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# Town Crier

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**THE BERRY MUSEUM  
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## FIRE, FIRE

Members of the community are invited to come along to the joint display put on by the Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire and Rescue to be held in the grounds of the Berry Museum on Saturday, 17th September commencing at 10 am.

There will be some fun items for the kids, including knapsack target practice and a surprise visit by Bernie Cinders. There will also be demonstrations including the use of fire extinguishers and fire blankets along with showing you how to deal with a kitchen fire. Both fire trucks will be there for inspection. In order to help us prepare for the forthcoming fire season, show bags will be available, which include a copy of the bushfire survival plan booklet. Whilst there enjoy a sausage sizzle and wander into the Museum to view the static display put on both groups.



## COMMUNITY FORUM

### SHOALHAVEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

The Berry Alliance has joined with other Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs) north of the Shoalhaven River to hold a community Forum on the new Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan (LEP).

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**7.30PM**

**BERRY COURTHOUSE**

The Berry Alliance will use the 15 September forum to gauge the level of community concern on particular issues and make a submission to SCC based on these concerns.

**We encourage all interested residents to come to the forum and have their say.**

**"Together we can make a difference"**



*See page 5 for further details on the SLEP*

## Do you want this?



**The RTA Bridge that just keeps getting BIGGER  
Grew some or Gruesome ?**

More details on pages 4 & 5



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## The Town Crier INFORMATION

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

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

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# Tracks to the Future

## 2 metre wide Pathway along Alexandra Street to Victoria Street.

The Tracks to the Future Committee are rolling along with our first project and we are confident that the Berry community will all get behind it.

We are planning to complete the pathway before Christmas if we can, but we need your help please. The project is going to cost approx. \$40,000. We received a \$20,000 grant from the State Government last December and we have requested some financial assistance from Council and some generous groups in Berry as well. We are confident that we can raise the additional money required with your help.

You can assist us by:

- making a donation;
- buying raffle tickets;
- buying sausage sandwiches at our Sausage Sizzle events;
- volunteering to help.

Donations can be made by post to Berry Alliance, P O Box 202 Berry 2535. Names of donors will be recognised in the Town Crier each month.

Raffle tickets will be sold at a variety of locations around Berry including the Pharmacy. Sausage Sizzles will be held outside the Berry IGA and at the Markets. If you would like to volunteer please email [tracks@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:tracks@berryalliance.org.au)

**Raffle Prizes:**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize:** Luxury weekend for 2 at Broughton Mill Farm Guesthouse Berry (\$550); Dinner for two at an excellent local restaurant (\$150); Cafe vouchers to the value of \$50 for a lunch or coffees and teas; 2 bottles of wine from Justin Lill Wines (\$60); \$100 voucher from Berry Mountain Cycles and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize:** Dinner for two at an excellent local restaurant (\$150); 4 bottles of wine (\$100) and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize:** Dinner or lunch at an excellent local cafe / restaurant (\$100) and a collection of Berry history books from the Berry Museum.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the raffle will be drawn at Berry Merry Christmas.

Many thanks for all the encouragement and participation from the Berry community.

We hope that this is just the first of many similar projects to come.

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## Council to meet with Penwood Miniature Railroad owner

Shoalhaven City Council's Development Committee recently adopted a motion looking to assist the owner of the Penwood Miniature Railroad in exploring viable options for reopening his facility on Community Open Days.

The recommendation follows Council's decision to provide the railroad owner, Les Irwin with an Emergency Stop Activity Order Number 8 on Friday 22 July.

This order was issued after Penwood Railroad Inc. illustrated a perceived reluctance to cease holding open days despite serious road safety concerns and no formal development application being lodged.

The Development Committee's adopted motion recommends "Council notes the significance of the Penwood Railway to the Shoalhaven community and requests the General Manager to work with the relevant sections of Council that might see the facility restored for community use."

Mr Irwin, along with representatives of Penwood Railroad will meet later this month with Shoalhaven City Council Mayor, General Manager, Councillors, senior staff and local Police in a bid to explore suitable safe alternative access points from his Jaspers Brush property to the highway.

Shoalhaven City Council Director of Development and Environmental Services, Tim Fletcher said Council had recently become aware the Penwood facility was hosting community Open Days saying a development application was needed to host such an event.

"Mr Irwin gave an undertaking in 2006 that his miniature railway facility was being used strictly

for private use however, it has recently become apparent this was not the case,' said Mr Fletcher.

"On 19 July Council received a complaint from the victim of a motor accident which occurred at the highway entrance to Penwood.

"The complainant was travelling north and after cresting the hill at Croziers Road intersection found four cars stationary as they waited to make a right turn into the railway. The victim then took evasive action and collided into the embankment in an endeavour to avoid crashing into the stationary cars. It was extremely lucky that no one was hurt."

"After this incident, and subsequent consultation with the Police, Council was left with no alternative but to issue an Emergency Stop Activity Order for the Penwood Railway."

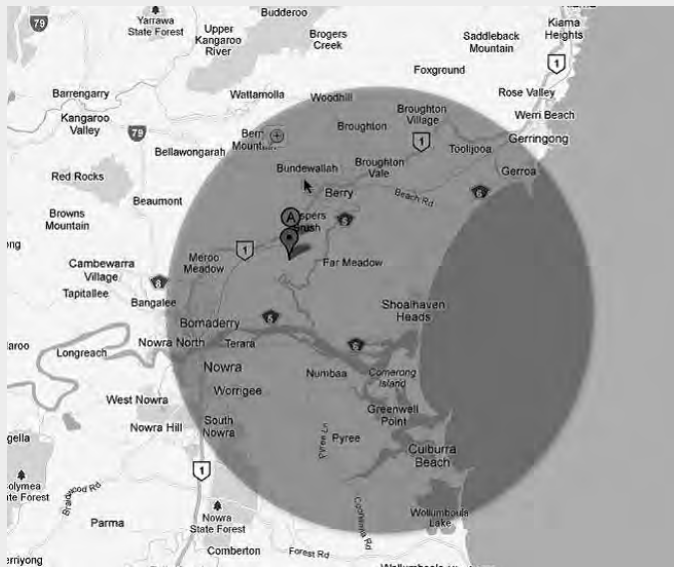
Under the Stop Activity Order Mr Irwin is able to operate the miniature railway for personal use and in the company of friends only.

Mr Fletcher said Council had initiated several discussions with Mr Irwin since issuing the Stop Activity Order saying all subsequent talks had been extremely amicable and compliant.

"It's important to note that Council doesn't have any issues with the model railway operation other than the access point onto the highway and the risk it currently presents coupled with the need to obtain development consent," said Mr Fletcher.

"The concept of the railway as a tourist attraction is well supported by Council providing an appropriate safe access can be achieved."

# Do you want to live next to an airport in Berry? Under the flight paths?



• **Destroy real estate values** – who wants to live under a flight path?

• **Destroy local jobs** - tourists who come to the Shoalhaven and create local jobs want peace and quiet, not aircraft noise and they also want clean rivers to enjoy.

• **Destroy our ecology** the airstrip is bang in the middle of acid sulphate soils. The current owner's recent

The proposed Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan (LEP) would give all rural landowners the zoning for a commercial airport on their land.

Under the proposed new zoning, the local airstrip at Jaspers Brush just outside Berry could become a commercial airport just like Bankstown or Albion Park.

Aviation experts say that the noise footprint would impact most of us living in and around Berry, Shoalhaven Heads, Bomaderry and Jaspers Brush. This would:

• **Destroy amenity** – goodbye peace and quiet country living, hello planes all day and night.

unapproved development on the land has exposed acid sulphate soils. It was only persistent action by local residents that forced Council to act.

Any further development of this airfield could expose more acid sulphate soils on the bank of Broughton Creek and into the Shoalhaven River. Council needs to know that we don't need another airport in the Shoalhaven. We already have one, at Albatross. Even Council tells us that once the planes are in the air, it is too late – they can't stop them then. They'll be up, up and away flying over your house, your farm, your river, your beach, all day, every day.

## Editor's Note...

The closing date for our OCTOBER issue will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

Material can be submitted via e-mail to: [towncrier@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:towncrier@berryalliance.org.au) or drop box in the Berry Post Office PO Box 202 Berry 2535

**Phone 0428 037 572**

Sharon Dunn - BERRY TOWN CRIER

What you can do:

Write a submission and send it to Council. Simply ask them to take "Air Transport Facilities" out of the RU1 zoning. Ask them to limit future aircraft noise and protect our creeks and rivers from acid sulphate soils, then post it to SLEP Submissions, PO Box 42, Nowra, NSW, 2541, or email to [slep2009@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:slep2009@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) or do it online at:

[www.slep2009.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.slep2009.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

For more information attend the Berry Alliance LEP Forum at the Berry Courthouse on September 15 at 7.30pm

(see front cover of this issue for further details)

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# RTA RESPOND to POLITICAL PRESSURE on Bypass



12 August 2011

## BERRY BYPASS OPTIONS TO BE REFINED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today announced the RTA will develop new design options for the proposed Princes Highway bypass of Berry.

"Refinements to the preferred option will be developed after community feedback indicating there were concerns about potential noise and visual impacts for the current proposed alignment," Mr. Ward said.

"These options will be assessed with local community consultation and input," he said.

"Various community groups have raised concerns and ideas about the RTA's proposed upgrade of the Princes Highway around Berry.

"After the community feedback, the RTA will consider moving the alignment of the proposed upgrade further from North Street; however, this is not a route selection process.

"The preferred route to the north of town was finalised and announced in 2009," he said.

"The RTA will assess options to decide on the best alignment for the bypass.

"The proposed options will be presented to the community in a public meeting in September 2011. The community will be notified of the meeting date in letters and advertisements," he said

"The community will have two weeks after the public meeting to comment on the options.

"The RTA will continue to prepare the environmental assessment for the Foxground and Berry bypass.

We need to get on with the planning for this important road project and have it ready to start work as soon as possible," Mr. Ward said.

