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

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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.

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Planning Proposal to Rezone Land south of Hitchcocks Lane

The Proposal was tabled at Council's Development Committee meeting on 14 November. Around 40 Berry residents attended and Stuart Coughlan made a deputation on behalf of the Forum covering the following points -

- At the Forum meeting on 12 October attended by 86 residents, there was an overwhelming vote to reject the Proposal
- The land area considered for rezoning should be restricted to that in the Growth Strategy.
- Huntingdale will eventually contain around 280 dwellings and the Proposal will add 150. This means a total of 430 dwellings will be added to the existing town total of 480 (in the area bounded by North St, Pullman St, the railway and the Highway).
- Rezoning should not be considered until the Huntingdale development is completed and its impact on Berry's infrastructure is understood.
- The southern gateway to Berry requires a vegetation buffer between Huntingdale and the Highway.
- The average lot size should be significantly higher than the minimum of 500 m2.

Councillors voted 10 to 1 to support the Proposal, but did agree to restrict the area of land for rezoning. They also agreed that the community needed to be fully involved in the urban design following the outcome of studies on visual impact, infrastructure, traffic and other matters. The Committee will continue to consult with Council and the community as this proposal progresses through the approval process.

DA for Bangalee Motel Expansion

The Forum Committee has been in regular contact with Council's Director of Planning, Phil Costello about this application since it was

The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

lodged. We have been advised that Council has now received the Heritage assessment and has significant issues with aspects of the DA.

Phil has offered to discuss the application with the community at a Forum meeting once responses have been received from the applicant on issues raised by Council. He has also reiterated that Council values the significance of gateway sites and this will be a critical element in Council's assessment. We appreciate Council's contribution to a constructive dialogue with the Forum on this matter.

Additional Public Toilets in Berry

Council was informed about the Forum voting results, which showed that an upgrade to the Apex Park facility was the number one preference.

Preliminary discussions and a site inspection have now been held with Council and an update will be provided at the next Forum meeting.

Special General Meeting

Two minor procedural amendments to the Forum's Constitution are proposed -

- The AGM to be held by end October, rather than within 3 months of the end of the financial year.
- Fourteen days notice to be given of a request for a vote at a Forum meeting, so that the community can be informed of the context of the issue to be voted on.

The SGM will follow on from our next Forum meeting.

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

Free

Cooler Bags at the Berry Christmas Parade

The Berry Alliance and Berry Town Crier is continuing our policy to encourage sustainability, re-use and re-cycle. We will be at the Christmas Parade on 2nd December (outside the Berry IGA – thanks Lee! And the Organisers). And we will have our latest giveaway – a Cooler Bag.

This follows on from our re-usable cloth bags 3 years ago and our Keep Cups (4 years ago) and our donation of 750 cloth bags to the Boomerang Bags group for distribution as well as some funding.

These re-usable cooler bags are important for your shopping. Health guidelines recommend using one

Buy Local, Buy Berry

A proposal - We have all heard of and seen "Buy Local" campaigns over many decades now so why should we consider this in Berry at this time?

The re-alignment of the Princes Highway has now been opened and nearly all the ancillary final work is just about completed. Fulton Hogan staff are now nearly all gone.

We now all enjoy a much quieter Queen Street.

But while we enjoy the huge reduction in traffic, trucks and the resulting noise and inconvenience we should look at the other side of this much quieter main street.

It has resulted in less business for local shops, cafes, restaurants or at least some of them for some of the time. There are some shops and businesses who say that they are doing better as well. This is good news but we need it to be widespread and to continue. Weekends still appear to be just as busy but for shorter periods. The town worked hard to make Berry a "destination" and this will assist our economic growth and sustainability into the future.

The mid-week decline may well have the effect of lower business profit, less employment hours for our local people, less opportunity for our local kids to gain training and experience and it may also result in some businesses and services that we like to have in our town closing or reducing their hours or services. Would you like to have to travel further for some items of shopping, or to get your child to their part time or casual

job out of their home town? The resulting additional fuel use alone makes looking Local to Buy more attractive and our town more sustainable.

The NAB is a case in point with a reduction in days open (now closed Tuesdays) and a reduction in opening hours (now closed for lunch) and a reduction in staff. This may not have been as a direct result of the Highway change but it gives the example. It affects and reflects on our community and especially as a tourist destination.

Our community can help by Buying Local wherever we can – especially through the week - so these businesses can then spend our money on employing staff, training our kids and providing a good choice of goods and services. These businesses also greatly assist our local community groups with sponsorships, donations, prizes etc. The businesses that advertise in the Berry Town Crier allow us to make space available free of charge, to local community and sporting groups to advertise and publicise what they do and offer.

We should not undervalue this contribution and investment in our community.

Businesses in our town are an important part of our community. Buying Local will support them and in turn, our community.

And it is very helpful for sustainability – something the Berry Alliance has been fighting for, and working toward, for many years now with our "Sustainable Berry" cloth reusable bags and coffee cups and building shareways (shared footpaths) to encourage walking and cycling in our community.



STOP PRESS

Since I spoke at a Chamber of Commerce and Tourism meeting about this concept I am pleased to say that Lee from the IGA Supermarket and the Chamber of Commerce have quickly come up with a supporting competition pushing the "Buy Local, Buy Berry" message.

IGA in conjunction with the support and involvement of Berry Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and local businesses in Berry are offering a Buy Local campaign. Spend \$30 and receive a ticket to go in the draw. Place your ticket in the barrel in the IGA.

1st Prize is \$2,000.00 to spend at any business in Berry and there will be many more prizes donated by our local businesses to be given away.

Drawn on the 31st January 2018, Broughton Court at 5.30pm.

Rick Gainford
Secretary
Berry Alliance and
Berry Town Crier

Please consider Buying Local, Buy Berry

along with ice packs or cooler bricks, to transport perishable goods to ensure they stay at or below a critical temperature to avoid bugs growing. We sourced them from within Australia, they are black and have our logo and print on them.

The bags are going to be given to local Berry residents only, sorry. All you need to do is come and see us at our tables outside the Berry IGA on Queen Street on the Berry Christmas Parade on Saturday 2nd December, show your identification (with name and address) and you will be given a bag.

