to help inspire and create amazing works.

Wednesday evening 6:30pm - 9pm

Thursday morning 9:30am-12:30pm

Hall at Albany St. entrance to the

Berry Showground.

AGM 13th April 10:00am



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## Berry Community Church

**We meet at Graham Park  
8 Schofields Lane Berry  
Sunday Services 9:30am and 5:00pm**

Activities include mainly music, Boys & Girls groups,  
Berry Youth & Connect groups.

**We'd love to see you here.**

info@berrycommunitychurch.org 4464 2315  
**[www.berrycommunitychurch.org](http://www.berrycommunitychurch.org)**



## SCOTS' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BERRY

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## HURRY! HURRY!

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**Date – Saturday, 4th March, 2017 Time – 8 for 8.30am. Venue – Nowra Golf Club, Illaroo Road, North Nowra. Cost – \$40 for a glass of champagne on arrival, delicious breakfast, inspiring speakers plus exciting raffle prizes.** Book online with The Zonta Club of Berry IWD Breakfast with BSB 082435 A/C No. 571397013.

## ANOTHER INSPIRING SPEAKER

At our March dinner meeting we will be presenting local resident, Sue Gray, recently returned from eight years' nursing in (extremely) remote areas of The Kimberley. Sue's experiences of working in Indigenous communities will open our eyes to the hardships and health conditions experienced by the people of outback Australia. While most of us would acknowledge we have a limited level of knowledge of indigenous life in remote areas, Sue's talk will surprise and shock by its facts and figures of the reality. (Who knew that a greater percentage of indigenous (95.2%) compared to non-indigenous (91%) children are fully immunised, thanks to a very successful government programme reaching even small remote communities.) Encouraging statistics, but we will also hear of the difficulties of addressing a very different culture when it comes to health education. Working so closely with families, to the point of being offered a skin name, but knowing the compromise of accepting same, Sue trod a fine line between black and white cultures. We welcome any interested members of the community to come along and hear Sue's astonishing experiences of life in the real 'out back' of Outback. See below for booking details.

## END OF SEASON CLEAN-OUT FOR US ALL



Yes, a great opportunity to tidy up our wardrobes and dispose of no longer used clothing – and we all have them! You will find a huge range of good clothing on sale at the Pavilion under the Berry Showground grandstand on market day Sunday, April 2nd. All profits raised will be used to fund Zonta's very worthwhile projects throughout the year. Donations of good, clean used clothing, scarves, jewellery and handbags (no shoes) will be gratefully accepted and may be left with Mary Seelis – please call her on 4464 1991 for arrangements.

## MONTHLY MEETING

Any interested member of the community is most welcome to attend our next dinner meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at the Hotel Berry Coachhouse Restaurant, at 6.30 for 7pm. Call Mary Seelis for booking on 4464 1991.

I find it amazing when I read about the work of our Auxiliary; we are such a small group that work to support the ongoing effort of the mission. This past year we have forwarded \$9570.00 to head office to be used in projects in Nepal, India and P N G. Thank you to all who assisted with our street stalls and other fundraising efforts.

Leprosy is curable. But centuries, scientists and health partitioners have retailed remedies with very limited success. Some of these remedies are still in use in developing countries today but unfortunately they can cause much unnecessary harm. In a recent field visit to Timor Leste, stories emerged of traditional healers wrapping arms and legs in banana leaves and burning them. Fire doesn't stop the bacteria and the attempted cure disfigured the patient.

Modern medicine can cure leprosy. A combination of three antibiotics kills the bacteria responsible. It's not always a quick and easy fix. It usually takes a year to complete the course. Patients must take multi-drug therapy every day for a year to complete the course, and collect their doses every day for a year. Novartis, a pharmaceutical company, donates the antibiotics but getting to the people who need it requires extra resources. There is a great urgency in curing someone affected by leprosy. The earlier someone can access treatment, the sooner the bacteria can be stopped.

**Trish Nicholson**

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## Town Crier Close off date for Advertising and Community Group articles.

5pm Deadline	Delivery week of Town Crier
Apr - 15/03/17	27/03/17
May - 12/04/17	24/04/17
Jun - 17/05/17	29/05/17
Jul - 14/06/17	26/06/17
Aug - 19/07/17	31/07/17
Sep - 16/08/17	28/08/17
Oct - 13/09/17	25/09/17
Nov - 18/10/17	30/10/17
Dec - 15/11/17	27/11/17

# BERRY CONVERSATIONS Inc

A SERIES OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS WITH WELL KNOWN AUTHORS AND CULTURAL FIGURES

The first Berry Conversations, Inc. event of 2017 will see the noted actor, Garry McDonald AO, and the distinguished theatre producer, Christine Dunstan, appearing together on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Their hour-long conversation includes an audience Q&A and will be followed by a reception and refreshments.

**Time:** 3-5 PM

**Venue:** Berry Sport & Recreation Centre, 660 Coolangatta Road

**Tickets:** \$30 (includes refreshments).

Purchase at the Berry Music Centre, Queen Street; on line at Try Booking.Com; or at the door if you have pre-booked by calling 02 4464 3553.

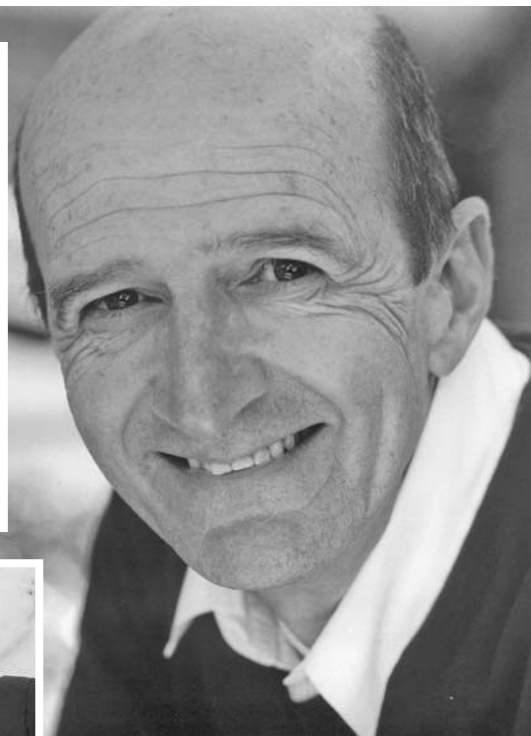
Proceeds after expenses are donated to a local community organisation.