Residents requiring further information can contact the RTA's community information line on **1800 506 976** or visit the RTA's website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

**Following Gareth's press release above the RTA's Regional Manager Brad Turner posted the following message on the RTA's website. It makes interesting reading but we must make sure the RTA's project team meet their Regional Manager's aspirations.**

In the last edition of the Town Crier we reported that following representations from BOB and other community members, the Member for Kiama Gareth Ward facilitated a visit to Berry by the Hon Duncan Gay NSW Minister for Roads to discuss community concerns relating to plans by the RTA for the upgrade of the Princes Highway around Berry.

Minister Gay and Gareth held a number of meetings with community members including BOB on 26 July. In his meeting with members of BOB the Minister stated that he had requested the RTA to review options to reduce the environmental impact of the RTA's "preferred route" for the Princes Highway Upgrade around Berry. One of BOB's principle concerns was the impact of the high level bridge over Woodhill Mountain Road and Bundewallah Creek.

Following the intervention from Gareth and the Minister, the RTA have been actively reviewing alternative routes slightly to the north of the RTA's "preferred route" (see press release from Gareth). We are heartened by this development and grateful to the local member and the Minister for breaking the impasse between the local residents and the RTA.

The RTA have now admitted that their elevated "preferred route" does have unsatisfactory visual and noise impacts on the township of Berry and are reviewing other options prior to a public meeting in September at which they will present these refined options to the residents of Berry. BOB are in active discussion with the RTA to try to ensure the options presented to residents are as low as possible to reduce visual and noise impacts. Key to this is whether the route includes

road pavement at low level and passing Woodhill Mountain over the highway rather than having the highway pass over Woodhill Mountain Road. If the RTA's "preferred route" still includes a bridge over Woodhill Mountain Road it will still have significant noise and visual impact on Berry Township.

We urge Berry residents to attend the proposed public meeting in September to make their views known to the RTA and Gareth. We also ask you to actively contribute to the RTA's upcoming review by commenting on the options presented by the RTA in the two weeks after the meeting. This is an important opportunity for Berry residents to have some say on the route before the RTA completes their "concept design" which feeds into the approval of the project under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

**See the press release from Member for Kiama Gareth Ward:**

## On Web Site

Community members have often asked about the history of the RTA project as well as what the community knew about it.

The Berry Alliance has set up a special page on their web site:

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

to focus on the RTA project - Realignment of the Princes Highway. We have gone through previous issues of the Town Crier and re-produced relevant sections on this new web page as well as other important information.

We recommend you have a look at our website and keep engaged in the process as well as knowing the background and history.

**BERRY HIGHWAY UPGRADE - Better Options for Berry!**

# RTA Regional Manager's message to the community

Dear Residents of Berry,

Last week your local member Gareth Ward announced a review in the area immediately to the north of Berry. I am writing to confirm that we are listening to your concerns, particularly in relation to visual impact, noise and property severance.

In recent weeks we have committed to a formal process, to sit down with the community and to re examine this area. Hopefully, together we can come up with the most effective solution.

The issues are difficult. This area needs a road that tries to avoid, where possible, impacts on residents and farmers. The road needs to fit "visually" within this important landscape, address potential flooding, allow us to manage noise impacts on residents, is economically feasible and provides a road with grades that don't exacerbate noise

To do this we propose to work through these issues, together, with the community.

Firstly, we will provide information to everybody, on the options, so that everyone can comment. To help people get to that point, we have provided a study area on the website. Your ideas and thoughts on lines in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Please email:

[foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au)

Secondly, we want to acknowledge that some members of the community have already invested a great deal of time into thinking about this issue. These residents, together with the RTA, will work through the options and what is feasible - in much more detail. Having had discussions with many of these people I am certain that this group will join to deliver the best possible outcome for the community.

To be clear, the real issue here is that this is your community, that you value things about your area and that this must be part of our joint thinking on these options.

We hope to start meeting with this smaller group immediately, whilst larger community sessions are committed in September. Everyone's ideas and thoughts need to be considered.

Regards

**Brad Turner - RTA Regional Manager**

## A small win – but more work is needed

This is an important breakthrough with the RTA now agreeing to "a review in the area immediately to the north of Berry". This is encouraging but there is still a lot to be done for an acceptable outcome for the Berry community."

## Your Feedback and Submissions to the RTA

The BOBs group recommend that everyone who would like to tell the RTA what they think about their proposal for our town, in favour or not, should do so as soon as possible.

We also recommend that you write to them with your views and questions and if you visit the office then you should follow your visit up with a letter or email. We also encourage all residents to attend the RTA meeting to be held in September.

We also recommend that you keep a copy and any response that the RTA sends you. A copy to the BOBs group would also be appreciated for the record.

Email the RTA:

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**Phone: 1800 506 976**

(Project information line)

Berry project office in Broughton Court is open each Friday from 10am until 5pm

Web site: [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/fbb)

Email BOBs: [bob@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:bob@berryalliance.org.au)

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Berry NSW 2535

## COMMUNITY FORUM

7.30PM THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

BERRY COURTHOUSE

SHOALHAVEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

As reported in the last issue of the Town Crier Shoalhaven City Council have put the new LEP on public exhibition for 13 weeks from 18 July 2011.

**The LEP will have far reaching impacts on the future of Berry and other villages in the Shoalhaven and will dictate such important parameters as height of buildings, lot sizes, building density, type of development allowed** on a particular site and environmental safeguards that would apply. Residents have until 14 October 2011 to make submissions to council.

The Berry Alliance has been working with other CCBs in the Shoalhaven to ensure resident have a say on the impacts of the new LEP. The new LEP is supposed to be a straight administrative changeover from the existing LEP into a new format dictated by the state government. There are a number of areas where Council have decided to use this process to make significant changes. One for these is the height of buildings which has been increased from 8.5 metres (two storeys) in the current LEP to 11 metres in the new LEP in areas not covered by a current Development Control Plan. This means that for most of Berry three storey buildings will be allowed. On some sites it may even be possible to build four storey buildings.

Other issues of concern relate to the wide range of permissible developments on rural land. For instance permissible developments under the new rural zonings include commercial airports (Jaspers Brush) and heliports.

The existing LEP was adopted after an exhaustive public consultation process and has served the Shoalhaven well as a planning instrument. **We need to be careful that any proposed changes are for the better. This forum is an opportunity to examine the proposed changes between the new and existing LEPs and identify community support or otherwise for these changes.**

The council is required to put the LEP on public exhibition so residents can comment. We strongly encourage residents to find out the zonings that will apply to their properties and adjacent properties under the new LEP and the type of development which will be allowed on this land. This can be viewed on [www.slep2009.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.slep2009.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au).

**We encourage all interested residents to come to the forum and have their say.**

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The Berry Alliance

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# ROTARY



## New Members Invigorate Activities

The Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong has had an influx of energetic new members over recent times who have added renewed zest and enthusiasm to the community activities undertaken by the Club.

Rotary is the world's leading global network of community volunteers. It runs numerous national and international programs, covering health, the environment, literacy, humanitarian aid, community work and especially youth projects and student exchanges. In Australia, Rotary encompasses some 1200 Clubs with over 33,500 members with membership open to both men and women.

The Rotary Club of Berry-Gerrigong has many activities targeting the young people of Berry and surrounding areas. For instance, for many years the Club has supported Berry Public School and its students. Recently, six of the top public speaking students from the School demonstrated their public speaking skills in front of the members of the Rotary Club and other guests.

The students are pictured together with Rotarian David Lamshed and Club President Graham Smith. One of the major community projects currently being undertaken by the Berry-Gerrigong Club is the construction of a concrete cycleway/walkway linking the town with the Berry

Hospital. To help raise funds for this project the Club is to stage a new event at the Berry Showground ... the Berry Farm and Garden Field Day on Sunday 30 October.

Planned activities for the Farm and Garden Field Day include small farm machinery and equipment displays; all kinds of farm animals – different breeds of cattle, goats, sheep, alpacas and poultry; demonstrations, talks and information; garden and farm equipment and landscape supplies; trees, shrubs and flowers; fruit and vegetables; professional advice on pastures, weeds etc; fencing, cattle yards, water tanks, mowers, tools, bikes, quads and more.

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



## Public Speaking Competition heats up at Berry Public School

Every year at Berry Public School we have our Public Speaking Competition where children from year three to year six are expected to do a speech in front of their class mates. You can choose what ever topic you want to talk about or sometimes the teacher chooses for you. The children that the teacher thought did the best job then went on to the stage final which was again at school, but this time parents were invited. Guest judges were also invited. They were Mr Gainford and Mrs Groom. From the eight finalists that were chosen from each grade (two children representing each class), only six would go through to talk at the Rotary meeting at the Berry Bowling Club. These students were the first place getter in year three Amelie Stanford, first in year four Lachlan Sutton, first and second in year five April Mallon and Sam Hobson and first and second in year six, Jessica Drewell and Jarrod Bowley.

We arrived at the Bowling Club and got some drinks, had a talk and then they were ready for us to come in. We ate before we did our speech. Some people got Chinese while others had schnitzel and chips. It was all delicious.

We had all finished and we were ready to do our speeches. First Amelie spoke, talking about her favourite place Darwin. Then I was up with my speech about Magnetic Island. After mine it was Sam's turn. He did a great speech about flying cars. Then it was April's turn, with a much practiced speech about tongue twisters. Then it was the year sixes turn. First Jarrod spoke, talking about his favourite things. Then it was Jessica's speech talking about funny things that animals do. Over all I think all of the students did an amazing job.

I would like to thank the Rotary members for inviting us to their meeting and for also giving us a book voucher. It was a fun night for all of us.

**Lachlan Sutton**  
Year 4



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President Women's Bowling Club

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### BERRY BOWLING CLUB

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# Zonta



## The Zonta Club of Berry needs YOU!

We did it last year and we're doing it again.....