Until stock runs out

**Berry Alliance and
Town Crier Committee**



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

FROM  BERRY

LATEST COUNT: 2,436 BOOMERANG BAGS DISTRIBUTED AROUND BERRY

As the year draws to a close we'd like to thank you, the Berry community, for supporting us in our endeavours to reduce single use plastic bags in our town. We must also mention Fiona Shreurs of Shoalhaven City Council whose support has been invaluable, in fact without council backing Boomerang Bags in Berry wouldn't exist; **it has been great working with you, thank you, Fiona!**

Thank you, too, to all the shops who believe in us and hand out Boomerang Bags with the message that to use and reuse is the way to go. It's not just the bad plastic bag habit we would like to change, so if you can also say no to straws and plastic cutlery and take away cups then we will really be getting somewhere. In a recent survey our wonderful cafes in Berry showed strong support for reducing disposables and, eventually, what goes into landfill; so, try saying no and support your cafes in reducing waste.

The Boomerang Bag Team will be taking a break from workshopping from 5th December until February, 2018. However, the work will continue in homes as soon as Santa has finished his deliveries.

Boomerang Bags will be on sale on the afternoon of the Berry Merry Christmas Parade. The bags with the new Berry woven label make great gifts and here's another idea for Christmas giving, use the bags to wrap your purchased gifts and save on wrapping paper. Bags sell for \$5 and \$10, so much the same as paper wrapping and far more sustainable.

Look for us in the parade as Council have generously agreed to join us with a great big truck, with us in our little red van.

Workshops in 2018 will be only on the first Tuesday of the month beginning in February in the Committee Rooms of the Berry Showground.

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Jasper McFadyen, a young supporter of Boomerang Bags, snapped on Queen St on Halloween night.

Sue Biber from Medlow Bath visiting Berry with her Boomerang Bag.

Sustainable BERRY

BY HOLLY LANDGREN

2017 in Review

With many negative reports in the media about environmental degradation, pollution, and habitat destruction it's worth looking at some of this year's positive stories.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

According to the NSW EPA, drink containers make up to 44% of all litter across the state. The NSW government finally bowed to public pressure for a container deposit scheme, which was introduced on December 1 this year. This scheme is an important tool to address that problem. At the time of writing, there was no information available about where our nearest collection point for containers will be. More information can be found at the website returnandearn.org.au and we'll also include update here in future columns.

What is eligible:

- most empty 150 ml to 3 L drink containers of PET, HDPE, glass, aluminium, steel, liquid paperboard (unrecycled multi ply paper with high stiffness, strong wet sizing, and a coating such as plastic)

What is illegible:

- plain milk, milk substitute containers
- flavoured milk containers (1L or larger)
- fruit or vegetable juice containers (1L or larger)
- wine and spirit glass bottles
- wine cask blazers
- wine ratchets (250 ml or larger)
- cordial, concentrated fruit or vegetable juice containers
- registered health tonics

REDUCING PLASTIC BAGS

The Berry Alliance donated 1,000 reusable bamboo fabric shopping bags to the community, starting at the Christmas Parade in 2014. Three years later I'm still using mine. This year saw the launch of Boomerang Bags in Berry, after a year of sometimes unacknowledged hard work and dedication by a

group of volunteers who gave their time, along with materials needed for making bags. The group has produced over 2,000 bags, which are distributed from local businesses. Manildra, Christine Hunt Real Estate and The Alliance donated further reusable bags to the tally. This means now you're as likely to see somebody with a cloth bag as a plastic bag, and that means less landfill and less litter. The Alliance is proud to be involved in the efforts of the community to reduce our reliance on plastic bags. This year we will be donating chiller bags to the residents. Come see us at the Christmas Parade to collect one, they are perfect for fridge items when you're shopping.

CAFE SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY

This year's ABC documentary series "The War on Waste" highlighted the problem of takeaway coffee ending up in landfill, but it appears the message about recycling cups is more complex. As part of their investigation into issues affecting local residents, the Berry Forum Sustainability Review Group recently surveyed fifteen local cafes that serve takeaway coffee as a part of their business. Thirteen of those businesses responded, so the results give a fairly clear indication of the current situation. There was some variation in figures between different businesses, with takeaways accounting for between 15% and 80% of total coffee sales. However, the survey found that three quarters of cafes are using biodegradable or recyclable cups, such as BioCups. BioCups are the preferred option for single use cups, as the plastic lining is made using plant based material. This dissolves during the re-pulping process when paper is recycled. Plastic lids and BioCups that go in co-mingle recycling bins get recycled through the Shoalhaven Council waste system, but cups that go in general rubbish end up in landfill.

Two thirds of cafes surveyed sell reusable KeepCups and many offer a discount for people bringing their own cups. This isn't always publicized, and is worth asking about. However, given the purchase of takeaway cups is an added cost to the cafe owner, the decision of individual businesses as to whether to offer a discount or not should be respected. To minimize environmental impacts, whenever possible, have your takeaway coffee in a reusable cup, or sit down for ten minutes and enjoy the ambience of the town. When this isn't possible, you can do your part by supporting cafes that use recyclable cups, and disposing of the cup in the right bin.

60% of cafes are now using wooden or bamboo cutlery instead of plastic for takeaway meals, but plastic straws still make up the majority of straws used, with only a fifth of cafes offering paper straws. Plastic straws continue to pollute the environment. Most of us don't need a straw, and by specifying no straw when ordering drinks, we can all help cut back on the number of unnecessary straws used. That's a financial saving for businesses and a win for the environment.

If you have any queries regarding the survey results you may contact David Brawn, Coordinator of the Sustainability Review Group by email: davidwbrown@gmail.com or mobile: 0419 295 400.



Discerning Men's Business



As we men get 'more mature' (older), I think many of us start looking at life differently. We may have lived lives devoted to family or career or both. Perhaps we have spent much of our life marching to the beat of other people's drums. There comes a time when we men have more discernment of how we spend our time and money. We may consider life's priorities differently. We may yearn for simpler less cluttered times and perhaps consider the times (real or imagined) in which our grandfathers lived. Perhaps this is why the pursuit of ancestry has become so popular. We may even try to recreate these times in the way we live today - perhaps this is one of the reasons for the growth in Men's Sheds. We learn to admire the quality of handmade items particularly in wood or leather (or other masculine materials). Many more mature men exchange the rowdiness of a night out with the boys for quieter times, sharing a drink with one or two good friends - speaking occasionally (but perhaps not too often) while playing chess, backgammon or cards. The focus is on the camaraderie rather than the competition. (It doesn't really matter who wins!) This is a time to ponder the vagaries of life and to enjoy simple pleasures. Dare I say a little self-indulgence?