Named an Australian National Living Treasure in 1997, Garry McDonald is best known for his renowned television characters 'the little Aussie bleeder' Norman Gunston, and the long-suffering Arthur Beare from Mother and Son.

A graduate of NIDA, he has appeared in over sixty stage productions, many films, including most recently The Light Between Oceans, and a host of other television programs. Suffering from anxiety, Garry talks openly about his condition and is a strong advocate of mental health. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2003 for his work in the area of mental illness, in addition to his services in the entertainment industry and is a former Board Director of Beyond Blue.

Winner of the 2015 Sydney Theatre Critics Lifetime Achievement Award, Christine Dunstan is one of Australia's most experienced theatre producers. Founder of the Stagewright Group of Companies in

Celebrated Actor  
**Garry McDonald**  
and noted  
Theatre Producer  
**Christine Dunstan**  
to appear at  
**April 2nd**  
**Berry Conversations,**  
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1976 she subsequently became CEO of the Aruluen Centre for Arts and Entertainment in Alice Springs. Returning to Sydney in 1993, she formed Christine Dunstan Productions and immediately joined Barry Humphries to be his Production Director, a position

she held for two years. More recently, Christine has produced, and toured, major stage productions for families including The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, The 13, 26 and 52 Storey Treehouses and Babies Proms for the Sydney Opera House.

Berry Conversations, Inc. a series of Sunday-afternoon public conversations with well-known authors and other cultural figures, was launched in April 2016, and is organized by Berry residents Bill and Leslie Pigott, Heather Macdonald, Mary Cunneane, Colleen Fry, Cherrie McDonald, and Trevor Barker.

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# SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

*News for Berry*

THE BERRY FORUM IS THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY

The following Development Applications, Development Determinations and other items have been notified through the month and in accordance with Berry Forum policy they have been placed on the Berry Alliance Notice Board in the window of the Post Office, posted on our web site [www.berryforum.org.au](http://www.berryforum.org.au) and printed in the next available issue of the Town Crier. The Berry Forum 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](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) and go to DA Tracking.**

	Development Applications Received	Address	Lodged
DA17/1025	Additions to dwelling & inground swimming pool & landscaping	1 Albert Street	5 Jan
DA17/1073	Dwelling additions: Detached garage and habitable rooms	50 Housten Place	20 Jan
DA17/1104	Clorbond machinery shed	163A Wattamolla Road	31 Jan
DA17/1139	New detached two storey dwelling	Parker Crescent	8 Feb
	Development Applications Determined		
DA16/1964	Construct propagation shed & addition to library	1 Clarence St.	9 Aug
DA16/2185	Demolish garden shed & construct studio & laundry	132 Croziers Road	7 Oct
DA16/2170	Rural dwelling additions & swimming pool	90 Harley Hill Road	5 Oct
DA16/2417	Addition to Existing Dwelling & Building Envelope Alteration	359D Coolangatta Road	30 Nov
DA16/2326	New Two Storey Dwelling	20 Womack Close	10 Nov
DA16/2107	Two bedroom tourist cabin with car parking and landscaping	80 Moeyan Road	19 Sep
CD17/1051	Attached secondary dwelling	109 Kangaroo V Road	7 Feb
DA16/2436	Change of use to health consulting rooms & minor alterations	57 Queen Street	5 Dec
DA16/2488	Detached Shed	25 Sunnymede Lane	19 Dec
DS17/1003	Stage 1- Shed, Stage 2 - Dwelling	13 Old Pioneer Crest	4 Jan

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 JUNE 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.

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##### Calendar of Events page

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# Calendar of

## FEBRUARY/MARCH

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

**3 March** - Friday - World Day of Prayer - Light Tea (6pm) and Service (7pm) at St Luke's Anglican Church. Focus Country: Philippines. Everyone Welcome. Organised by the Christian Churches of Berry - Enquiries: Ken Wade 0408 644 063.

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

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

**9 March** - Thursday - during 2017 Seniors Week luncheon will be on at 12 noon in the Anglican Church Hall.

**10 March** - Friday - CWA Monthly meeting 1pm CWA rooms Victoria Street Contact Emily 4448 8633.

**11 March** - Saturday - Book Sale on at the Uniting Church Hall to raise funds for David Berry Hospital.

**12 March** - Sunday - Celebration of Youth - In a spectacular concert, Steel City Strings Orchestra will be joined by members of Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra and L'Estro Armonico Youth Orchestra. A magnificent program of popular classical and modern music will be presented under the leadership of Conductor Luke Spicer and Musical Director Kyle Little. Featuring young soloists Olivia Kowalik (violin), Ethan Ireland (double bass) and Joy Liu (violin), who will present music by Haydn, Mozart and Fritz Kreisler. For the first time, these brilliant young musicians will play alongside members of Steel City Strings in a spectacular showcase of young talent, with music to please audiences of all ages. Celebration of Youth Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre at 2pm.

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

**16 March** - Thursday - Health Talk, Berry Men's Shed. Presentation from Alzheimer's Association 12noon followed by BBQ lunch. Contact David 4464 2629.

**19 March** - Sunday - 2pm Meroo Union Church. An Afternoon of Music with The Shoalhaven City Concert Band. Cnr. Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. \$15 (\$10 Concession incl.) Afternoon Tea following the Concert. Come along and Enjoy. Contact Brian Outten..44.64 2842..

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

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

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

## FUTURE DATES

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

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

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

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

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

## Fire Permit

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# Events

## Annual Events Guide for Berry 2017

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

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

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

## Update

Superintendent Mark Williams said the BFDPP commenced on 1 September will need to obtain a permit before conducting burns.

permits and Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificates are automatically suspended. ing more conducive to the spread of fire, people need to be extremely careful when using fire,"

and if a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency and minimise the damage."

is the time for residents to prepare their property for bush fire and to complete or update their should prepare their property by removing flammable materials from their yards, clearing and, where appropriate, conducting hazard reduction activities.

helpful information about what to do in the event of a fire, are contained in the Bush Fire Survival from the NSW RFS website," Supt. Williams said.

