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

Membership is open to Berry community groups and individuals.

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The closing date for our December issue will be Wednesday 14 November at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to: towncrier@berryalliance.org.au. Phone 0428 037 572. Town Criers can be downloaded for free from www.berryalliance.org.au or our Facebook Page: Berry Town Crier.

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DA for Bangalee Motel

DA17/1359

Description: Proposed construction of an additional 16 motel rooms to be contained within two x 2 storey buildings with associated parking at the Bangalee Motel

Submitted: 05/04/2017

This Development Application has been in Council for over 6 months now.

The current position is that the applicants were due to submit to Council a couple of final items to complete their DA.

These were:

1.A photo montage or mock-up of the completed DA

2. Heritage Assessment

The Berry Alliance has been following this DA with interest and has been in direct touch with the Council over a number of procedural issues and we have now been assured that once these items have been received then Council will be in a position to consider the DA.

We have also now been assured by the Director of Planning, Phil Costello, that there will be a "Community Information session" held and following that presentation that further submissions will be allowed for approximately two more weeks.

Our concern has always been one of procedural fairness. It is ludicrous to close off community submissions prior to all the information being provided by the applicant. We have always held that a well-informed community makes better decisions (submissions in this case). When Council would not even consider the application until they received further reports from the



applicant why then would the community be able to make the best-informed decision. We are pleased to say that the new Director is now very aware of our community's wish to be well informed and properly consulted on such important issues as this DA, right on the northern gateway to Berry and in a heritage area and during time of fundamental change in the business community following the Highway realignment.

The Berry Forum passed a unanimous vote requesting a community information session some months ago and until recently Council were still prevaricating. The Policy of Council outlined in the Community Consultative Body document has now been drawn to their attention and there appears to be no question that an information session will be provided.

We also raised the issue of who gets notified when a new report or submission by the applicant is given to Council. It is put up on DA Tracking but they seem to think that they (Council) need only to inform anyone who had previously made a submission. In our view this is short sighted and inadequate. Immediate neighbours, close neighbours, those in the community who would like to make a submission but were waiting for all the documentation to be submitted before they make their considered submission are overlooked. There must be a better way to do this by Council if they want genuine and helpful community consultation.

We have written to Council about these issues and offered them free space in the Berry Town Crier to publicise an information meeting.

"Rockfield Park"

Development Application Decision 18-10-2017

This was breaking news on 18th October. No doubt Berry residents will have heard a lot about it by the time the Town Crier November issue is received. But it has been a contentious issue and has to be in the Berry Town Crier.

The Land and Environment Court has upheld the Joint Regional Planning Panel and Council's decision and refused the Development Application for 801 Kangaroo Valley Road, Bellawongarah known as "Rockfield Park" on 18th October 2017.

The Court essentially said the development did not meet the requirements of clause 5.13 of the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan

2014 and that it could not be considered to be an eco-tourist facility.

The Court stated that amongst other issues the development was contrary to the public interest specifically in respect to concerns regarding traffic and road safety and that these risks were unacceptable and the development application should be refused. Council had recommended a refusal of the Application to the Joint Regional Planning Panel. The Joint Panel had agreed with Council and refused the application. The Applicants then appealed to the Land and Environment Court who have upheld the original refusal and given detailed reasons.

A full copy of the judgement can be downloaded here <https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/59e5869fe4b074a7c6e197d6>

Regards,

Rick Gainford

Secretary, Berry Alliance

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Forum Meeting on 12 October - 89 people attended the meeting, including Cllrs Patricia White and Joanna Gash.

Berry Bypass Update (Ryan Whiddon RMS)

- Ryan explained the upcoming traffic impacts associated with laying of the asphalt surface.
- Residents expressed serious concerns about dangers associated with turning right at Croziers Road and asked that RMS review the situation.

Planning Proposal to Rezone Land south of Hitchcocks Lane - There was agreement that the Forum should oppose the Proposal on the following grounds.

- The only land that should be considered for rezoning at the appropriate time is the Long Term Investigation area (identified in the Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy).
- Any 'shortage' of land for development should be viewed in the context of the Moss Vale Rd major land release, not just the Berry township.
- There are potentially serious safety issues with an overall development containing more than 400 homes (incl. Huntingdale Park Estate) with only one entry/exit road.
- Rezoning of rural land should not be

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considered until the Huntingdale development is completed and its full impact on Berry's infrastructure is understood.

DA for Bangalee Motel Expansion - Council has been asked to hold a community meeting once it has received the Heritage Assessment and other reports it has requested.

In response to concerns expressed by the Forum that the northern entrance to the town must be in keeping with the heritage nature of Berry and welcoming to visitors, Council responded - *"Like the Forum, we also value the significance of gateway sites and this will be a critical element in our assessment."*

Additional Public Toilets in Berry

- Council will make the final selection from the list of the four site options.
- Residents expressed their views on the potential sites and a lively, cordial discussion ensued before a vote was taken to place the four options in order of preference.

- The voting results clearly show an upgrade to the Apex Park facility is the number one preference.
- We will be sharing the results with Council to emphasise the clear preference of the Berry Forum.

Edward Street Timber Bridge - It was agreed that the bridge should be replaced with a concrete culvert, rather than being permanently closed to through traffic.

Council Rates - Council is proposing that the 13% one-off special rate variation for this year be approved as a permanent increase, and that an increase of 5% be applied in each of the next three years.

AGM - The Committee membership for 2017/18 was endorsed and all office bearers have been re-elected to their positions - David Carter (Chairman), James Robinson (Vice Chairman), Stuart Coughlan (Secretary), Laurie Watson (Treasurer), Mary Beare, David Brawn, Garry Broadbridge, Margot Claringbold, John Cullity, Marilyn Kellett, Gail Paton, John Underwood.

Next Forum Meeting is 14 December at School of Arts - Xmas Drinks beforehand at 7pm.

Paths to Nowhere?

The newly built roundabout at North Street, Queen Street (old Princes Highway) and Woodhill Mountain Road has raised a problem.

During the planning stages the Berry Alliance were talking to the RMS and Fulton Hogan about the final plans including pathways for this piece of road infrastructure.

Sadly our many requests and submissions have not only fallen on deaf ears there has been what appears to be an error in the positioning of light poles and pedestrian access.

We have been working on continuing our work of completing footpaths and cycleways in Berry and wanted to take the opportunity for a circuit to be completed in this area.

There is currently a path from Camp Quality Park down next to the creek and through the park and finishes at the Skatepark. A lovely path but is not part of a circuit.

The RMS trumpeted that they would provide a footpath next to North Street and the newly aligned highway starting from the Kangaroo Valley Roundabout north to turn in to the Skatepark and connect up to the Camp Quality footpath. - Great.

We asked the RMS to extend this footpath to the new roundabout and then to the carpark at Camp Quality Park. Makes sense, given the RMS has to use the Australian standard on the roundabout which includes pram ramps and safety crossings.

The roundabout is now built and there are safe and beautiful safety crossings and pram ramps then a short piece of footpath but they all end nowhere!

One new footpath points up Woodhill Mountain Road and from it you can see the

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start of the footpath in Camp Quality. So very close yet no connection.

One new footpath points up North Street and from it you can see the new footpath coming the other way down North Street but alas, it turns into the Skatepark area and comes no further. So very close, but no connection.

The worst part is that this latter crossing and pathway pointing up North Street wistfully is now blocked for a future connecting footpath because somebody has built a light tower right in the middle of where the footpath would need to go!

Some would say they did this on purpose but I am assured that it is much more likely to be another answer.

We still hold out hope of a sensible outcome. We have contacted our local State Member

for Kiama, Gareth Ward with this problem requesting that the RMS finds the money and builds both connecting footpaths or he tries to find some funds to complete the job from another source. The Berry Alliance has offered to assist if it is needed and we have every confidence in Gareth and his persuasiveness.

We have a reply from Gareth and he is awaiting a response to his written enquiry. We appreciate your efforts Gareth and hope you can assist us as you have with our projects in the past.

So, go and have a walk and have a look at the new roundabout and what we are talking about. You would laugh if it wasn't so silly.

Rick Gainford

Secretary, Berry Alliance



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WINNING DOUBLE

At the final Interclub competition for the year at Kiama, Berry Bridge made a clean sweep of the opposition taking home the trophy till the new year. The two Berry teams consisted of (Team A) Chris and Wayne Houghton with Brenda Miller and Eddie Garkut accompanied by (Team B) Marea Allen and Jenny Moon with Janet Graham and Palle Brask. At the conclusion of play not only were Berry victorious but the Berry Team A were also the winning team overall with 90 Victory Points. Congratulations.

The interclub series is conducted annually between Berry, Kiama, Bowral, Southern Highlands and Goulburn, with each club holding a home tournament, usually commencing in April with Southern Highlands and concluding in October at Kiama. The opening tournament for 2018 is at Southern Highlands on April 18. Closer to the date members will be asked to nominate with their partner for a team, so once announced please see me to register your interest. The competition has been held continuously for the last 12 years and this year Berry Bridge Club made history by winning two of the five tournaments. The first win was at the Goulburn Bridge Club in August. The tournament went down to the wire with Berry winning on the toss of a coin against Bowral.

