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### SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY



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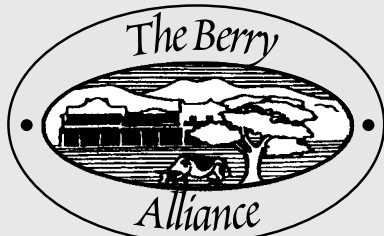
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# Tracks to the Future

The shareway (footpath and cycle way) between the Railway Station and Victoria Street along Alexandra Street next to the Showground has a little more work to be completed.

- Our seat ends have arrived and the timber and the rest of the installation is currently underway. Thanks to a couple of our members and the Berry Mens Shed – all being arranged by Ian Parker from our Committee. Soon there will be two seats along the path for people to rest on.

- The garden beds near the Showground entrance and Gilliam Street are still a work in progress and we are arranging more soil and some mulch to finish these before the planting is done. Again we have Ian Parker arranging this with some assistance.

When these two matters are finished our 2011-2012 project will be complete. The Tracks Committee are very happy with the many positive comments we have received about this and it is proving to be a very popular pathway. Our next project – a Shareway along George Street from Victoria Street down past Berry Public School to Albany Lane has hit a snag and may be delayed or broken into 2 or 3 stages. Unfortunately our Committee was not successful in our application through our State Member Gareth Ward to the State Government

for some funding to help with this and we now have to re-visit our plans. If we break it into stages and are successful in applications for funding assistance from other groups or other areas we may well be able to do at least one or two stages of this project this year. Perhaps the provision of safer drop off points for parents and carers dropping off or picking up kids at the school will be the first priority as this is a current issue with the school and the P&C. We will keep the community informed on our progress.

Meanwhile, we are still looking for donations and contributions for our future projects if you can assist us. Also, if you would like to come on to the Committee and assist us we would welcome some new help.

There is an article in this month's Town Crier calling for people interested in a Tour de Berry event and this is a fundraising opportunity for the tracks Committee.

Please contact Rick through the Berry Alliance by emailing:

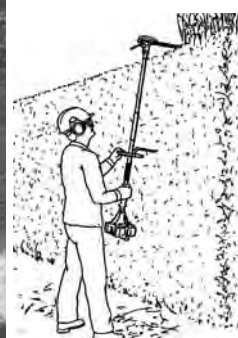
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# Call for Bypass Community Reference Group to be Reconvened

As reported in the last edition of the Berry Town Crier Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is now undertaking a detailed cost review of a southern alternative route for the Berry Bypass as well as continuing work on their "preferred" route which goes to the north of the Berry township.

This southern route review and assessment is running in parallel with the continuing work on the RMS "preferred" route and concept design to the north of Berry. As part of this process; the RMS held meetings of the 4 Working Groups concerning the RMS Preferred Route to the north of Berry relating to the following issues:

1. North Berry precinct
2. Kangaroo Valley Road Interchange and Victoria Street precinct
3. Berry bridge and northern interchange
4. Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area

Many Berry residents participating in these working groups are getting frustrated at the lack of progress in resolving key issues of concern in relation to the design of the Bypass. The RMS called for submissions from the Berry community on their revised alignment in December last year. This revised alignment contained many design improvements compared to earlier RMS designs particularly the lowering of the Berry Bridge and moving the alignment away from North Street. However, there remained areas of concern to residents including the lowering of the alignments along North Street and the loss of connectivity between Berry east and Berry west caused by the design of the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange. Neither of these issues has been satisfactorily resolved. The RMS has ruled out lowering the road and providing a pedestrian bridge across the Bypass at the western end of North Street. They have not yet adequately responded to design suggestions from community members to simplify the design of the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange to provide improved pedestrian and cycle access from west to east Berry and lessen the impact on Mark Radium Park and the adjacent trees.

There is very limited time to resolve these issues before the bypass environmental assessment is submitted to the Department of Planning under the Part 3a approval process. It will be very difficult

to make amendments to the concept design once this approval is received. RMS have only held two meetings for each of the working groups since the December submissions and Berry residents involved in the working groups report that RMS seem to be treating this as an urban design exercise rather than addressing the fundamental design flaws in revised alignment. Too much valuable time is taken up with presentations by consultants at a conceptual level which add limited value to the issues of concern.

One area which has drawn very limited criticism from residents is the Berry Bridge and Northern Interchange where there is acceptance that the design is the best possible considering the constraints of topography and flooding. This is because the Community Review Group (CRG) convened in August last year was invited by RMS to nominate members to attend a joint two day design workshop on the Berry Bridge and Northern Interchange. These community members introduced some creative thinking (previously rejected by RMS) which reduced the height of the bridge and moved it further from town.

This type of creative thinking is needed now to resolve the remaining issues with respect to the northern alignment. Design deadlines are looming fast and some breakthrough thinking is needed now. Better Options for Berry (BOB) have written to Gareth Ward member for Kiama to request him to urgently request the RMS to reconvene the Bypass Community reference Group.

This group has demonstrated in the past a capacity to hold the RMS accountable and work constructively to deliver outcomes for the best interests of the whole of Berry.

## Will Armitage (Convenor BOB)

*These Working Groups are having further meetings and the RMS has been making all their notes from these meetings available on the RMS web site. It is important that Berry residents continue to attend these meetings to ensure the hard won gains on the northern route are not lost. For instance the height of the bypass where it passes parallel to North Street could end up meters higher if the current plans for diversion of Town Creek are not supported or a review of road design results in higher grades in this area.*

## Editor's Note...

The closing date for our  
JUNE issue will be  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012

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

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## TOUR DE BERRY

Do you just love the Tour de France each year? It is like a travel show with lycra and we know that there are a large number of Francophiles and Tour obsessives in Berry who watch it, talk about it and try to emulate it!

There are plans and ideas already commenced for a "Tour de Berry" during the Tour de France in July this year.

Events, functions and lots of fun - with some funds raised to go towards the Tracks to the Future subcommittee of the Berry Alliance to provide more cycle ways and footpaths in Berry.

Events and functions such as dinners, cycle tours, petanque games, French themed foods and wines, cycle events for kids and a whole lot more.

If you are interested in getting involved in the planning, running and/or participating in this event please contact us at [info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:info@berryalliance.org.au) or telephone 0449 569 059.

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# SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER BERRY PLANNING ISSUES

**Shoalhaven City Council will be holding a Special Development Committee meeting in mid May to consider submissions to the Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan (SLEP) relating to the township of Berry and surrounding areas.**

When the draft SLEP was exhibited last year over 3000 submissions were received covering the whole of the Shoalhaven. The Berry Alliance was actively involved in this process and held two public forums on the impact of the SLEP on Berry and prepared background papers and pro forma submissions on issues of concern to the community. Many residents from Berry made submissions although Council have refused to advise us of the number of submissions specifically relating to Berry. However Council have recognised that the number of submissions warrants consideration of Berry specific issues in a separate meeting of Council's Special Development Committee.

The issues identified by the Berry Alliance of particular concern to Berry residents were:

## 1. Important Issue for Berry - Lot Sizes in Huntingdale Park (DCP 70)

The Berry Alliance fought hard on behalf of local residents to have lot sizes in the Huntingdale Park development reflect existing patterns of development. The idea was that lot sizes should gradually increase as you got further from town. After considerable consultation and debate Development Control Plan 70 was passed by Council in 2004 which reflected these principles. In particular part of lot 6 DP1115338 was designated with minimum lot sizes of 2000 square metres and open space was provided. This has not been recognised in LEP 2009 where the whole of this land is designated with a minimum lot size of 500 square metres. This has the potential to double the housing density in this development.

It is recommended that SCC change lot sizes on the lot size mapping to ensure lot sizes match those in DCP70.

## 2. Changes of Zoning of Rural Land in Beach Road, Agars Lane and Bundewallah Road Berry

Land zoned as 1(c) Rural Lifestyle in the previous Local Environment Plan (LEP 1985) has been moved into R5 Large Lot Residential zone in the draft SLEP. Under LEP 1985, and the subsequent NSW Government Commission of Enquiry in 2001 into 1(c) Rural Lifestyle Zonings, these lots are protected from further subdivision. The Commission of Enquiry supported the limits on the number of such lots contained in LEP1985. This has been lost in LEP2009. For instance lots previously zoned Rural 1(c) in Beach Road and Agars Lane Berry are suitable for small scale agricultural use and need the protection of rural lots against further subdivision and alienation of valuable agricultural land. Other lots in Bundewallah Road Berry currently zoned as 1(c) Rural Lifestyle are suitable for small scale agriculture whilst others are adjacent to land that is of high conservation value and need the protection of Environmental zoning. They will not have such protection in the R5 Large Lot Residential Zoning in SLEP 2009.

We recommended that SCC add zones RU4 Primary Production Small Lots and E4 Environmental Living to SLEP2009 as outlined in LEP Practice Note PN11-002 and move land previously zoned as 1(c) Rural Lifestyle in LEP1985 into these zones depending on their current land use, minimum lot sizes and proximity to land of high conservation value. This was considered at a meeting of Council's Special Development Committee on 4 April and supported by Councillor Guile from Berry. Council officers have been asked to do a desk top study on affected areas previously zoned Rural 1(C) to determine their suitability for zoning other than Residential R5 prior to the re-exhibition of SLEP after submissions.

## 3. Height of Buildings

This is a most controversial issue which will impact the pattern of development Shoalhaven wide. The current LEP states in clause 33 "a building must not be erected to a height greater than 2 storeys, including car parking space, above natural ground level, without consent of council". SLEP states in clause 4.3(2) "the height of a building on any land is not to exceed 11 metres except where the maximum height is shown for the land on the height of buildings map". Council have stated they intend to include height of building maps for any areas covered by DCPs. In Berry this will cover the town centre and land zoned R2 low density residential. This means that the rest of Berry and surrounding areas can have 11 metre high buildings. This is of particular concern for the medium density zoned land in Berry and Huntingdale Park. We recommend that SCC remove the reference to 11 metres in clause 4.3(2) and include height of building maps on all areas of Berry to reflect the existing form and scale of buildings.

## 4. Biodiversity Protection

A number of residents, particularly those involved in the local Landcare groups, have suggested that the SLEP needs to include mention of corridor protection in its aims, it needs to show the entire corridor on its mapping and it needs a Biodiversity protection clause to reject DA's that would preclude the movement of wildlife or otherwise destroy the functionality of a corridor. The sensitive areas that are mapped are protected by biodiversity clauses in section 7 of the SLEP. However, these biodiversity clauses are weak compared to those used by neighbouring Councils such as Kiama. This has been dealt with by Council and it has been decided not to strengthen the biodiversity protection in SLEP. Whilst this is not a Berry specific issue, local Landcare representatives wish to raise their concerns with Councillors in an effort to reverse this decision.

## 5. Land Uses in Rural Zones

Residents are concerned and want to maintain the viability and scenic quality of rural land in the Shoalhaven. Rural primary production land is zoned RU1 however there are a number of permitted uses in RU1 zoned land such as

offensive industries, air transport facilities and mining which are considered incompatible with primary production. Rural landscape land is zoned RU2 and again there are a number of permitted land uses such as caravan parks (and mobile homes!!) which should not be permitted on rural landscape land.