Ratings and Total Fire Ban declarations for your area visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



### BUNDANON FIELD DAY

Sunday 9 April 2017  
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<b>Berry Alliance Town Crier</b> PO Box 202 Berry 2535 towncrier@berryalliance.org.au	<b>0428 037 572</b> www.berryalliance.org.au
<b>Berry Chamber of Commerce &amp; Tourism Inc.</b> PO Box 216 Berry 2535 info@berry.org.au	<b>4464 3122</b> www.berry.org.au
<b>Amnesty International Berry Local Action Group</b> PO Box 397, Berry. Contact Susan Locke. Email info@berryamnesty.happenings.id.au	<b>4464 2879</b>
<b>Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society - Shoalhaven</b> PO Box 269 Berry NSW 2535 Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry Uniting Church Hall	<b>4423 5588</b> shoalhaven@adfas.org.au
<b>Australian Red Cross</b> Honorary Secretary - Margaret Walsh - 21 Windsor Drive Berry 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm, Berry Uniting Church	<b>4464 2479</b>
<b>Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch</b> 78 Woodhill Mountain Rd Berry 2535 2nd Wednesday Monthly, Hotel Berry, 6.30pm meeting	<b>4464 3965</b> adriandee@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Alcoholics Anonymous</b> Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm, Uniting Church Hall Annex, 69 Albert St, Berry. Garry: 0420 932 494.	<b>1300 903 392</b>
<b>Berry Al Anon Family Group</b> For family & friends of problem drinkers Meet every Monday at 6.30pm Berry Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry	<b>4448 8231</b>
<b>Berry Apple Users Group</b> P.O. Box 103, Berry, 2535 Meets at 7.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (except January) at Berry Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert Street, Berry. Email: berryappleusersgroup@gmail.com	<b>0416 168 638</b>
<b>Berry Bridge Club INC</b> PO Box 366 Berry 2535 Meets Saturdays @ 12.45pm-4.30pm at the Masonic Lodge Community Hall	<b>4464 3009</b> mccorran@shoalhaven.net.au
<b>Berry Camera Club</b> Meetings on 4th Wednesday of Each Month 6:00 pm @Berry Bowling Club Info: www.berrycameraclub.com	<b>0488 031 961</b> fb:BerryCameraClub
<b>Berry Forum</b> (Community Consultative Body) www.berryforum.org.au. 2nd Thursday bi-monthly 7.30pm at the Showground Pavilion - Berry	
<b>Berry Community Activities Centre Inc.</b> Berry Community Craft Cottage 12 Prince Alfred St Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm @ Muir House - berrymarkets@bigpond.com	<b>4464 1476</b>
<b>Berry Computers for Seniors</b> PO Box 103 Berry 2535 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9 - 10.30am Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	<b>4421 3270</b> berrycfs@gmail.com
<b>Berry Community Pre-school</b> PO Box 103 Berry 2535 berrypreshool@bigpond.com	<b>4232 1843</b> www.berrypreschool.org.au
<b>Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee</b> PO Box 218 Berry 2535 - 2nd Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the Berry Courthouse functions@berrycourthouse.org.au www.berrycourthouse.org.au	<b>0458 369 266</b>
<b>Berry Crafters &amp; Quilters</b> Meets each Wednesday 10am - 4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred Street	<b>4464 3788</b>
<b>Berry &amp; District Garden Club</b> PO Box 122 Berry 2535 3rd Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm St Luke's Church Hall, Princess Street Gail Paton - Secretary - gailpaton@bigpond.com	<b>0413 893 508</b> www.berrygardens.org.au
<b>Berry &amp; District Historical Society Inc.</b> PO Box 153 Berry 2535 3rd Monday Monthly, 1pm at the Berry Museum	<b>4464 3097</b>
<b>Berry Ethics Society</b> PO Box 363 Berry Meets 1st Monday of each month at the Berry Hotel	<b>0451 153 332</b>
<b>Berry Evening VIEW Club</b> Secretary, PO Box 275 Meets 3rd Wednesday monthly, 6.30 p.m. at Berry Bowling Club	<b>4464 1191</b> sel4957@bigpond.net.au
<b>Berry Landcare</b> PO Box 422 Berry NSW 2535 See monthly article for working bees.	<b>4464 2241</b> berrylandcare@gmail.com
<b>Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary</b> 17 Gwendra Avenue Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.) 1.30pm above address.	<b>4464 1693</b>
<b>Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc.</b> PO Box 435 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9:30am Activities Room Berry Masonic Village	<b>4464 1774</b>
<b>Berry Meats on Wheels</b> PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535 3rd Monday monthly at 9am RSL Hall Berry	<b>4464 1604</b>
<b>Berry Men's Shed</b> PO Box 103 Berry 2535 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am- 4pm North Street Berry	<b>4464 3956 / 4464 2619 A.H</b> e: richardcwiseman@hotmail.com www.berrymensshed.com.au
<b>Berry Playgroup</b> Berry Community Church Hall Schofields Lane, Berry. Fridays 9.30-11.30 Facebook: The Berry Playgroup Email: berryplaygroup@hotmail.com	<b>0417 796 401</b>
<b>Berry Public School P&amp;C Association</b> PO Box 222 Berry 2535	<b>4464 1158</b> berrypandc@gmail.com
<b>Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery</b> Meet Thursday afternoons during school hours	<b>Barry 0437 590 619/Lyn 02 4464 3911</b> baryvirtue1@gmail.com
<b>Berry RSL Sub Branch</b> PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 1st Tuesday Monthly at 9.30am Sub Branch Hall-26 Alexandra St Berry	
<b>Berry Rotary Club</b> PO Box 81 Berry 2535 Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club	<b>0413 135 086</b> paulfandersen@bigpond.com www.berryrotary.org.au
<b>Berry School of Arts</b> Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.	<b>4464 1476</b>
<b>Berry Show Society Inc.</b> PO Box 173 Berry 2535 Meet 1st Tuesday monthly at Committee Rooms at the Showground berryshow@virtualcity.com.au	<b>4464 1567</b> www.berryshow.org.au
<b>Berry Showground Management Committee</b> PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535 Meet 2nd Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm Old Council Chambers 24 hour Caretakers / Bookings - Caretakers	<b>0427 605 200</b> berryshowground-camping@gmail.com
<b>Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)</b> 6 Clarence Street Berry 2535 Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm, Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground	<b>Owen 4464 1250 / Kaye 44651240</b> kayecj@westnet.com.au