Berry Interclub Team - Eddie Garkut, Brenda Miller, Wayne Houghton, Palle Brash, Marea Allen, Jenny Moon and Janet Graham

**Marea Allen
Media**



Christmas Party

The 2017 Christmas party will hold on **Saturday December 16** and all members and visitors are cordially invited. There will be an attendance list on display at the club so please record your name as early as possible to assist with catering.

If you are looking for a partner please telephone our President, Lee Ann Roberts on 4464 2742.

WorkLife



Welcome to WorkLife!

We are thrilled to introduce you to Berry's first co-working space – and we'd love you to drop in and see if WorkLife will work for you.

WorkLife was founded by local businesswoman and mum Kate Dezarnaulds. After commuting between Sydney and Berry 612 times over the past six years, she was hungry for a better option. What she needed was a professional space with IT services, meeting rooms, catering and the infectious motivation that comes from working adjacent to inspiring people in the town she loves so much.

Enter the global trend of co-working spaces. Research by the Harvard Business Review has shown that people who belong to co working spaces report levels of thriving in their professional life that far exceed those working at home or in regular offices.

We can see why. A week after opening WorkLife is buzzing with our new community of local professionals. Our members have careers as diverse as architecture, law, design, tech-startups, researchers, writers and those advising not for profits and NGOs. Memberships are available on a visiting, part time or unlimited basis and members will also have visiting rights to Work Club- the leading co-working space in Sydney and Melbourne. Benefits of membership include:

- A beautiful place to work; designer furniture, activity based work zones, 24hr access, concierge services, high-speed wifi, top-quality printing and video conferencing.
- Inspiring people to exchange ideas with; network with some of the incredible hidden talent of this town.
- All your food and beverage needs catered for; a garden with herbs and botanicals for tea and Friday drinks, barista coffee, fresh fruit, nutritious snacks and catering arranged for all occasions.
- Rewards for your senses; there are regular exhibitions of local and Sydney artists and playlists and essential oils chosen to enhance concentration.
- Access to a stimulating program of visiting change-makers, regular talks, seasonal members dinners and a series of live-recorded WorkLife podcasts.

Memberships to WorkLife are available from \$50 a week. To apply for a membership or book a visit to WorkLife or find out more, contact Kate Dezarnaulds at kate@berryworklife.com.au



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Lots of improvements to the Historic Berry Courthouse

Recently we have been busy making a host of improvements to this wonderful historic building including:

Pruning back the private hedged garden – it now looks clean and fresh and waiting for rain! We used local tree specialists Dave and Camilla Kelly and their team at DC Tree Care who have done a great job once again. Thanks guys.

Rejuvenating the Rose Garden around the fountain – we have totally revitalised this garden – thinning the roses to make them all in one line and allowing space for them to grow to their full potential. They have been a little cramped recently. Now we just need some rain! We used Ryan and Katie from Mountain Echo Landscape and Horticulture and they were great as well! They sourced a fantastic metal divide / guard to separate the gravel from the garden and it looks so good we are going to use it (and them) elsewhere in the garden soon.

Building a new back corner fence and double gates – this has been widened to make it easier to allow small vehicles such as coffee trucks, mobile pizza ovens or trailers of mulch or gravel into the private garden. Again, we used a great local, Jim Kellett – handyman, and his team. The new fence is strong and looks good and does exactly what we needed it to.

We have purchased 75 white “Gladiator” chairs (sometimes known as shield chairs or wedding chairs) for the Courthouse. These really raise the standard and are available to hire in the garden. They are weight rated to 120kgs and look great.

The volunteers that help with everything deserve a big thanks. From the various Committee members who are always helping and running projects to the volunteers in the garden. A lot of the gardening work is performed by a Tuesday group of volunteers from the Berry Garden Club who have really carried on well from Trish's team after all her hard work. There are a few plans in the pipeline and the gardens will all be upgraded over a period of time. Many thanks to Kim, Marty, Geoff, Jill and all the others who have advised and assisted.

The Committee is so happy with the results to date and the bookings are strong for weddings at the Berry Courthouse.

Please consider it for your event.

Rick Gainford President **Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**

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Generously supported by the Berry branch of the Uniting Church in Australia, Berry Computers for Seniors held its first classes in 2009. Recognising the changes that have taken place over the past 8 years, we now cover a wider range of subjects:

- iPhone, iPad and all Apple computer subjects
- Android phones and tablets
- Windows 10 operating environment; and
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher

Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Berry Uniting Church hall and run from 9.00 – 10.30am, followed by a relaxed get-together over morning tea from 10.30 – 11.00am.

President David Wastie would like to invite you to our **next open day on Wednesday 1st November 2017** to find out what we do and how we might be able to help you.

You can sit in on the classes between 9.00 – 10.30am to see how they work, and/or join us at morning tea at 10.30am for an informal chat with David or any of the tutors and students.



Please contact President David Wastie on 4421 3270 or 0414 982 010
 Or email us at berrycfs@gmail.com



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Spring has sprung; it will be summer before we even know it and, as usual BERRY EVENING VIEW CLUB will meet at the Berry Bowling Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30 for 7pm. Now ladies if you don't get to go out anywhere, this is a chance to get out your lovely gear once a month and help the Smith Family while you are doing it. If you wish to come or cancel, ring up Jan on 44642181 before 6pm on the Saturday preceding the meeting. We have some more interesting guest speakers coming up and more fun things planned.

We also have invitations to A Christmas Lunch on the 20th November at Sussex Inlet Day VIEW and St Georges Basin Day VIEW Club are having a Christmas lunch on the 17th November so looks like Christmas is coming to November - more details on the news sheet.

COFFEE MORNINGS



Coffee mornings are on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Book Cafe at 10.30 it is lovely a setting under the trees on these warmer days.

Well that just about does it for now. It's never too late to join, in fact if you come along to the next couple of meetings you can join at the February AGM.

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All Community groups invited to take part.

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CHARITY TROLLEY DRIVE

The parade will finish with the Charity Trolley Drive. Food and toy items can be donated at shopping trolleys around Berry, and will be given to homelessness charities for distribution to needy families this Christmas.

5.30PM- LATE:

After the Parade, stay in Berry to enjoy an evening of activities.

Retailers and cafes open late for Christmas shopping and eating; roadside stalls, vintage car displays, music and buskers, fire engines, a kids' area in Albert street with rides, Santa photos, activities, and many other surprises.

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WATER RESTRICTIONS AND WATER SAVING TIPS

February and March this year saw weeks of consistent rain, with our wettest day this year of 124 mm rainfall recorded on 3 March. Those prolonged weeks of rain have been followed by a very dry year, aside from some reasonable falls in June. The dry spell has meant stressful conditions for livestock, and affecting our gardens and the bush, with evidence of dead and dying trees, including large native specimens.

In September, Shoalhaven Council announced the possibility of introducing water restrictions. The last time we experienced water restrictions was in early 2010, so we have not had to be conscious of our water usage for the last seven years.

There are plenty of simple of tips for saving water, from washing fruit and vegetables in a large bowl rather than under the running tap, diverting grey water to your garden (to areas on non-edible plants), turning the tap off when shaving or brushing teeth, and only

using dishwashers and washing machines with a full load.

Make sure you don't have any dripping taps; it seems an insignificant thing but a dripping tap can add up to 2,000 litres of water wasted in a month. If you haven't already done so, consider changing your shower rose to a low flow model, and installing a dual flush cistern to your toilet. To further ensure your property's water efficiency, check for and repair any leaks in pipes. An easy way to confirm whether you have any leaks is to turn off all appliances and taps, and have a look at the reading on the water meter. After an interval check again, if the reading changes it is evident there is an undetected leak somewhere.

Doing your watering in the garden early or late in the day will minimize evaporation. A deep watering will encourage plants to

develop deep roots. Mulching garden beds helps keep the soil moist, as well as adding nutrients to the soil. Healthy plants will deal better with stressful conditions. Pruning plants back will also lessen their need for water. For new or replacement garden plants, choosing local native varieties with low water requirements will also mean less maintenance, and encourage bird life.

Car washing can be done on the lawn, to maximize the water runoff. By using a broom or rake in preference to hosing down paths and driveways, you can further minimize water usage in the garden.

To monitor the situation, the Shoalhaven Water website is updated with current information:

shoalwater.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Systems-Operations/Water-Snapshot

Sustainable BERRY

BY HOLLY LANDGREN

LANDFILL REDUCTION RECYCLING PROGRAMS – TerraCycle offer a range of free recycling programs, which are funded by manufacturers and retailers and are designed to keep from landfill items that may not be accepted by councils for recycling. These include Espresso, Nescafe and L'Or coffee capsules; toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes; personal care and skincare products; used contact lenses and blister packs; Whole Kids' food pouch and snack packaging; and plastic mailing satchels.

As part of the TerraCycle program, L'Occitane en Provence will accept back their empty products and offers a 10% discount on any purchase. Many of these programs offer drop off locations. Not being in close proximity to drop off points isn't a problem; by registering for any of the programs TerraCycle offers a free postage service. Simply print off a label, box up your returns and post them.

Visit the web page for more information: terracycle.com.au

APPLIANCE REPAIRS – When small household appliances break it is tempting to throw them out and buy a new one. Most can't be recycled easily because they are a composite of plastics, metals and other components. That means they end up in landfill. Instead, I made the choice to have two kitchen appliances repaired; a food processor and an espresso coffee machine (not the capsule type). Ewing Electrical in Nowra fixed both appliances for a fair cost. Not only do I feel good about keeping stuff out of landfill, I saved money, and the money I did spend stayed in the local community and provided local employment. I highly recommend getting an opinion whether an item can be repaired before rushing out to buy a new one.