One of the lessons I have learned over the last three years living and working in the Berry area is that at this point in our life many more mature men don't want everything we own to be useful (from Bunnings), or practical (from a clothing store). We like things around us that are intriguing, nostalgic and admirable (even just 'cool'). Wouldn't it be great if we could convey these ideas to the ladies in our life who may want to buy us gifts for Christmas or Birthday? What they really mean when they say we are "difficult to buy for" is that we are "discerning"! In response to the evolution of Discerning Man, we have just opened a new shop in the arcade at 94-96 Queen Street. Festive Treasures Too is stocked with quality reproductions, nostalgic home decor and unique gifts for 'Discerning Men'. This shop is designed to appeal to a man's desire to connect with previous generations. When you are next in town, please come and have a look around.

BILL RICE, FESTIVE TREASURES



Tom Darby was our speaker in November. His topic was "How not to write a Memoir". Starting 20 years ago, telling stories around the dinner table with his family, Tom drew on a collection of special memories, and reworked and reshaped them into the Memoir as it is today. Thank you, Tom, for a wonderful talk.

Instead of our December gathering, we are planning a Christmas Morning Tea on the 2nd Wednesday, the 13th December at 10am. Wear something red or green and be ready for lots of fun.

The venue is Wesley Hall at the Uniting Church, 77 Albert Street.

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Landcare BERRY

Local Fauna:

Most of the Landcare activity carried out in the Berry area deals with the local Flora. However there exists a magnificent variety of Australian animals worthy of our concern and interest. With the coming of spring we witness the activity of our marvellous local native animals. Mammals from Whales to Echidnas, Birds from Blue Fairy Wrens to Wedge Tail Eagles, Reptiles from Red Belly Blacks to Skinks, Frogs and Spiders. Many of these we see as they go about their business and are worthy of noting.

We have a bat colony happily ensconced in the trees beside the Eastern exit ramp to the new highway (opposite Mananga). The dried up creeks and gullies are abundant in brown snakes. They follow the drought retreat of water holes and come down from their normal higher reaches of the escarpment. Echidnas are out and about looking for ants and mates. The few water holes and dams echo to the calls of frogs. Who does not thrill to the rise of the solitary White Eyed Egret from the local pond. Not a few people are watching pairs of Willy Wag Tails using stolen fibres to build their perfect nests in the most ridiculous of places. Crowds of Berry visitors stand around in front of Vinney's looking up at the Swiftlet fledgling chicks in the mud nests above. The Whale pods have passed by, coming back from Hervey Bay with new calves. The Eastern Grey Kangaroos, although not an original local species are cheekily stealing the fine grasses from our local pastoralists. Black Satin Bower birds with troves of blue things in their beaks are scurrying back to their hidden bowers to entice their many partners. These 'going ons' are all around us.

Give the sighted animals distance and respect. A local dog walker was recently chased and attacked by a Wombat receiving two bites to leg

and buttock requiring an injection and stitches. For the I.T. literate there have been two smart phone apps released recently that can be used to assist the interested observer:- The Australian Museum's "Frog ID"; and "Aus. Birds".

WORKING BEES FOR DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018:

Alexandra Street Parkcare:

9-11 am Friday 15th: Gail Paton 44487915.

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 10th: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Broughton Vale: 2-4 pm Sunday 3rd: Kelvin Officer 0427 255417. (Splatter Gun Demonstration if weather permits).

Bundewallah Bushcare: 2-4pm Sunday 31st: John Clark 44643911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 17th: Hugh Sheil, hugh.sheil@realtimem.com.au or Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

David Berry Hospital: 3-5pm Saturday 16th Leslie Pigott 44643241

Mount Coolangatta: Nola Barker. Mobile 0409 446 418; nolajbarker@live.com.au. Time to be advised. Meet at end of Roxbrough Road, Far Meadow.

Mark Radium Park: 9-10am Friday 22nd: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Princess St. Parkcare: 9-11am Monday 22nd January, Terry Oades 4464 3654

Tindalls Lane: (No work day in Dec): Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

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

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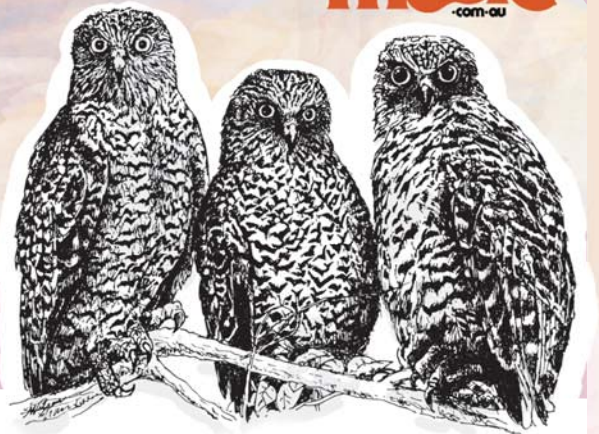
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Jesus Came for everyone

Is it just me or have you also looked at what has been happening around the world and been saddened by the many examples of division. On an international level, we have seen political leaders with extreme views speaking out messages of fear and distrust. Instead of focusing on what unites us as humanity, they have instead chosen to amplify differences.

On a local front, it has been really upsetting for me to see the level of division that has been highlighted by the same sex marriage plebiscite (A division that I believe has been amplified by both social and traditional media). What has particularly saddened me is the way people from either side of the issue have characterised those on the other side.

As I have thought long and hard about my response I am taken back to the ministry of Jesus. He was radically inclusive in His approach to others. For example, he invited both, a guy called Levi who worked for the Roman empire and another guy called Simon who actively worked against the Roman empire to be part of His group of disciples. He told a story about a 'Good' Samaritan, who, even though was an enemy of the Jews was in fact better at following the way of God than they were. He showed himself to be a trailblazer in the women's rights movement by the way that he respected and honoured them. He touched the untouchables, loved the unlovable and ate with those He was not supposed to even acknowledge. The only people He took issue with, were those that sought to divide the world into those that they thought God was for and those they thought He was against.

This Christmas we celebrate the coming of Jesus to our world. In the most famous passage from the bible, John 3:16, Jesus said that He came because God so loved the 'whole world'. He didn't only come for those that look like us, act like us, speak like us; He came for everyone. He says 'anyone' who believes in Him is given the gift of an eternal life with Him. If you consider yourself part of the human race, that means you. Jesus offers you the opportunity to believe in him and accept the gift of life through him, no matter what.