<b>Berry Spinners and Weavers</b> PO Box 377 Berry 2535 Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall	<b>4448 7575</b> berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
<b>Brogers Creek Landcare</b> 53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm.	<b>4465 1482</b>
<b>Cantares: Community Choir</b> Monday 7.30 - 9.00 pm Scots' Presbyterian Hall, Alexandra Street BerryContact: Peter Dalmazzo	<b>4448 6164</b>
<b>Country Women's Association - Berry Branch</b> PO Box 321 Berry 2535 2nd Friday each month at 1pm in the CWA Rooms, Victoria Street Contact Emily Boorer	<b>4423 2164</b>
<b>David Berry Hospital Auxiliary</b> PO Box 285 Berry 2535 2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm David Berry Hospital Conference Room	<b>4464 1774</b> bke25349@bigpond.net.au
<b>Freemasons Lodge Broughton No. 131</b> PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 Secretary: John Dyason	<b>4421 7346</b> lodgebroughton131@gmail.com
<b>Gateway Community Garden,</b> 141 Woodhill Mountain Rd All welcome, plots available.	Contact: Tony Hampson <b>44641504</b>
<b>Hands Across NSW Inc</b> PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540 Meets 1st Sunday, monthly at Broughton Lodge, Berry Agriculture Hall	<b>4446 0567</b>
<b>Jaspers Brush Airport Action Group Inc.</b> PO Box 428 Berry NSW 2535 - Meeting - as convened	<b>www.takeaction.org.au</b>
<b>Knit with Love</b> c/- 34 Princess St Berry 2535 - terryandlyn@gmail.com Meets Every Friday 1pm - 3pm St Luke's Anglican Church Hall	<b>Lyn 4464 3651</b>
<b>Liberal Party of Australia - Berry Branch</b> Meets 1st Monday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start at Gabbys of Berry	
<b>Lodge Broughton 131</b> PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 1st Wednesday monthly Agricultural Hall cnr Albany & Victoria Sts	
<b>Mainly Music</b> Berry Community Church hall - for children under five and parent /carers Meets Tuesdays during school term 10-11.30am \$4 per family	<b>4464 1693</b>
<b>Penwood Rail Road Inc.</b> PO Box 285 Berry 2535 Running day - 1st Sun monthly - visitors welcome	<b>4464 1201</b> johnandlynclark@bigpond.com
<b>Probus Club of Berry</b> PO Box 68 Berry 2535 Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.30am Berry Masonic Village Hall	<b>4464 3525</b> berryprobus@gmail.com
<b>RedBerry Quilters</b> PO Box 324 Berry NSW 2535 - 4th Friday monthly 4th Friday monthly Berry 9.30am-1.30pm Sewing Days 2nd Friday monthly 9.30am-2.30pm both at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Princess Street	<b>4464 2587</b> <b>www.redberryquilters.org</b>
<b>Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club Inc.</b> PO Box 1, Nowra NSW 2541	<b>4464 1723</b>
<b>Shoalhaven Poultry Group</b> 161 Kangaroo Valley Road info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au	<b>0410 548 704</b> 1st Wednesday each month above address www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> PO Box 77 Berry Vinnies Boutique Shop 117b Queen St Berry Ph 44643940 Conference meets every 1st Mon. 7pm St. Patrick's Hall	<b>Client Help Line: 4421 0390</b>
<b>Zonta Club of Berry Ph 4448 5959 (Robyn Prowse) or 4464 2653 (Leonie Winlaw)</b> PO Box 302 Berry 2535 Meets 4th Tuesday monthly for dinner.	email-berry@zontadistrict24.org Website-www.zontadistrict24.org
<b>CHURCHES</b>	
<b>Berry Community Church</b> 8 Schofields lane Berry. Services 9:30am and 5:00pm - info@berrycommunitychurch.org	<b>4464 2315</b>
<b>Berry Uniting Church Albert Street Berry</b> Services at 9.30am http://berry.unitingchurch.org.au	<b>Rev Dr David Millikan 0434 977 123</b>
<b>St. Luke's Anglican Church</b> 68A Princess Street, Berry 2535 - office@berry.anglican.asn.au www.berry.anglican.asn.au	<b>4464 1058</b>
<b>St. Patricks Catholic Church</b> Albert St. Berry - Normal Mass times: Sunday 8am Tuesday 5.30pm Community Group PO Box 304 Berry meets 2nd Monday 7pm St. Patricks Hall	<b>Ph 4423 1712</b>
<b>Scots' Presbyterian Church in Berry</b> E. isaac.jung@hotmail.com H. 81 Victoria St Berry	<b>M. 0405 139 031</b>
<b>SPORTING GROUPS</b>	
<b>Berry Hockey Club</b> PO Box 4055, Nowra East NSW 2541	<b>0412 218 704</b> www.berryhockeyclub.com.au
<b>Berry Netball Club</b> 1 Barwon St Bomaderry Meets monthly at the Great Southern Hotel	<b>0417 285 789</b> MT816834@bigpond.net.au
<b>Berry Men's Bowling Club</b> PO Box 139, Berry NSW 2535 Ph: 0488 729 229	David Armstrong <b>44641543</b> Harry Harrop <b>44643043</b>
<b>Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football</b> 7 Boran Place Berry 2535 School term 4 - Thursday 4pm till 6pm at the Berry Sporting Complex, North St Berry	<b>0431 530 543</b> becandtom2@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Riding Club</b> 445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535 jasiiy@bigpond.net.au	<b>4464 1143</b> 1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel www.berryridingclub.com
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Head Rugby League Football Club</b> PO Box 282 Berry - Meet every 4th Wednesday, 7pm Great Southern Hotel, Berry.	Email: Wdstrong@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club</b> PO Box 206 Berry NSW 2535 2nd Monday of each month during cricket season at the Berry Hotel	<b>0422 688901</b> www.bshcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior League</b> PO Box 162 Berry 2535 First Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Berry Bowling Club	<b>0414 973 795</b> bshjrflc@hotmail.com
<b>Berry Tennis Club</b> PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535 7.30pm bi-monthly starting in February each year, Berry Tennis Club, North St Berry	e: berrytennis@hotmail.com
<b>Diamond Calisthenics Club</b> community dance sport. Classes for ages 3-100 held Monday at St Lukes Church Hall, 68a Princess St Berry. www.diamondcalisthenics.com diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com	<b>Jodie Dearsley 0414 655 129</b>