These land uses were debated by Council at a meeting on 23 March and it was decided to keep them in SLEP despite the concerns raised by Councillor Gareth Ward and other elected councillors who supported our position.

## 6. Jaspers Brush Airfield

The Berry Alliance has already held one public forum on the proposed DA for a Sky Diving Facility at Jaspers Brush Airfield and this issue was also raised at our SLEP forum in September 2011. A majority of the local community are opposed to the establishment of the sky diving facility but have some empathy with the local recreation pilots who want to continue to use the airfield. These same residents do not want Air Transport Facilities as a permitted use in the RU1 zone that covers Jaspers Brush Airfield.

At the Special Development Committee meeting on 8 March a majority of councillors rejected a recommendation from professional Council staff to exclude Air Transport Facilities as a permitted use in RU1 zones. There is sufficient opposition from other elected councillors that this could be turned around at a full council meeting.

At the time of publication, we do not have the exact date and time of the Berry specific Special Development Committee meeting. If you wish to attend please register interest at:

[info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:info@berryalliance.org.au) or leave a note in the Town Crier PO Box and we will contact you when we get a definitive date.

## Website Launched to Promote On-line Petition

Frustration at the lack of response by certain Councillors to community concerns is growing. The SLEP Review Group, a loose knit body representing most of the Community Consultative Bodies around the Shoalhaven including the Berry Alliance, has recently decided to publish its own website, <http://www.ourshoalhaven.com>, to start a petition to Council and NSW Parliament, and to submit regular articles for publication by the local press. A group of concerned residents gathered in mid-April outside the Council chambers and were interviewed on WIN TV. If you share our concerns, please download the petition form from:

<http://ourshoalhaven.com/take-action-today/petition-a-local-voice-in-planning/> and get your friends and neighbours to sign it.

**Berry Alliance Executive**



## Austral Park Road Interchange and Heavy Vehicle Rest Area

The RMS Project Officer reviewed the actions taken by RMS since the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March. Austral Park HV Facility redesign to accommodate comments from previous meeting was presented. Sound Footprint Map of the Austral Park HV Facility was presented. Nungarry HV Facility upgrade design was presented. The pros and cons of the alternative solutions to the HV Facilities were discussed. Additional Environmental studies are required at Nungarry. Cost estimate differences were presented: - Nungarry \$5.1m - Austral Park \$5.7m. Nungarry HV Facility Upgrade removes the serious safety issues of inadequate deceleration and no acceleration lane. Nungarry HV Facility will continue to be used if Austral Park HV Facility is built requiring continuing double maintenance expenses. When RMS Inspectors use Nungarry HV Facility the absence of acceleration and inadequate deceleration lanes requires the reduction of the speed limit of all southbound traffic on the Highway to 80 Kph. Truck drivers have complained about the absence of the acceleration Lane and will probably not use the facility if Austral Park HV Facility is built. The Nungarry HV Facility Upgrade will require separate funding outside the Princes Highway Upgrade funding.

### Broughton Village Interchange

The redesign of the Broughton Village interchange without the Austral Park HV facility was presented. Two options were shown with variations to Northbound off ramp to Southbound on load ramp intersection. Option 1 as T-Junction, Option 2 as Slip Lane. Shoalhaven Council Engineer present suggested a third option. Project Officer stated that the interchange redesign resulted in a preferable solution of the interchange.

### Toolijooa Ridge Cutting

The Fauna Crossing at the Toolijooa Ridge cutting was discussed. Rope Bridge over the road and the dedicated Fauna Underpass were compared to the vegetated Land Bridge as recommended by the RMS Toolijooa Ridge preferred Option Report (2009). RMS Environment Officer advised the vegetated bridge cost was prohibitive and DEH had said that it did not represent value for money, however he was prepared to meet separately to discuss as wallabies, kangaroos and others cannot transit the current designed crossings.

Saturday 31st March 2012 saw the second Berry Riding Club Dressage competition being held under clear blue skies. The competition was well attended but the highlight of the day was the introduction of the Prix St-Georges test ridden by Kim McDonald on Reveller. Kim stated that "performing this level of dressage test at the BRC competition

was a wonderfully opportunity for her and Reveller" (owned by Lynelle Johnson), they completed the event scoring 70%. Kim and Reveller compete at State and National levels so this was also an excellent opportunity for aspiring dressage riders to watch a combination of this calibre at a local event. It is anticipated that the club will continue to offer the higher level dressage tests, to provide all riders with the opportunity to continue to challenge themselves and their horses. Other results for the competition include Karen Harrison riding Xander 1st in the Preliminary 1B and Preliminary 1C, Jen Symes riding Aussie Hit 1st Novice 2C and Cathy Stratten and Oblivion 1st 2B. Allison Dillon and Belcam Kentucky 1st in the Elementary 3B and 3C with Keira Byrnes and Fox Hill winning the Medium 4A and 4B. 1st placegetters for Advanced were Julee Jones and Mac (5A), and Kim McDonald and Reveller 5B. All results for the day can be located on the Berry Riding Club website.

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*Kim McDonald riding Reveller*

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# Foxground and Berry bypass

## Update



Transport  
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Services

### Community working groups looking at the design of the northern alignment

RMS has held a number of working group meetings with community members interested in discussing various design aspects for the northern alignment of the Berry bypass. Various design ideas have been discussed and published on the project website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb). RMS encourages feedback from the community.

Discussions at the northern bypass workshops have included many ideas which are being considered by the design team. At the same time, the Technical Investigation Group is doing a comparative cost analysis of a southern route.

RMS would like to thank the Berry community for its contribution to these discussions. We are getting closer to a decision being made about going ahead with a northern bypass or doing further environmental investigations if a southern bypass route becomes the preferred option. The Minister will be making this decision from the research and findings currently underway.

A summary of the ideas and discussions developed during the working groups are outlined below.

#### *Berry bridge and northern interchange*

- Discussion on the latest concept design including a proposed access road to connect properties north of Berry to the northern interchange.
- Consideration of a second northbound off-ramp at Woodhill Mountain Road.
- Opportunities for tourist signage for Berry.
- Urban design treatments for the proposed bridge and northern interchange. Four short-listed design options for the Berry bridge were presented to the community working group for community comment. Copies of the design options are available from the Berry project office or the project website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb).

#### *North Street precinct*

- Exploring whether the alignment could be further lowered without affecting the performance of the highway.
- Urban design treatments for the proposed noise wall. Three short-listed options (see opposite) were presented to the community working group for comment. Please provide RMS with your comments by **11 May 2012**. Call **1800 506 976** or email [foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.gov.nsw.au](mailto:foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.gov.nsw.au).
- Urban design treatments and recreational opportunities for the residual land between North Street and the bypass.
- Pedestrian and cyclist connectivity between North Street and Kangaroo Valley Road.

#### *Kangaroo Valley Road interchange and Victoria Street precinct*

- Urban design treatments for the Kangaroo Valley Road bridge.

- Investigating alternatives for moving the northbound off ramp or whether it is feasible to move the interchange further south.
- Options for reducing the footprint of the interchange.
- Traffic movement impacts on local roads following the upgrade.
- Pedestrian / cycle connectivity across the highway.
- Reviewing the impacts of closing Victoria Street and making the southbound on ramp one way.

#### *Austral Park Road interchange and heavy vehicle rest area*

- Reviewing the latest concept design of Austral Park Road interchange and the southbound heavy vehicle rest area.
- Discussing the upgrade of Nungarry heavy vehicle rest area as an alternative to building new facilities at Austral Park Road.
- Impacts on the flora and fauna wildlife corridors.
- Noise and visual impacts.

Further workshops are planned during May and will be advertised in the Berry project office and on the project website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb). If you are interested in participating in a working group but have not attended a previous meeting please register by calling the project information line on **1800 506 976 (free call)** or e-mail [foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au).

### Southern Berry bypass route review

The Technical Investigation Group is still working on its cost review. This review involves considering a number of technical investigations and the ideas of community members. Some of these ideas are relevant to the northern option, so they are being considered by the designers at the same time as the northern option community workshops are deliberating. This will ensure a 'like for like' comparison in the cost review, which will be published in the final report.

RMS held a community Q&A session on 30 April 2012 to discuss the decision making process and the progress of the review. The findings from the report are subject to an ongoing independent review to ensure that the southern route review and the inputs from the community are being properly considered. At the conclusion of the independent review, RMS will provide a recommendation to the Minister for Roads for consideration.

### Other news: Berry to Bomaderry upgrade

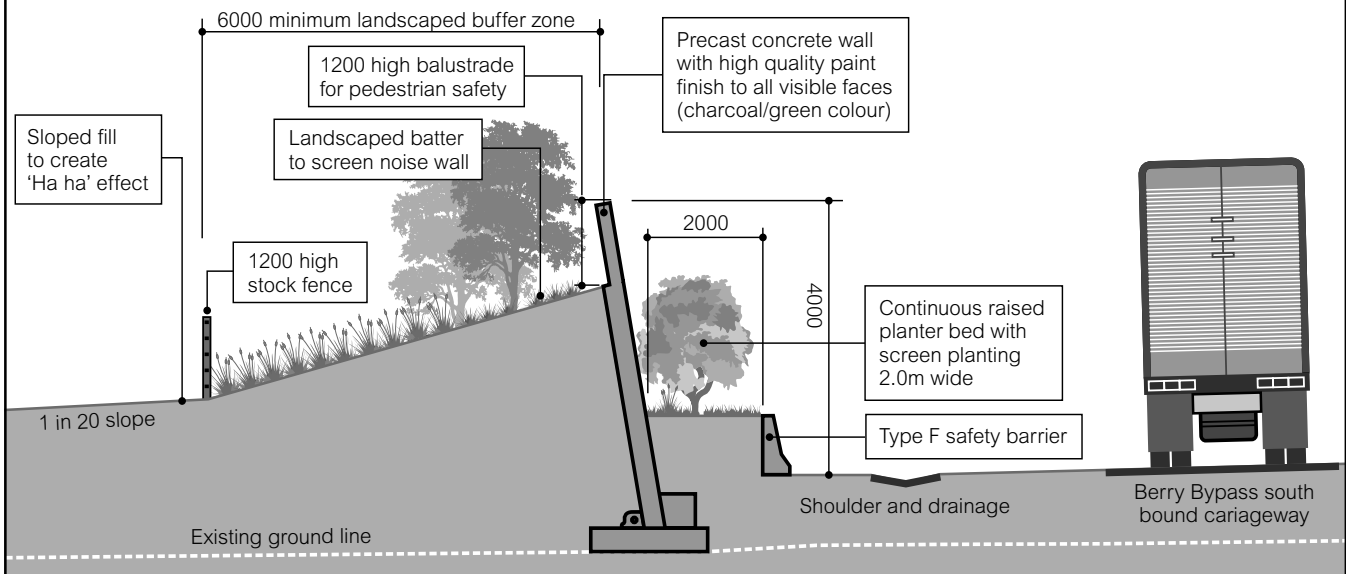
RMS is progressing with the design of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade. The design team has made a number of proposed changes to the concept design since the route selection finalisation and display in June 2009.