Come celebrate the wonderfully inclusive love of Jesus with us this Christmas.

Joel Noonan

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BERRY MARKETS COLLECTION

On Sunday 3rd December Berry Red Cross will be collecting at both entrances of the Berry Showground at the Berry markets from 8am till 1pm. Please look out for us. Red Cross will be most grateful for donations.

The proceeds of this collection will be to help support those in need in Myanmar. Red Cross once again is one of the main organisations involved in helping those suffering in this ongoing crisis.

OTHER BERRY BRANCH ACTIVITIES

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.

As usual a Christmas Hamper will be donated to Berry Public School.

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 (1800621433) in Graham St Nowra or go onto the Red Cross website.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

DEC 24, 7PM-8:15PM, BERRY APEX PARK

*Come, bring a chair or rug and
celebrate Christmas with the people of Berry.
The Kingship of Jesus is cause for joy.*

for inclement weather, alternative venue is the Berry School of Arts

Join us at the following Christmas celebrations:

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Princess St.
CHRISTMAS EVE 11PM HOLY COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM HOLY COMMUNION
9:30AM FAMILY SERVICE

BERRY UNITING CHURCH, Albert St.
CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30AM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

SCOTS' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Victoria St.
CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Albert St.
CHRISTMAS EVE 9PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL
CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM CHRISTMAS MASS

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you a very merry and safe Christmas



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BERRY CWA 2017 NEWS

As the countdown to the silly season has well and truly commenced and gift buying is on your mind, don't miss out on our monster Street Stall on Saturday, 2nd December to be held in Broughton Walk outside the Chemist, from 9am. On sale will be beautiful and original handmade gifts for the newest baby in your family to the oldest great-gran – and of course our homemade freshly baked cakes, slices and biscuits together with delectable jams, pickles and chutneys.

Also keep a look out for our CWA Choir who will be performing later in the day at the 'Berry Merry Christmas' celebrations.

We are looking forward to a short talk by contestants in the 2018 Berry Show Girl competition at our December meeting on Friday 8th December. The meeting, held at our Hall at 79 Victoria Street, starts at 1pm preceded by a light Finger Food Lunch at 12.30pm. If there are ladies in our community who would like to see how the Country Women's Association of NSW works do come along, we would be delighted to see you.

Looking further ahead do save the date and come to our Australia Day Trivia competition. This free, fun quiz will be held in our Hall on Friday, 26th January, 2018 commencing at 9.30am with the raising of the Flag and morning tea, followed by the more challenging part of the proceedings!!

During the past month, member Betty Endean gave a very successful cookery demonstration to 50 plus children from Berry Public School. Betty demonstrated the finer points of baking Anzac biscuits and Chocolate cake to a very attentive and appreciative audience. The children demonstrated all they had learnt by entering our Branch Cookery Competition a few days later and 49 entries were received from the children. Winners went on to our Group competition where Berry Branch was very successful.

Recently our ladies enjoyed a lovely sunny day with a visit to Jindyandy Mill for morning tea and an explore of the charming variety of small shops. It was then on to a seafood lunch at Greenwell Point.

Members also attended the Remembrance Day Commemoration at the Berry Cenotaph and laid flowers on behalf of the Branch.

Sandra Berner - Publicity Officer



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Mainly music has been part of the Berry community for the past 5 1/2 years and the group has had the privilege of getting to share with families the joys of parenthood and in the development of the child. To assist with developing friendships and introducing newcomers to our local community, we have fun, combined with music and play where the child develops gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, maths and pre-reading skills as well as being able to socialise with others. We are thankful that the team is run by volunteers from our local Berry Community Church at a cost of \$5.00 per families each session.

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Don't Miss New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular and Family Fun Night

The New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular and Family Fun Night staged by the Rotary Club of Berry is on again at Berry Showground.

The fun commences at 5pm with numerous free, good old-fashioned games for the children to play. There is entertainment throughout the evening including the Roy Cow Cow Band and children's favourite - Pirate Pete. Showmow Racing will also again stage their super exciting ride-on lawn mower racing. There is also a huge range of carnival rides, market stalls and plenty of food outlets.

Then at 9pm the magnificent fireworks spectacular lights up the night skies – you need to be there to experience the thrill of sitting directly beneath them - few other fireworks displays are as exciting as this.

Families are encouraged to bring a rug and make a real picnic night of it. This is an alcohol-free event with proceeds going towards the Rotary Club's fundraising for a community nature playground and parkland in North St Berry, plus its many other activities. Entry is \$7.50 per person with children under 15 years free.

Australia Day Breakfast at Berry Showground

The Club is also hosting an Australia Day Breakfast at the Berry Showground. Come join with friends and family to celebrate Australia Day. Entry is free, and you are welcome to BYO breakie or enjoy an egg and bacon or sausage sandwich, tea, coffee or soft drink, all available from the Rotary BBQ & Grill. There will be entertainment and free children's games.



Polio Plus Update

The polio virus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. It is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable. It has been Rotary's ongoing mission to eradicate this crippling disease forever. To date, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent worldwide since Rotary's first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

So far, Rotary has contributed \$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunise more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. As a result, we are closer than ever to eradicating polio, however the disease remains endemic in three countries - Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan - although other countries remain at risk from imported cases. Rotary has committed to raising a further \$150 million over the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunisation and surveillance.

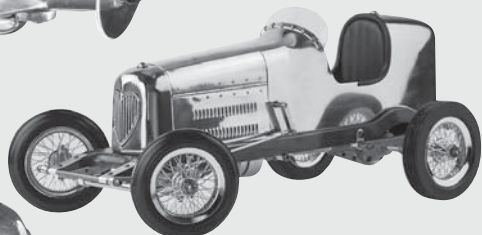
Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels. If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Berry, just contact our Membership Director Chris Rowland on 0412 373 817. You will be most welcome.

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With 2017 coming to a close and Christmas now only a few weeks away, Berry Evening View Club has a gettogether during the break in January. We have our AGM for members only in February and it is on the 21st March that you are welcome to join us. That seems ages away and I will have the chance to remind you all getting closer to the time.

We are holding a stall at Berry Merry Christmas which is on a Saturday this year. Any cooking donations will be welcome and don't forget to label with the ingredients listed.