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A big thank you again to all those who participated in and supported le Tour de Berry 2017.

A lot of very fine food and fun was had and the kids event around the oval at the Showground was also a lot of fun.

A special thanks to Rob Salmon from "The Burrows" who hosted a special dinner with Peter FitzSimons which raised some money as well as a lot of laughs.

Special thanks also go to John and Sonia Greg from South on Albany who raised money over the 3 weeks with a special wine offering along with their usual excellent fare.

I can tell you the food at both these restaurants was, and is, wonderful.

Thank you very much also to the Berry Hotel, and The Emporium as well as Kirsten and Jack from the Schoolhouse at Gerringong for cheeses, terrines, pates, breads etc. – so very French! And so very kind!

What with the change to the traffic conditions in town 2018 provides a lot of opportunity to revamp and upgrade the whole le Tour de Berry and we have started discussing and planning already.

We are keen to have some partners and some helpers so if you have an idea or would

like to be involved or your group would like to be involved, please contact us.

We are looking at Street Parades, bicycle tours, kids bicycle events and competitions as well as Petanque, French and Fresh foods and wines and other events. There are lots of great ideas just waiting so please let us know. Le Tour de Berry is a part of the Berry Alliance and we raise money for footpaths, cycleways and Shareways around Berry and have completed many projects.

Please contact info@berryalliance.org.au – we would love to hear from you.

Rick Gainford

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BERRY CWA 2017 NEWS

With the CWA calendar year ended, Annual Meetings are taking place to elect new office bearers, reflect on the past year and to have the opportunity to thank all members for their support and contributions. It is also an opportunity to thank the local community for their support and, on behalf of our Publicity Officer, Jean Stanfield who has filled this position for the past 4 or 5 years, a special thank you to the Town Crier Editor, Nancy Davies, and her team for including our monthly reports in each edition throughout the year.

Jean passed away only weeks ago after a short illness. It was Jean's belief that if you joined a group or organisation you gave your support wherever needed and that she did 100%. Her promotion of the Country Women's Association through her publicity reports and liaison with the print media has been recognised at our State Conferences and this year she was awarded the Wagga Daily Advertiser award for Publicity Officers for that reason. Within our branch, Jean provided a visual display of our many activities with all the photographs she had taken. Her talent with the needle, card making and cooking were just some of her attributes but, more importantly she was a very caring and thoughtful lady who never sought recognition and who had a knack of summing up a situation and putting it into perspective. Both Branch and Choir members have lost a valued member and a very dear friend. As there will be a new Executive please keep forwarding any enquiries to Emily Boorer on 4448 8633.



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The John Hay Memorial Fountain

The deterioration of the Sir John Hay Memorial Fountain in the Showground is a cause of great concern. The tall, white marble and sandstone fountain in the north-east corner of the Showground, near the Children's Play Area was erected in 1915 as a memorial to Sir John Hay who had died in 1909. After inheriting the Estate from David Berry, Sir John Hay made many improvements and additions to the town, at his own expense.

On October 14, 1914, The Shoalhaven Telegraph reported:

'Lady Hay is giving Berry Council 200 pounds to meet the cost of turning portion of the Park (the Showground) into a children's corner. A memorial fountain, costing 150 pounds will perpetuate the memory of Sir John Hay, while serving a useful purpose. The other 50 pounds will be expended in fencing and providing attractive features for children.'

and other damage caused by vehicles. The memorial has been temporarily fenced off to prevent further damage.

The Berry & District Historical Society and the Showground Management Committee are working with the Shoalhaven Council and the National Trust towards the restoration and conservation of the memorial. Funds are being sought from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to fund the work which will include an appropriate protective barrier around the fountain.



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The photos show the Memorial as it was at its unveiling ceremony in 1915, and how it appears today.

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The Eucalyptus:

The Eucalyptus is the defining tree in the Australian landscape. The plant was collected in Tasmania on Cook's third voyage by David Nelson in 1778. It was incorrectly classified as being in the same genus as the NZ Christmas Bush. In 1780 it was identified as a separate Genus and named by the French Botanist Charles Louis L'Heritier de Brutelle. A friend of Joseph Banks, he was classifying plants in Banks's Kew collection. The name comes from the Greek, meaning "well capped" referring to the form of the fruit. The species he named was Brown Stringy-bark (*E. obliqua*). There are more than 800 eucalyptus species not counting the closely related *Corymbia* and *Angophora*.

The Australian continent has moved across the planet for the last 40 million years. At the same time the general trend of the Earth's climate has cooled. These two trends have balanced each other. There has been no mountain building or large scale glaciations resulting in Australia's amazing stable geological history. This has allowed plant and animals to persist, evolve and diversify in relatively small areas. The flora and fauna are found in small pockets with the boundaries defined within metres. Human intrusion into this million year old stability has had catastrophic results. The clearing of small areas or the introduction of feral animals can wipe out entire species. This applies to Eucalyptus and to the fauna reliant on them.

The identification of gum trees is extremely difficult. To be sure one needs to examine the bark, the leaves, the flowers, the fruit and general form and habit of the tree. Bark can be smooth and of varying colours, to different heights up the trunk, rough, stringy or fissured. Many of these characteristics can vary with the time of year. Leaves come in a variety of shapes from oval to lance like, curved or straight. Venation can be defining. The angle of the venation to the central vein can be unique to the species but is generally 55° to 70°. There can be an intra-marginal vane. The leaves are usually alternating along the stem but this may not be correct for juvenile plants. The fruit or gum nuts are the most defining feature. Much of this material that is required for identification is inconveniently located at the top of the tallest species of flowering plants in the world. You may find samples on the ground around but you can't be sure it has not been blown in.

Berry has its indigenous eucalyptus species. The most common are *E. saligna*-*E. botryoides* hybrid and Blackbutt (*E. Pilularis*). These trees have been extensively planted along the new highway.



WORKING BEES FOR NOVEMBER 2017:

Alexandra Street Parkcare:

9-11 am Friday 17th
Gail Paton 4448 7915

Bong Bong Road:

9-11am Sunday 12th
Julia Woinarski 4464 2084

Broughton Vale:

2-4 pm Sunday 5th
Kelvin Officer 0427 255 417

Bundewallah Bushcare:

2-4pm Sunday 26th
John Clark 4464 3911

Camp Quality:

9-11am Sunday 19th Hugh Sheil,
hugh.sheil@realtimcom.com.au or
Jeanne Highland 4464 1271

Moeyan Hill:

2-4 pm Saturday 25th: Bill Pigott
44643241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au.

Mount Coolangatta:

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

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

Princess St. Parkcare:

9-11am Monday 27th,
Terry Oades 4464 3651

Tindalls Lane:

2-4pm Sunday 12th
Jim Jefferis 4464 2988

Plant identification service: Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Ian Parker, 4448 6359. Visit our pages at:
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Spring flowering in gardens and in the bush

During the last few weeks, many of you will have seen the delicate bee attracting clusters of lilac and white flowers of the white cedar tree (*Melia azedarach*) and may have been lucky enough to smell the delicate fragrance, too.



Flowers of the white cedar tree

Although commonly found on the margins of rainforest, the white cedar has ornamental appeal as a specimen tree in a garden. It is fast growing and hardy, with a graceful habit. The soft lime green compound leaves are made up of many leaflets, creating a lacy appearance. The spreading crown provides dappled shade during the heat of summer, protecting slower growing species and ground covers beneath.

Clusters of yellow fleshy drupes containing a single seed develop during autumn and remain on the tree for many months.

The white cedar is one of a handful of native trees that is fully deciduous.

During some (not all) autumn seasons, trees can become severely defoliated by the larvae of *Leptocneria reducta* moth, but as this occurs just before the tree goes into dormancy for the winter, it does not impact severely on the general beauty of the tree, nor does it affect the tree adversely. It may, however, be alarming for those who have not experienced this phenomena.



Banding is a chemical free method to control the number of developing larvae

- Be prepared in early autumn to wrap and tie hessian cloth around the trunk below the first fork so that the top half of the hessian is folded over the lower half forming a sheltered area between the fold.
- The band of hessian acts as an attractive shelter for the caterpillars.
- Check under the hessian for larvae each morning and remove them with gloves and drown them in a bucket of water
- Repeat this process for a week

Another bee-attracting plant with a citrus fragrance is the **tree violet** (*Hymenanthera dentata*).

During spring, this hardy shrub, (it is definitely not a tree) is covered with tiny pale yellow bell shaped flowers hanging below the leaves. It is common in the bush, but can be used in a garden situation, too, maybe close to a bird bath. It is prickly and favoured by little birds as refuge from larger ones. Small birds can fly in and out without damaging their wings or feathers. It can also be pruned and shaped to retain a bushy habit.



Flowers of the tree violet

The white cedar and the tree violet are hardy plants, suited to the environmental conditions of the Berry area. Both plants are grown at the school nursery.

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A Caring Community Caring for our Community

I joined the 'Berry Community Facebook Group' earlier on in the year. As expected it has been a great source of information about the happenings of our community. What I didn't expect were the regular posts offering help, support or concern for people in our community who were struggling. There have also been a number of heart-warming posts by those who have received help or support and were thanking the community for pulling together in their time of need. The great sense of community is just one of the amazing benefits of living in our small (but growing) town.