A copy of the preliminary concept design can be viewed on the project website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bbu](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bbu) or by visiting the project office at **Broughton Court, Queen Street, Berry**, open **Friday from 10am to 5pm**.

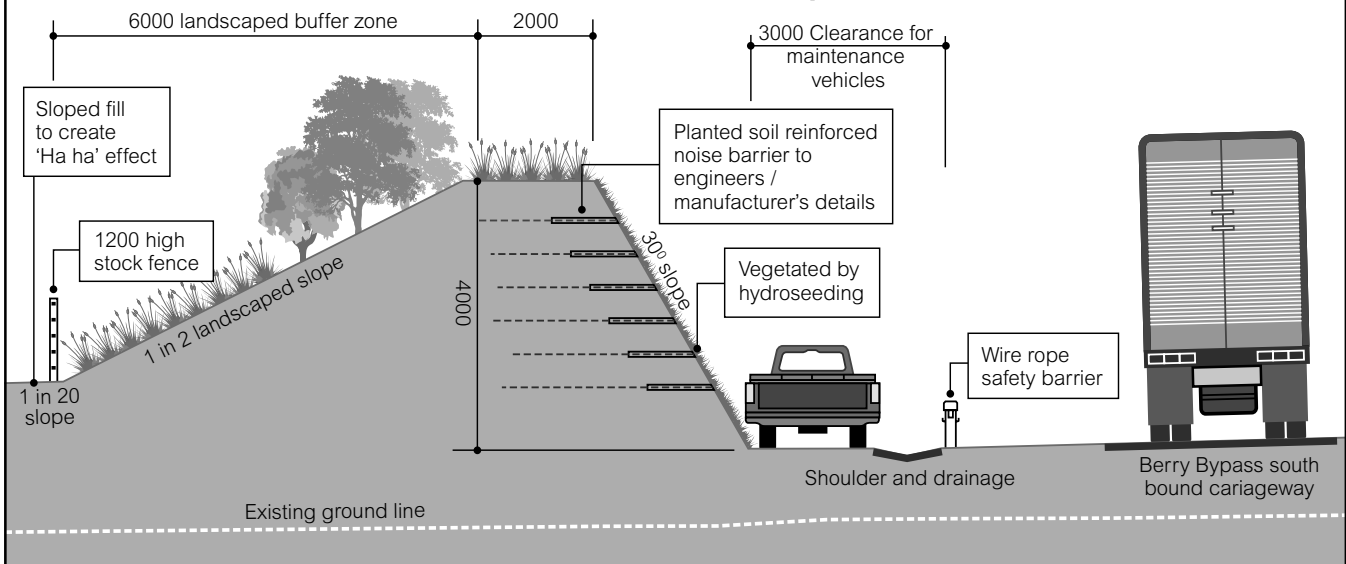


## Noise wall on south side of proposed alignment adjacent to North Street

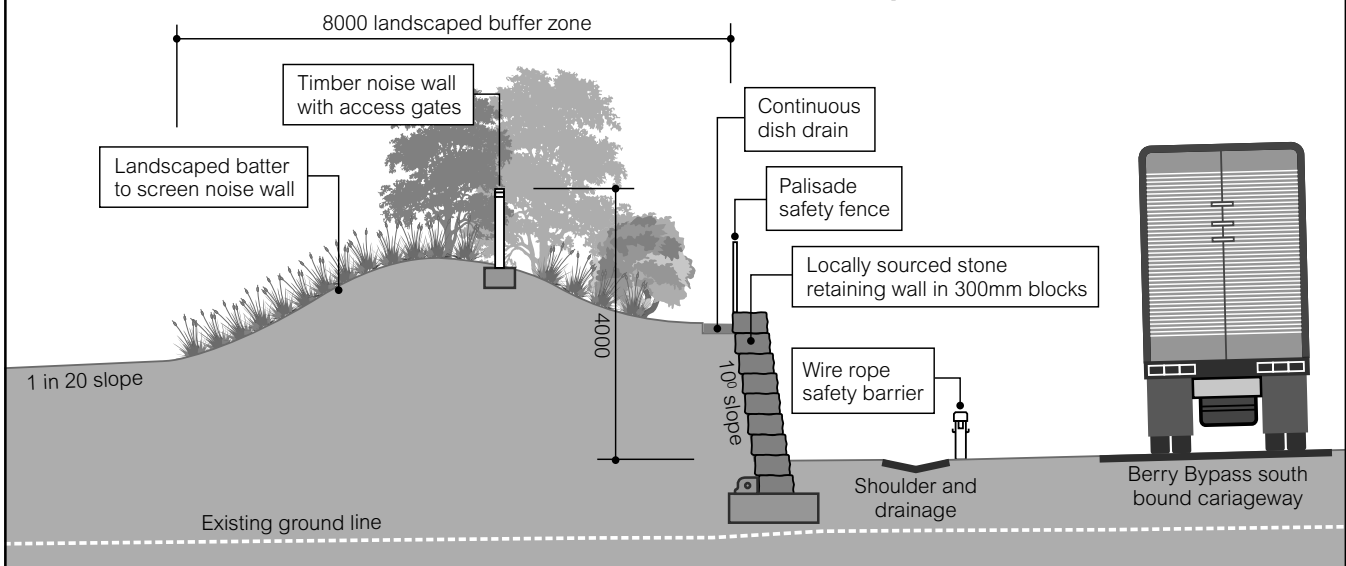
### Option 1: Precast wall



### Option 2: Planted reinforced mound



### Option 3: Mound and dual wall



# Changes to Berry Cemetery

The Berry Alliance is happy with the following recommendations after an extensive consultation with the Berry community. We hope that Council will endorse these recommendations at the next meeting.

We take this opportunity to thank the Council Committee and Chair Clr Bob Proudfoot who allowed the Berry Alliance President to make a formal presentation to the Committee seeking some changes to the recommendations from staff. (Removal of the Liquid Amber trees and retention of the Date Palm tree). These recommendations were then voted to be included in the recommendations to the full Council Committee for their final decision.

The matter of the post and rail fence along Kangaroo Valley Road was agreed to be retained and there has already been quotes for the replacement of this fence and the cost will be covered by a separate budget item within the department. The retention of this fence was a clear view of the community during the consultation process and we appreciate the department accepting that view and implementing it so quickly.

## Berry Alliance

### Recommendation:

Shoalhaven City Council Policy Resources & Reserves Committee has recommended the following to Council:

1. a) Council implement measures to manage the allocation of burial places within Berry Cemetery as follows:

i) The proposed holder of a burial licence resides or at the time of their death resided within 10km radius of Berry; or

ii) The applicant is able to declare by statutory declaration that the proposed holder of the burial licence has or had a strong or proven family connection with the Cemetery, i.e. forbears buried in the Berry Cemetery; or

iii) The applicant pays a 33% surcharge for the burial licence, based on the scheduled fee for a burial licence at the time of the application where conditions (i) and (ii) above cannot be clearly established.

b) Vacant burial places to be allocated among original graves, subject to a heritage assessment to be undertaken in the original part of the Cemetery.

2. Unused burial licences, issued more than 50 years ago, be revoked for re-allocation, in accordance with the Crown Lands (General Reserves) Amendment (Sustainable Burials) By-law 201.

3) Vehicular access within Berry Cemetery be restricted by:

i) The issuing and control of entry permits for vehicles over 3 tonnes gross weight, including the weight of trailers being towed by the vehicle.

ii) Restricting and controlling vehicle access to sensitive parts of the cemetery through the use of bollards and other planned obstructions.

iii) Limiting the time visitors' vehicles are allowed to remain in the cemetery (sign posting)

4) Management of trees within Berry Cemetery:

i) Implement a Camphor Laurel eradication and reinfestation control program.

ii) Removal or replacement of other trees be carried out, with exception of the date palm which is to be retained or relocated within the cemetery, in a planned way to make additional space available for burials, taking into consideration the Tree Management Plan.

5) Construct a new memorial garden and columbarium area at the entrance side of the cemetery at the earliest opportunity utilising funds of \$77,000 from the Bereavement Services Capital Works Program (Job No 75891).

6) Remaining funds currently assigned to Bereavement Services Capital Works Program (Job No 75893 – Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens Covered Outdoor Area) of \$37,000 be used to provide additional funds for the Stage 1 construction of the new Memorial Garden & Columbarium at the Cemetery.

7) Savings of \$5,000 from Job No 75843 – Cemetery Crematorium Plant and Equipment Fund be used to provide additional funds for Stage 1 Construction of the new Memorial Garden & Columbarium at the Cemetery.

8) The Liquid Ambers along Kangaroo Valley Road should all be removed and replaced with appropriate native species that do not grow as tall and do not have the invasive root systems that liquid ambers have.

Berry Alliance



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# POLICE REPORT FOR BERRY

Well it has been a long time since I wrote an article for the Town Crier and I have had a few people encouraging me to start again so here goes. Firstly, I have heard some comment that Berry does not have a police officer anymore, this is incorrect. Berry has one officer but being only one it often means the station is not manned. Berry Police have a mobile number which is **0428222496**. This number will be on when I am working and feel free to call it or leave a message for non urgent jobs. For urgent jobs it is always best to call 000 and if I am working I will attend and if not Nowra Police will. I hope locals are starting to notice some improvements to the station with a lot of work being put in for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. The station will be open on 1 May for those interested to have a look at the old cells and to maybe meet the resident ghost! If you have a group that wishes to see the station on another date that can be arranged by making contact with me on the above mobile or the station number, 4464 1404.

Those of you who are registered gun owners will know that we are checking all firearms and storage safes in the area at the moment. If you have not heard from a police officer could you please contact me at Berry Station as it is possible that we may have missed some of you. If you have unregistered or unwanted firearms I can assist you with their disposal which is far better than getting caught with them.

I will now go through the past month or so of incidents that have occurred locally.

On 14/04/12 between 1am and 10am one of our very popular restaurants, Silos had a break and enter which was very serious.

If you happened to be driving past that location and saw anything or any vehicles during that time please let us know. On 31/03/12 Turfco had an attempt break and enter with some damage done. That was between 11:00pm and 6am on 02/04/12.

On 30/03/12 the tip on Agars Lane had some property stolen during the night with an early model white Ford Falcon sedan and 2 males sighted.

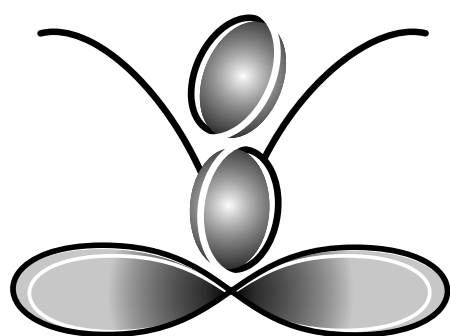
Between 23 and 24 March two vehicles were broken into in the Beach Road car park in the National Park – Seven Mile beach. If you leave mobile phones, lap tops or Nav Man devices in your vehicle at these types of locations thieves will target your cars.