We are also involved in the Gift wrapping at Stocklands, Nowra with a gold coin donation all going to the Smith Family.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 10.30am at the Gelato Shop, Il Locale (near the music shop in Berry)

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and remember we are always looking for new people to join us so see you in March.

Cheers Yolande Publicity

The real meaning of Christmas



Christmas means different things to different people – presents, time with family, food, a break from work. While we haven't done away with the bible story of the birth of Jesus, often it's no more than Jesus as a baby in a manger with some cuddly farm animals, shepherds, three wise men, a star, and a choir of angels. We're content not to move beyond the nice children's story to ask what these events are really all about. Christmas is actually the story of God entering the world.

A few months back I had just finished a Scripture class at Berry Public School when my Fire Brigade pager went off. I shoved all my books into my backpack, threw it over my shoulder, and started running (I didn't have my car that day) from the school, in one corner of town, to the Fire Station, in the opposite corner. It was a hot day and I'd worked up a sweat, when a car pulled up beside me. The window wound down and the driver said, "You look like you're in a hurry. Can I give you a lift?" I jumped in, they asked me where I was going, I told them, and they dropped me where I needed to go.

I had not met that person before and haven't since. I don't even know their name. But the experience gave me an insight into Christmas. At Christmas, God, seeing us struggling through life, pulled his car up alongside this world, wound down his window, and said to us all, "You look like could use my help? Jump in, and I'll take you where you need to go." It's hard to get our minds around that. In the birth of Jesus, God came alongside us, God spoke to us, and God offered us his help. This is what the bible says...

When God our Saviour appeared, he showed us how good and kind he is. He saved us because of his mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.

(Titus 3:4-5)

At the time, a few people recognized Jesus for who he really was because the bible had been promising his coming for centuries, but for most people then, as now, he was a total stranger. That can change if we are willing to ask the question, "What is Christmas really all about?" On behalf of the members of St. Luke's Church, I'd like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas. We invite you to join us at one of our Christmas services: 11.00pm on Christmas Eve, and 8.00am or 9.30am on Christmas morning.

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Merry Christmas from Berry Preschool

It has been a lovely year at Berry Preschool. We have been lucky as always to have a wonderful group of children, many of whom we're now saying goodbye and good luck to as they head off to big school very soon!

Here are some words from the graduating children on what the highlight has been for them at preschool this year:

Angelena: Seeing Rachie and playing with her. **Annie:** Hanging upside down on the climbing frame. **Ava:** The whole preschool and the whole things we've done. **Charlie:** Seeing all the animals that the zoo brings. **Emily:** Playing mums and dads and it's been really fun to play around with friends and on the climbing equipment. **Flynn H:** Being with my friends, being with my teachers and playing. **Flynn M:** Playing with my friends, the zoo visits and learning about recycling. **Gus:** Playing inside and our new trampoline. **Halle:** Watching the 'Diary of a Wombat' show and playing in the tent. **Harley:** Playing outside in the sandpit and making lots of things. **Hayden:** Playing 'Harry Potter' with Morgan. **Henry:** Playing with Scarlett and Maddie – they grab my arms and drag me around. **Ivy:** Playing with Patrick. **Joseph:** Playing with the ocean animals and the aeroplanes, and the visits from Shoalhaven Zoo. **Jovi:** Watching the Dino show at the Entertainment Centre and meeting new friends. **Maddie:** Being with my friends. **Mia R:** The scented playdough and the obstacle course foam shapes. **Mia S:** Playing with my friend Poppy, music with Helen, and I love drawing. **Morgan:** My favourite thing in the whole wide world about preschool is learning French on the iPads. **Patrick:** The teachers. **Piper B:** Going to the Entertainment Centre. **Pippa:** Playing with my friends. **Poppy:** Playing in the home corner. **Rachel:** My favourite thing about preschool is that I get to be with my teachers and friends. **Rudy:** Playing ninja turtles with Charlie and playing on the climbing frame. **Rylee:** Playing all the games. **Scarlett:** Playing in home corner with my friends and also playing outside. **Sebastian:** Going to see the 'Diary of a Wombat' show and going to lots of trips to big school like for the Easter hat parade. **Spencer:** Playing inside with all the toys that are at preschool. **Toby C's** favourite activities were playing with the trains and in the sandpit with his friends.

Some of our other special graduates that we are sad to say goodbye to at the end of the year are Isabella, Kai F, Kai G, Kara, Sophie C, Sophie D and Zak.

FAREWELL CLASS OF 2017. WE WILL MISS YOU!



Looking to the future,
we are excited about getting
to know all the new children
who will be joining us at
preschool in 2018.

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all have a safe and
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Note: In our last article we neglected to mention a kind sponsor of our recent Pirates and Princesses fundraising night - many thanks to the Burrows of Berry.

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The first meeting of our new Book Group was held on the 15th November and it was decided to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm. The next meeting is on 20th December then again on the 17th January.

To keep up with all the new things that are happening, why not "like" us on Facebook. Just type in "Berry Community Library" and like our page.

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Berry & District Garden Club News



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



The NSW Christmas Bush, *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*, is readying itself to announce the arrival of summer and the festive season. Soon the small white flowers will fall, the calyxes will enlarge and redden and we will think of Christmas. Potted brilliant red Poinsettias, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, are also a festive fanfare. Normally flowering over winter, these plants are grown in glasshouses to provide seasonal colour, quite unseasonably. Like Christmas Bush, the red is not the flower but rather a cluster of large bracts. Look carefully to find the small yellow flowers in the centre.

After some most welcome rain our gardens are fresh again and blooming full of summer colour. On Thursday 9 November four gardens opened for a tour group from the Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) Convention in Ulladulla. A trip up Woodhill, down into Broughton Vale, a quick dip into the historic heart of Berry and a return trip along Coolangatta and Bolong Roads, left our visitors impressed with, not only our gardens, but also the beauty of our district. It was then time for us to become tourists ourselves with a trip to three Highlands gardens. A return visit from the Werri Beach/ Gerrigong Garden Club on the 22 November will see the last of our open gardens for 2017.