The truth is that none of us are entirely self-sufficient. There will be times in our lives where we will need the help of others. It is nice to know that we have a community around us who will answer the call when we need it. When we care for others we also form closer bonds with each other, find significance in life and receive that great feeling we all know we get when we know that we have made a difference in the world.

"Great but how"? You may be asking. How can we care for people in a way that actually helps them? Our community care team has four key statements that are pretty simple and easy to remember. 1. We listen. We have our ears and eyes open looking and listening for people who might be doing it tough. Some people do this naturally, others of us have to practice. 2. We ask. Not everyone wants help and even if they do, we want to make sure we help in a way that they actually need and want. The best way to find this out is to ask. 3. We empower. There has been much damage done in our world by well-meaning people who care in ways that keep people in a place of need, rather than helping them out of that place of need. We must make sure that our care respects the dignity of the people being helped and seeks to empower them to live full and meaningful lives. 4. We respond. We do what needs to be done so that people feel cared for and loved.

I believe that the best kind of care happens in community, through community and by everyone in the community.

Joel Noonan - Berry Community Church

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BERRY REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION 2017

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If members of the community wish to lay a wreath as a mark of respect feel free to do so.



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TRIVIA!! ALL IS TRIVIA

And it's not too late to book a space for the Big Trivia Night – A Night at the Opera. Our annual fun night is on again, 28th October at the Uniting Church Hall at 6.30pm. Rules are ... bring your own picnic style food and drink, cash or card for irresistible auction prizes and of course, dress to kill for a Night at the Opera. What a bargain at only \$25.00 per head, and you can book at trybooking.com/307153, your name. As usual, funds will help to support our many local good works. So, come and support Zonta and have fun while you do it!

CONFERENCE REPORT

On a more serious note, five intrepid Zontians recently boarded the train for Newcastle and a weekend of District Conference talk, fun and total inspiration. What a bunch of amazing women addressed and chatted with us, plus we were privileged to hear from Dr Luc from the Congo who directs the distribution of our birthing kits around many local villages – sometimes taking them himself on the back of a motorbike! It's such a 'hands on' project, from the time our local community helps to pack these bundles, to the actual delivery to expectant mothers. We were doubly enthused to watch, via video, the journey of the kits and to know how much they are appreciated.

Another address was from an incredibly brave young woman from Sierra Leone tell of

her horrific experience of genital mutilation – still a common practice in many parts of the world, including Australia.

(There was, however, some fun to be had – check the photo of the “Fabulous Five” at Conference dinner!)

And the membership continues to grow with the recent induction of Rosemary Courtney into our busy band. A reminder that any interested member of the community is more than welcome to attend our monthly dinner meetings and find out more about all things Zontian. Our District Governor, Janette Curtis will address our next meeting.

DINNER MEETING

At the Coachhouse Restaurant, Hotel Berry, 6.30 for 7pm, Tuesday, October 25. Please book with Cecilie Lewis on 4464 3913.



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Meredith Bryce, Rita Sullivan, Cec Lewis.
Front row: Leonie Winlaw, Rosalie Fletcher.

Gillian Triggs comes to Berry

One of the more controversial figures in Australian society in the last decade has accepted an invitation to speak in Berry.

Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs was the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission from 2012-2017. Gillian was Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney from 2007-12 and Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law from 2005-7. Gillian is a former Barrister with Seven Wentworth Chambers and a Governor of the College of Law.

Professor Triggs' five year term as President of the Human Rights Commission was a controversial one. Tensions between her and the Australian Government increased from late 2014. Numerous government ministers called for her resignation during her term. She was accused of being politically motivated, of misleading a Senate inquiry, of wasting a court's time and of wasting government money.

For her part, Professor Triggs has accused the government of abusing executive power and manipulating the truth. Professor Triggs has attacked Coalition government ministers for interfering with the judicial system and for destroying the integrity of Parliament by peddling “alternative facts”.

Professor Triggs will speak to a public forum on the topic “Why are we losing our legal rights?” The forum will take place at 2pm on Sunday 26th November in the Main Hall at Berry Uniting Church. Tickets are \$25 each and are obtainable from Berry Music Centre.



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Berry Uniting Church

Pirates and Princesses at Berry Preschool

Many preschool mums and dads, as well as their families and friends, turned out in glittering style for our Pirates and Princesses trivia fundraising night at the Berry Hotel on Saturday 14 October. A top night was had by all. We especially loved seeing a couple of the blokes in their best princess attire!

We raised \$6000 on the night to go towards upgrading our preschool playground and also towards our extracurricular classes at preschool, including the art, zoo, music, Zumba and soccer programs.

Huge thanks to our primary sponsor, Belle Property. Big thanks also to Berry Mountain Cycles for donating the bike for our raffle, and to The Berry Hotel, who were fabulous in organising the function area and the delicious meal; they also donated prizes for the winning trivia teams.

Many thanks to the other local businesses who generously contributed to the event: Berry Beauty, Bliss & Co, Nic Ware Hair and Makeup, South on Albany, Ocean Country Furniture, South Coast Prestige Property, Berry IGA, Little Rae General Store, Skin Fit, Bike Odyssey, Kiama Golf Club, Berry Gym, Berry Hotel, Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Regal Girls Boutique, Berry Dog Grooming, Two Figs Winery, The Berry Tea Shop, il locale, Garry O'Conner's South Coast Tennis, The Mud Shed, Flavours Shoalhaven, Utopia Landscapes.

And finally – thanks to the creative and energetic parents on our fundraising committee who made it all happen!

In other preschool news, The Young Australia Workshop recently visited the Tuesday

group with 'Finding Frank': a puppet show focused on acceptance and diversity in the wilderness of Africa. All resources were made from recycled items. The children enjoyed learning how the puppets move, how they talk (with all their crazy voices), and the art of puppeteering!

Recent art lessons have been based on Picasso's 'blue and rose' style period. The children created their own Picasso-inspired paintings, with the focus on something that brought up sad feelings and something that made them happy. The children embraced this task with gusto and were proud of their completed art works.

'Til next time!



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SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS FROM BERRY

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The following Development Applications and determinations have been notified during the month. They are also placed on the Community Noticeboard and posted on the Forum website www.berryforum.org.au. Details of applications, including submissions, can be viewed on Council's website at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and select **DA Tracking**.

	Development Applications Received	Address	Lodged
DA17/2172	Detached Office & Swimming Pool	228 Beach Rd	18-Sep
CD17/1523	Detached Secondary Dwelling	32 George St	18-Sep
DA17/2187	Detached Shed & Carport	7 Coomonderry Rg	19-Sep
DA17/2202	Open Farm Shelter	360 Coolangatta R	21-Sep
DA17/2191	Dwelling addns, garage, pool, farm shed, stables, tennis pavilion & dressage arena	29 Tindalls Lane	20-Sep
DA17/2221	Convert Carport to Garage & Extend	27 Albany St	27-Sep
DA17/2228	Dwelling Alterations & Additions	120 Ben Dooley Rd	29-Sep
CD17/1547	Detached Shed/Carport	139B Bryces Rd	29-Sep
DA17/2286	Change of Use - Detached Habitable rooms to Tourist Accom	13 Old Pioneer Cr	16-Oct
	Development Applications Determined		
DA17/1617	Convert garage to ensuite & storeroom & construct carport	120E Kangaroo V R	26-May
DA17/1570	New Rural Dwelling and shed	O'Keefes L, Jaspers	17-May
DA17/1450	Single Storey Dwelling & Swimming Pool	11 Hitchcocks Ln	24-Apr
DA17/1577	New Secondary Dwelling - Attached to Existing	99A Harley Hill Rd	18-May
DA17/2086	Demolition of dwelling and construct single storey dwelling	278 Agars Lane	29-Aug
SF10599	Stage 1 - Remove planted pine trees. Stage 2 - Three Lot Subdvn	41 Bundewallah Rd	26-Jul
DA17/1073	Dwelling additions: Detached garage and habitable rooms	50 Houston Pl	20-Jan
DA17/2202	Open Farm Shelter	360 Coolangatta R	21-Sep
DA17/2035	Detached garage and seven tress to be removed	604B Tourist Rd	18-Aug
DA17/1352	Single Storey Dwelling, Swimming Pool and Stables	64 Schofields Ln	3-Apr
DA17/1737	Yoga Pavillion - Pool Pavillion - Attached Granny Flat	35 Bryan Close	16-Jun
DA17/2000	New inground swimming pool	146 Kangaroo V rd	10-Aug



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SUBJECT	DETAILS
CHEMICAL RECYCLING	Chemical Cleanout at Shoalhaven City Council Carpark Sunday 26 November 9.00 am – 3.30 pm cleanout.com.au Agricultural and veterinarian chemical disposal Agsafe ChemClear program 1800 0080 182 agsafe.com.au
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COUNCIL WORKSHOPS	Shoalhaven run free courses on garden waste recycling and other topics. Check the website for upcoming courses. Bookings essential. calendars.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Management-Events
RECYCLING / REUSE AT LOCAL SHOPS	Some retailers may fill your own containers for take away food, egg cartons may be taken back to the place of purchase for reuse, and original containers. Flavours Shoalhaven refill Morella Grove olive oil glass bottles. Leaf Thai restaurant will fill your own containers when you order take away food.
SHARPS DISPOSAL	Medically generated syringes, needles and sharps can be disposed of for free at the Berry Pharmacy. Take your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container. The pharmacy will also safely dispose of out of date medication.
ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC	Cling wrap; use beeswax coated reusable cloth wraps, which can be composted when they come to the end of their lifespan. Buy from biome.com.au or look online for tutorials to make your own. Paper snack & sandwich bags from If You Care are chlorine-free and greaseproof. This company makes a range of paper products from unbleached pulp from renewable sources. www.ifyoucare.com Plastic bags for dog waste; buy compostable cornstarch-based bags like those at www.goinggreensolutions.com.au Bin liner bags; wrap messy scraps in newspaper. Rinse out bin as required. Drinking straws; buy a set of reusable toughened glass / metal and keep one in each of your family's bags. www.shopnaturally.com.au

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

25 October - Wednesday - Community Consultation on Assisted Dying by the NSW Parliamentary Working Group on Assisted Dying. 6pm until approx. 7.30pm Berry Courthouse. You can view the public consultation draft bill here: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/bills/fbb47772-6378-42e0-9ce8-fc5cd330699c>
Enquiries to Rick (ALP Berry) on 4464 2446.