On the 22/03/12 I stopped a vehicle in North Street in the afternoon and a quantity of drugs and knives were located. The driver had a warrant and the passenger had drugs in their possession so both were arrested. If you see suspect vehicles or activity it is always good to report it and you never know what it might be.

Finally on 06/03/12 a trailer and digger machine complete with bucket etc was stolen from Prince Alfred St. This is a very expensive theft and given the bad time of it we had in recent years with heavy equipment I am very keen to get to the bottom of it as soon as possible.

Any information on the above offences or others in this area will be appreciated.

**Berry Police: 4464 1404**



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*Mary Pentecost*

*Dedicated to your wellbeing...*

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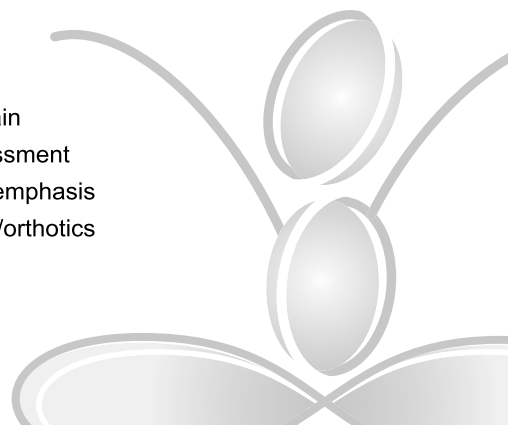
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## WEEDS

It is not hard as a gardener to get disheartened by the sheer magnitude of the weeding exercise. Here are a few tips for effective weeding. For a garden with local indigenous plants, the first challenge is to know what is classified as an environmental weed. A good start is the booklet distributed by Shoalhaven Council "Weeds of the NSW South Coast". Importantly this also describes the "look-alikes". As total eradication of weeds is not possible it is best to improve the ratio of natives to weeds. If they get a head start they will thrive. To avoid killing the natives you must be able to distinguish them from the invaders both as seedlings and as mature plants. The booklet advises how to control the weeds. Your local Landcare contact can also help. The Landcare rule is not to kill anything you don't recognise.

To get ahead of the aliens requires a strategic approach. Hit them when they are exposed and vulnerable. One approach is to take advantage of the way plants spread their seed and propagate. This can be by wind, water or animals, including humans or by suckering. The flowers are the identifying feature of the plant and the fruit are the vehicle of dispersal. Generally plants of the same species flower and then fruit concurrently. With many there is a time between flower and fruit, typically Moth Vine. The appearance of the flowers will identify where the plants are so that they can be removed or treated before fruiting. Some disperse seeds from the blown flowers and these must be gathered when in early

flower, typically Fireweed. Madeira vine propagates from tubers on the vine and requires scraping and poisoning the base of the vine.

As plants species flower at specific times all through the year it pays to be aware of the plants in flower around you when in the country side. This has other rewards especially in spring. We recommend these booklets: "Weeds of the NSW South Coast" and "Grow Me Instead".

## ARTFEST

The Berry Landcare Artfest has been one of the triggers for Shoalhaven Landcare Association to call together people with an interest in the arts or the environment, visual artists, performance artists, poets and authors, scientists, environmental volunteers, educators and those who work in natural resource management, to identify ways the arts and the environment sectors could work together and better support each other and to help create an agenda for arts and the environment in the Shoalhaven (you are invited to attend on Tuesday May 1st at the University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven campus (adjacent to the cafeteria) - finger food from 6.00pm; forum from 6.30 - 8.30pm (RSVP 0408 676 550 E: [graeme@realoptions.com.au](mailto:graeme@realoptions.com.au))

This year's Berry Landcare Artfest will be on Saturday August 18. Entry forms are now available from Site coordinators or from [berrylandcare@gmail.com](mailto:berrylandcare@gmail.com)

## TRUST GRANT

Bundewallah Landcarers have been successful with an application to the NSW Environmental Trust for a grant of \$22,500 for weed control and restoration of the Illawarra sub-tropical rainforest on Bundewallah Creek. They have been commended for their efforts to protect, restore and enhance their natural environment.

## WORKING BEES FOR APRIL

Bong Bong Road, 9-11am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May;  
Tindalls Lane, 2-4pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May;  
David Berry Hospital, 2-4 pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May;  
Bundewallah, Sunday 2-4 pm 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Email: [berrylandcare@gmail.com](mailto:berrylandcare@gmail.com)

### For further information:

Kim Dove (4464 3391) - David Berry Hospital site;  
Will Armitage (44642241) - Bundewallah;  
Julia Woinarski (44642084) - Bong Bong road;  
Bill Pigott (44643241 or [wpigott@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wpigott@bigpond.net.au)) - Moeyan Hill; Harvey Blue (44641880) Tindalls Lane;  
Philip Thorniley (44642198) - Broughton Vale;  
Ian Parker (44486359) - Strongs Road;

Information can also be found at  
Berry Landcare on Facebook.

## GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY AT 7PM UPSTAIRS ROOM OF SCHOOL OF ARTS, BERRY.



Berry  
Drama  
Group

A reminder to our current BDG members that we will be having a General Meeting on 2nd May. This is an excellent opportunity to 'have your say' in any area you feel the BDG could be improved

upon or with regards to suggestions for future workshops or productions, that you would like to put forward. Don't be shy! I would like to encourage as many members as possible

to attend on the night. We will be following the discussion with light refreshments and either a short play reading or a Trivia Night Quiz (dependent on numbers), presented by our very own member, Nana Blade. This is sure to be a very social night so be sure to make a note of the date and come along!

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

Thank you. :-)

# ROTARY



## Get Up Close and Personal at the Grand Street Parade

**The Berry Celtic Festival to be held on Saturday 26 May has justly earned a reputation as one of the highlights of the year. It commences with the grand street parade down the main street of Berry.**

The street parade starts at 9.30am and offers everyone a fantastic opportunity to get up close and personal with the ten pipe bands that are attending. The pipe bands in their distinctive colourful kilts typically consist of a number of pipers playing the Great Highland bagpipe, a section of snare drummers, several tenor drummers and usually at least one bass drummer.

The bands are joined in the street parade with various Celtic Clans displaying their banners, plus Scottish Terrier dogs, vintage cars and hot rods.

The parade finishes at the Berry Showground where a day full of entertainment is assured. There is a mix of musical items, from pipes to string ensembles, dancing and singing performances of Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Galician and Australian Heritage origins plus a traditional haggis hurling contest.

### Highland Warriors not to be missed

The Highland Warriors are a definite highlight of the day and are back again competing against each other to determine the strongest man of the Festival. Along with attempting to lift the amazing 'Stones of Manhood' they also attempt to toss the mighty caber.

A large number of stalls will offer an array of Celtic merchandise and food. You can even enquire about your heritage from the many

clans and societies in attendance. The Nowra Quilters have again donated a beautiful Celtic quilt to be raffled on the day.

The Berry Celtic Festival is a fundraising project of the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerringong and is proud to have the support of many other community groups and service clubs including Zonta Berry, Lions, the Berry Showground Trust, Berry Chamber of Commerce and Shoalhaven City Council.

Entry to the Showground is \$10 adults, \$5 children or \$20 a family. For further information contact Rotarian Col Hanbridge **Ph 4234 1346**



**mainly music is coming to Berry....**

A new mainly music is starting up in Berry. Young children and their parents/caregivers can join together for a fun, thirty-minute music session and afterwards enjoy morning tea in a relaxed setting.

Every week day, little children wake up with one question on their lips, "Is it mainly moosik today, Mummy?" When the answer is, "Yes", they jump out of bed with excitement, energy and a smile on their face. Little children love looking at puppets, 'pretending' with a scarf in their hand, and keeping the beat with a shaker. Little do they know they're developing skills! Then there's the morning tea time, when not only does each child have a snack, they also get to play with other young children.

The music time is also attractive for the adults. It's a chance to spend one on one time with their non-school aged children, dancing and singing. It's a chance to meet with other mums, over a hot drink and something to eat. It's a chance to get out of the house – finish a sentence – talk adult to adult! The children are safe and are amused by the toys. They can connect with others and enjoy adult to adult chat! Many mums tell us, "mainly music is the highlight of my week."

Mainly music will start on Tuesday 1 May 10am at Berry Community Church, 34 Alexandra St Berry. The cost is \$4 per family per session. Enquiries should be directed to Trish Nicholson on 0401151820.

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## MOTHERS DAY

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2012**

## CHINESE BANQUET

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**Adults \$22.00 - Children over 12, \$12.00 - under 12 Free**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**MIXED PENNANTS START 7<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2012**

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## BERRY BOWLING CLUB

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Berry NSW

**Phone: 4464 2995**



## BOWLS

**Ladies :** Tuesday and Thursday  
9.00 am.

**Men:** Wednesday 1.00pm.

**Mixed:** Saturday 1.00pm.

**Berry Bowling Club  
(02) 4464 2995**

**Jim Abbott  
President Men's Bowling Club  
(02) 4464 1429**

**Carolyn Borland  
President Women's Bowling Club  
(02) 4464 3441**

# Flats Win Cricket in Tense Finish

The Ray Cleary Memorial Trophy was won for the second year running by the team from the Flats in a tight finish. The cricket game was played appropriately on April Fool's Day and it was a bright sunny morning when the team from the Hills opened the batting. Scoring briskly during their 30 overs they put 136 runs on the board. Best batters for the Hills were Captain Peter Dalmazzo and Peter Jirgins. Best bowlers for the flats were Peter Crick and Gary McPake.

The Flats started the run chase cautiously, but some powerful hitting from captain John Andrews and Peter Crick saw them close in on the total. However, a spate of wickets brought the Hills back into the game. In the last over of the match, with nine wickets down, Rick Gainford (current President of the Berry Alliance) skyed a catch to John Ings (past President of the Berry Alliance) who dropped the ball allowing Rick to run a very slow single which gave the Flats the game. Much excitement all round!!

There was controversy after the game when it was discovered the Flats had broken the long held convention of "no practice" by holding a secret practice session utilising a bowling machine. Will Armitage summarised the feeling of the Hills team by quoting Bill Woodfull, the Australian captain during the 1932 Bodyline series: "there were two teams out there today but only one was playing cricket".

Senior umpire Fred Nische is aware of the breach in convention and is investigating. We will report the outcome of this controversy in following issues of the Town Crier.

Meanwhile over at the Berry Bowling Club the men and women of the Hills and the Flats bowling teams were having a very civilised afternoon. The best bowler prize was won by David Kerr, the best female bowler was Margaret Cullity and the most animated bowler prize was won by Jeanne Highland.

A memorable day was capped by a sumptuous feast and presentation in the evening at the Berry Courthouse. Our thanks to our raffle sponsors Gary and Sandy McPake from Ocean Country Furniture, Sourdough Cafe, Huckleberry Home and Berry BonBon, Juniper Hearth, South Coast Providores, Moss Nest and the Treat Factory. Our thanks also to Ted Street from Berry Cricket Club, Shirley and Mike from Berry Bowling Club, Justin Lill Wines, the Rural Store, the Men's Shed and Berry Butchers.