Police Assistance Line (non-urgent Police reports) 131 444  
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# BERRY MEN'S SHED

## RON TAKES OUT MAJOR SHOW AWARDS

Long standing Shed member Ron Garstang has won not only first prize in his category but "most outstanding exhibit" at the recent Berry Show. Ron's entry was of a stage coach and horses and was created by wood inlays of veneers of different colours." I decide on a subject, draw a design or copy a photo and then painstakingly glue layer after layer together. The time taken on this project was about 18 hours and although the prize money is very small it is the opportunity to display marquetry." said Ron. The marquetry was also exhibited at Nowra Show where it also won first prize. Ron is keen to show people how it is done and he can be visited at the Shed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Berry Men's Shed has been the sponsor of the Woodwork section at the Show for several years.

On Thursday 9th March the Shed is opening its doors to those people who would like to visit us and see what we are doing and, if interested, can join. The session is part of Seniors Week and guests are invited to attend between 10.00am and 12 noon. It will be a golden opportunity for those who have recently retired and struggling with enough things to do in their leisure time.

Our first Health Talk will be held on Thursday 16th March with a presentation on Alzheimer's by specialist Stuart Torrance from Alzheimer's Australia. It is a serious subject and all members of the community are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 which includes lunch.

The Shed is open on Tuesday and Thursday Ph 4464 3956.

**Richard Wiseman - Secretary**



*Ron with his award-winning inlay which won first prize at the Berry Show*



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During some Plant Propagation lessons, the children are shown how to collect seed from native trees planted in the school grounds. Often in February, the Red cedar (*Toona ciliata*) releases a lot of seed which is collected for propagating in the nursery. Outside of school hours, the nursery volunteers organise visits to local properties with a view to learn more about local plants and to collect seed for the children to plant. A plant and bird species list is also recorded for each property visited for future reference. Volunteers at the school nursery are also responsible for collecting and storing seed for a local Seed Bank that has been set up particularly for Berry Bush Links and for supplying seed for the highway landscaping. If you are interested in having us visit your property for this project please contact Lyn 02 4464 3911 or Barry 02 4464 1389.

## Berry Bridge Club Welcome to 2017

Now that the festive season is behind us, we are looking forward to a great year of bridge. All signs are positive with high participation rates at our New Year sessions, pointing to a very robust 2017.

Listed below are some Diary Dates for the coming year:

### RED POINT DAYS

March 4  
July 29

April 8  
September 2  
November 11

June 3  
October 14

Our Christmas Party will be on December 16 and further details will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Once again we will participate in the annual Inter Club Series with Southern Highlands the first of the matches, slated for April, further dates and venues will be advised when available. As most are aware the ABF holds its Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge each January, the next being January 9-21, 2018. In a break from the 30 year tradition of holding the congress at QT (Rydges, Canberra), the Australian Bridge Federation has negotiated a new venue at the CANBERRA REX HOTEL, in Northbourne Avenue, Braddon.

Early Bird Rates are offered at 20% off the guaranteed booking rate and are valid until 31st October, 2017. The tournament organiser is Roy Nixon, phone 0423 0432 20.

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### BE A GOOD SPORT:

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### CORRECT MISEXPLANATIONS AS SOON AS YOU CAN:

If partner accidentally misinforms the opponents, you can't give a correction during the bidding (because you mustn't tell partner the correct explanation).

- If your side becomes declarer, you MUST give the correct explanation BEFORE the opponents make their opening lead.
- If your side ends up defending, apologise and give the correct explanation at the end of the hand. Call the director if opponents may have been damaged – that's why he is there.

If you have any news or special dates coming up please email me, at [mareaallen1@bigpond.com](mailto:mareaallen1@bigpond.com), till the next time, Happy Bridging!



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Welcome to a new year. What will be ahead for us all? Busy days, hot days, cold days, wet days?

The Berry CWA started the year making afternoon tea for a number of guests, supporting Berry Rotary Australia Day breakfast, and the flag raising and morning tea in the CWA rooms. But more was yet to come, such as sandwich making for the Berry Show and our first Craft Stall for the year. We love the business of all the preparations. Craft meets each Wednesday morning, and if you have fingers that like to be busy come and join us in the CWA rooms at 9 am. You would be welcomed with open arms.

Our first monthly meeting of the year had as the speaker Angella Briggs, Berry CWA International Officer who shared with us her experience in Canberra at the International Conference featuring Nepal, our Country of Study for 2017. Nepal is officially named the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal., is a landlocked central Himalayan country in South Asia. It has a population of 26.4 million. The capital is Kathmandu. Nepal experiences five seasons -Summer, monsoon, autumn, winter and spring. It's popular for mountaineering with some of the most challenging mountains in the world, including Mt. Everest. As we gather more information about this country maybe we will be challenged to take on one or two of the climbs???? Maybe.

Our Ag and Environment Officer, Diedre, introduced us to a new little friend, the Quoll. It is a carnivorous marsupial native to the mainland Australia, New Guinea and Tasmania, is primarily nocturnal and spends most of the day in his hidey hole. Quoll numbers are decreasing due to cane toads,



urbanisation, poison baiting, and predatory animals, e.g. the fox. There are five species, the Tiger and Eastern Quoll being the largest. The Tiger Quoll has a cute pink nose, soft fur and white spots that extend to the tail. Don't be over enthusiastic about having them as a pet!