4 November - Saturday - Berry Men's Shed Annual Garage Sale from 8.00am. Something for everyone. Lots of toys and unique furniture Berry Uniting Church grounds, Albert Street, Berry. Everything must go.

5 November - Sunday - Garage Sale from 11am earliest. Household and garage goods, furniture, tools, Jetmaster etc. 78 Woodhill Mountain Road Berry 4464 2446.

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

11 November - Saturday - BERRY REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION 2017. The Berry RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Commemoration Service will be conducted at the Cenotaph in Alexandra Street. The Berry community is invited to attend this short service that commemorates 100 years since the largest loss of Australian lives in any year of Australia's military history, and the historic cavalry charge at Beersheba. The service will commence at 10.35 am and will observe the traditional silence at 11.00 am. If members of the community wish to lay a wreath as a mark of respect feel free to do so.

11 November - Saturday - Berry Produce Market.

16 November - Thursday - 5.30pm - ADFAS AGM and Christmas Drinks - Berry Courthouse. Contact Colleen 4464 2458.

19 November - Sunday - 2pm. Meroo Union Church Service (non- denominational) followed by Afternoon Tea, cnr. Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy Meroo Meadow. All Welcome. Contact Brian 4464 2842, Rae 4448 6048.

26 November - Sunday - Berry Produce Market.

FUTURE DATES

2 December - Saturday - Berry Merry Christmas. 5pm - late. For information and updates, visit www.berrymerrychristmas.org.au; or like us on Facebook at "Berry Merry Christmas & Grand Santa Parade 2017."

2 December - Saturday - 2:30pm - Shoalhaven Lydian Singers present HANDEL'S MESSIAH at St Patrick's Church Berry. TICKETS: \$30, Concession: \$25, Students: \$10, Under 15 FREE.

Afternoon tea included. <http://www.lydiansingers.org.au> Contact: 0412 219 895.

3 December - Sunday - 2:30pm - Shoalhaven Lydian Singers present HANDEL'S MESSIAH at Nowra School of Arts. TICKETS: \$30, Concession: \$25, Students: \$10, Under 15 FREE. Afternoon tea included.
<http://www.lydiansingers.org.au> Contact: 0412 219 895.

8 December - Friday - CWA Monthly meeting 1pm CWA rooms Victoria Street
Contact Emily 4448 8633.

13 December - Wednesday - Meroo Union Church. All welcome to a Christmas Service with the Salvation Army. Starting at 6.30pm Light Tea at 7.30 pm. Service. Donation of non - perishable items much appreciated.

Cnr. Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048.

24 December - Carols at the Park, Apex Park Berry.

2-3 February - Friday & Saturday - 130th Berry Show

If your community group or business wants to advertise an event here,
please contact the editor at towncrier@berryalliance.org.au.

Annual Events Guide for Berry 2017

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

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

MONTH	EVENT
RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS	<p>First Sunday of the Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penwood Railroad Inc, a scenic miniature railway open from 10:30am till mid afternoon. 215A Princes Highway - Jaspers Brush NSW - Ph: 02 4464 1201 Berry Country Fair (Berry Markets). Approximately 200 stalls selling handmade products, arts and crafts, fresh produce and more. Berry Showground (not held in February).
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	129 th Annual Berry Show – 3rd & 4th February, Berry Showground
MARCH	Seniors Week – Various venues Clean Up Australia Day, Apex Park
APRIL	ANZAC Day Youth Week Easter Celebrations
MAY	Berry Celtic Festival, Berry Showground National Motoring Heritage Day, Berry Showground
JUNE	
JULY	Tour de Berry
AUGUST	Annual Camellia and Floral Show Berry Spinners & Weavers - Open Day and Exhibition - Saturday 26th August, 2017 from 10:00 to 3pm. To be held in the Rural Youth Hall, Berry Showground.
SEPTEMBER	Berry Small Farm Field Day
OCTOBER	Berry Garden Club's Annual Garden Festival
NOVEMBER	Remembrance Day 4th November Berry Men's Shed Annual Garage Sale
DECEMBER	Berry Merry Christmas Carols in the Park, Apex Park Rotary's New Year's Eve Fireworks Berry Showground

FIRE PERMIT UPDATE

The Bush Fire Danger Period commenced in Shoalhaven Local Government Area on Friday 1st September 2017 and anyone wishing to light a fire during the BFDPP must now obtain a permit prior to burning. To apply for a permit, contact the NSW RFS Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre on 4424 4424.

It is a legislative requirement that property owners provide a minimum of 24 hours' notice to their local fire authority and all adjoining land owners. Penalties apply for failing to comply.

For information about Bush Fire Danger Period rules and fire permits, go to: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP or contact the NSW RFS Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre. A quick guide to your responsibilities when lighting a fire or undertaking activities that may result in a fire can be found at: http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/4670/Standards-Lighting-a-Fire-2017-WEB-READY-WCAG2.pdf



**THE SHOALHAVEN LYDIAN SINGERS
PRESENT:**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

We return this beloved festive treat to the Shoalhaven. With its musical richness, dramatic power and spiritual intensity, there is something in Messiah for people of all faiths. Performances both at 2:30pm on Sat 2nd December at St Patrick's Church, Berry, and Sun 3rd December at the Nowra School of Arts.

BOOK EARLY ONLINE via www.TryBooking.com with Promo Code HANDEL, or buy tickets at the door. Adults \$30, Concessions \$25, Students \$10, Under 15 free. Contact 0412 219 895 for more info.



Would you like your café/restaurant listed in the *Restaurant Guide* 2018?

Get in touch with the Editor, Nancy Davies, to **FIND OUT HOW.**
towncrier@berryalliance.org.au
or 0428 037 572



Community Groups

BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Berry Alliance Inc. 0449 569 059
PO Box 202 Berry 2535
info@berryalliance.org.au
www.berryalliance.org.au

Berry Alliance Town Crier 0428 037 572
PO Box 202 Berry 2535
towncrier@berryalliance.org.au
www.berryalliance.org.au

Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc.
4464 3122
PO Box 216 Berry 2535
info@berry.org.au www.berry.org.au

Amnesty International Berry Local Action Group
PO Box 397, Berry 4464 2879
Contact Susan Locke
info@berryamnesty.happenings.id.au

Australian Red Cross 4464 2479
Honorary Secretary -
Margaret Walsh 21 Windsor Drive Berry
1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm
Berry Uniting Church

Berry Alcoholics Anonymous 1300 903 392
Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm,
Uniting Church Hall Annex,
69 Albert Street, Berry - Garry: 0420 932 494

Berry Al Anon Family Group For family & friends of problem drinkers 4448 8231
Meet every Monday at 6.30pm
Berry Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry

Berry Forum (Community Consultative Body)
www.berryforum.org.au
2nd Thursday bi-monthly 7.30pm at the
School of Arts Berry

Berry Community Activities Centre Inc. 4464 1476
Berry Community Craft Cottage
12 Prince Alfred St Berry 2535
1st Monday Monthly, 5pm @ Muir House
berrymarkets@bigpond.com

Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee
PO Box 218 Berry 2535 0458 369 266
2nd Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the
Berry Courthouse
functions@berrycourthouse.org.au
www.berrycourthouse.org.au

Berry Evening View Club 4464 1191
Secretary, PO Box 275
sel4957@bigpond.net.au
Meets 3rd Wednesday monthly, 6.30 p.m.
at Berry Bowling Club

Berry Leprosy Mission Auxiliary 4464 1693
17 Gwenda Avenue Berry 2535
3rd Thursday Bi-Monthly (June, Aug etc.)
1.30pm above address.

Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc. 4464 1774
PO Box 435 Berry 2535 - 3rd Wednesday
monthly, 9:30am - Activities Room Berry
Masonic Village

Berry Meals on Wheels 4464 1604
PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535
3rd Monday monthly at 9am RSL Hall Berry

Berry Men's Shed 4464 3956 / 4464 2619 A.H
PO Box 103 Berry 2535
richardcwiseman@hotmail.com
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am- 4pm
North Street Berry www.berrymensshed.com.au

Berry RSL Sub Branch
PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 -
stuartchristmas@gmail.com
1st Tuesday Monthly at 9.30am
Sub Branch Hall 26 Alexandra St Berry

Berry Rotary Club 0408 979 337
PO Box 81 Berry 2535
barker_killaloe@hotmail.com
Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at
Bowling Club
www.berryrotary.org.au

Berry Show Society Inc. 4464 1567
PO Box 173 Berry 2535
Meet 1st Tuesday monthly at Committee Rooms
at the Showground
berryshow@virtualcity.com.au
www.berryshow.org.au

Berry Showground Management Committee
PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535 -
berryshowground-camping@gmail.com
Meet 2nd Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm
Old Council Chambers
24 hour Caretakers / Bookings
Caretakers 0427 605 200

Boomerang Bags Berry
Committee Rooms, Berry Showground
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Contact Elizabeth Debbelde - 0431 663 189 /
Katrina Underwood - 0416 181 543

Country Women's Association – Berry Branch
PO Box 321 Berry 2535 4423 2164
2nd Friday each month at 1pm
in the CWA Rooms, Victoria Street
Contact Emily Boorer

David Berry Hospital Auxiliary 4464 1774
PO Box 285 Berry 2535
bke25349@bigpond.net.au
2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm
David Berry Hospital Conference Room

Freemasons Lodge Broughton 131 4421 7346
PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541
Secretary: John Dyason
lodgebroughton131@gmail.com

Jaspers Brush Airport Action Group Inc.
www.takeaction.org.au
PO Box 428 Berry NSW 2535
Meeting - as convened

Lodge Broughton 131 4421 8026
P.O. Box 2092 Bomaderry 2541 N.S.W.
lodgebroughton131@gmail.com - Meets
1st Wed. of each month except Jan. at the
Agricultural Hall Berry

Probus Club of Berry 4464 3525
PO Box 68 Berry 2535
berryprobust@gmail.com
Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.30am
Berry Masonic Village Hall

Shoalhaven Poultry Group 0410 548 704
161 Kangaroo Valley Road
1st Wednesday each month above address
info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au
www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

St. Vincent de Paul Society Client Help Line:
PO Box 77 Berry - Ph 4464 3940 4421 0390
Vinnies Boutique Shop 117b Queen St Berry
Conference meets every 1st Mon. 7pm St.
Patrick's Hall

Zonta Club of Berry
Ph 4464 3913 (Cecilie Lewis)
or 4464 2653 (Leonie Winlaw)
PO Box 302 Berry 2535
email-berry@zontadistrict24.org
www.zontadistrict24.org
Meets 4th Tuesday monthly for dinner

ARTS

Berry School of Arts
Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.

Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society - Shoalhaven
PO Box 269 Berry NSW 2535 4423 5588
shoalhaven@adf.org.au
Monthly, 7.30pm at Berry Uniting Church Hall

Berry & District Historical Society Inc
PO Box 153 Berry 2535 4464 3097
berrymuseum@bigpond.com
www.berryhistory.org.au

Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)
Owen 4464 1250 / Kaye 4465 1240
6 Clarence Street Berry 2535
kayecj@westnet.com.au
Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm,
Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground

Berry Spinners and Weavers 4448 7575
Contact the secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363
PO Box 377 Berry 2535
berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
Thursdays 10-12noon at
Berry Showground Hall

Cantares: Community Choir
Monday 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Scots' Presbyterian Hall, Alexandra Street Berry
Contact: Peter Dalmazzo 4448 6164

Katandra 0413 491 959
Women's A Capella Choir
PO Box 149 Berry 2535
antraynal@bigpond.com Katandra Facebook Page
Meeting Tuesday 7.00-9.00 p.m @ St Patricks
Catholic Church Hall. Albert Street Berry

Knit with Love
Lyn 4464 3651 c/- 34 Princess St Berry 2535
terryandlyn@gmail.com
Meets Every Friday 1pm – 3pm
St Luke's Anglican Church Hall

RedBerry Quilters 4464 2587
Meetings held on the 4th Friday of each month
9.30am-1.30pm. Sewing Days held on the 2nd
Friday of each month 9.30am-1.30pm at St
Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Princess Street
Please contact mail to:
secretary@redberryquilters.org

CHURCHES

Berry Community Church 4464 2315
8 Schofields Lane Berry
Services 9:30am and 5:00pm - info@
berrycommunitychurch.org

Berry Uniting Church 4464 2904
77 Albert Street Berry
Services at 9.30am
berryuniting@gmail.com

St. Luke's Anglican Church 4464 1058
68A Princess Street, Berry 2535 -
office@berry.anglican.asn.au - www.berry.
anglican.asn.au

St. Patricks Catholic Church 4423 1712
Albert St. Berry - Normal Mass times:
Sunday 8am Tuesday 5.30pm - Community
Group PO Box 304 Berry meets 2nd Monday
7pm St. Patricks Hall

Scots' Presbyterian Church in Berry 0405 139 031
E. isaac.jung@hotmail.com
H. 81 Victoria St Berry

EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS

Berry Apple Users Group 0416 168 638
P.O. Box 103, Berry, 2535 Meets at 7.00pm on
the 2nd Tuesday of the month (except January)
at Berry Uniting Church Hall,
77 Albert Street, Berry. Email:
berryappleusersgroup@gmail.com

Berry Community Pre-school 4232 1843
PO Box 103 Berry 2535 berrypreschool@
bigpond.com www.berrypreschool.org.au

Berry Computers for Seniors 4421 3270
PO Box 103 Berry 2535
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month,
9.00 - 10.30am, Uniting Church Hall,
69 Albert Street, Berry

Berry Ethics Society 0451 153 332
PO Box 363 Berry
Meets 1st Monday of each month
at the Berry Hotel

Berry Playgroup 0417 796 401
Berry Community Church Hall
Schofields Lane, Berry. Fridays 9.30-11.30
Facebook: The Berry Playgroup
Email: berryplaygroup@hotmail.com

Berry Public School P&C Association 4464 1158
PO Box 222 Berry 2535
berrypandc@gmail.com

Mainly Music 4464 1693
Berry Community Church Hall -
for children under five and parent /carers
Meets Tuesdays during school term
10-11.30am \$4 per family

GARDENING AND LAND CARE

Berry & District Garden Club 4464 1191
PO Box 122 Berry 2535
3rd Tuesday Monthly, 7.30pm
St Luke's Church Hall, Princess Street
Mary Seelis - Secretary
www.berrygardens.org.au

Berry Landcare 4464 2241
PO Box 422 Berry NSW 2535
berrylandcare@gmail.com
See monthly article for working bees.

Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery
Lyn 02 4464 3911
Meet Thursday afternoons during school hours
lyn-clark@outlook.com.au

Brogers Creek Landcare 4465 1482
53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW
Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm

Gateway Community Garden
141 Woodhill Mountain Road
All welcome, plots available.
Contact: Tony Hampson 44641504

Hands Across NSW Inc 4446 0567
PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540
Meets 1st Sunday, monthly at Broughton Lodge,
Berry Agriculture Hall

POLITICAL GROUPS

**Australian Labor Party Berry
Shoalhaven Heads Branch** 0429 012 796
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month,
6.30 pm Hotel Berry
secretarybshalp@gmail.com
PO Box 474 Berry 2535

Liberal Party of Australia - Berry Branch
Meets 1st Monday of the month 6.30pm
for 7pm start at Gabbys of Berry

RECREATION

Berry Bridge Club INC 4464 3009
PO Box 366 Berry 2535 mcorran@
shoalhaven.net.au
Meets Saturdays @ 12.45pm-4.30pm at the
Masonic Lodge Community Hall

Berry Camera Club 0488 031 961
Meetings on 4th Wednesday of Each Month
6:00 pm @Berry Bowling Club
Info: www.berrycameraclub.com
fb:BerryCameraClub

Berry Crafters & Quilters 4464 3788
Meets each Wednesday 10am -
4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred Street

Penwood Rail Road Inc. 4464 1201
B215a Princes Highway Jaspers Brush 2535
Running day 1st Sun monthly - visitors welcome

Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club Inc. 4464 1723
PO Box 1, Nowra NSW 2541

SPORT

Berry Hockey Club 0412 218 704
PO Box 4055, Nowra East NSW 2541
www.berryhockeyclub.com.au

Berry Netball Club 0417 285 789
1 Barwon St Bomaderry
Meets monthly at the Great Southern Hotel
MT816834@bigpond.net.au

Berry Men's Bowling Club
David Armstrong 4464 1543 PO Box 139,
Berry NSW 2535
Ph: 0488 729 229 Harry Harrop on 4464 3043

Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football 0431 530 543
7 Boran Place Berry 2535
becandtom2@bigpond.com
School term 4 - Thursday 4pm till 6pm at the
Berry Sporting Complex, North St Berry

Berry Riding Club 4464 1143
445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535
1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel
jasiy@bigpond.net.au
www.berryridingclub.com

**Berry Shoalhaven Head Rugby
League Football Club**
PO Box 282 Berry - Meet every 4th Wednesday,
7pm Great Southern Hotel, Berry.
Email: Wdstrong@bigpond.com

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club
0422 688 901
PO Box 206 Berry NSW 2535
www.bshcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
2nd Monday of each month
during cricket season at the Berry Hotel