**This year we raised a total of \$4,500 for three local charities: Shoalhaven Kids in Need, Shoalhaven Women's Refuge and A Taste of Paradise Farm.**





# A BIG THANK YOU FROM BERRY IGA

Berry IGA Management and Staff would like to thank the community and all its loyal customers for the patience and cooperation everyone has shown during the recent major expansion and refurbishments of the local IGA. LeeAnne has been the owner of Berry IGA for the past 26 years and is intensely proud of her business and its commitment to success.

IGA stores are embedded into their local community and are owned and operated by local people who employ locals, support local trades people and local products and tailor their offerings to local needs.

The expansion of the local IGA has almost doubled the retail trading area allowing some great outcomes being achieved for customers, such as Wider Aisles, Bigger Range and Larger Fresh Food Departments. The new floor and brighter lighting enhances the modern feel and ambience.

Asked, after 26 years of running her own business in Berry what she loves about the grocery business LeeAnne says "The fact that it changes daily – Simple as that: It's never boring; we're in a highly competitive, low margin market, our customers habits are changing regularly and there are a lot of advancements in technology – all these things are what attracted me to the industry and especially Berry".



**BERRY IGA**

**PH: 44641239**

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# SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

News for Berry - COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY - BERRY ALLIANCE

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

## Applications Received

<b>DA12/1224</b>	Two Storey Dwelling & Detached Garage 3 King St, BERRY - 13-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1238</b>	New Urban Dwelling - Single Storey Dwelling, Detached Shed & Swimming Pool Edward St, BERRY - 16-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1273</b>	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling with side Building Line Variation to 8.80 metres A437 Princes Hwy, BROUGHTON - 23-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1264</b>	Pergola 1221B Bolong Rd, COOLANGATTA - 22-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1243</b>	Deck, Window changes and Wood Heater 15B Roxbrough Rd, FAR MEADOW - 19-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1244</b>	Proposed Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling. Demolition of Existing Detached Garage & Construction of New Detached Garage/Workshop with side building line variation to 8.7 metres 285A Bryces Rd, FAR MEADOW - 19-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1293</b>	Roof over Existing Verandah 866 Kangaroo Valley Rd, BELLAWONGARAH - 28-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1287</b>	Dwelling Additions including Front Building Line Variation to 3.13mtrs 1 Kangaroo Valley Rd, BERRY - 28-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1322</b>	Dwelling Additions (including Partial Demolition) 220 Coolangatta Rd, BERRY - 10-Apr-12
<b>DA12/1340</b>	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling 12 Ford St, BERRY - 13-Apr-12

**DA12/1306** Change of use of building including alterations and additions at Berry Rural Co-op to a Milk Processing Plant Old Creamery Lane, BERRY - 3-Apr-12

**DA12/1312** Internal Lift Installation to Villa 12/22 Victoria St, BERRY - 4-Apr-12

## Applications Received

<b>DA12/1015</b>	Addition to Existing Gazebo with side boundary variation of 5.5mtrs Coomonderry Range BERRY Withdrawn - 12-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1029</b>	New Dwelling - Single Storey with Alterations and Additions & Demolition of Existing Dwelling to Floor Level 640B Beach Rd BERRY Approved 15-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1009</b>	New Commercial - cafe in existing shop with takeaway & catering including outdoor dining & market stalls in park area 102 Queen St BERRY Approved - 28-Mar-12
<b>DA12/1264</b>	Dwelling Additions - Pergola 1221B Bolong Rd COOLANGATTA Approved - 2-Apr-12
<b>DA12/1243</b>	Dwelling Additions - Deck Window changes and Wood Heater 15B Roxbrough Rd FAR MEADOW Approved - 4-Apr-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](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

## Shoalhaven City Council is offering FREE Home Sustainability Workshops:

- Home Compost (Stage 1)
- Home Compost (Stage 2)
- Natural Cleaning
- Worm Farming
- Home Organic Vegetable Growing (Part 1)



All workshops are free. Workshops are 1½ hours duration and will be held in Nowra, Huskisson and Ulladulla. Workshops are offered on various days at various times and include daytime, evening and Saturday morning sessions.

Council is utilising an on-line event booking service.

Go the Council website: [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) and click on **Free Home Sustainability workshops**.

**For more information phone the Waste Hotline on ph 4429 3374. Numbers strictly limited.**

As you read this article I will have been to Melbourne attending the Leprosy Mission National conference. At the conference, we had the opportunity to hear about the work done first hand by those in the field. It's always a great opportunity to learn of the ways we, as communities, can assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. To talk with other team members and hear the stories of the work they carry out. In the next edition of the Town Crier I will be able to relay some of the stories from this conference.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our street stall in March; we are pleased to report that we cleared \$1,300.00 for the morning. We look forward to your ongoing support and welcome your attendance at our Auxiliary meetings.

For more information contact Trish on **44641693**.

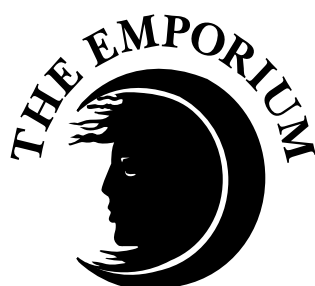
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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Thursday – Berry Masonic Village are holding their Kerrie's Clothing Fashion Parade 10.30am start, tickets \$10 with light lunch

**4<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday – Knit with Love Weekly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm – 3pm. Newcomers welcome (Meets each week at the 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

**4<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday – Gala Opening Night Berry Quilt and Craft Show Doors open at 7.30pm – 10pm Tickets \$20 available at the Berry Patchwork shop and Berry Public School Office from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. All enquiries Sharon Thomson ph.: 0405 516 267 or website: [www.berryquiltshow.com.au](http://www.berryquiltshow.com.au)

**5<sup>th</sup> May** – Saturday – Berry Quilt & Craft Show - *Celebrating 10 years*, at the Berry School of Arts, doors open at 9.30am till 4pm. Entry \$5 at the door, children under 12 years free - come and admire the quilts. All enquiries Sharon Thomson ph.: 0405 516 267 or website: [www.berryquiltshow.com.au](http://www.berryquiltshow.com.au)

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**6<sup>th</sup> May** – Sunday – Berry Country Fair at the Berry Showgrounds Enquiries to 4464 1476 on Thursdays and Fridays 10am – 3.30pm

**10<sup>th</sup> May** – Thursday Berry Alliance Meeting at 6.30 pm No special topic listed this month. All Berry community members are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future Forum discussion, contact Rick Gainford on 0449 569 059 or [info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:info@berryalliance.org.au)

**11<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday – CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

**15<sup>th</sup> May** – 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.

**17<sup>th</sup> May** – Thursday Berry Men's Shed Health Talk. St Johns Ambulance talking about 'staying alive'. 12 noon Uniting Church centre followed by BBQ. Enquiries David Merrington 4464 2629

**24<sup>th</sup> May** – Thursday – Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - *STYLE ICON OR AMBITIOUS SEDUCTRESS*: Jennie Churchill, Winston's American mother. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ [shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com](mailto:shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com)

**26<sup>th</sup> May** – Saturday – Berry Rotary Club presents the Berry Celtic Festival at the Berry Showground, starting from 9:30am with a street parade/Official Opening at 10:00am by Consul General of Spain in Sydney, Sr. Gerardo Bugallo Ottone. Enquiries: Col Hanbridge 4234 1346

### JUNE

**1<sup>st</sup> June** – Friday – Knit with Love Weekly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm – 3pm. Newcomers welcome (Meets each week at the 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sunday – Berry Country Fair at the Berry Showgrounds Enquiries to 4464 1476 on Thursdays and Fridays 10am – 3.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Friday – CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Thursday Berry Alliance Meeting at 6.30 pm No special topic listed this month. All Berry community members are welcome. All enquiries or to list a topic for future Forum discussion, contact Rick Gainford on 0449 569 059 or [info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:info@berryalliance.org.au)

**15<sup>th</sup> June Friday & 16<sup>th</sup> June Saturday** – Shoalhaven Family, Local and Cultural History Fair 2012 9.30am till 4pm each day at the School of Arts, Berry Street, Nowra. Entry to the fair is free, and with talks costing only \$2 each, this is an event not to be missed. For further information contact Joy Vost on 4421 6055 or email her at [jcvost@people.net.au](mailto:jcvost@people.net.au)

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – 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.

**21<sup>st</sup> June** – Thursday – Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - *ABORIGINAL ART: From Rock Art to the 21st Century*. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ [shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com](mailto:shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com)

## JULY

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**6<sup>th</sup> July** - Friday - Knit with Love Weekly get-together at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 1pm - 3pm. Newcomers welcome (Meets each week at the 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

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**13<sup>th</sup> July** - Friday - CWA monthly meeting from 1pm at the CWA rooms Victoria Street. Enquires Marcia 44643187

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**19<sup>th</sup> July** - Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - I AM A GENIUS: Artistic Identity and the Changing Status of Artists. Berry School of Arts from 7.30pm visitors welcome - \$25 per lecture. Light supper included. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ [shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com](mailto:shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> July** - Friday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Special interest day - 20<sup>th</sup> Century sculpture. All enquiries Kay Jarrett @ [shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com](mailto:shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com)

**29<sup>th</sup> July** - Sunday - Shoalhaven Poultry Auction at the Berry Poultry Pavilion - Berry Showground All enquiries to Shayne Tiplady 0401548704 or [info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au](mailto:info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au) or [www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au)



## Mary's Book

### Events and major attractions around Berry

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

**1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013:** Berry Show Society Annual Berry Show

**February 2013:** Berry Alliance hosts the Berry Community Group Leaders Get Together

**17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013:** Berry Alliance host Seniors Week celebrations - Berry

**4<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Berry Public School Annual Quilt & Craft Show at the Berry School of Arts

**26<sup>th</sup> May:** Berry Rotary Club presents the Berry Celtic Festival at the Berry Showground

**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August:** Berry Garden Club Annual Camellia Festival

**17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August:** Berry Landcare Annual Artfest at the Berry School of Arts

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August:** Berry Public School Annual Food & Wine Fair

**18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Berry Garden Clubs Annual Garden festival

## RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR BERRY 2, 16, 30 May & 13, 27 June

## Fire Permits are no longer required

The regulations still require people to notify the Fire Control Centre, notify neighbouring land owners and land management agencies 24 hours prior to burning, as well as taking appropriate action to ensure containment and control of fire so it doesn't escape and cause damage.

**Fire Control Centre - 4424 4424.**

**State Emergency Services Nowra 4424 4472.**



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

## "FIFTY YEARS OF BERRY CAMELIA SHOW"

This display commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Berry Camellia Show which will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2012. It shows the history of the show which was started in 1963 by the Management Committee of the Berry School of Arts to raise money for the upkeep of the building. From 1968 it was run by the Chesalon Auxiliary until in 1991 they asked the Berry and District Garden Club to take over.