Assembly day for 4000 Birthing Kits is

**Saturday 8th October 2011.**

**The School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry.**

We are not asking for financial assistance, just volunteers to come along to help out and enjoy a fun day assembling these lifesaving kits.

Assembly commences at 9a.m..... until the job is completed.

Please register your availability, be it for an hour or several, as soon as possible to MARY SEELIS on 4464 1191 or BARBARA SMITH on 4464 3636 mob. 0414234100

Many hands make light work.....no skills are required as instructions will be given on the day.

This is a very rewarding fun day. Last year over 100 volunteer workers managed to complete 2000 kits in just over 2 hours!

This is ZONTA's major fund raising project for 2011 so please come along and support this very worthwhile project.

A plate to share for morning tea/lunch from volunteers would be much appreciated.

In the developing world, half a million women die annually, many from infection, tetanus and haemorrhage suffered in child bearing. For every woman who dies in child birth, another thirty women (15 million worldwide) incur injuries and infections, many of which are often painful, disabling, embarrassing and lifelong.

Birthing Kits save lives and reduce suffering by providing for a clean birth.

The Kits are basic and include 6 items - a plastic sheet, soap, rubber gloves, sterile scalpel blade, 3 cords and 5 gauze squares.

Kits are distributed to countries including Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, Sudan, Vietnam, Ethiopia, India, East Timor and many other countries.



(back) Trudy Voorwinden, Lorna Wardle, Pat Collins, Jean Dally, Fran Smith, (left) Gillian Dickinson and Mary Seelis.

The Birthing Kit cause is a project of Zonta International and is administered by the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), an organisation dedicated to improving the conditions for women who give birth at home in developing countries.



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Officeworks Nowra, have donated 2 boxes of suspension files for use in our filing cabinets and McDonald's Family Restaurants kindly donated vouchers, which were handed out at the AGM to all those who turned up, in such lousy weather conditions. We thank them for their generosity.

It was absolutely wonderful to have our AGM in the Uniting Church Hall, following the completion of the building work. The new Meeting Room and Community Kitchen are greatly appreciated by us as future venues for our classes. After much discussion

the committee decided to revert to having our tuition on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Our Committee for the next 12 months is: Coordinator: Kevin Watson, Assistant Coordinator: Russell Field, Secretary: Margaret Bull, Treasurer: Maree Watson, Supervisor Training & Tuition: Kevin Bull, Supervisor Technical: David Wastie, Publicity Officer & Newsletter Editor: Frank Tynan, Printshop Manager: Peter Kneivitt. Welfare Officer: John Brentnall

To supplement our income so we can keep the annual Membership Fee low, we are looking at using our new photocopier to do some small print jobs in the community at very reasonable rates. If you have any work us in this regard, please notify us and we will endeavour to meet your requirements.

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## Wildlife Corridors around Berry Threatened

Last August we featured an article explaining the "Escarpment to the Sea" Wildlife Corridors. These are being designated by Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and Berry Landcare is supporting this. Wildlife corridors are designed to allow the migration of wildlife and native plants. Locally this is from the coastal National Park at Seven Mile Beach through to the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor which runs North/South along the escarpment right through NSW into Qld and Victoria. If you would like to know more please contact us.

Recent proposed planning changes and RTA road development present major threats to this program.

The Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan (SLEP) is now on public exhibition at the Council in Nowra or on line at <slep2009.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>. This plan does not appear to adhere to the guidelines set out in the South Coast Regional Conservation Plan (SCRCP) with regard to wildlife corridors. The corridors noted in the SCRCP are not shown in the overlay mapping for corridors and sensitive areas, nor is there any apparent protection being offered to corridors other than Riparian Corridors along waterways. In the Council's current Local Environment Plan there are 7 classes of Environmental Zones. In the SLEP these are being reduced to 3 and one of these is reserved for National Parks etc. This limits the ability to zone corridor land for appropriate protection. Shoalhaven Council has advised Landcare that the NSW Department of Planning informed them that it was not necessary to map corridors across open paddocks. However, since there is great latitude with allowable land use on RU1 Rural zones, the corridors are threatened by "wildlife impenetrable" fenced developments such as Sewerage Works or Airports!

Please come along to the Alliance Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at the Courthouse and also make your concerns known by a submission to Shoalhaven Council - refer their web site.

Similar concerns apply to the RTA's approach to the design of the Princes Highway realignment between Toolijooa and Berry. The RTA currently proposes a ten bay double B truck lay-by in the middle of the designated

wildlife corridor in the South Coast Regional Conservation Plan. This is adjacent to the Austral Park side road. The highway upgrade is a transition project under the old Part 3A legislation and public comment is currently being sought for the section between Toolijooa and Berry. Please consider dropping in the RTA office in Berry on any Friday to make your concerns known and request that appropriate design measures be adopted to facilitate the movement of wildlife under or above the highway to reduce animal fatalities.

Berry Landcare was delighted to be invited to meet with the NSW Minister for the Environment, Robyn Parker, at Kiama on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Bill Pigott, Ian Parker and Will Armitage represented Berry Landcare's concerns regarding the corridors to her and after a very positive meeting presented the Minister with a letter and folder detailing our concerns, together with our request for her department to become engaged in the issues outlined above.

**Regular Working Bees for September:** Bong Bong Road, 9-11am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September; Broughton Vale 2-4pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September; David Berry Hospital site, 2-4pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September; Bundewallah, The last Sunday 2-4pm 25<sup>th</sup> September; Coolangatta Mountain 1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Email:** berrylandcare@gmail.com

### For further information:

Kim Dove (4464 3391) - David Berry Hospital site;  
Will Armitage (44642241) - Bundewallah;  
Julia Woinarski - Bong Bong road;  
Bill Pigott (44643241 or  
wpigott@bigpond.net.au) - Moeyan Hill;  
Harvey Blue (44641880) - Tindalls Lane;  
Philip Thorniley (44642198) - Broughton Vale;  
Ian Parker (44486359) - Strongs Road;  
Myke Cunningham (0418297435) - Coolangatta Mountain.

**Information can also be found at Berry Landcare on Facebook.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Berry Landcare Artfest held at the Berry School of Arts

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Berry Landcare Artfest will be held at the Berry School of Arts on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of September between 10 am and 5 pm. The opening ceremony, with announcement of prizes and refreshments, will be at 11 am on Saturday September 3.

All are welcome. Please come along.

The theme this year is "Nature as Artist".

In addition to the display of entries, there will be artwork from the Berry Pre-School and a children's corner where children can create their own masterpieces.

We will have displays on various aspects of Landcare and the work we do, as well as local fauna and flora. There will be some locally indigenous trees for you to try out your plant ID skills and some for sale. Refreshments will be available throughout the Artfest.

Any queries please ring Leslie Pigott (44643241) or check the website: [berrylandcare@gmail.com](mailto:berrylandcare@gmail.com)

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# RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

During August, our AGM saw the re- election of President Irene Birks, Treasurer Sheila Keats and I will again have the interesting position as Secretary. Our guest speaker was Sharon Gissane, the NSW Outreach Worker for the Young Parents Program. Sharon gave an informative talk and discussion regarding the objectives of the program. It is reassuring to know the new Young Parents Program in Nowra is now assisting 6 young families. The program is in need of volunteers, those interested can ring the Nowra Red Cross Office on phone: 44 23 0053.

Also during August, we were able to send off \$900 to the Red Cross East African Drought Appeal 2011. These funds were raised from our July Street Stall.

The month of September will see the return of the AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND SYDNEY for our fundraiser at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> from 1.30 pm. The Army Band has been a great supporter of Red Cross over the years and they never cease to please the audience. For the Zone 7 fundraiser tickets are available now at the Box Office phone: 1300 788 503 funds raised are for Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Work.

This is one not to be missed!!

September is also the month to clean out the shed or cupboards for the Red Cross Garage Sale. Anything useable, wearable and able to be sold is WANTED!! Phone Sheila on 44 642 049. The sale will be on Fair Day, Sunday October 2 at 1 Windsor Drive, Berry.

'BAKE the WORLD a BETTER PLACE!' The Berry Community is invited to join with Red Cross volunteers across Australia to bake up a storm to make some dough for Red Cross Services in Australia and the Asia Pacific. Please help - bake a cake, bake a pie or bake some biscuits, yeah! Label your baked items with their ingredients then drop them off at 1 Windsor Drive on Saturday October 1 between 2pm and 5 pm for our joint Garage/Cake Sale on October 2.

New members are always welcome, our meetings are now at 2 pm, 1st Wed of the Month at Berry School of Arts. See you there.

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

## The Berry Blokes' Book Club

### "ME AND MR BOOKER" - BY CORY TAYLOR.

Martha Fisher is sixteen. She is living in a 'New South Wales country town, miles from anywhere that matters' where "everyone was trying to move on". She isn't pretty but there is something about her that 'made men stare'. She lives with her mother Jessica, a school teacher, who has separated from Martha's dysfunctional father Victor. He's always sponging off Jessica. He is unemployed and lives in a motel with a rifle. Her brother Eddie has moved away and Martha is desperate to do likewise when she finishes school. Into this scenario slithers Mr. Booker an Englishman who lectures on the Cinema at the local University. He and his wife have moved to Australia as they believe 'Britain was finished'. Mr. Booker is more than twice Martha's age.

The mention in the story of the movie 'The Graduate' might give an insight as to what takes place between Mr. B and Martha. This relationship is set against the dysfunctionality of Martha's family. Victor's token suicide attempts and his brutish try to establish authority over his daughter fill out his character. The story does not paint a pretty picture of the male sex but then I suppose bias against women is bigotry but against men it is humor. As the sordid affair between Martha and Mr. B eventually winds down a reference to T.S. Eliot reminds us of the 'way the world ends' - not with a bang but with a whimper.

The writer of this review saw this novel as an Australian feminine 'Catcher in the Rye' to which another allusion is made in the text. Martha is truly lost at this vulnerable time in her life with no male role model to give her direction on how to deal with men. Her adolescence is shattered by what happens to her.