The six-day Convention in Ulladulla, 5-10 November, was packed with activities, with the AGM held on the 8th. We are still cheering the success of club member Lyn Clark (pictured) who received the Gwendy Hansford Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Environment. This is a National Award; a most appropriate recognition of the leadership Lyn provides at the Berry Public School Plant Propagation Unit. The student programs, native plant nursery, sales stalls, workshops, seed saving, and, in a first for NSW, provision of endemic species to the RMS for replanting along the bypass, have raised awareness and appreciation of our local flora in both the school body and the local community.

The Club held its last meeting for the year in November. We were pleased to donate funds from the 2017 Gardens Festival to the community with almost \$36,000 shared between 9 local not-for-profit organisations and the Club's George Street park project. Our December gathering will be a social occasion, enjoyed with good food and good friends. The Club will then be in recess until February. For those usually busy with club activities, it will be time to get out into our own gardens.

We would like to thank the Berry community for its ongoing interest and support and to wish all a Merry Christmas. Our next meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall in Princess Street on Tuesday 20 February 2018 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

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THE BERRY FORUM IS THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODY

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
DA17/2299	Detached Colorbond Shed	245 Tindalls Lane	18-Oct
DA17/2338	New urban dwelling	9 Hitchcocks Lane	27-Oct
DA17/2351	Garages and carports; re-roof existing	27 Victoria Street	30-Oct
DA17/2371	Installation of lighting for an existing tennis court	482 Tourist Road	6-Nov
DA17/2381	Alts & addns to existing cottage with 2 storey extension	476B Brogers Creek Road	7-Nov
DA17/2385	Inground Concrete Swimming Pool	49 Campbells Run	8-Nov
DA17/2393	Extension to Existing Community Room	22 Victoria Street	9-Nov
DA17/2413	New Secondary Dwelg & Add timber deck to Existing Dwelling	140 Beach Road	14-Nov
Development Applications Determined			
DA17/2172	Detached Office & Swimming Pool	228 Beach Road	18-Sep
DA17/1597	Infrastructure - Single Storey Ambulance Station	13 Kangaroo Valley Road	23-May
DA17/1851	Alts and additions to dwelling, incl solid fuel heater	218 Tullouch Road	6-Jul
DA17/1878	Single storey dwelling	13 Hitchcocks Lane	12-Jul
DA17/2187	Detached Shed & Carport	7 Coomonderry Rg	19-Sep
DA17/1727	Change existing shed to farm stay accommodation	35 Bryan Close	16-Jun
DA17/2221	Convert Carport to Garage & Extend	27 Albany Street	27-Sep
DA17/1996	New rural dwelling	265 Bundewallah Road	9-Aug



Reference Guide



SUBJECT	DETAILS
CHEMICAL RECYCLING	Chemical Cleanout at Shoalhaven City Council Carpark Sunday 26 DECEMBER 9.00 am – 3.30 pm cleanout.com.au Agricultural and veterinarian chemical disposal Agsafe ChemClear program 1800 0080 182 agsafe.com.au
RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES	Business Recycling 1300 763 768 - businessrecycling.com.au
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BATTERY RECYCLING	Berry Waste Depot and Aldi Supermarkets.
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MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING	Drop off points for Mobile Muster can be found at Post Offices nationally. Closest retail outlets in Nowra are the Optus or Telstra shops, Officeworks, and Shoalhaven Council Administration centre. 1300 730 070 - www.mobilemuster.com.au Greener Mobile buys old mobile phone (along with tablets and smart watches) and pledges to plant a tree for every device they recycle. 1300 128 900 - greenermobile.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.
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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

26 November - Sunday - Berry Produce Market.

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.

2 December - Saturday - CWA Street Stall, Broughton Walk. From 9am

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.
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8 December - Friday - CWA Branch meeting. CWA Hall, 79 Victoria Street.
Starts 1pm, preceded by a finger food lunch at 12.30pm.

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 - Saturday - Carols in the Park - 7pm Berry Apex Park - bring a chair or rug and celebrate Christmas with the people of Berry.
Organised by the Christian Churches of Berry - Enquiries: Ken Wade 0408 644 063.

31 December - Sunday - Rotary's Annual NYE Fireworks at the Berry Showground. The fun commences at 5pm with numerous free, good old-fashioned games for the children to play and the fireworks start at 9pm. Families are encouraged to bring a rug and make a real picnic night of it. This is an alcohol-free event with proceeds going towards the Rotary Club's fundraising. Entry is \$7.50 per person with children under 15 years free.

FUTURE DATES

26 January - Friday - CWA Trivia morning.
CWA Hall, 79 Victoria Street. Commencing 9.30am.
Flag raising, morning tea and trivia competition.

26 January - Friday - Rotary's annual Australia Day Breakfast at the Berry Showground. Come join with friends and family to celebrate Australia Day. Entry is free, and you are welcome to BYO breakie or enjoy an egg and bacon or sausage sandwich, tea, coffee or soft drink, all available from the Rotary BBQ & Grill. There will be entertainment and free children's games.

2-3 February - Friday & Saturday - 130th Berry Show is an annual agricultural show promoting excellence in the local community. With large cattle and horse shows and fantastic entertainment including rodeo, woodchopping, the Young Farmer Challenge, Showgirl announcement and fireworks.

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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
DECEMBER	Remembrance Day 4th DECEMBER 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



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www.berryalliance.org.au

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PO Box 202 Berry 2535
towncrier@berryalliance.org.au
www.berryalliance.org.au

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

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Secretary, PO Box 275
sel4957@bigpond.net.au
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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 -
stuartfchristmas@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
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Contact Emily Boorer

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David Berry Hospital Conference Room

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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@adfas.org.au
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Berry & District Historical Society Inc
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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
Contact the secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363
PO Box 377 Berry 2535
berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com
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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
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St Luke's Anglican Church Hall

RedBerry Quilters 4464 2587
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Friday of each month 9.30am-1.30pm at St
Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Princess Street
Please contact mail to:
secretary@redberryquilters.org

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77 Albert Street Berry
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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
E. isaac.jung@hotmail.com 0405 139 031
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 \$5 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
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Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery
Lyn 02 4464 3911
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lyn-clark@outlook.com.au

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53 Wattamola Rd Wattamola NSW
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Hands Across NSW Inc 4446 0567
PO Box 162 Cambewarra NSW 2540
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Berry Agriculture Hall

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Shoalhaven Heads Branch
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month,
6.30 pm Hotel Berry
secretarybshalp@gmail.com
PO Box 474 Berry 2535

Liberal Party of Australia – Berry Branch
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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
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Berry Crafters & Quilters 4464 3788
Meets each Wednesday 10am -
4pm at Muir Cottage, Prince Alfred Street

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1 Barwon St Bomaderry
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MT816834@bigpond.net.au

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Berry Men's Bowling Club
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Club 4464 2995
President: L. McNamara 4464 1868
Bowls Organiser: D. Lambert 4464 2332
Bowls Bookings: 0488 729 229

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
First Wednesday evening of the month at
The Berry Hotel
7pm Great Southern Hotel, Berry.
Email: berryjuniorleague@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/
groups/325991097440833/

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
bshjrllfc@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 MEN'S SHED

Christmas is just around the corner

With Christmas just around the corner the Shed has been producing a special selection of bread boards, jewel boxes and bird feeders for that special Christmas present. We have a wide selection and these items can be purchased at the Shed on any Tuesday or Thursday up to the 14th December. All the items have been made by members of our Shed and are offered to you at special Christmas prices.