**135 Queen Street, Berry - Ph: 44643097**

[www.berryhistory.org.au](http://www.berryhistory.org.au)

[berrymuseum@bigpond.com](mailto: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  
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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A MEMBER OF  
THE BERRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND  
HELPING RUN THE MUSEUM, ATTEND LECTURES  
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<b>Berry Alliance Inc.</b> PO Box 202 Berry 2535 2nd Thursday Monthly Community Consultative Business commencing at 6.30pm at the Berry Courthouse unless otherwise advertised in the Town Crier for a Community Forum etc. info@berryalliance.org.au	<b>0449 569 059</b>    www.berryalliance.org.au
<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>Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society</b> PO Box 269 Berry 25345 Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry School of Arts	<b>4464 3242</b> shoalhavenadfas@bluebottle.com.au
<b>Australian Red Cross</b> PO Box 249 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm, Berry School of Arts	<b>4464 2612</b>
<b>Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch</b> 78 Woodhill Mountain Rd Berry 2535 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Monthly, Hotel Berry, 6.00pm meeting	<b>4464 3965</b> adriandee@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Alcoholics Anonymous</b> Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm 34 Alexander Street Berry www.shoalhavenaa.com.au	<b>1300 903 392</b>
<b>Berry Al Anon Family Group</b> Meet every Monday at 7.30 Uniting Church Centre - Albert Street, Berry	<b>Irene 4448 8231</b>
<b>Berry Bridge Club INC</b> PO Box 366 Berry 2535 Meets Saturdays 1pm - 4:30pm at Masonic Lodge Community Hall	<b>4464 3009</b> mcorran@shoalhaven.net.au
<b>Berry Community Activities Centre Inc.</b> PO Box 244 Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm Muir House - 12 Prince Alfred St Berry	<b>4422 1794</b> berrymarkets@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Computers for Seniors</b> PO Box 103 Berry 2535 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly, 10 – 12noon Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street Berry.	<b>4448 6267</b> berrycfs@gmail.com
<b>Berry Community Pre-school</b> PO Box 143 Berry 2535 berrypreschool@bigpond.com	<b>4464 1764</b> www.berrypreschool.org.au
<b>Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee</b> PO Box 218 Berry 2535 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the Berry Courthouse	<b>0458 369 266</b>
<b>Berry Crafters &amp; Quilters</b> Meets each Wednesday 10am – 4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred St mford.646@gmail.com	<b>4464 3788</b>
<b>Berry &amp; District Garden Club</b> PO Box 122 Berry 2535 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm Masonic Village Community Room leith@shoal.net.au	<b>4464 2563</b> www.berrygardens.org.au
<b>Berry Drama group</b> PO Box 423 Berry 2535 1st Wednesday monthly - 7.00pm Berry School of Arts (except Jan & Dec)	<b>4464 2700</b> hugsfromrosie@shoal.net.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> berrymuseum@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Evening View Club</b> PO Box 76 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 7pm Berry Bowling Club	<b>4464 1032</b> pamcoles@optusnet.com.au
<b>Berry-Gerringong Rotary Club</b> PO Box 81 Berry 2535 Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club	<b>4464 3636</b> smithgf@bigpond.com
<b>Berry Landcare</b> c/- 35 Houston Place Berry 2535 3rd Saturday monthly and last Sunday monthly (Bundewallah)	<b>4464 3241</b> berrylandcare@gmail.com.
<b>Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary</b> 17 Gwenda Avenue Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.) 1.30pm above address.	<b>4464 1693</b> trish.n@optusnet.com.au
<b>Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc.</b> PO Box 435 Berry 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9:30am Activities Room Berry Masonic Village	<b>4464 3457</b>
<b>Berry Meals on Wheels</b> PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535	<b>4464 1604</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly at 9am CWA Hall Berry
<b>Berry Men's Shed</b> PO Box 103 Berry 2535 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am- 4pm North Street Berry www.berrymensshed.com.au	<b>4464 2619</b> e: richardcwiseman@hotmail.com
<b>Berry Playgroup</b> PO Box 279 Berry NSW Friday mornings at St Luke's Hall, via Victoria St	<b>0415 519 262</b> berryplaygroup@yahoo.com.au Facebook: Berry PlayGroup
<b>Berry Public School P&amp;C Association</b> PO Box 222 Berry 2535 berry_p.school@det.nsw.edu.au	<b>4464 1158</b>
<b>Berry RSL Sub Branch</b> PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 1st Tuesday Monthly at 10.30am Sub Branch Hall-26 Alexandra St Berry	<b>4423 1960</b> stuart.christmas@defence.gov.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

PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535 Meet 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm Old Council Chambers 24 hour caretakers / bookings Tony & Vicki Pye	0427 605 200
<b>Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)</b> 6 Clarence Street Berry 2535 Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm, Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground	4464 1250 kayecj@westnet.com.au
<b>Berry Spinners and Weavers</b> PO Box 377 Berry 2535 Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall	4446 43081 berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
<b>Brogers Creek Landcare</b> 53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm.	4465 1482 Andrew.fitzsimons@det.nsw.edu.au
<b>Country Women's Association – Berry Branch</b> PO Box 321 Berry 2535 2nd Friday each month at 1pm in the CWA Rooms.	4464 3187 marcia@shoalhaven.net.au
<b>David Berry Hospital Auxiliary</b> PO Box 285 Berry 2535 2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm David Berry Hospital Conference Room	4448 5703 bke25349@bigpond.net.au
<b>Hands Across NSW Inc</b> PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540 Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, monthly at Broughton Lodge, Berry Agriculture Hall	4446 0567 e.hands.across.nsw@gmail.com
<b>Knit with Love</b> c/- 34 Princess St Berry 2535 Meets every Friday 1pm – 3pm St Luke's Anglican church hall	4464 3651
<b>Liberal Party of Australia – Berry Branch</b> 100 Kangaroo Valley Rd Berry 2535 Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start at Gabbys of Berry	0412 287 706 aguile@nac.nsw.edu.au
<b>Lodge Broughton 131</b> PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly Agricultural Hall cnr Albany & Victoria Sts	4464 1713 tintern2@bigpond.com
<b>Mainly Music</b> Meets every Tuesday during school term, 10am - 11.30am at the Berry Community Church 34 Alexandra St Berry <a href="http://www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au">www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au</a>	4464 1693
<b>Penwood Rail Road Inc.</b> B215a Princes Highway Jaspers Brush 2535. Running day - 1st Sun monthly - visitors welcome	4464 1201 johnandlynclark@bigpond.com
<b>Probus Club of Berry</b> PO Box 68 Berry 2535 Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 9.30am Berry Masonic Village Hall	4448 6053 hughmc0803@gmail.com
<b>Slow Food Saddleback</b> PO Box 435 Gerringong 2534	0410 289 539 kirstenmchugh@hotmail.com
<b>Slow Food Shoalhaven</b> 246b Tindalls Lane Berry 2535 Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at Coach house Restaurant, 6.30pm	0400 750 551 info@slowfoodshoalhaven.com.au
<b>Shoalhaven Arts Society Inc.</b> PO Box 240 Nowra 2541 Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 1pm Berry School of Arts	4422 1794
<b>Shoalhaven Poultry Group</b> 165 Kangaroo Valley Road 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month above address shayne_early@hotmail.com.au	0410 548 704 www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b> PO Box 77 Berry 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday monthly 7.30pm St Patricks Church Hall	4464 1897 e.gbrandon@virtualcity.com.au
<b>Zonta Club of Berry</b> PO Box 302 Berry 2535 Meets 4th Tuesday monthly, 6.30pm Gabby's Function Centre, Prince Alfred St, Berry	4446 1001
<b>SPORTING GROUPS</b>	
<b>Berry Hockey Club</b> 13 Windsor Drive Berry 2535 jenny@southernhost.com.au	4464 1992 www.berryhockeyclub.com.au
<b>Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football</b> 9 Ford St Berry 2535 School term 4 – Thursday 4pm till 6pm at the Berry Sporting Complex, North St Berry	4448 6027/ 4464 1609 jjyoung@live.com
<b>Berry Riding Club</b> 445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel jasiiy@bigpond.net.au	4464 1143 www.berryridingclub.com
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club</b> PO Box 206 Berry NSW 2535 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month during cricket season at the Berry Hotel	0422 688901 www.bshcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior League</b> PO Box 162 Berry 2535 4th Wednesday Monthly, 7.30pm at the Berry Bowling Club	4464 1896 berrysjuniorleague@gmail.com
<b>Berry Tennis Club</b> PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535	0466 466 122 e: berrytennis@hotmail.com

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How do we thank you all for your wonderful support at our Gorgeous Chicken Stall on April 4<sup>th</sup>, we sold well over 500 wonderful, gorgeous, chickens - thank you everyone. The raffle was won by Robyn Cox of Broughton Vale - congratulations Robyn.

We are selling tickets outside the Chemist in Berry 3 days a week for our Mother's Day Raffle of a Double Bed Quilt topper that has been donated to us from Dannie's Friday morning Stitch & Sew group. This quilt is also in the Ross Hobson's Chemist window for all to see - tickets are only \$1.00 each and will be drawn at our Mother's Day stall on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. Come along to the stall and buy a lovely cake, slices, pickles, jams, aprons, bags, etc. etc. it's a fun morning.

The Celtic Fair is on again on the 26<sup>th</sup> MAY and we will be there again with our wonderful cakes jams, pickles and another great Hamper Raffle.

We received our Wish List for the year so today we passed for 4 items to be ticked off this list. We will go ahead with more next month when we have more information on them.

6 x memory foam mattresses, raised toilet seat (4inches), new cushion covers for existing pressure cushions and therapy putty (3) all coming to a total of over \$4500. We would love to have you join us please come along to our next meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30p.m for a light lunch and then our meeting.

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## WRESTLING FOR REAL

I have never really got into it. Friends have, but I just don't see the point. Millions of people watch it every week. Many grown men get dressed up in the most bizarre outfits to support it. What am I talking about? Professional Wrestling. I am not talking about the type of wrestling that we would see at the Olympics, but the type of professional wrestling that involves make up, costumes, chairs flying, and general chaos. The type of wrestling that involves names like 'Stone Cold Steve Austin', 'Hulk Hogan', and 'The Rock'.

If ever I have been somewhere and this type of wrestling has been on TV, I try to talk to the people about the fact it is not reality. But they don't care; many people love the theater of it all and enjoy the show as entertainment. And of course they always try and tell me that it is not setup, and that each bout is real and nobody knows who is going to win.

Well I meet each week with many wrestlers right here in Berry and our surrounds. Wrestlers that look just like you and me. These are people that are not just putting on the act; they *wrestle for real*...wrestle with big issues, wrestle with things in their own lives, wrestle with local issues, wrestle with global concerns and the biggest test of all...they *wrestle for real* with God!

Followers of Jesus don't have all the answers, we are wrestlers. In our church we want to

be a place where honest questions can be asked, where people journey together to discover God and the life that Jesus offers... and find the answers in Him. But wrestlers also do get a reward. In Genesis 32:22-32 Jacob wrestles with God. He got the reward of God's blessing on his life and actually got to see God face to face.