This is the first novel by Cory Taylor who is an award winning screenwriter. Much of the dialogue in the story is in platitudes and most conversations finish with a smart comment. It reads like a screen play.

Book club readers were divided as to the novel's merit.

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# Residents urged to take care when burning



**As the bush fire danger period begins in the Shoalhaven from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2011, all fires lit in open areas from this date onwards will require a fire permit.**

Permits can be issued by John Milne (Captain) – 0427 641 445, Neil Percival (Senior Deputy Captain) – 0412 352 937, Jeff Fahl (Deputy Captain) – 0419 280 673 and Brian Coulthart (Deputy Captain) – 0417 428 284. Permits and further information can also be obtained from the RFS Fire Control Centre in Nowra – 4424 4424.

## What is a Fire Permit?

The aim of the Fire Permit is to ensure fire will be used safely. A Permit imposes conditions on the way a fire is lit and maintained, and can only be issued by authorised Permit Issuing Officers.

The Permit system informs the authorities exactly when and where landowners intend to burn, to ensure adequate and appropriate measures are in place, so that fires remain under control.

## What else do I need to do?

Before lighting the fire ensure that:

- it can be contained and controlled within the specified area
- it does not contain toxic materials, such as rubber tyres, plastics, paint, etc.; and
- it must not cause an air pollution problem by producing excessive amounts of smoke.

## You must also check:

- whether a No Burn day has been declared
- whether a Total Fire Ban is in force
- the expected weather conditions

## Fire Permits and Total Fire Bans

Bush fires are more likely to spread and cause damage on days when the weather is very hot, dry and windy. These are very high to extreme fire days. Total Fire Bans are declared on these days to reduce the risk of fires damaging or destroying life, property and the environment.

Even with a permit, the lighting of fire is prohibited and the permit is automatically suspended, on Total Fire Ban Days, days of Extreme Fire Danger, or when the Environment Protection Authority, (known as Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), declares a NO BURN DAY.

Neil Percival, Senior Deputy Captain of Berry Rural Fire Brigade said that "for hazard reduction burning to be safe and effective, residents need to consider current and forecast weather conditions before lighting up. Preparing hazard reductions prior to lighting is vital to prevent break outs. Residents need to have adequately prepared fire breaks and have fire fighting equipment on hand to ensure the fire does not escape".

"Always remember to notify your neighbours and local fire authorities 24 hours before starting a hazard reduction burn. We want residents to take advantage of suitable conditions and prepare their properties for bush and grass fires, but all the necessary precautions must be observed" he said.

"Everyone should have a Bush Fire Survival Plan, so they know what to do, particularly on days of increased fire danger. All too often problems occur when people do not adequately supervise fires. An escaped hazard reduction can be extremely dangerous and very difficult for fire-fighters to contain. Landholders have a responsibility to prevent fire from spreading from their property and there can be serious consequences for the person responsible for lighting the fire.

*Editor's Note: - There is no room for complacency when it comes to bush fire safety. Please 'do the right thing' and organise your permit this fire season. The contact details of RFS permit officers are displayed on the Calendar of Events page in each issue of the Town Crier throughout the Fire Season.*

## Berry Public School Inter-school Equestrian Championship

On 17th & 18th September Berry Public School will hold their 4th Annual Inter-school Equestrian Championship at Worrigeer Equestrian Common, Worrigeer Rd Worrigeer.

More than 170 children representing 80 state, catholic and private schools will be competing in Dressage, Hacking, Showjumping, Showman, Sporting, Hunter Seat Jumping, Fancy Dress and other disciplines to be awarded the Champion Primary and Secondary School as well as the Supreme Primary and Secondary Riders of the Championship.

At the end of 2 days of fierce competition many more Champions will be announced. All riders will be hoping to be named the Champion Rider in their Year at school. Others will be trying to be the very best rider in the various disciplines whether it's Dressage, Showjumping, Sporting or one of the other disciplines.

This Championship is such a fun event for the riders that many have been re-entering each year and wouldn't dream of missing it.

Berry Public School would like to thank the many sponsors would contribute to this highly successful event. Sincere thanks for your wonderful support.

Berry Public School would also like to say a special thank you to, firstly, Berry Riding Club who donate all the equipment for this Championship and secondly, to all the keen equestrian enthusiasts who volunteer so that this special event may take place. Thank you.

To find out more please contact Judy Sweeney at Berry Public School 44641158.



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3 Lincoln Close, Berry	175 Bundewallah Road, Berry	8 Boran Place, Berry	8/ 25 The Gables, Berry
3/ 25 The Gables, Berry	18 Lincoln Close, Berry	9/ 25 The Gables, Berry	Lot 3 Bong Bong Road, Berry
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## Berry Public School wins Excellence Award

On Friday 5th August, Peter Burney (Relieving Principal) and Lucie Stanford (P&C president) travelled to Wollongong for the Annual Public Education Excellence Awards for the Illawarra and South East Region. Out of 272 Primary and High Schools in the region Berry won the Excellence Award for School/Community Partnerships.

Berry Public School prides itself on the strong and healthy partnerships it has developed with its school community over its many decades of operation. It origins stem back to a one teacher school in 1860 as the hub of a farming community. Today it serves a wide and varied 21st century community yet is still very much the centre and focal point of that community.

Berry Public School brings together parents, teachers, students and the wider community through promoting, instilling and encapsulating the values and goals of Public Education and setting a benchmark for all schools to strive towards. Enriched Learning and student engagement as well as school and community pride are enhanced through these partnerships.

Peter Burney said, "This is an outstanding achievement and well deserved for our amazing school." Some of the incredible community support and interactions include: Red Cross, Berry Musicale, Rotary, RSL, CWA, Berry Garden Club, many local Businesses, P&C, canteen committee, St Johns Ambulance, Plant Prop, Dr Jan Turbill, Berry Rugby League Club, and of course the parent volunteers who work tirelessly, on many levels, to support student learning at Berry Public School.



Peter Burney, Lucie Stanford, and John Hambly (School Education Director)



# BERRY CWA NEWS

**"The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind**

**If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Shelley**

It is hard to believe that spring is here and the winter coughs and colds are behind us. It's time to put on the gardening gloves and begin the spring tidy up. What a wealth of hidden treasures is to be found in the spring garden.

To be a part of a team working towards a goal is meaningful and purposeful. Recently Berry CWA had the pleasure of listening to a team member from Can Assist, a new Shoalhaven cancer support group, who relies on volunteer efforts to support more than 2000 people each year in regional and rural NSW. Berry CWA values the efforts of their "team members" that work tirelessly to raise monies for various charities. A "Soup and Slice day" raised monies to support the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre. This was a very successful day and a variety of soups were enjoyed including a most delicious parsnip and honey soup. The 'team' works non-stop at the Wednesday Craft mornings to make those prized designer tea cosies, scarves, and baby items etc. that are always best sellers at the various CWA street stalls.

A rumour or two to keep us all guessing – CWA NSW could be attempting to challenge New Zealand's record in the Guinness Book of Records for making the world's biggest scone! How? When? All will be revealed.

Berry CWA will soon have a new piece of apparel that will be evident when the ladies are present at street stalls – a new apron. No details are allowed out but if you visit our next street stall on September 14<sup>th</sup> you will see! This will be a CWA Awareness Day promotion.

"Country Threads", "Australian Country Style", and "RM Williams Outback" magazines will also be featuring special articles on the CWA Awareness Day.

CWA's International Day will be interesting as Berry Public School and our CWA will join in a presentation, with Iceland as this year's specialty. The students will no doubt turn out spectacular posters, book work among other items, as they have done in the past.

We will be privileged to have Mrs Suzanne Garret present as our guest speaker at the AGM in October. It's that time again for us to think about officers for the coming year. How the years just pass by!

We have a number of dates involving Berry CWA, catering for the local dog show, International day with Berry Public School, Group Conference at Narrawallee. Ladies will bring a bottle of "something", buy a ticket and choose a bottle, and this will support a charity with the money raised. Our team works well together but there is always more room for new members!

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**



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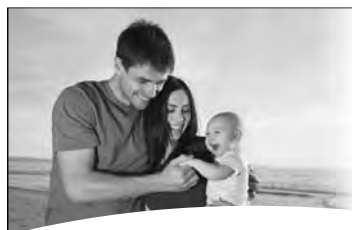
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# SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

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

- DA11/1760** Single Storey Dwelling Agars Lane, BERRY 12-Jul-11
- DA11/1780** Raise existing residence and replace footings 38 Queen St, BERRY 15-Jul-11
- SF10224** Residential - Neighbourhood Title Residential Subdivision 69 Albert St, BERRY 15-Jul-11
- DA11/1756** Machinery Shed 151 Coolangatta Rd, COOLANGATTA 11-Jul-11
- DA11/1777** Enclosing Existing Patio & New Garden Shed 58 Emerald Dr, MEROO MEADOW 15-Jul-11
- DA11/1793** Single Storey Dwelling and Farm Shed Harley Hill Rd, BERRY 19-Jul-11
- DA11/1791** Alterations and Additions to Dwelling including Portico and Covered Outdoor Area 175 Bundewallah Rd, BUNDEWALLAH 19-Jul-11
- DA11/1819** New Bed & Breakfast Accommodation 932 Kangaroo Valley Rd, BELLAWONGARAH 26-Jul-11
- DA11/1822** Roof to Existing Roof Terrace 427 Tourist Rd, BELLAWONGARAH 26-Jul-11
- DA11/1810** Covered Verandah, Pergola, Dorma Windows and Entertainment Area 80 Albany St, BERRY 25-Jul-11
- DA11/1817** Alterations and Additions to Dwelling 639C Coolangatta Rd, BERRY 26-Jul-11
- CD11/1141** Detached Carport 41 George St, BERRY 29-Jul-11
- DA11/1828** Change of Use to Bed & Breakfast 421 Strongs Rd, JASPERS BRUSH 27-Jul-11
- DA11/1834** Use of Existing Structures as Clubhouse & Storage Swamp Rd, JASPERS BRUSH 28-Jul-11