This year's annual garage sale held on 4th November was a major success with the Shed raising much needed funds for our Scholarship programme for Nowra, Bomaderry and Shoalhaven High Schools together with Bomaderry TAFE. Each college will receive two Scholarships to the value of \$1,000. The presentations are made at special school assemblies and each presentation is attended by Richard Wiseman Secretary and another member of the Shed. "It is an amazing opportunity to stand on the School stage before 1,000 students and award the Scholarships to students who have achieved new heights during their time at School" said Richard. The money is to help the student's cover expenses towards their

tertiary education. At one of the presentations this year we were on the official table along with Gareth Ward, Ann Sudmalis and Shelley Hancock, who are all very appreciative of the Scholarship programme being offered to students by our Shed.

Our annual Christmas Party is being held on Thursday 14th December at the Berry Uniting Church hall commencing at 12 noon.

Members of the Shed are all invited and partners are \$20. David Merrington on 4464 2619 is co-ordinating the function. The Shed will close on 14th December and reopen on Tuesday 16th January.

Richard Wiseman - Secretary
Berry Men's Shed
4464 2619



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END OF YEAR WIND-UP – NOT WIND-DOWN

At this time of year, we should all be putting up our feet and relaxing, but the Zonta Club has instead been very busy.

In mid-October the community rallied to help in the assembling of 1,000 birthing kits to be sent to developing countries, ensuring a safe birth for many women. The following weekend we frocked and suited up for A Night at the Opera and had a fun night of trivia and general nonsense, raising funds for local projects. And, to top it off, Zontians, with help from their menfolk, cooked up a storm of sausage sandwiches at Bunnings in Nowra, filling the coffers even further.

PHEW!

Now we're looking forward to our Christmas party which will take the place of our usual monthly meeting. We will celebrate at a local restaurant and be entertained by the Zonta Choir – what more fitting end to a successful Zonta year!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL ...

Watch out for static displays to be set up in the Shoalhaven Public Library, and the Berry Pharmacy supporting the 'Zonta Says No to Violence' campaign. For 16 days, starting on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ending on December 10, Human Rights Day, Zonta clubs around the world will be making their collective voices heard as they continue the fight against this shameful scourge.

THAT'S ALL

And then we really will take a break – with a brief appearance at the Berry Merry Christmas Night to sing carols – and be back next year fired up to continue the good work. We will be pleased to welcome anyone interested in joining the Club and participating in our activities, and having a lot of fun along the way!

DINNER MEETINGS

At The Coachhouse Restaurant, Hotel Berry 6.30pm for 7pm. Next meeting, to which anyone is invited to attend, will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2018. Please book with Cecilie Lewis, 4464 3913.

 **AND LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

2 cast members from Aida

One very glamorous opera attendee – Zontian Michelle Linton



Household Chemical CleanOut

Shoalhaven City Council is hosting the EPA Household Chemical CleanOut for residents to dispose of hazardous household chemicals.

The Household Chemical CleanOut will be held in the carpark of the Ulladulla and Nowra Council Administration buildings and is an opportunity to dispose of unwanted or out-of-date chemicals at no charge.

Mayor Amanda Findley said Household Chemical CleanOuts provide a great chance for residents to dispose of chemicals safely and free of charge.

"These Chemical CleanOuts are regularly hosted by Council so residents and ratepayers can dispose of these nasty chemicals that are much too dangerous to be put in our kerb side bins," Cllr Findley said.

"Car batteries, motor oils, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals and even unknown substances are all welcome at the two Household Chemical CleanOut Days."

"The two Household Chemical CleanOut days will be held on separate days in Ulladulla and Nowra at the end of the month."

The Household Chemical CleanOuts will be held on the following dates and in the Shoalhaven locations:

Saturday 25th November 2017- Council Administration Building car park, Deering Street, Ulladulla, 9am to 3.30pm

Sunday 26th November 2017- Council Administration Building car park, Bridge Road, Nowra, 9am to 3.30pm

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- Enjoying weekend outings to interesting destinations

If you would like to join our great team of volunteers, please call Peta in Nowra on 4423 6044 or Karen in Ulladulla on 4454 0840 for more information.



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- Young People's Drama Club
- Computers for Seniors
- Berry Apple Users Group
- Conversations, Coffee and Friends
- Berry Community Library

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Eye Catching Plants with Quirky Names

When the Australian Christmas Bush starts to colour up, we know that Christmas isn't too far away, but there are a couple of other showy, perhaps lesser known local plants, worthy of our attention at this time of year.

Referring to plants by common names can sometimes cause confusion, but the quirky names, **Hairy clerodendrum** and **Snow in summer**, suitably describe the attractive features of these two plants.

Hairy clerodendrum (*Clerodendrum tomentosum*) – also known as Hairy McLary by the pupils in Year 3.

The clusters of beautiful creamy white tubular flowers with prominent stamens of the Hairy clerodendrum stand out against the dark green, soft, velvety textured leaves.

In a few months, there will be an equally spectacular show of clusters of shiny, bright red calyxes each displaying a round, shiny, green fruit, which turn purple when ripe. These are a very attractive food source for many native birds, so collecting a few to propagate the seed can become a competition sport.

Snow in summer (*Melaleuca linariifolia*) is another 'stand out' plant with a beautiful display of white fluffy flowers that all open within a day of each other.

From a distance, the tree appears to be covered with snow flakes.