April 19th at 10:00am we share in Women Walk the World -a "marathon" around the Berry Oval followed by morning tea

in the Berry CWA rooms. The aim is to raise awareness and support women and communities worldwide. Each year people worldwide celebrate Associated Country Women of the World International by joining together to Walk the World. We would love you to join us in our "Walk."

Our best wishes to our readers, trusting that the year will go well for you.

**Jean Stanfield - Publicity Officer**

*Main: CWA Craft stall at Berry Show Inset: Sandwich making for Berry Show*

For further information contact either Emily 4448 8633 or 0417 423 018, Sandra 4464 2836, the CWA website at [www.cwaofnsw.org.au](http://www.cwaofnsw.org.au), or the Secretary PO Box 321 Berry 2535



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# BERRY RSL SUB-BRANCH AGM 2017

This year's AGM was conducted on Tuesday 7th February with 13 members present and 5 apologies commencing with the Oath of Allegiance.

**President Report:** Ray Strong delivered his annual report, the highlight of the sub-branch activities being the cleaning of the War Memorial Cenotaph and significant re-turfing of the grounds in proximity to the roadway; this was achieved with assistance of a State Government grant and sub-branch funds.

ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day were again well attended as befitting such occasions, and with great assistance from the community including the Berry Silver Band and the children of the Berry Public School especially their rendition of Lest We Forget and the New Zealand National Anthem.

Continuing his report, President Ray Strong paid tribute to the Ramsgate RSL Sub-branch for their donation which enabled the purchase of replacement chairs and shortly the repainting at the hall to maintain its upkeep.

Welfare of members and family is one of our core values, and President Ray emphasised this point, that the sub-branch will continue to keep watch over those whose health is not the best. We lost two of our stalwart members in 2016, Ray Rutledge and Norm McManus and on a brighter note inducted two new members Geoff McKenzie and Bob Dunn with one affiliate member Elvi Wood to be inducted.

Special thank you to our ladies of the Women's Auxiliary for their sterling work and support throughout the year, be it collecting for appeals or providing for the monthly function,

and other fundraising activities. The sub-branch will continue to host a thank-you function as a mark of appreciation.

Also thanked were the Shoalhaven City Council, NSW Correctional Services and Mark O'Leary, and the members of the sub-branch for their support and willingness to assist where needed.

**Secretary / Treasurer's Report:** Stuart Christmas - currently the sub-branch has 28 members and 9 affiliate members and the sub-branch is in a sound financial position.

**Election of Officers** was then conducted for the next three year term; President Ray Strong, Vice Presidents Ray Larder and Trevor Vellacott, Secretary/Treasurer Stuart Christmas, Welfare Ray Larder, Ray Strong, and Stuart Christmas and Auditor Deidre Jackson.

AGM was closed and the monthly meeting commenced after morning tea.

**Secretary's / Treasurer's comment:**

It is most likely that you are aware of very disturbing issues surrounding RSL State Branch headquarters and in particular financial aspects. As a sub-branch this is very disappointing to say the least.

However I can assure the Berry Community that your local sub-branch at Berry conducts itself in an exemplary manner, it is very grateful for this local support that comes in so many different way; to give examples ANZAC Day, Lee Saunders providing Aust Nat Flags, Rotary setting up the Mem Pk, John Morrison piping those previously listed,



and the generous collection for Legacy, and for the donations received for the ANZAC and Poppy Appeals in April and November. This also applies equally to all sub-branches who over 100 years have served our local communities and their veterans.

Our intent is unwavering in the core value of the RSL, which is supporting the veteran and current serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their dependents, the observance of Commemoration especially ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day and the values of being an Australian.

If you are a current serving member of the Australian Defence Force residing in the Berry district, please make contact, we want to let you know we are grateful for your service and keep you in our thoughts and help in any way we can.

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## Coachwood Escarpment display:

Over the recent holiday period many Berry people have noticed and commented on a display of soft pink colouring in a band along the slope of the escarpment just below the base of the sandstone cliffs. This is an annual phenomenon but this year it has been very noticeable. This part of the escarpment is classified geologically as "Gerringong volcanic" laid down 250 million years ago at the end of the Permian as volcanic deposits. This forest type takes its name from the tree responsible for the display - "Coachwood Warm Temperate Rainforest". The species dominates at high altitudes on the benches and steep slopes of the escarpment. Smaller stands of the tree can be found in forest remnants further down the escarpment. One beautiful specimen is on the corner of Kangaroo Valley Road and Tourist Road.

Coachwood (*Ceratopetalum apetalum*) is in the same genus as the popular Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*). Their floral displays are similar. Coachwood usually grows to a height of 25 metres, with a trunk diameter of 90 cm. However exceptional specimens can reach 40 metres and live for centuries. The trunk has distinctive horizontal marks, or scars, which often encircle the trunk. Larger trees have short buttresses. Its timber is light and easily worked. It is used for flooring, furniture and cabinetwork, hence its name. Courtroom 3 of The High Court of Australia is furnished with coachwood. The flower petals are white but the pink colour comes from the calyces that remain after the petals fall. One feature of this marvellous tree is the fawn carpet of fallen detritus under the mature trees in late summer.

There are many of these floral displays taking place in our beautiful landscape throughout the year, from native orchids to Turpentine trees. Surely one of the rewards of living here in the Shoalhaven is the understanding where and when these miracles of nature take place. Join us at Landcare.

**Berry Landcare Seniors Walk -**  
Moeyan Hill - 9.30am.

**Tuesday 7th March 2017:**

A gentle walk along the fire trail with identification of locally indigenous tree species and refreshments at the end. Easy walk with some small hills. Wear sturdy shoes for walking and bring a hat and some water to drink. Meet at the end of Borrowdale Close. Duration is 2 hours (includes a 40 minute stroll). Contact is Bill Pigott on 4464 3241 (please let us know if you are coming so we can make enough coffee).