## Applications Determined

- DA11/1509** Alterations and additions to existing dwelling 8A Brogers Creek Rd WOODHILL 13-Jul-11 Approved
- DA10/1739** Proposed attached Tourist Cabin 155 Carrington Rd BEAUMONT 18-Jul-11 Approved
- DA11/1531** New Dwelling - Single Storey with Loft 171D Strongs Rd JASPERS BRUSH 21-Jul-11 Approved
- CD11/1110** Swimming Pool - Inground 4 Boran Pl BERRY 27-Jul-11 Approved
- DA11/1621** Commercial Additions - Installation of NAB ATM 102 Queen St BERRY 25-Jul-11 Approved
- SF10191** Two (2) Lot Rural Consolidation & Resubdivision; and Two (2) Lot Rural Boundary Adjustment under Sepp1 1395G Bolong Rd COOLANGATTA 28-Jul-11 Approved
- DA11/1224** Use of wind turbine for electricity generation 255 Devitts Lane MEROO MEADOW 29-Jul-11 Approved
- SF10213** Boundary Adjustment with SEPP 1 Objection 263 & 288A Irvines Rd BELLAWONGARAH 04-Aug-11 Approved
- CD11/1141** Garages & Carports - Detached Carport 41 George St BERRY 05-Aug-11 Approved
- DA11/1647** New Dwelling - Single Storey 31 St Andrews Way COOLANGATTA 05-Aug-11 Approved
- DA11/1777** Dwelling Additions - Enclosure of Existing Patio and Construction of a Garden Shed 100mm off the Eastern Boundary 58 Emerald Dr MEROO MEADOW 08-AUG-11 Approved

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

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

### Enquiries

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

The development and subdivisions applications may be viewed on Council Website (DA Tracking) [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

## Around the SPORTING GROUNDS

Last week, at the Berry Alliance monthly meeting, the winner of the Junior Sports Reporter competition was drawn out of a hat. A big congratulations goes to Sophie Orchin (pictured second from the left) of the Berry Koalas netball team for being chosen as our Junior Sports Reporter for the 2011 winter sporting season. Team coach Jo Franey said "The Berry Koalas had a great season; and although there was no overall point score at this junior level, the girls displayed tremendous sportsmanship as they spent the season learning the rules of the game and more importantly had lots of fun".

This column is proudly sponsored by the Berry Alliance and a \$100 cheque has now been posted to Sophie's coach - hopefully in time for the Koalas end of season presentation.

All of our reporters did their respective sporting team proud and gave the Berry community a little insight into junior sports in our local area. We thank you for your participation.

Sharon Dunn - Editor



Watch out - these Koalas may look cute but they mean business when it comes to the game of Netball! Rumour has it these girls can't wait for the 2012 season to start.



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**Use of Showground for 48  
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caretakers residence**

Reference is made to the abovementioned  
property and Council wishes to advise that  
it has decided to approve the application.

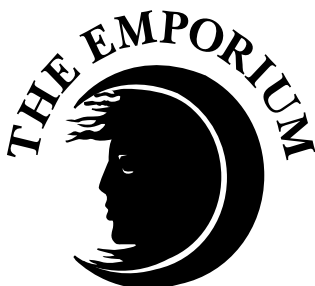
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Should you have any enquiries regarding  
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Yours faithfully

**Peter Marczuk**

**Senior Development Planner**



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# Calendar of Events

## September

**1<sup>st</sup> September** – Thursday – Berry Public Schools 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Food & Wine Fair at the Berry School of Arts with one of Berry's favourite entertainers, the famous Woody. All enquiries Renee Betteridge 0410 421 825

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

**5<sup>th</sup> September** – Monday- Zonta Club of Berry Working Bee For information contact Fay Lewis on 4422 6652

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

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

**14<sup>th</sup> September** – Wednesday - CWA Awareness Day Street Stall - Broughton Court All enquires Marcia 44643187.

**15<sup>th</sup> September** – Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture -The Last Dance: The Dance Macabre in Medieval & Renaissance Art Dr. Sophie Oosterwijk MA PHD FSA **\*\*change of venue\*\*\*** now being held at Nowra Players Theatre, Meroo Street, Bomaderry starting at 7.30pm all visitors welcome - \$20 at the door. Light supper included. All enquiries Cecily Hewett - 42344384 - cecily.hewett1@bigpond.com

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Saturday – The Berry Historical Society Opening Event “FIRE FIRE” to be held at the Museum grounds from 10am – 2pm grounds. Further enquiries Mike Nichols 44643024

**18<sup>th</sup> September** - Sunday, Berry Red Cross, Zone 7, Australian Army Band Sydney - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre \$27.50adult/Concession \$22.50 from 1.30pm. Tickets: Box Office 1300 788 503. All proceeds for Red Cross Disaster relief and Recovery Work. Phone Sandra: 44 642 612.

**18<sup>th</sup> September** – Sunday – Jerry Bailey Children's Centre – Spring Fair. In the park at Celia Place, Shoalhaven Heads from 10am – 2pm. All enquiries and garage sale donations please call Leisha ph.: 4448 8396 or Fleur ph.: 4448 5729

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club meeting at the Berry Masonic Village Community Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Guest speakers and garden information with a sales table all welcome enquiries 44641191.

**21<sup>st</sup> September** - Wednesday – Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry to assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.

**21<sup>st</sup> September** – Wednesday - International Day CWA and students from Berry Public School CWA rooms, Victoria Street Berry. 12:30pm all enquires Marcia 44643187.

## Future Dates

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Sunday – Berry Country Fair at the Berry Showgrounds Enquiries to 4464 1476 on Thursdays and Fridays 10am – 3.30pm

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

**8<sup>th</sup> October**- Saturday- Zonta Club of Berry Birthing Kits Assembly Day at Berry School of Arts, Alexandra St, Berry 9am til completion. Registration or information contact Mary Seelis on 4464 1191 or Barbara Smith on 4464 3636. Mob 0414234100

**13<sup>th</sup> October** – Thursday - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture - The Shakers of North America: Religious community in the N.E. States Mr. John Ericson BA (Hons) Cert Ed M.ED Nadfas starts at 7.30pm All visitors welcome - \$20 at the door. Light supper included. All enquiries Cecily Hewett - 42344384 - cecily.hewett1@bigpond.com

**13<sup>th</sup> October** – Thursday - Berry CWA Branch AGM. Mrs Suzanne Garrett guest speaker Enquires Marcia 44643187

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October**, Thursday – Sunday - Berry & District Garden Club Gardens Festival. 8 gardens with gardens open from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily. Tickets available at Apex Park and at all gardens Enquiries Mary Seelis 44641191

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

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club meeting at the Berry Masonic Village Community Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Guest speakers and garden information with a sales table all welcome enquiries 44641191.

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

**27<sup>th</sup> October** – Thursday - Annual General meeting for the Berry Leprosy Mission at 17 Gwenda ave Berry at 1.30 pm for more information contact Trish on 44641693.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Wednesday – Berry Computers for Seniors, Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert Street, Berry To assist the mature aged members of our community to use and enjoy the benefits of computer technology. Phone Kevin Watson 4448 6267 to add your name to our waiting list.



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

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

**15<sup>th</sup> November** - Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club meeting at the Berry Masonic Village Community Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Guest speakers and garden information with a sales table all welcome enquiries 44641191.

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

**24<sup>th</sup> November** - Thursday - Shoalhaven Heads Public School Sesquicentenary - Official Ceremony, opening of time capsule and bush dance for students. For more information please visit [www.shoalhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.shoalhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or contact the school on ph: 4448 7174

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - Saturday - Shoalhaven Heads Public School "150th Birthday Party" 12-5pm - stalls, giant auction, amusement activities, live music For more information please visit [www.shoalhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.shoalhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or contact the school on ph: 4448 7174

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - Saturday - CWA Christmas Street Stall - Broughton Court Enquires Marcia 44643187

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

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club meeting at the Berry Masonic Village Community Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Guest speakers and garden information with a sales table all welcome enquiries 44641191.

## BERRY MUSEUM



### "WOMEN'S DAY"

Did you know that this year International Women's Day has been celebrated for 100 years? The Museum has a new exhibition for this event. It tells the story of the three groups in Berry whose aim is to help women. These are the Country Women's Association, VIEW and Zonta. The Berry Branch of the Country Women's Association celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

The display also tells the history of International Women's Day, what has happened in Berry to celebrate it in the past and the activities and support structures that have arisen in Berry and the surrounding area as a result.

**135 Queen Street, Berry  
44643097**

[www.berryhistory.org.au](http://www.berryhistory.org.au)  
[berrymuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:berrymuseum@bigpond.com)

#### OPENING HOURS

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Sunday 11am to 3pm

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

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### The Calendar of Events page is on the Web

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

### For advertising enquiries:

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

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

## RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR BERRY 7, 21 September & 5, 19 October

## Fire Permits in Rural Areas

The Bush Fire Danger Period began in the Shoalhaven on 1st September, 2011. All fires lit in the open from this date require a permit.

Permits can be issued by John Milne (Captain) - 0427 641 445, Neil Percival (Senior Deputy Captain) - 0412 352 937, Jeff Fahl (Deputy Captain) - 0419 280 673 and Brian Coulthart (Deputy Captain) - 0417 428 284. Permits and further information can also be obtained from the RFS Fire Control Centre in Nowra - 4424 4424.