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior League
0414 973 795
PO Box 162 Berry 2535
bshjrffc@hotmail.com
First Wednesday of the month,
7pm at the Berry Bowling Club

Berry Tennis Club
PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535
e: berrytennis@hotmail.com
7.30pm bi-monthly
starting in February each year,
Berry Tennis Club, North St Berry

Berry Women's Bowling Club
Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am during
daylight savings;
9.30 in winter @ Berry Bowling Club.
Contact Bev Thompson: 0400 516 303 or
Pam Tulloch: 4464 2284

Diamond Calisthenics Club
Jodie Dearsley 0414 655 129
Classes for ages 3-100 held Tuesdays at Berry
School of Arts, Cnr Alexandra and
Princess Sts Berry
www.diamondcalisthenics.com
diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com

EMERGENCY 000

Police Assistance Line (non-urgent Police reports) 131 444
Berry Police 4464 2175 - Fire and Rescue NSW 4464 1008 or 000
Rural Fire Brigade (Broughton Vale) 4464 1522
SES - For Emergency help in floods and storms 132 500

Berry & District Garden Club News



SECRETARY MARY SEELIS 4464 1191 VISIT US ON www.berrygardens.org.au

The advertising and the cabanas have come down, the crowds have departed and the Garden Club is celebrating yet another very successful Berry Gardens Festival. Visitors may have their personal favourites but everyone seems agreed that the eight gardens, five of them opened for the first time, offered a pleasing diversity of size, style and plantings. Coaches came from as far away as Werris Creek, Moruya, and Canberra, but some who arrived by car had travelled even further. Once one Festival is over and the proceeds donated to local not-for-profit organisations, it is time to start planning the next. Any suggestions of gardens that could be included in our 2018 Festival are most welcome.

The Club's plant team is also rejoicing. Sales raised over \$9,700, all of which will help fund the construction of the George St park. Our nursery shelves are empty and it is time to start gathering and propagating to fill them again. We are always most grateful for the gift of unwanted plants. There was a strong demand for the Hippeastrums, Iris and Clivea, all donated, that visitors had seen flourishing in the gardens despite the drought. With

plant breeders developing new hybrids of these "old favourites", they are regaining popularity. Dozens of Agapanthus, particularly the newer dwarf varieties, were also sold.

The months of dry weather provided a constant challenge to the garden owners, particularly those without town water. Lack of rain has also been a hardship for all Berry gardeners. This has been a time to take note of the more drought hardy plants and to consider them when planting. Trees, shrubs and hedges have demanded extra watering and mulching. If these plants die, basic garden structure is lost.

The Festival may be over but we are still very busy. An enjoyable October trip to Mittagong will be followed with another visit to Highlands gardens in November. There is a return visit from the Werri Beach/ Gerringong Garden Club to host as well as a visiting group from the Garden Clubs of Australia Ulladulla Convention. It really is a season to be out in the garden!

No trip to Japan is complete without a visit to some of their leading gardens. Our November Guest Speaker, Ted Jarrett, will deliver a talk



Gaye Priestley, garden owner, John Gabriele and Mary Seelis, festival convenor, at the Berry Gardens Festival launch.

on "Chrysanthemums in Japan", explaining the reverence the Japanese have for this flower. Flowering in Autumn, its exceptional beauty is enhanced by seasonal garden colour.

Visitors are most welcome to join us for this illustrated presentation. Our next meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall in Princess St on Tuesday, 21 November at 7.30pm.



To find out more about our club, please contact our secretary, Mary Seelis, on 44641191 or visit us at www.berrygardens.org.au

SHOP AND SAVE BIG \$\$\$\$

Wholesale Nursery Berry

📍 45 Agars Lane, Berry ☎ 4464 1102

Our 4 acre wholesale production nursery located in the beautiful town of Berry **is now open direct to the public.** All our plants are grown on site with over **100,000 plants to choose from.** Shop where the trade shops and save big money on quality plants.



Mon-Fri 7am to 4pm
Saturday 8am - 4pm
Closed Sundays & Public Holidays



Conversations, COFFEE AND Friends

Many thanks to Bob Arnold for a very entertaining talk and lots of laughs during our October gathering.

On November 22nd at 10am, we look forward to listening to Tom Darby. His topic is "How not to write a Memoir" Tom was one of the founding members of the Berry Men's Shed but was also a teacher, school inspector and took his family around Europe when his children were young.

Instead of Conversation, Coffee and Friends in December, we are planning a Christmas Morning Tea on the 2nd Wednesday, 13th December. Wear something red or green and be ready for lots of fun.

THE VENUE IS
WESLEY HALL AT THE
UNITING CHURCH
77 ALBERT STREET

Berry Community Library

Great news from the Library! We are very excited to announce that we are able to extend our opening times. The Library will now be open –

➤ **LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**
Monday and Wednesday
1pm – 4pm
**Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday**
10am – 1pm

Thank you so much to the family who donated so many beautiful children's picture books and chapter books. Come on down and check out the wonderful selection for the whole family.

There was a meeting on October 18th about the possibility of starting a Book Group at the Community Library. Watch this space for more information or why not like us on Facebook and keep up with the Library news.

If you still haven't visited you will find us at 77 Albert Street, opposite the IGA carpark, behind the Uniting Church.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JANET ON 0425 220 258**



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GARAGE SALE - Our Garage Sale held on Saturday 30th September 2017 and Sunday 1st October 2017 was a great success and enabled Berry branch to send over \$900 to the Red Cross Big Cake Bake Appeal. This is the appeal which raises money for Red Cross general funds which allow Red Cross to continue to organise and run all its programs to help those in need.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped, especially Sheila Keats for once again letting us use her garage, and everyone that supported the garage sale in any way.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - Members of Berry Branch will be participating in the Remembrance Day Service at Saturday 11th November at 11am at the Berry Cenotaph.

BERRY MARKETS COLLECTION - On Sunday 3rd September Berry Red Cross will be collecting at both entrances of the Berry Showground at the Berry markets. Please look out for us. Red Cross will be most grateful for donations.

OTHER BERRY BRANCH ACTIVITIES - Berry branch members will be taking their turn at packing Mental Health bags on Monday 20th November. These are for people being discharged home after a prolonged stay in hospital to make sure they have essential foods and personal items. There is a lot to do when a home has been unoccupied for a prolonged period and not having to worry about essential shopping on the same day as being discharged greatly helps people settle back at home.

Berry branch members will be participating in the Berry Merry Xmas parade on Saturday 2nd December at 5.15pm and Carols at David Berry Hospital and Karinya on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

If you wish to find out about becoming involved with or volunteering with the Red Cross contact the Berry Branch of the Red Cross (see Community Groups page of Town Crier for contact details), the Nowra Red Cross Office (1800 621 433) in Graham Street Nowra or go onto the Red Cross website.

ANN SUDMALIS MP Federal Member for Gilmore

Federal investment into Berry Co-operative



I am pleased to inform you of the \$131,000 that has been secured for the Berry Rural Co-operative society.

The grant was part of a \$4.5 million investment made by the government to help groups of farmers, including those in our region to adopt co-operative business models.

This funding will enable the Berry Rural Co-operative Society to grow their local dairy business with a better marketing strategy.

They will receive independent professional advice, feedback and guidance from business experts in a variety of fields in order to bring these plans to fruition.

I am committed to helping Australian farmers take advantage of collaboration and structure to achieve better and fairer returns.

These funds are a great win for the region, villages and farming industry within the Gilmore region.

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Raine&Horne Berry New Listings



PRINCIPAL/SALES
Alex Cochrane
0412 081 600



SALES
Jacqui Crapp
0429 104 011



SALES
Kimberley Clarke
0418 204 518



Property Manager
Mat Whip
0416 671 252



41 Albert Street, Berry



491 Woodhill Mountain Road, Berry



185 Bundewallah Road, Bundewallah

If you would like to discuss how we can help you
showcase your property for sale or lease please
give us a call 4464 1300

Raine&Horne.

02 4464 1300
www.rh.com/berry

rh.com.au

Nepalese School Land Purchase Going Ahead



Back in August, the Rotary Club of Berry called on the community of Berry to assist in raising \$8000. This was to enable the Shree Manjushree Secondary School in the village of Jyamrung, a poor farming area in Nepal, to purchase an adjoining piece of land in order to provide an immediate need for outdoor learning activities plus allow for the future redevelopment of the school.

As there is no alternative, the classroom buildings of the School are still being used in quite hazardous conditions despite having been condemned following the devastating earthquakes of 2015.

A number of very generous Berry residents subsequently made donations totaling over \$3700 to help. Also, Saxon Hilkemeijer has added to that figure after initiating a 'High 5 for 5' program he announced in a Berry Public School public speaking competition where he encouraged students to bring in five cents each week to raise money for underprivileged children overseas.

"Children make up 25 per cent of the world's population, however we are 100 per cent of the future. That being the case I believe children should be empowered to make positive change in the world. Five cent pieces are pretty underrated by a lot of people... they think their pretty useless, they clog wallets or get thrown into jars but small things can make a big impact. My idea was that if every school student in Australia gave five cents a week for the school year we could raise over \$7 million," he said.



During a trial of this concept at the Berry and Shoalhaven Heads Public Schools, the program raised \$1000 which Saxon presented to the Rotary Club to go toward the purchase of the Shree Manjushree Secondary School land. Saxon is pictured presenting the cheque to Rotarian Ken Hutt and Club President Trevor Barker.