## Working Bees for March 2017:

**Alexandra Street Parkcare:** 9-11 am Friday 17th March: Gail Paton 44487915.

**Bong Bong Road:** 9-11am Sunday 12th March: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

**Broughton Vale:** 3-5pm Sunday 5th March: Barry Virtue 44641389.

**Bundewallah Bushcare:** 2-4pm Sunday 26th March : John Clark 44643911.

**Camp Quality:** 9-11am Sunday 19th March: Hugh Sheil, hugh.sheil@realtimecom.com.au or Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

**Moeyan Hill:** 3-5 pm Saturday 18th March: Bill Pigott 44643241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au.

**Mount Coolangatta:** Nola Barker. Mobile 040944-6418, nolajbarker@live.com.au. Time to be advised. Meet at end of Roxbrough Rd, Far Meadow.

**Mark Radium Park:** 9-10am Friday 24th March: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

**Princess St. Parkcare:** 9-11am Monday 27th March, Terry Oades 4464.3654.

**Tindalls Lane:** 3-5pm Sunday 12th March: contact Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

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



**Visit our pages at:**

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



## Weed of the Month:

Sacred Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*) is not a Bamboo. A popular garden plant, it is regarded as a weed. It is listed as an environmental weed by the Blue Mountains City Council, and it is occasionally found in bushland edges and along drainage lines in that region. It has recently been found growing wild on the south coast. Its distinctive red berries while attractive are poisonous to birds. Some of the modern cultivars do not produce fruit, or produce fewer fruit, and are therefore not as invasive.

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## Smoke alarms save lives

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is reminding Shoalhaven residents to check their smoke alarms. Recent house fires indicate the need for regular testing of smoke alarms and maintenance of chimneys.

All Shoalhaven residents should take just a few minutes to test their smoke alarms and check the batteries, to increase their family's chance of surviving a house fire, Supt. Mark Williams said.

"The cooler months are the deadliest time of year for house fires in the Shoalhaven, as people spend more time indoors using heating, lighting and electrical appliances.

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## Berry Men's Bowling Club

Bob Dunn has taken out the Clubs 2017 Minor Singles Championship with a very narrow victory over Steve Kellett. This match was played over 36 ends with Bob jumping away to an early lead but with high scoring bowls Steve took the lead on end nine only to see Bob regained the lead on end 23 and held it until the end of the match which he won by one bowl.

The 2017 State Pennants competition for the south coast from Berry to Milton Ulladulla commenced on Saturday 25th February. Berry have entered two sides and the Grade 2 side and the Grade 5 side and each will be playing 5 sides from other clubs over 10 rounds which will conclude on 6th May weather permitting. Each side consists of 12 members plus reserves. In preparation for this competition a trial match was played against Bomaderry at Bomaderry and at Berry early February with pleasing results. Social play will continue to be played at 1.00 pm of a Wednesday and Saturday and bookings are accepted up to noon on day of play by telephoning 0488 729 229. Recent social play has experienced some extremely hot conditions but despite this has maintained a good attendance. A notable thing regarding recent social play has been the even results of the matches played with for example numerous matches being decided by one shot.

Berry was represented in the South Coast District State Singles with pleasing results. Adam Rigney was runner up in the State Singles, David Badger reached the semi-finals in the State Senior Singles and David Lambert was runner up in the Minor Singles.



## Please come along and join us in 2017

RedBerry Quilters is a not for profit group of quilters whose objectives are to:

- promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting;
- bring quilters together to provide an exchange of information, knowledge and skills in quilt making;
- encourage and maintain high standards of craftsmanship and design in both traditional and contemporary quilting;
- to hold, organise and take part in exhibitions and workshops to achieve the objectives of the organisation and to raise funds for local charities.

RedBerry Quilters meet in the Hall at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Princess Street, Berry. RedBerry Quilters hold an open sewing day on the second Friday of the month from (9.00am to 1.00pm). Sewing days include a demonstration/ small project or work on a Community Quilt project.

Quilters are encouraged to bring their current project, a UFO they would like to complete or work on a community project. Bring your sewing kit and your lunch and we will provide an ironing board, a cutting board, tea and coffee and lots of companionship.

The cost is \$5.00 for the day.

The monthly RedBerry quilter's meeting is the fourth Friday of each month from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

There is always an interesting and inspiring guest speaker to wet the appetite and once more, lots of new and old friends waiting for you.

You may attend two meetings as a visitor just paying the meeting fee of \$5.00 then we will ask you to join the group.

## Berry Quilt Show May 5th to May 7th 2017

Yes, it's on this year.

RedBerry Quilters will be hosting a bigger and better quilt show in May.

We will be calling for entries mid-April and receiving entries up to May 4th. There will be a limit of two entries per person and please, only quilts that you have made.

Our first sewing day is February 10th and our first Meeting day is February 24th.

For more information please contact the Secretary at [secretary@redberryquilters.org](mailto:secretary@redberryquilters.org)

## Seniors Festival


Get Involved in NSW Senior's Festival Celebrations across the Shoalhaven from 3-12 March 2017.

If you are over 60, NSW Seniors Festival gives you the chance to make new friends or get together with old ones at an array of local community events, many of which are free or heavily discounted.

The Seniors Festival launch is just the beginning of a packed out Calendar of Activities happening across the Shoalhaven between 3-12 March.

There is something for everyone, from Men's Shed open days, celebratory luncheons and high teas to free shows at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. The Shoalhaven Family History Centre at Pyree will have an open day and Council's aquatic and leisure centres will be offering "bring a friend for free" throughout the festival week.

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# We're back in the business of fun at Berry Preschool

We would like to extend a huge welcome to all our children and their families as we look forward to another wonderful year at Berry Preschool.

The children have settled in amazingly quickly. Those who were with us last year have been excited to play with their friends again, while our new children have already started to develop some lovely friendships. All of the children have had lots to report about their visits to the Berry Show in February.

For our new children, the beginning of first term is all about getting to know each other and becoming familiar with our routines. We encourage parents to send nutritious food with minimal packaging for their children to bring to preschool, in order to set them up for long-term healthy lunch eating throughout their school years.