Starting in May we are going to wrestle with a series on the Radical Jesus. Dorothy Sayers [1893-1957] was a renowned English crime writer, poet, playwright, essayist, translator and Christian humanist and she challenges us with the following... "We have declawed the lion of Judah [a name of Jesus] & made him a housecat for pale priests & pious old ladies."

Do you want to have God bless your life; do you want to see God? Then *wrestle for real* with us as we try to not make Jesus a housecat but allow him to be the radical lion he is. God bless from Brendan at Berry Community Church - see advert for details or go to:

**[www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au](http://www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au)**



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*Rev Brendan Handel*

We meet at 34 Alexandra Street, Berry.

Sunday Service Times 9.30am and 5.30pm. (PM) with Kidz Church

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**Church Office:** 34 Alexandra Street, Berry, NSW 2535 **Email:** [brendan@berrycommunitychurch.org.au](mailto:brendan@berrycommunitychurch.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 4464 1660 **Web:** [www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au](http://www.berrycommunitychurch.org.au)

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## Restaurants & Cafes

### Berry Jetz Café

1/94 Queen Street Berry - t 4464 3320  
7 days – 8am to 5pm

### Berry Sourdough Bakery and Café

23 Prince Alfred Street Berry – t 4464 1617  
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### Hedgehogs Coffee Shop

4/98 Queen Street, Berry - t 4464 3051  
7 days – 8am to 4pm  
[www.hedgehogscoffeeshop.com.au](http://www.hedgehogscoffeeshop.com.au)

### Hungry Duck

85 Queen Street Berry 2535 - t 4464 2323  
[www.hungryduck.com.au](http://www.hungryduck.com.au)  
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### Just Delicious

Shop 3 / 62 Albert Street Berry – t 4464 3650  
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### Pavilion Restaurant

72 - 76 Queen St Berry 2535 – t 4464 1074  
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Brunch – Fri – Sun  
Email: [restaurant@berrymotel.com.au](mailto:restaurant@berrymotel.com.au)  
Website: [www.berrymotel.com.au](http://www.berrymotel.com.au)

### The Berry Hotel

120 Queen Street - t 4464 1011  
Open 7 days: Dinner 6pm - 9pm, Lunch 11:30am - 2:30pm  
Breakfast on weekends 8am - 11am

### The Berry Tea Shop

Shop 1, 66 Albert Street, Berry - t 4464 1218  
Open 7 days: 10am to 5pm  
[www.theberryteashop.com.au](http://www.theberryteashop.com.au)

### The Silos Restaurant

Princess Hwy Jaspers Brush – t 4448 6160  
Lunch: Open Thursday - Sunday.  
Dinner: Open Thursday - Saturday. [www.silos.com.au](http://www.silos.com.au)

### Table Talk Café

75 River Road, Shoalhaven Heads 2535 - t 4448 8831.  
7 days – 8.30am – 4pm  
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## Functions & Catering

### Berry Courthouse and Gardens

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## RED CROSS - BERRY BRANCH



**March was Red Cross Calling month**, an annual event to raise funds for Red Cross services throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific. This year Berry Branch was pleased to transfer a total of \$2,363.15 in funds raised during Red Cross Calling. For the first time, throughout Australia, Red Cross members were permitted to collect from Australian Naval Bases. We wish to thank the staff of HMAS Albatross for assisting our members by giving generously and making our members feel valued and welcome - in one hour, \$1003.15 was raised, a just reward for our members who met at 6 am to make their way to Albatross. Good one!

Disaster Relief and Recovery Work is still our primary focus - with 6000 people having been affected by floods in NSW alone. Regional Manager Judy Harper stated that 'locally, we have had volunteers assist at Goulburn and Bega centres, while other volunteers were on standby to assist at Queanbeyan for some time. We also had 8 local volunteers travel to Moree to assist with the Recovery Centres and Outreach work, and a number of volunteers went to Wagga Wagga as well. Very positive feedback has been received from FACS about the competence and availability of our volunteers.'

Locally, the Red Cross has a Retail Store in Schofields Lane, Nowra run by loyal hardworking members of the Nowra Branch. Recently there has been a

campaign to address an urgent need for donated items. **'Don't ditch it, regift it!'** ..... do you ever receive gifts that well, hmm? Why not regift it to our Red Cross Shop. 'Red Cross stores rely on good quality donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, books and all store profits support the work of the wider Red Cross'.

Telecross - our most well-known and successful program is undergoing some changes to enhance its service and increase responsiveness to client's needs. There will now be a combination of volunteers making calls to clients from their own homes as well as volunteers making calls from the new office in Nowra. As well as morning calls to isolated and at risk people to ensure their safety, a Telechat program is also being investigated. Telechat provides a regular, weekly phone call for clients who enjoy a longer chat. This program aims to increase the social connectedness of isolated members of the community. An exciting time. If you feel you may enjoy being a Telecross Volunteer please call Alison Murie on phone 44 230 053 or 44 284 900.

Red Cross- Berry Branch meets on the 1st Wed of the month, Berry School of Arts, 2 pm, new members always welcome.

**Sandra Eldridge**  
Red Cross-Berry Branch  
Phone: 44 642 612

## BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB NEWS

We have two "good news items" for this issue of the Berry Town Crier.

Firstly, our member, Patricia Vassallo was awarded a Shoalhaven International Women's Day Award for her work with the Women's Refuse - a division of the Zonta Club and in last month's issue I mentioned that Jessica Monteith, our member Janice Harris's granddaughter, won the Berry Show Girl. Later on she went on to win the Zone judging and this weekend Jessica was the runner up in The Land Sydney Royal Show Competition. Congratulations and well none to you both.

Our last coffee morning went well at Jetz, maybe because it didn't rain, plus we have 4 children with us - are we looking at future members?

The next coffee morning will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and will be at Laura's Café on Queen - next door to the Berry Hardware Shop. Laura has just opened her coffee shop and we wish her well. A reminder to our members, at our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, we are having a trading table. All saleable items will be appreciated.

**Pamela Coles**  
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# Seniors Week 2012



Seniors Week this year was another success and thanks goes to all the volunteers and the participants for enriching our community.

The walks arranged by Landcare / Berry Alliance volunteers were well attended and very much enjoyed. The waterfall and the huge Fig at Bundewallah Rainforest were much admired. It was a little more of a hike than a stroll but everyone got through it and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Moeyan Hill walk was described as a 40 minute stroll and was also particularly enjoyable and very informative as usual. Morning Tea organised by the Alliance at the Berry Courthouse on the Tuesday morning was held again this year and

particular thanks go to Marilyn Kellett and her team from the Masonic Village Auxiliary who provided and served the morning tea. We also had the volunteer gardeners at the Courthouse to help with tours and descriptions. This year the Berry Pre-School Tuesday kids were invited and came along. Particular thanks go to the staff and the volunteer mums who brought the little darlings. The children are a credit to their parents and were very popular with the people attending the morning tea. The kids also enjoyed the morning tea with scones and cakes disappearing at a great rate. This is something we would like to continue in future years.

The Grange held an information session on the Thursday on Family History, the Berry Men's Shed had an open day and St Luke's Anglican Church held a special luncheon with music and entertainment for seniors as well as a special Seniors Church Service.

A wonderful week and if you or your group would like to become involved in next year's celebrations please get in touch with the Berry Alliance so we can include you in our forward planning for this event.

**The Berry Alliance Committee**



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## BERRY COURTHOUSE

The Berry Courthouse Conservation  
Committee would like to invite any  
Berry Community Group to visit to  
the Courthouse Gardens.

If your group is interested in a visit  
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Rick on **44642446.**



# Berry Garden Club

After two weeks of dry weather, I write this article during heavy rain. Members of the Garden Club visited a local garden this morning; a landscaper's exotic garden filled with interesting bamboos, palms, bromeliads, ferns and lush tropical foliage plants. The site is sheltered by walls of bamboo and overhead foliage from trees and palms. Members were fascinated by the variety of colour and pattern in the bamboo stems. Concern is often expressed at the invasive nature of these plants, however when purchasing bamboos take care to choose those of a clumping nature. Apart from the very attractive stems, leaves were varied in size and shape. Of great interest is the trunk shape and pattern of palms, some plaited, some triangular, others ringed and smooth. Leaves of the Fishtail palm, *Caryota urens* attracted attention; as the common name implies the leaves are shaped like a fishtail. It is grown as a source of sugar in South East Asia. This is the palm admired by visitors to Cairns Airport where it is grown en masse.

Deciduous trees in Berry and surrounding areas are beginning to display their autumn colours, a wonderful time to admire nature's handiwork, enjoy different leaf shapes and the range of yellow, orange, red and purple tints. Admiration never ceases. Some members of my family live in Queensland and Northern NSW; I send them leaves to emphasise what they are missing. This is a superb time to visit the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah, apart from the superb colour of the autumn foliage, many trees and shrubs will be displaying

colourful fruits. *Viburnum*, *Berberis*, *Holly*, *Rowan* may grow well in the Berry district; however the fruit display often requires a colder climate.

An article entitled 'Swanning around; the tyre swan in the Australian garden' recently appeared in *Australian Garden History* magazine. According to garden historians, the tyre swan is Australia's contribution to garden ornaments. Writer of the article is Richard Heathcote, Director of Carrick Hill Historic House and Garden located at Springfield in Adelaide's foothills. Richard has purchased four tyre swans and these will be displayed in the proposed Australian Gardening Museum at Carrick Hill. Historian James Broadbent is quoted as saying a decade ago 'the ornithology and habitat of this endangered species is, as yet, improperly studied. Until verified sightings are recorded in Europe, Asia or the Americas, it must be assumed to be an indigenous species (both black and white) of mainly coastal Australia, ranging in latitude from Tasmania to northern Queensland. Sightings in WA have yet to be confirmed. Its habitats appear to be determined by their eco-systems.' I know of two people in Berry who own one of these ornaments, they may have to keep them under lock and key.

Hazel King



## BERRY SHOW SOCIETY

The 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012 is the 125<sup>th</sup> Berry Show Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. To be held in the Presbyterian Hall, Alexandra Street Berry at 8 p.m. This will be followed by supper served by the Presbyterian Ladies. All welcome.

Annual Membership subscriptions for 2012/2013 are now due and can be sent to our PO Box 173 Berry 2535 or dropped into the mail slot in the Office door. Alternatively, paid in person on Tuesday afternoons between 2 to 4 p.m. Adults \$15 and Children (15y.o. and under) \$5.

For Committee Members and Auxiliary Members a group photo will be taken at 7 p.m. to commemorate our 125<sup>th</sup> year, please be present early.

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# BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE AUXILIARY

Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary are busy preparing for our upcoming Fashion Parade of Kerrie's Clothes which will be on at the Village in the Activity Hall - Albany Lane, Berry on THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY starting at 11am. A great few hours have been planned and a light lunch will be served after the parade all for only \$10.00 per ticket. Great lucky door prizes - raffle only \$1.00 per ticket. Please come along for an enjoyable day.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May under the Grand Stand at Berry Showground we will be there at the Celtic Festival selling our prize winning SCONES JAM and CREAM (Freshly whipped) come and join us while you listen to the wonderful events of the day.