The Rotary Club has advanced the balance of the funds required to proceed with the

purchase of the land. However, there is still the opportunity for people to contribute to this community endeavour. Your support can be made by Direct Deposit to the Rotary Club of Berry, BSB: 082435 Account No: 509515007 Reference: Your name – Nepal Fund.

The Rotary Club of Berry thanks everyone for their support to help the children of the village of Jyamrung to go to school in safety.

Dancing for Joy

latin, disco, popular, easy international folk dances

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Suitable for all. No dance experience needed!

Thursdays
except the first of the month
9.00 - 10.00 am
Cost: \$15
Berry Uniting Church Hall
77 Albert St
Bookings required.



Contact Marilyn - Ph: 0412 244 735 E: info@totalbeing.com.au
or email info@totalbeing.com.au



**SCOTS' PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, BERRY**

All Welcome!!!

Service Time: Sunday 10am

Sunday School: Sunday 10am

Minister Rev Isaac Jung - 4464 1020

**Cnr Alexandra Street & Victoria Street
Berry**

*Our purpose is to
Love God with our heart, soul, mind and might
and to
Love our neighbour as ourselves.*

*Ordinary people worshipping an
extraordinary God*

www.berrypresbyterianchurch.net.au

BELLE PROPERTY BERRY

Testimonials

"Gary impressed from the off. His estimate of likely sale price was considerably higher than the other agents who told me that was his tactic for getting my business. Gary secured the sale at \$400k more than the competition had suggested we would get. Gary was fun to deal with and I am looking forward to a few glasses of wine with him and Susan to celebrate a fantastic result."

- Peter & Julie Dryer

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DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILLIARY

Good morning all.

Not a lot of news this month. Sorry I didn't mention the November meeting in my last newsletter. Thanks goodness all current members arrived.

DOM, Karon Stalgis introduced Emma Stevens our Nursing Unit Manager to the meeting. Karon will be in Nowra for 3 weeks and Emma will be managing the David Berry Hospital. Welcome, Emma.

Our next fundraiser will be our Street Stall on 9th December in our usual place. If anyone would like to help, remember all cooked items must be labelled with the ingredients and with a number. If you are a first-time helper, you can obtain a number from President Marilyn on the day. All help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again to Marilyn and Judy for the servicing of the trolley to the patients at our hospital. I am sure the patients appreciate the service, especially the lollies and the papers on Sunday.

Coming up will be our Christmas Luncheon on the 11th December to be held at the hospital, to which all members are invited.

In February we are hoping to have a Luncheon, and in March we will have our usual Book Sale. If you have any books you don't need, they can be left at my place at any time. It would be much appreciated. More information on both events at a later date.

A student nurse had to give
an injection to a 79-year-old male patient.
She asked which hip he preferred the shot
in and he asked if he really had a choice.
She told him he did and he looked her
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Berry Men's Bowling Club

This month marks 105 years since the Berry Bowling Club was formed. The original club site was where the Berry CWA Rooms now occupy. Due to the bowling club's expansion it was decided to move to the current site in order to be able to provide two greens and ample areas for parking.

During the forthcoming holiday period the Men's Club will continue to play social bowls at 1.00 pm of a Wednesday and Saturday with bookings being accepted on 0488 729 229 up until 12 noon. Play is in mufti and flat soled shoes are required. During the holiday visiting bowlers or anyone desiring a game are welcome and asked to book in on the above number and there is no restriction on age and those on holidays from educational establishments are most welcome.

AS set of suitable bowls can be loaned. In addition to the social play of a Wednesday and Saturday the Ladies Club play of a morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Roads Funding Success - October, 2017

Shoalhaven City Council has been successful in gaining funding from federal and state government bodies to assist in developing road projects in the 2017-2018 and 2018-109 financial years.

In addition, the following projects will be funded by the Safer Local Government Roads program:

- \$425,000 for the safety improvements on Bolong Road, from east of Broughton Creek to the northern side of Askeaton Park (\$300,000 in 2017/18 and \$125,000 in 2018/19),
- \$640,000 for the safety improvements on Bolong Road, from north of Coolangatta Road to the northern side of the Gerroa Road intersection (\$450,000 in 2017/18 and \$190,000 in 2018/19)
- New Active Transport projects have been approved in 2017/18 totalling \$1,900,000, including:
- Bike parking facilities (bike racks) installed at various locations across the city. Bike rack projects have been approved at seven (7) locations including:
- Queen Street, Berry (southern side, adjacent to Berry Jetz Café)
- Celia Parade, Shoalhaven Heads (adjacent to Arboretum)

Mayor Amanda Findley said, "This injection of funds to assist with roads, pathways and shelters shows that Council is trying hard to apply for funding where possible to ease the burden on the ratepayer. We are delighted in the amounts and thank the governments for supporting the Shoalhaven."



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Berry Tennis Club AGM

The Berry Tennis Club AGM was held on 7 September 2017 at the Berry Bowling Club. Thank you to all who attended. The Executive Committee members of the club were all re-nominated and duly re-elected.

Day time Competitions – Playing Opportunities

Our new coordinator for Tuesday morning social tennis is keen to get the Tuesday social tennis up and running this month. If you are interested in playing on Tuesday morning please contact Anne Wood on wood7off@gmail.com.

Our Friday morning social competition members are great supporters of the Berry Tennis Club. Most current players are residents at The Arbour. They are keen to get more people in their group. More information can be obtained by emailing Bob Clarke on bobnchris29@gmail.com.

Diary Dates

Our annual fundraising trivia night will be on **Sunday 18 February 2018** from 5.00pm at the Berry Hotel. It was a great and successful night this year. We look forward to another great night, as we look to fund court surface improvements and maintenance of our facilities.

Our club championship, open to all members, is scheduled to be held on **Saturday and Sunday 24 & 25 March 2018** at the Berry Tennis Club.

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- We were pleased with the results of our auctions of Stage 7A of the Huntingdale Park Estate, with 6 selling under the hammer.

Testimonial of the Month:

"Shane and his team were a pleasure to deal with! We were really happy with the service they provided and would definitely use or recommend Ray White Berry again. Thank you." - Kathryn & Iain

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Members of ADFAS Shoalhaven are warmly invited to join the 2017 committee for the AGM/Christmas Drinks on Thursday, 16th November 2017 at the Berry Court House, Victoria Street, Berry. Members are invited to arrive at 5.30pm when pre meeting drinks will be served. The AGM will commence at 6.00pm.

For further details please phone Colleen Fry on 4464 2458 or check website www.adfasshoalhaven.org.au

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Get in Step Shoalhaven

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As part of creating an active Shoalhaven, Shoalhaven City Council in partnership with Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District and Grand Pacific Health have teamed up to "Make Healthy Normal" with a series of signed health walks across the Shoalhaven.

The one kilometre walks are located in 18 different areas throughout the Shoalhaven and have signage at intervals encouraging people to complete the walk.

Mayor Amanda Findley said, "The "foot-print" signs will assist walkers or runners with gauging distances and improving fitness."

"Council is encouraging people to use the walks as a base to start an exercise routine and get walking more."

To support walkers to try all the signed locations, the three partners have organised a competition for walkers to share their walk experience and how many walks they do.

Find the 18 locations - Walk, Register and Win!

1. Find the 18 x 1km footpaths promoted with pavement signs and share either a selfie of your walk and/or your story on the pathway on Council's Get Involved page for your chance to win a prize pack!
2. Please see website for more details <http://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/>.
3. Register at Get Involved, upload a photo of video with your name and share your story to take part. Once you register, you can enter from each of the 18 locations to have more of a chance not only to win, but 18 places to enjoy a walk.

Winners will be selected at random and announced on 31 October on Council's Facebook page. By making a story submission, participants agree that their photos or videos can be used on Shoalhaven City Council's digital platforms. Competition closes 30 October.

Pedometers are available to borrow for free from Shoalhaven Library.

Pick up a map and fill out a survey for an extra chance to win. Locations for maps and surveys: Libraries, Shoalhaven Swim and Fitness Centres, Grand Pacific Health, NSW Health Facilities, High Schools and Council Administration Buildings.

Challenge your friends, family and neighbours to get out in the community and Get in Step in the Shoalhaven.

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feel a lot like
Christmas...

Christmas Ham RAFFLE
Starting FRIDAY, November 10
3 hams to be won each week



Congratulations



**Berry Hockey Club
2 GRAND FINAL WINS!**



SUMMER TRADING HOURS

Lunch EVERY DAY from 11.30am

Dinner MONDAY to SATURDAY from 6pm and SUNDAY from 5pm



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November

5.00pm \$5 per person

BERRY PUB FAMILY TRIVIA

Dinner specials, kids under 12 eat for FREE, GREAT prizes & more!

Bookings Essential

This month, proudly supporting:
Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club

eat
drink
think
WIN

LIVE MUSIC LINEUP NOVEMBER

FREE

Friday 3rd: MELTDOWN

Saturday 4th: THREE AMIGOS

Friday 10th: ROD MITCHELL

Saturday 11th: DETOUR

Friday 17th: WOODY

Saturday 18th: WINDLEY

Friday 24th: SEAN THE SHEEP

Saturday 25th: RICH

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