Because of the fantastic fundraising efforts of our parents in previous years, we are lucky to have several educators set to visit us at preschool on a regular basis: music with Helen, Zumba with Vicki, soccer skills, and the ever-popular 'Shoalhaven Zoo-to-You' Program. We are also going to continue the ELLA Program that we started last year, where the children will regularly be immersed in learning French! If that isn't enough, we have many other learning activities planned based around the children's interests.

Wow... we will be busy!!



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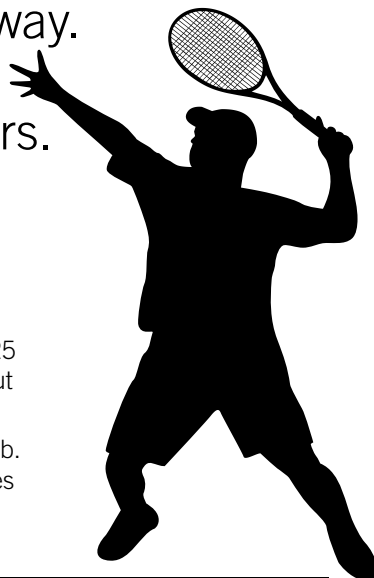
Our summer comps are now well underway.  
A warm welcome to all new players, and welcome back to our regular players.

Thank you to everyone who attended and bought raffle tickets, which made our February Trivia Night at the Berry Hotel such a success. Congratulations to our raffle winners. Among those who helped make the night such a success were Nana Blade for running the event, and supporters who donated raffle prizes including; Tennis NSW, Gary O'Connor, the Treat Factory, Lyn Mitchell, Berry Bowling Club and Winn Smith.

Don't forget that the Club Championship will be open for Club members to enter and will be played on 25 & 26 March 2017. There are Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Competitions. An email has gone out to members with more details. Entries close on Saturday 18th March 2017.

We always welcome new members and "sub / fill in" players for each of our competitions and to the Club. The courts are available for hire by Club Members and the general public. Access keys and hire charges are collected at the BP Garage in Berry.

For enquiries about membership, comps or events you can always email: [berrytennis@hotmail.com](mailto:berrytennis@hotmail.com)



# Berry Riding Club

Berry Riding Club is already back into the swing of business as usual with a mid-week cross country coaching clinic with International 2\* eventer Annabel Armstrong from Bowral. Held on January 18th lessons occurred from sun up to sun down, making it a very long but happy day for Annabel and our riders.

The regular Tuesday and Thursday GG's get-togethers have also continued throughout the Christmas and New Year holiday season whenever weather has permitted. During this period our riders take advantage of the GG days to prepare their horses for the local agricultural shows held during January and February. The temporary grounds at Schofields Lane have served us well but the really exciting news is that Stage 1 of the Shoalhaven Equestrian Centre of Excellence commenced construction before the Christmas break and is now well on the way toward completion which is scheduled for the end of April. The site of the main competition arena has already been levelled. Next step is the application of top soil and then turf sprigging (planting sections of turf crowns in prepared furrows or holes.) Once this is complete it is a matter of diligent watering and lots of patience as we wait for the surface to be riding ready.

The main competition arena will be large enough for four full size dressage arenas or two show jumping rings and should enable all future BRC events to be held at the new grounds. A second (110 x 60M) arena will initially be used as a warm up area but may eventually become the location of a future indoor arena which will really enhance the reputation of the Shoalhaven region as a destination for Equestrian Sport. Stage 1 also includes a dual lane indented entranceway from Schofields Lane which will really improve safety and access. A wash bay area, the erection of the storage shed and spectator shelter will also be part of the amenities. More information on our club can always be found on our Facebook site, the website [www.berryridingclub.com](http://www.berryridingclub.com) or by contacting our club secretary Judy Sweeney m: 0410 506 143 (text is best)

Happy New Year everyone. It looks like being a good one.



Welcome to 2017 and by the time you read this two months will be done and dusted.

Berry Evening VIEW Club meets on the third Wednesday night at 6.30 for 7pm start you are welcome to come along, if so ring Patricia on 44643966 before 6pm on Saturday before the meeting.

This year we have an exciting new committee with new ideas and lots of fun. We will let you know as things unfurl on the plan for the up and coming year. Guest speakers out there let us know if you are available to join us as we are always looking for entertainment for the girls. Everybody has an interesting story to tell about something so don't be shy. Our members have risen to the occasion a number of times and have been very entertaining, talking about growing up and moving to Australia or some tell of growing up in Berry and the changes that have happened. We also have trading tables from time to time as a fund raiser for our learning for life child plus other things which will unfold in the coming months.

Coffee mornings get together at a designated coffee shop in Berry for a social chat and a chance to meet the members too.

Now I hope you think this sounds very uplifting and say yes I might join you and come to the next meeting I know you will be very welcome and helping the Smith Family is a very good cause so cheers for now

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## Families, Friends, Fun. Come join us at Berry Playgroup.

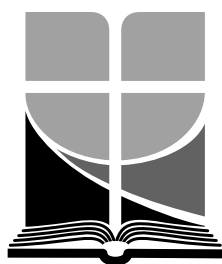
Berry Playgroup is a locally run, non-for-profit community organisation for young kids to interact and play as well as develop valuable social skills. All families are welcome to join us every Friday during the school term.

Playgroup is the perfect environment for new families to the area to meet other parents and kids. It is a great social experience for kids and parents, with a welcoming group of mums, dads and grandparents!

We have a range of fun activities and programs, including both inside and outside play. From soft play for babies to cars, slides, trucks, train sets, balls, musical toys, a tunnel, seesaw, a sandpit, and so much more, all under a big shade tree! Cost is \$5 per entry, per family. This covers arts and craft (perfect for those rainy days) and the general running of the Playgroup. Like our Facebook page- The Berry Playgroup- for what is coming up next! First entry is free, so try before you buy.

Come and join us every Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am at Berry Community Church, 8 Schofields Lane, Berry. We are located around the back of the building, so follow the sign down the path. Any enquiries please call Joanna on 0417 796 401.

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