Even when not in flower, the papery bark is always a beautiful feature. Looking across into the grounds of The Arbour from Victoria Street, a few mature trees can be seen. These paper bark trees at the edge of the dam are very special, as they are original remnant species of *Melaleuca linariifolia*.

Seed from paper barks can be collected at most times of the year, even when the plant



Flowers of Hairy clerodendrum



Flowers of Snow in Summer



Papery Bark is a distinctive feature of Snow in Summer



Fruits of Hairy clerodendrum

is flowering. This is because the fruits from previous years hold the seeds for many months, even years. The fruit is collected from as low down the branch as possible without cutting the branch from the tree.

The fruit can be rubbed off the stem of the plant and placed in a paper bag and put in a warm dry place until the fine seed is released. This method of collection will help ensure seed will be available the next time it is needed.

The variety of plants that are flowering in and around our local bush areas and along the verges of country lanes give every indication that the new year will be a very active time for seed collectors and for Plant Prop volunteers. Don't forget to check out Facebook for coloured images.

Berry Men's Bowling Club

The recent completion of the 2017 Minor Pairs Club Championship has marked the end of championships for this year. Good supporters of the club Ken Stephens and Tom Froggatt took out the championship from Bob Dunn and Rob Folkard with Lindsay McNamara and David Lambert in third position.

Now that the 2017 Club Championships have concluded attention will be directed to involvement in the 2018 District Pennant competition which is expected to commence in February and be completed in May. The Pennant competition will involve clubs from the northern Shoalhaven to the southern Shoalhaven with play being conducted in the main of a Saturday afternoon on a home and away basis.

In advance of the start of the Pennant competition attention will be directed to the club's social play which is held from 1.00 pm of a Wednesday and Saturday. Visitors and those desiring to try out the game of bowls which caters for all ages are requested to book in on 0488 729 229 by 12 noon day of play. In addition to the social play and the Pennant competition attention will also be directed to the formation of the 2018 Club Championships.

Readers are reminded that the Commonwealth Games which will feature lawn bowls are being held at the Gold Coast mid-April 2018.

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SIR JOHN HAY

Last month The Berry & District Historical Society wrote about the deterioration of the Sir John Hay Memorial Fountain in the showground, and the efforts that are being made to restore it.

In this article we would like to say more about Sir John Hay, who made many improvements to the town of Berry and the surrounding area, often at his own expense.

John Hay came to Coolangatta in the 1880's at the request of his cousin, David Berry, to assist in the management of the estate. After inheriting David Berry's estate in 1899, he was faced with the task of raising money for the large bequests in David's will which amounted to almost 250,000 pounds, over \$30 million in today's money, and which included the endowment of a public hospital in Berry.

After selling the land at Numbaa and Gerringong to help provide money for the bequests, he made many improvements to the Coolangatta Estate, engaging a professional engineer to do drainage works in many areas, developing land that was previously unusable. He ensured that the



southbound railway line from Kiama in 1893 went through the estate, making the milk trains from Sydney accessible to his tenants, and he secured the contract to supply land for a Government Stud Farm in Berry, enabling

local farmers to hire top quality bulls, thereby increasing their herds' milk yields. He built a large grandstand in the showground, and in 1893 arranged for the NSW Governor, Lord Jersey to attend a national agricultural & horticultural show in Berry. In 1895 he built a cottage hospital to serve the area, selecting the site for the David Berry Hospital and he supported the building of the Berry School of Arts. In 1908 he was knighted by King Edward VII, becoming Sir John Hay.



The Welcome Home to Sir John Hay in 1908

Berry Museum

135 Queen Street
BERRY 2535



OPENING HOURS

Saturdays

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FREE ENTRY

www.berryhistory.org.au



Berry Community Church

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

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Berry Bowling Club

CHINESE

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Well here we are at the pointy end of 2017. Did we fulfill any of those resolutions we made back in January? Probably not all of them and possibly none; but at least some of us have had a very horsey year and made steady progress on the never-ending path to good horsemanship.

There have been many events held throughout the year but one of the regular highlights of the calendar is the annual Interschools Equestrian Championships held at Worrigeer Equestrian grounds. This year two hundred and twenty-five riders from more than one hundred schools came along with their families to spend the long weekend on the beautiful South Coast competing in a wide variety of events. There seemed to be a strong contingent from over the divide with riders from Delegate, The Snowy Mountains, Canberra and Yanco to name a few. The South Coast and Sydney region was also well represented with capacity entries in many events.

The statistics will give an insight into how strong the competition was this year. In dressage more than one hundred and sixty tests were ridden (The stamina of the judges and pencilers is to be admired I think.) For the hacking enthusiasts there were four rings operating with an average of thirty-five riders in each ring. There were four hundred and sixty rounds of show jumping completed as well as many riders tackling the Hunter class which was held over solid cross-country style fences. The Sporting arena was also keenly supported and provided spectators with some thrilling action as riders demonstrated precision and speed tackling the obstacles.

Thirty-seven riders entered the Fancy Dress Competition which was restricted



to those still of Primary school age. This is always a great class to watch and the creativity which goes into the selection of costumes is quite inspiring; almost as inspiring as the patience of horses and ponies which often appear in some very elaborate get ups. This year Bananas in Pyjamas took first prize.

Final results were Berry Public School winning the Primary School point score and Moruya High School taking line honours for Secondary Schools. Champion Primary Rider was Holly Burgess from Holy Spirit at St Clair. Ashley Butler from St Pauls Grammar School, Cranebrook was Champion Secondary Rider. Well done to all competitors. See you next year.



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NSW RFS Superintendent Mark Williams said now is the ideal opportunity to complete a few simple tasks so that homes and properties are ready for fires, before the return of hot and windy weather.

"Firefighters and emergency agencies will of course continue to do everything possible to keep communities safe, however preparation is a shared responsibility and residents must do their bit," Superintendent Williams said.

"Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think.

"Start by simply having a conversation with your family about what you would do if a fire was to start nearby.

"Make, or update your bush fire survival plan and share it with everyone in your household, and maybe even neighbours.

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- » Make sure you have a robust hose that can reach the whole way around your home.

Superintendent Williams said that basic preparation now could prevent a lot of heartache and financial loss.

"These fires don't discriminate. Embers can travel significant distances, crossing several properties and streets.

We've seen burning embers travel up to 30 kilometres in the worst conditions; it's terrifying," Superintendent Williams said.

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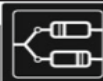
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