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# Berry Community Groups

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<b>Berry Alliance Inc.</b> PO Box 202 Berry 2535 3rd Thursday Monthly 5.30pm Courthouse 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@berrry.org.au	<b>4464 3122</b> www.berrry.org.au
<b>Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society</b> PO Box 269 Berry 25345 2nd Thursday 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 2nd 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 AI Anon Family Group</b> Meet every Monday at 7.30 CWA Rooms - Victoria 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 1st & 3rd 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 2nd 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 3rd Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm Masonic Village Community Room Sel4957@bigpond.net.au	<b>4464 1191</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> 94 North St 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> berrrylandcare@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> 3rd 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>0411 383 573</b> berrryplaygroup@live.com.au
<b>Berry Public School P&amp;C Association</b> PO Box 222 Berry 2535 berrry_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 berrryshow@virtualcity.com.au	<b>4464 1567</b> www.berrryshow.org.au
<b>Berry Showground Management Committee</b> PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535 Meet 2nd Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm Old Council Chambers 24 hour caretakers / bookings Tony & Vicki Pye	<b>4448 6093</b> <b>0427 605 200</b>
<b>Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)</b> 6 Clarence Street Berry 2535 Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm, Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground	<b>4464 1250</b> kayecj@westnet.com.au
<b>Berry Spinners and Weavers</b> PO Box 377 Berry 2535 Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall	<b>4446 43081</b> berrryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
<b>Brogers Creek Landcare</b> 53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm.	<b>4465 1482</b> 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.	<b>4464 3187</b> 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	<b>4448 5703</b> bke25349@bigpond.net.au
<b>Hands Across NSW Inc</b> PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540 Meets 1st Sunday, monthly at Broughton Lodge, Berry Agriculture Hall	<b>4446 0567</b> 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	<b>4464 3651</b>
<b>Liberal Party of Australia - Berry Branch</b> 100 Kangaroo Valley Rd Berry 2535 Meets 1st Monday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start at Gabbys of Berry	<b>0412 287 706</b> aguile@nac.nsw.edu.au
<b>Lodge Broughton 131</b> PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 1st Wednesday monthly Agricultural Hall cnr Albany & Victoria Sts	<b>4464 3894</b> bruceradburn2@bigpond.com
<b>Penwood Rail Road Inc.</b> B215a Princes Highway Jaspers Brush 2535. Running day - 1st Sun monthly - visitors welcome	<b>4464 1201</b> johnandynclark@bigpond.com
<b>Probus Club of Berry</b> PO Box 68 Berry 2535 Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.30am Berry Masonic Village Hall	<b>4448 6053</b> hugotoo@bigpond.com
<b>Slow Food Saddleback</b> PO Box 435 Gerringong 2534	<b>0410 289 539</b> kirstenmchugh@hotmail.com
<b>Slow Food Shoalhaven</b> 246b Tindalls Lane Berry 2535 Meets 2nd Wednesday each month at Coach house Restaurant, 6.30pm	<b>0400 750 551</b> info@slowfoodshoalhaven.com.au
<b>Shoalhaven Arts Society Inc.</b> PO Box 240 Nowra 2541 Meets 2nd Thursday each month, 1pm Berry School of Arts	<b>4422 1794</b>
<b>Shoalhaven Poultry Group</b> 165 Kangaroo Valley Road 1st Wednesday each month above address shayne_early@hotmail.com.au	<b>0410 548 704</b> www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b> PO Box 77 Berry 1st Monday monthly 7.30pm St Patricks Church Hall	<b>4464 1897</b> e gbrandon@virtualcity.com.au
<b>Zonta Club of Berry</b> PO Box 302 Berry 2535 Meets 4th Tuesday monthly, 6.30pm Coachhouse Restaurant, Berry Hotel	<b>4446 1001</b>

## SPORTING GROUPS

<b>Berry Hockey Club</b> 13 Windsor Drive Berry 2535 jenny@southernhost.com.au	<b>4464 1992</b> 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	<b>4448 6027/ 4464 1609</b> jjyoung@live.com
<b>Berry Riding Club</b> 445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535 1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel jasiy@bigpond.net.au	<b>4464 1143</b> www.berrryridingclub.com
<b>Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior League</b> PO Box 162 Berry 2535 4th Wednesday Monthly, 7.30pm at the Berry Bowling Club	<b>4464 1896</b> berrryshoalhavenheads@live.com
<b>Berry Tennis Club</b> PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535 7.30pm bi-monthly starting in February each year, Berry Tennis Club, North St Berry	<b>0466 466 122</b> e: berrrytennis@hotmail.com

## EMERGENCY 000

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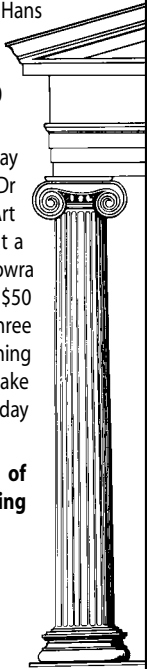
The Australian and Decorative and Fine Arts Society welcomes Dr Sophie Oosterwijk MA PhD who will be presenting a lecture entitled "The Last Dance: The *Danse Macabre* in Medieval and Renaissance Art" at 7.30 PM on Thursday September 15th.

The venue for this lecture is NOT at our usual venue but instead will be at the Nowra Players Theatre in Bomaderry. The *Danse Macabre* presents us with an image of Death summoning everyone to his dance: man and woman; rich and poor; young and old – all must accept the invitation, and thus showing a cross section of medieval society. Death mocks the upper classes for their dislike of his uncouth music (often bagpipes!) or his female victims for their concern about their appearance in the female version of the *danse*. Full of irony are also the famous woodcuts by Hans Holbein the Younger published in 1538. Visitors are welcome to ADFAS lectures at a cost of \$20 which includes a light supper.

On the following day, Friday September 16th, at 10 am Dr Oosterwijk will speak on The Art and Times of Hieronymus Bosch at a Special Interest Day, also at the Nowra Players Theatre. The cost will be \$50 per person. This will include three lectures interspersed with morning tea and a two course lunch. To make a booking for the special interest day please phone 4234 4384.

**\*\*Please remember the change of venue for the Thursday evening lecture.\*\***

Cecily Hewett  
ADFAS Publicity  
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## USING THE FATHERS STRENGTH

A little boy was spending his Saturday playing in his sandbox. In the process of creating roads and tunnels in the soft sand, he discovered a large rock in the middle of the sand box!

The boy dug around the rock, managing to dislodge it from the sand. With a little bit of struggle, he pushed and nudged the rock across the sandbox by using his feet [he was a very small boy and the rock was huge]. When the boy got the rock to the edge of the sandbox, however, he found that he couldn't roll it up and over the little wall. Determined, the little boy shoved, pushed, and pried, but every time he had made some progress, the rock tipped and then fell back into the sand box.

The little boy grunted, struggled, pushed, and shoved; but his only reward was to have the rock roll back, smashing his chubby fingers. Finally he burst into tears of frustration. All this time the boy's father watched from his living room window. The moment the tears fell, a large shadow fell across the boy and the sandbox. It was the boy's father. Gently, but firmly, he said, "Son, why didn't you use all the strength that you had available?" Defeated, the boy sobbed back, "But I did, Daddy, I did! I did use all the strength that I had!"

"No, son, you didn't use all the strength you had," corrected the father kindly. "You didn't ask me." With that the father reached down, picked up the rock, and removed it from the sandbox.

May this month, as we celebrate Father's Day, we remember our Heavenly Father who is all good, and very strong. As Jesus reminds us - "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This isn't a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? If he asks for fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate...you wouldn't think of such a thing. You're at least decent to your own children. So don't you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better? (Mt 7:7-11 [TM])

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

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## BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE AUXILIARY NEWS

Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary held their AGM on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 with sad news of President Iris Mackinnon having to step down from her position due to ill health, we were all very sorry for this loss but look forward to having her as a Member still and wish her best of health.

UNA GRAAF is now the President for 2011/2012 with Marilyn Kellett Secretary, Jeanette Galbraith Treasurer.

Wow we hope you have got your tickets to our TRAINS, TARTS AND TIPPLES NIGHT on SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 4p.m till late at 138 Kangaroo Valley Road Berry **\$12.50** each a lovely fun night with great food, magnificent trains to see in action, Raffles, music and fun. PLEASE come along. All enquiries and/or ticket sales to Marilyn **44 485 703**. This is a great afternoon/night where we can really take our partners along for an enjoyable time. As we start another busy year it was good to reflect on how busy we have been for the Hostel at the Village purchasing this year.

Outdoor furniture for Respite Rooms, New bedspreads, lamps for Respite Rooms, mixture of games required for Mark O.T. to use, Bird Man visit, Lovely big HD digital TV's remembering flowers for Mothers on Mother's Day beautiful men on Father's Day with chocolates Santa at Christmas what a great year. Thank you must go to everyone who supports us each year.

New Members are always welcomed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month at 9.30am any enquiries please ring President Una 44 641 713

# Berry Garden Club

A wonderful display of over 1,400 Camellias was seen by Club members and visitors at the annual Camellia & Flower Show held in Berry School of Arts on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Camellias covered tables in the main hall and in the annexe were vases of flowers and greenery.

Congratulations to winners in the competition categories. Many visitors to the Sunday markets were attracted by the signage outside the hall and expressed thanks for the opportunity to enjoy the displays.

What a wonderful winter this has been for the garden. The cooler weather has been a great asset to many plants, particularly those native to very cold climates. I am sure that residents have been delighted with Magnolias, both deciduous and evergreen. The latter group, formerly known as Michelias are gaining popularity; their scent is lovely. I am assured by many gardeners that Magnolias have never looked better'. Of course the yearly growth factor is very important; a walk down the street and many of these plants can be seen over rooflines. One then begins to appreciate the borrowed landscape. Winter and Spring flowering Jonquils and Daffodils are also experiencing a great year, happy are those people who planted for the 2011 season.

The first deciduous tree to bloom after winter dormancy is the pink flowering Taiwan Cherry, Prunus campanulata. As the species name implies the flowers are bell shaped. As I write this article the Court House pears are starting to show their white blossoms, and soon the dainty flowers of Crabapples will be seen over the enclosing hedge of the private garden.

This is the time of the year to evaluate spring flowering trees and shrubs and make the choice for your garden. Walks in bushland are popular in late winter and spring when many shrubs, climbers and

groundcovers are in bloom. Many flowers are very small, but certainly deserve close attention. Ground orchids are a particular delight, a case to watch where you walk.