We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Village Activity Hall in Albany Lane Berry at 9.30am and we have a lovely cuppa and chat afterwards. Please join us if you have a few spare hours. For more information ring President Una Graaf 44 641 713



# BERRY CWA NEWS

After the 'lost' summer we have been blessed with glorious autumn weather and it came just in time for the Berry CWA to celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. To celebrate, we adopted ourselves as the "Lavender Ladies" of Berry and shared a birthday cake together. What could be more perfect than that? Happy birthday - Berry CWA

While we waited for our monthly meeting to begin we went back to yesteryear as we viewed a slide show of past and present members and their rather "interesting" functions - a fashion parade, for example. But what value is modern technology? It somehow didn't allow us to view the succeeding slide show! Nevertheless afternoon tea 2012 was a delight with a special cake, thanks to Betty Endean.

New members, Diane Radburn, Tonya Goode, Judith Rodgers, Elinor McCosky and Nikei Thorpe were made welcome. Berry CWA is not shrinking but increasing in numbers and it has been a joy to see them "being at home" with this very friendly group of ladies.

Berry Branch will join in the "Walk-the-World" that begins at 10am on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Berry Showground. Monies raised will go to ACWW (The Associated Country Women of the World) for various projects which will be advised later.

Under the guidance and instruction of the Handicraft Officer, Robyn, craft is being completed for the Celtic Festival. There will be a double stall at which craft of various types and cookery will be sold. Thank you Robyn for your enthusiasm and encouragement each Wednesday. It is a very jolly morning and of course the ladies all enjoy the "cuppa" and a bite to eat.

We were treated to a double delight when our International Officer, Lorraine, and our guest speaker Caroline brought us up-to-date on all things East Timorese. Lorraine invited us to tread the path of East Timor's historical growth to the country that it is today.

This also included the role of our armed forces during World War 2 and at the present day.

Caroline, is a member of Kangaroo Valley Remexio Partnership (begun in 1999) engaged in various fund-raising activities. Remexio is actually a district consisting of a main village and a number of satellite villages. Material assistance is important; successful fund raising has purchased two vehicles, a milling saw, sewing machines, tools, clothes, and solar light installations, among other items. Kangaroo Valley Remexio and other groups arrange for treks for runners and walkers. The founding partnership's motto is "Serbisu hamutuk" (i.e. working together). The most important requirements of the Timorese is education through scholarships, shared experience, mentoring, support for students living away from home, various material needs, and community building. A challenge for all to think about - what are the needs of one of our closest neighbours? You may wish to visit the website for further details: [www.kvrp.org.au](http://www.kvrp.org.au)

For further information contact Marcia on 44643187, Marie on 44232164, or visit the CWA web site at:

[www.cwaofnsw.org.au](http://www.cwaofnsw.org.au), or write to Secretary, PO Box 321, Berry 2535

**Jean Stanfield - Publicity Officer**



Berry Lavender Ladies left-to-right Betty Adams, Betty Endean, Judy Rigg



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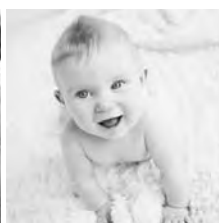
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## Pre-loved Clothing Sale

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** was the day of our Pre-loved Clothing Sale and what a huge success it was for the **Zonta Club of Berry**.

The beautiful weather attracted many people to the **Berry Markets** and thanks to the work of our PR and Communications ladies, their advertising brought many bargain hunters to the area under the Showground grandstand.

Members and visitors were in good spirits and many shoppers showed great interest in our work, especially in the prospect of another **Birthing Kit** day.

We cannot express enough our gratitude to everyone who donated clothes and accessories or who purchased goods or raffle tickets to enable us to raise sufficient funds to purchase a substantial number of Birthing Kits to be assembled later in the year.

Many thanks also to **Zonta members and friends** who gave up numerous hours to help to organise the sale and to distribute the remaining stock to various charities after the event.

**Watch this space for the time and place for our Birthing Kit assembly day and the number we will be assembling.**

## Forthcoming Fund Raiser

Following the success of our **Cup Cake Stall** held last year at the **Celtic Festival**, we are holding another one at this year's **Celtic Festival** to be held on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May** at **Berry Showground**. **Please come along and support our Club by buying some of these DELICIOUS Cup Cakes!**

## Z Club Charter Day

It has been the hope of our Club to someday begin a **Z Club** in local High Schools with the aim to mentor these students to emulate the work of the **Zonta Organisation**. Due to the hard work of some of our members and in particular to a relatively new member, **Helen Buchanan**, we are thrilled to announce that our first **Z Club** has been formed at **Shoalhaven High School** and **Charter Day is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Dignitaries from **Zonta District 24**, **Mayor Paul Green**, **Deputy Mayor Andrew Guile** and **Politicians Joanna Gash and Gareth Ward** will be in attendance. Guests are welcome to attend though confirmation of attendance is imperative. **Please confirm your attendance on 0427235369 by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. We look forward to nurturing the Charter members and to hearing of their successes in the future.

## A farewell note!

After four years of writing the **Town Crier** article for **Zonta Club of Berry**, the time has come to step down and hand over to someone else in our Club. I have enjoyed sharing all our news with readers and thank everyone who has given me so many positive comments over the years. I am delighted that through our articles many visitors have attended our meetings or have joined our Club as a consequence of reading about our work. I hand over now to the **PR and Communications Committee** who will continue to keep you informed about everything happening in the **Zonta world**. Finally, my thanks to the **Town Crier team** and especially to editor, **Sharon Dunn** who has always done everything she could to support and promote our projects and objectives.

Thank you

Jan Chambers

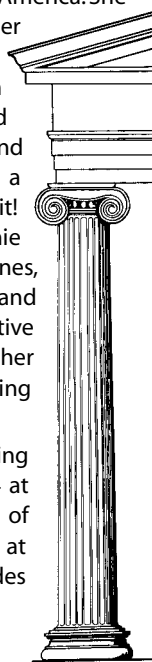
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## WINSTON'S AMERICAN MOTHER

The Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecturer for May is Anne Seber, a Biographer, Journalist, Broadcaster and former Reuter's foreign Correspondent. Her first job was at the BBC World Service in the Arabic Department. She has lived in Rome and New York and is now based in London. The author of ten books including biographies, her book on Jennie Churchill has been described as immensely enjoyable, her prose as smooth and elegant as expensive cashmere.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD ENDS 29 MARCH 2012

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"Although fire permits are no longer required, property owners must still exercise caution and follow guidelines regarding the use of fire," said James Morris Media Officer Shoalhaven. "Residents must notify neighbouring land owners and their local fire authority at least 24 hours before burning, as well as taking appropriate action to ensure containment and control of their fire so it doesn't escape and cause damage." Penalties still apply for failing to notify neighbours that you are lighting a fire and for allowing fires to escape.

"Even though the weather is cooling down and there has been significant recent rainfall locally, there is still the potential for fires to threaten life, property and the environment." If residents do wish to conduct burning activities, they should ask the NSWRFs for advice, permits and approvals and:

- Give fire authorities and neighbours at least 24 hours notice.
- Check weather conditions/Total Fire Bans.
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- Have adequate water resources and fire fighting equipment on hand.
- Supervise the fire at all times.
- Call Triple Zero (000) immediately if fire escapes.

"We encourage people to seek advice from their local NSWRFs Fire Control Centre on how to safely conduct hazard reduction activities such as slashing, trittering and burning, and how to prepare their homes for the next bush fire season," said James Morris Media Officer Shoalhaven. For more information contact Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre on (02) 4424 4424 or visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

*Editor's note: This media release was received after the April issue had gone to print.*



## Satellite Subsidy Scheme closes 30 April 2012

Applications for the Australian Government's Satellite Subsidy Scheme will close for the Berry area on **30 April 2012**.

The subsidy is only available in areas that need satellite TV because a local TV tower is not being upgraded to digital.

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For more information, you can call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 (8am-10pm AEST 7 days) or visit the Digital Ready Website [www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy](http://www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy)

*Editorial Note: The cut-off date of 30 April for applying for a rebate listed here may well be gone by the time you receive this Town Crier. On balance, we thought it best that we put the Media Release in for information even though the date was very close because it does draw attention to what may be a problem for some around switch over time. Plan ahead to avoid any surprises.*



## Berry Uniting Church

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Mobile: **0410 650 045**

Email: [minister@berry.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:minister@berry.unitingchurch.org.au)

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## Berry Meals on Wheels

A warm hello to all our Berry residents and our wonderful volunteers who keep themselves very busy looking after our clients (who require a main meal and a bit of a chat each week day). If you hear of anyone who needs our service please call: John McLeod on ph.: 4464 1604.

All volunteers will be receiving an invitation to afternoon tea at the CWA hall Monday 21st May at 2pm. Please do come along. If you don't receive your invitation please call John on the above phone number or Marilyn on ph. 4464 3326 for further information.

Thank you all

**Val Ison**  
**Publicity Officer**

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this issue for regular advert.**

# BCAC NEWS

As many would be aware paintings by the children of the Berry Primary School are presently hanging outside the Children's Ward at the Shoalhaven Hospital. After the hospital was renovated the BCAC provided frames for paintings to decorate some of the corridor walls.

It was decided recently that it was time to change the present art works and once again the Berry Public School was asked to participate by providing fresh paintings to replace those presently on display. The criteria for the new artworks were "Happy Faces".

On Easter Saturday the selection was made from some 200 works (not an easy task). However, 19 paintings were chosen but unfortunately none of the children's works that were selected were present to receive the accolades they richly deserved.

These are the names of the lucky children:

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Ruby Adams – 5/6M / Oliver Firth – Yr6 / Michael Lill – Yr6  
Adam Starkey – Yr6 / Sarah – No other details at present

The School will be advised as soon as the paintings are hung at the hospital and we hope the children's parents will take them along to see them on the wall.

Congratulations to all the children who entered because they are all winners in our eyes.

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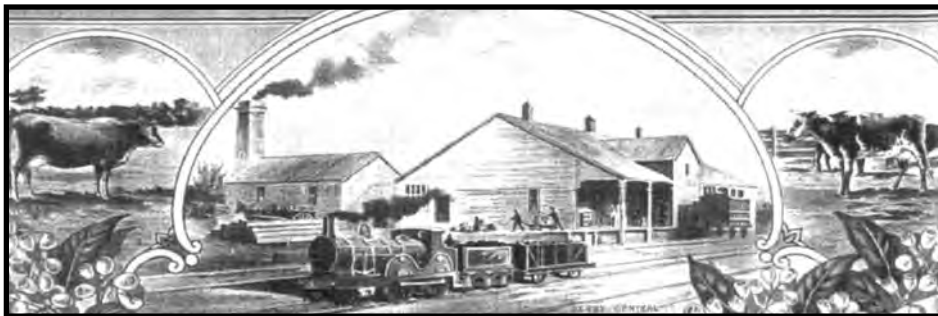
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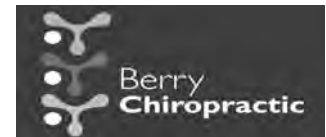
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