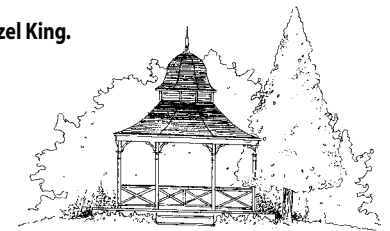
Recent rains have been very welcome, however many soils have not dried out and this can cause problems for some plants. This is particularly the case where an area such as a lawn receives foot traffic and soil is of a clay nature. Aeration of lawns in such cases is essential; this will help grass to establish a good root system during the spring growth period.

Gardeners look forward to their spring garden display and to visiting gardens, those of friends and those open to the public through many charities. Such visits are a joy in themselves, a time of learning about plants not seen in one's local area and a source of new ideas and wishes.

2011 is proving a very busy year for Berry Garden Club, apart from the annual events - Camellia & Spring Flower Show and Berry Gardens' Festival - the Club is hosting Zone Friendship Day, an annual event when members of Clubs in a particular area meet to listen to talks and share friendship. This event will be held in September.

The Festival will be held Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Note these dates in your calendar. If you would like to receive a Brochure please contact Jenny Swan 4464 2563 or Mary Seelis 4464 1191.

Hazel King.



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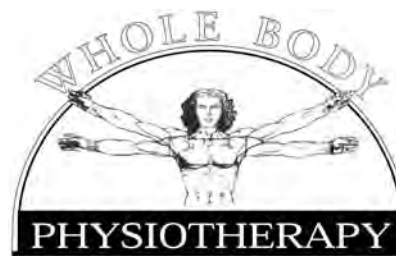
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# BERRY MENS SHED

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## NSW GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW BERRY UNITING CENTRE



We are delighted to announce that her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir has accepted our invitation to open the new Uniting Centre incorporating the new Men's Shed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

She will attend the opening with her husband Sir Nicholas Shehadie. "This is wonderful news for both Berry and the Uniting Church" said Chairman Tom Darby. It is the first time the Governor has attended an official occasion in Berry since taking on the position in 2001.

Plans are well underway for the opening ceremony which will take place from 11.30am. "All members of the Berry community will be invited to attend along with specially invited guests including political and community groups. It will be one of the most important functions in Berry for a long time." said John Brentnall Minister of the church.

On what must have been the worst night in Berry (weather wise) for months 18 members and friends of the Shed recently attended the weekly Thursday trivia night at the Great Southern Hotel.

"This was an opportunity to thank the organizers of the trivia night for their donation to the Shed - 2 months ago." said Richard Wiseman. The Shed won \$365 on the night and this money will go towards the upgrade of the new Shed. All agreed that we will do again later in the year.

All hands were on deck recently with the delicate task of moving all the heavy equipment from the old Shed to the new one. "We needed specialist equipment and this came from Rob Stone of A and K Stone who very kindly donated their time in doing a job that we could not do ourselves. The entire operation ran very smoothly." said John Hudson Shed Manager.

Members of the Shed were surprised to see a bus load of young people jump out and start walking around the church grounds last week. Chairman Tom Darby wandered over to see what was happening. They were a group of Land utility TAFE students from Wollongong studying how to submit DA applications and drawing up boundaries for submissions to councils. When they departed they assured us that everything was in order.

Please feel free to pop into the new Shed and see what's happening.

**Richard Wiseman**  
Information Officer  
4464 2619

## Shoalhaven Heads Public School



Shoalhaven Heads Public School has come a long way since its humble beginnings on the Coolangatta Estate 150 years ago. Starting as a small damp single room building, which struggled to hold onto teachers, and frequently earned the ire of visiting education inspectors; it is now a modern school in the heart of Shoalhaven Heads. With classrooms utilising state of the art technology, a new multipurpose hall, lush landscaped gardens, a thriving Edible Garden and most importantly a vibrant, talented and committed body of teachers, students and parents. The School is proud of the place it holds in the community. On the 24th and 26th November the School will be throwing open its doors and invites ex-students, parents, teachers and the community to join its 150th Sesquicentenary Celebrations. An Official Ceremony involving performances by students and the raising of the Time Capsule buried in 1986 will be held on Thursday 24th November. On the Saturday afternoon the School will host a "150th Birthday Party" and invites everybody to share this exciting and entertaining event. There will be historical displays, fun games, and amusement park activities for the children and Live Music, student performances, a variety of stalls and a giant auction for the grown-ups. Memorabilia, including commemorative wines, tea towel, pavers and a Sesquicentenary magazine, is available to pre-order. The Fete Committee is currently compiling the magazine and would love to hear from any ex-students or teachers. If you would like more information or have some stories or photos to share please contact the school on 4448 7174 or shoalhaven-p.school@det.edu.nsw.au



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## Leprosy Mission News

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the work of the mission overseas, it is always encouraging to have you comment on the monthly articles.

This month I want to tell you of a life renewed that we heard about in an Action edition for August. It is about a young 26 year old who was involved in a car accident outside Dili, Timor Leste. While a spinal cord injury meant he would never walk again, his greatest fear was that he would never be independent again. Through intensive treatment and training one of his trainers from Australia gave him a wheelchair, giving him the confidence that he could become independent again.

Encouraged by this support, Joel then started to help others like himself which lead to work with the Disabled Persons organisation. It was then that he became aware of the myriad of issues, facing people with disabilities in Timor Leste. Since becoming disabled, Joel says he has learnt many things about life and discrimination that disabled people face. He likes the fact that he now has the opportunity to help make a difference in many people's lives. The team he now works with travel to various districts looking at the problems faced by people with disabilities. They not only work out solutions for them, but also put into practice the method that assist them in their daily lives. Through hardship comes amazing stories.

We never know who we will be able to assist but we need to be aware that each little bit means a lot to others. Many thanks again for your ongoing support. Trish Nicholson Sec/ tres.

Trish Nicholson  
Email Address: [trishr.n@optusnet.com.au](mailto:trishr.n@optusnet.com.au)



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## BERRY SHOWGROUND

### Caretakers Report

With the weather starting to warm up, we are now getting a few more travellers through again & our building hire within the grounds is still being very well supported. On that note, I thought you might enjoy reading (below) how the Berry Poultry Auctions began. Shayne and her wonderful band of helpers run the Poultry Auctions here in Berry Showground.

#### Shayne's Story of Shoalhaven Poultry Group

In 2009 my husband and I moved from Sydney to the South Coast as a sea/tree change. We rented a farm in Pyree from John and Gus Miller while our house was being built in Cambewarra. On the farm was an old chook pen so we fixed it up and got ourselves 2 white, 2 black and 2 red chooks for eggs.

A few months later my Aunt gave me a pure Barnevelder rooster and a few girls. This started my obsession with chooks. From that time onwards I made my very patient husband spend months and months driving from one end of NSW to the other looking for more pure bred chooks. It took so long to build up a nice selection and along the way I met heaps of really great people who were just as mad about chooks as I was.

We all found it difficult to buy interesting and pure bred birds in our area without having to travel from Newcastle to Canberra in search of poultry at auctions and from breeders. So we decided to hold our own auction in the Shoalhaven at the Berry Showground Poultry Pavilion to enable those who were having the same issues as us buy birds.

The first one was held on the 18th of April 2010 and was an overwhelming success. We were hoping for at least 150 birds and enough buyers for all birds to be sold. We wanted the auction to be very user friendly with information and people on hand to help buyers make an educated choice on the right birds for them. We ended up with over 500 birds and 600 people at the auction and raised \$1000.

As we are only a group and not a club we all decided that any profits from the day after expenses should go to a worthy charity. We decided on Hands Across NSW, as while living in Pyree we witnessed the generosity of our local farmers as acres and acres of grass was cut, baled and then transported to those farming families suffering from drought and now flood. My mother is from a farming family in the Riverina so I have witnessed the devastation drought can do to a community so being able to help in any way has been fantastic.

We have now held 5 auctions and raised \$6500 for Hands Across NSW. Our next Auction will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and for all the details please log onto our website [www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au)

Many thanks for a great write up Shayne!

Until next time,

cheers from Vicki & Tony Pye  
(Showground Caretakers)

Contact: **0427605200**

## Berry Uniting Church



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The Berry Drama Group's second production for 2011 will be Tennessee Williams 'A Streetcar Named Desire'. The performances will run from October 26th through to October 29th at the School of Arts, Berry. Tickets will be on sale through our usual outlet 'Global Contact' approximately 6 weeks prior to performances. Please see next month's Town Crier for more information.

#### We had our AGM on 10th August and the following committee was elected for this year:

Rosie Smith - President  
David Rawson - Vice President  
Mark Flugler - Secretary  
Maurice Pepper - Treasurer/Public Officer  
Committee Members: Lesley Carter, Debra Davies and Tonya McCallum.

#### Our next group night is on Wednesday 1st September at 7pm.

Maurice Pepper will be organising a play reading of "Relatively Speaking" by Alan Aickbourn.

**All welcome.**

For enquiries into membership or our group nights please contact Rosie on **44 643550**.



# BERRY PRESCHOOL

Spring has sprung and term three is in full swing at Berry Community Preschool. Apart from some warmer weather and extra sunlight the kids also welcomed back the ever-popular treasure box this term a chance for them to share their favourite items with their class. This term the children have also regularly been outside taking part in a physical activity program developing their gross motor skills through ball games, climbing and dramatic play.

Art educator Meg Dover has been busy with the children helping to create their entries for the Berry Landcare Artfest, while early in the term the preschool had a visit from the Aria Award winning performer Mic Conway, aka Magic Mic, who performed his musical show which has the theme of reduce, reuse and recycle.

Meanwhile a great night was had by all the annual Berry Preschool Ball, this year held under a marquee at the Silos Restaurant. The ball and associated raffle

raised a magnificent \$3234 for the preschool.

Thanks to the fundraising committee especially Jo Jorgensen who not only led the committee but did a huge amount of work herself including catering for the event. A big thank you to all the event's supporters, Silos Estate Winery, Silos Restaurant, Shoalhaven Party Hire, Bedroom Bliss, Garnish Creative Catering, Emperor Cellars, Berry Hotel and Broughton Mill Farm, Amy Willesee and DJ Nana Blade who provided the music on the night. Additional supporters for the raffle included Red Berry Photography, Hungry Duck Restaurant, The Berry Tea Shop and Berry Physiotherapy.

A reminder that our Father's Night will now be held at the preschool on Wednesday, September 7 between 6pm and 7.30pm. It is a special chance for dads to join their children for a taste of preschool activities. For more information about Berry Community Preschool contact **4464 1764**.



## Young Rider Dressage Championship

A week of wild wind followed by a night of rain didn't dampen the spirits of the young riders who competed at Berry Riding Club's 4th Annual Young Rider Dressage Championship on 16th July at the Berry Showground.

With over \$1500 in prize money on offer, enthusiastic riders ranging in age from 5 to 18 years, travelled from as far afield as Kurrajong, Canberra and Bombala on the Far South Coast to compete against our local juniors for the many prizes on offer at our Championship event.

Along with being awarded prize money, beautiful rugs, colourful rosettes, numerous ribbons and lucky door prizes, each rider also received a copy of HorseWyse - Australia's best magazine for young equestrians. The riders were thrilled to have received such an outstanding magazine. To all the generous sponsors - a heartfelt thank you.

During the past 4 years the growth in the number of competitors at our Young Rider Dressage Championships has necessitated in the use of the Berry Showground. Special thanks must go to Tony & Vicki Pye (Showground Caretakers) for making our visiting riders and families feel very welcome and also a very special thanks to the Showground Management Committee. If it wasn't for their support our Young Rider Dressage Championship would never happen. Thank you.

## Pink Ribbon Horse Festival

Berry Riding Club's Annual Pink Ribbon Horse Festival will be held once again at the Berry Showground on 15 & 16th October.

For horse crazy people the best day to come along to watch is Sunday 16th October. There will pink ponies decorated in beautiful pink finery being ridden by riders dressed in their best pink outfits competing in gymkhana events, sporting and show jumping classes. Three years ago, from a very humble beginning of only 20 riders competing, this year we are expecting over 90 riders.

Saturday 15th October will be a day of dressage. Although a little more sedate, all 50 riders will in their best pink! Pink. Pink. Pink.

As a community member if you would like to volunteer to be part of this worthy cause just ring Berry Riding Club secretary Judy Sweeney 4464 1143 to lend your support. Can you make pink cupcakes for us to sell on the canteen? They would be greatly appreciated!

**A Challenge: wouldn't it be wonderful if all the shop fronts of the businesses of Berry could be decorated in Pink during October - Pink Ribbon Month!**



*Belles of the ball: Enjoying the ball were preschool teachers Janelle Emery, Megan Rigney and Jenny Young.*



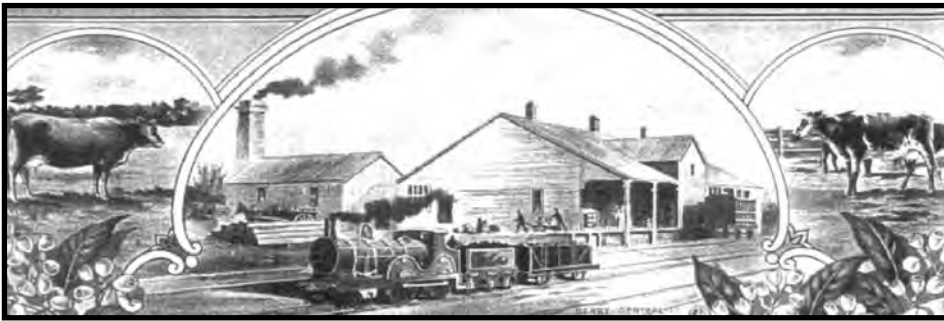
*Zelpha Bevan, Jennine Heidke, Peter Pigott and Fiona Pigott*



*The girls of the fundraising committee (from left) Sandra Skotblar, Hannah Jallard, Wendy Terry, Correna Garvan, Cath Philpott, Jo Jorgensen and Deb Searle*



*Having fun at the Berry Preschool Ball were Glen Edwards, Rob Salmon, John Thomson, Marcus Orchin and Rodger Muller*



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# BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB

Welcome to Berry Evening VIEW Club news.

Our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July took the form of "A Christmas in July celebration" and was held at the Great Southern Hotel. A huge thank you to Brian and Tammy Vassallo-Knapp for their hospitality, great food and decorating the room for the festive occasion. We had 29 people present with a few new ladies. A good night was had by all with plenty of fun and testing of our knowledge with a Trivia quiz from our President, Betty. I think we all won as we all seem to be eating Smarties later.

Our second social Coffee Morning outing was again a great success with 18 people coming to join us and of course, the weather was much better this time. Our next morning will be held at Berry Jetz Café commencing at 10.30am on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. No bookings required so feel free to join with us at any time and bring a friend.

The Annual Church service this year will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 at St. Michaels Catholic Church, Nowra with the service commencing at 11am. Following the service, lunch will be at the Nowra Golf Club. Cost \$22.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 11am the Myositis Association Australia Inc. will be holding a charity bowls day at the Berry Bowling Club. For those who would be interested in attending, please contact Anita Chalmers on 44 642043 to make a booking. The cost will be \$15 which will include lunch and green fees. Raffle prizes to the total of \$2,000 will be held on the day.

We have been invited by the Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary to a Train, Tarts and Tiddle afternoon being held at 138 Kangaroo Valley Road, Berry on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 4pm. Cost will be \$12.50. All bookings please speak to Marilyn Kellett.

If you care to join us at any time, our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Berry Bowling Club, commencing at 7pm. Please contact Kath Bowley on 44 641032 for bookings. Kath must be advised by 6pm Saturday prior to our meeting. Don't forget our Coffee Social mornings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month – bookings are not required.

**Pamela Coles**  
Publicity Officer.

# DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

What a great few months we have had. Thank you must go to Berry Bowling Club, George Wong Chief Cook in the Bistro for a great day. Thanks also to the Lady Bowlers for allowing the "La De Dahs" to use their club room. Over 100 ladies and gentleman came along to our Annual Mid-Winter Madness Lunch. Lorraine Heath donated a beautiful Camellia for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the raffle. Busy first weekend in August catering for the Camellia Show serving wonderful soups, sandwiches and slices, Thank you must go to our members for their contribution, this is what makes our Auxiliary so special and works so well, it is the support of our Members.

Our AGM was held on Thursday 11 August at St Patricks Hall North Street Berry with President Moira Harris re-elected as President for 2011/2012 and a new Treasurer SHEILAGH LEY taking on this role, presentation given to Marilyn Kellett for 30 years' service along with our outgoing Treasurer Sheila Haggart receiving her 20 year service badge.

Look out for us at Broughton Court on SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER for our Father's Day stall come along and buy beautiful cakes, slices, pickles, jams, sweets, craft, aprons for Dad or Mum and also the children. Big raffle still only \$1.00 a ticket drawn on the day. The Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone Members, Staff and the community for their support over the past year where we were able to purchase 10 bedside lockers, Sleeper Chair for Karinya, Rota Turner, Upper Limb Air support over \$14,000.00 and at our last meeting finalised the purchase of 14 TV'S Totalling \$26,506.00 and also ordered a Blanker Warmer for Karinya costing \$5,000.00. It's been a busy year which we hope we can continue into 2011/12 as our motto says 'LETS HOLD HIGH THE LAMP OF SERVICE FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR HOSPITALS.'

All enquiries please ring Moira Harris: **44 642 776**

We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 12.30 light lunch and 12.45 start new members always welcomed.

# Zonta

## September Speaker

Guest speaker at our Dinner meeting on **Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> September** will be **Belinda Kassoura** who has recently returned from a peace seeking mission in the **Solomon Islands** and will talk about a program supporting **Pacific Islanders** and an upcoming women's conference.

**Guests are invited at a cost of \$27 for dinner. Bookings are essential.**

**Please contact Pat Collins on 4446 1001.**

**Venue to be advised.**

## New Members

Congratulations to new **Zonta** members, **Helen Buchanan** and **Robyn Platt**.

Welcome and Happy Fundraising!

## Apologies

Due to lack of support from local retailers, unfortunately **Can Assist** was forced to cancel the **Shoalhaven Women's Expo** scheduled for **Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> August** and consequently **Zonta Club of Berry's Pre-loved sale**.

We apologise to those of our readers who may have attended on the day and been disappointed.

For those generous donors of clothes and accessories and those who may have donations over the next few months. **Zonta** has decided that following the success of our **Pre-loved sale** held last **March**, we anticipate holding another early in **2012**.

We ask that if possible you could hold onto any donations until further notice, however, any urgent donations may still be left at **55 Albert Street Berry**. Please contact **Jan Chambers** on **4464 2181** prior to drop off.

Our thanks go to **Kate Moore**, from **Can Assist**, for being our guest speaker at our **July** Dinner meeting.

This charity organisation boasts 50 branches throughout New South Wales and relies solely on financial donations to assist Cancer victims to cover costs for practicalities such as pharmaceuticals, fuel, household bills, kennel bills and much more.

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## Upcoming events.

Our next **Breast Cushion and Drainage Bag Cover working bee** will be held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

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Please bring along a plate to share for lunch.

Please contact **Fay Lewis** on **4422 6652**

## Trivia Night

Our next fundraiser will be a **Trivia Night** to be held on **Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

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More information to follow in the October issue.

**Jan Chambers**

PR and Communications Committee



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Berry Vet clinic is an accredited teaching hospital, affiliated with the University of Sydney, Western University California and Hannover University Germany, and accepts between 6-8 interns annually from Sydney and often several international interns as well.

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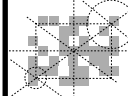
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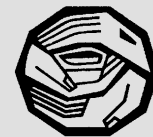


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