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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.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Membership is open to Berry community groups and individuals.

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Editor's Note



The closing date for our November issue will be Wednesday 17 October 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.

Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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A DROUGHT RELIEF UPDATE

An update released August 1 from CWA State Office stated that the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Committee had recently released an initial \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist the struggling farmers. An amount of up to \$3,000 was sent out to cover groceries, vehicle maintenance, school and household expenses and medical costs to those in need who applied. At that time, CWA of NSW funds were exhausted but, thanks to donations rolling in from the branches and the public, as well as organisations channelling donations through the CWA, the State President Annette Turner was able to announce on the Today Show Friday, September 7, that over \$1million has gone out to 634 families.

Individuals who wish can make a Tax-Deductible donation to the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund online at www.cwaofnsw.org.au/donate

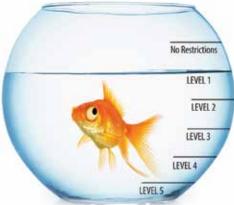
On the home front the recent Street Stall held in Broughton Court raised over \$2,000 with extra donations received from our members. Thank you to the Berry Community who are great supporters of all the different Berry organisations, the visitors to Berry on the day and our members who are always giving.

The work on our rooms is ongoing with a raised floor in the storeroom already completed bringing it level with the kitchen; a ramp and rails in place for easy access for those with walkers, wheelchairs and mobility scooters; no longer does the musty smell permeate everything in the kitchen cupboards or mould appear on the walls. The next step is to enlarge one of the toilets suitable for disabled access then hopefully the new kitchen. Once again thank you to the organisations and business people in Berry for their generous donations.

Friday, October 12 at 12 noon is the Branch Annual Meeting with an invitation extended to anyone who would like to attend. Gentlemen are most welcome. The Guest Speaker Anthony will speak on MY HEALTH RECORD. If you have any concerns this would be a good time to come and ask questions. This would also be a good time to check out our renovations and learn of the work undertaken by the members in the past 12 months. Wollondilly Group President Jennifer Blinkhorn will Chair the Election of Officers. A delicious afternoon tea will follow.

For further information on any of the above Berry CWA contacts are: President Emily Boorer 0417 423 018 or jeboorer@bigponjd.com; Secretary Marie De La Torre 0408 585 522 or mkdelatorre8@gmail.com





LEVEL 1Water Restrictions Start 3 Sept

The Shoalhaven is currently experiencing severe drought conditions. As a result Level 1 Water Restrictions will start soon to help us safeguard our precious water resources.

For more information call Shoalhaven Water on 1300 662 246 or visit shoalwater.nsw.gov.au

Our current project:

making Boomerang Bags for the Salt Ministries, Bomaderrry



Making and distributing bags is great way to bring the community together. The good people of Salt Ministries are committed to assisting the needy and the homeless.



Look at those smiling faces! Salt helpers Sandra Thulin, Mitch Hudson, Ray Bellamy and Dillon, they love our Boomerang Bags.

OCTOBER MEETING:

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER FROM 9.00AM
THE COMMITTEE ROOMS, BERRY SHOWGROUND
MEETINGS HELD 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



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Be our guest and join us at Mrs. Red's Shed & Co. Emporium. You are sure to be amazed at the treasures you will find within our vintage centre. Newly established, we are open 7 days per week from 9am-4pm. Step back in time with our antique, vintage, retro and collectable wares, as well as handmade and edible goodies. Leave no stone unturned as you explore the store and be sure to pop in regularly, since new stock is added daily. Many locals visit weekly to ensure they don't miss out on our latest finds.

Old-fashioned customer service is paramount. If you are looking for a certain piece, we will do our best to find it for you. If you have something to sell, keep our upcoming vintage markets and auctions in mind, or come along to a furniture painting workshop, especially tailored to suit your needs.

The store is also a donation point for the charity organisation 'Doing it for Our Farmers'. The donated goods we receive are packed into hampers and distributed to drought-affected farming families interstate. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous thus far.

Being a true emporium, we are a collection of 19 small businesses within one large store. You are sure to find that we are quite unlike anything else you've experienced, and we really do have something for









THE FOURTH ANNUAL BERRY JAZZ FESTIVAL SAT 6 and SUN 7 OCTOBER:

WANDERLUST - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT FRANCES MADDEN & BAND YOUNG BERRY JAZZ WORKSHOP WOLLONGONG CON JAZZ ORCHESTRA YOUNG JAZZ IN THE PARK

FULL DETAILS AND TICKET BOOKINGS AT: www.sima.org.au MEDIA ENQUIRIES/INTERVIEW REQUESTS: Chris Ruhle 0468 357 715

The fourth annual Berry Jazz festival takes place on the weekend of Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October with a program designed to appeal to a wide cross section of the community as well as people of all ages.

Saturday 6 October:

9.30am - Young Berry Jazz Workshop and Concert - Uniting Church:

One of the highlights of the 2017 Festival were the kids' workshops under the direction of Eric Dunan from the Wollongong Conservatorium. Once again Berry Jazz is excited to have Eric on board again with a similar workshop culminating in a special kids jazz concert with the young players performing alongside some of our leading established jazz musicians.

Midday - Young Jazz Musicians In Apex Park:

The very scenic Apex Park with its hisoric rotunda is the setting for an entire afternoon of jazz featuring some of Australia's most promising young jazz musicians. It's the perfect opportunity to spread the picnic blanket and enjoy three hours plus of inspiring music from the next generation of Australian jazz stars. Bring a picnic lunch and spread the blanket

7.30pm - WANDERLUST - 25th Anniversary Concert - Berry Bowling Club:

MIROSLAV BUKOVSKY trumpet, flugelhorn/JAMES GREENING trombone/ JEREMY SAWKINS guitar/ ALISTER SPENCE piano/ BRENDAN CLARKE bass/ FABIAN HEVIA drums, percussion ARIA Award-winning, iconic Australian all-star band Wanderlust celebrates their 25th anniversary this year, playing to packed out clubs in Sydney and Canberra and now Berry Jazz! They'll be playing two long sets featuring some of their most popular compositions with a half-hour interval.

www.wanderlust.com.au/about.htm book at - www.stickytickets.com.au/75294 Sunday 7 October

12pm - FRANCES MADDEN and band -Coolangatta Estate Winery:

'Practical Magic' - Lunchtime Concert:

FRANCES MADDEN piano & vocals/ BORBALA BODONYI backing vocals/ TBC tenor saxophone/ CARL DEWHURST guitar/ BRETT HIRST double bass/ TIM GELDENS drums

Described by Fine Music 102.5FM as 'Australia's rising star of jazz and blues', Frances Madden is one of Australia's most engaging young performers - a highly talented singer, pianist and song writer. Frances' music is jazz-oriented but with a broad adult contemporary appeal. Her shows are a mix of her unique take on timeless classics as well as her own original swing, blues and ballads.

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Celebrate the 25th anniversary of Australian jazz legends Wanderlust, enjoy a Coolangatta Estate winery lunch with festival favourite Frances Madden, plus free outdoor concerts at Apex Park, free film screening, kids' workshop and more!

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Forum Meeting Held on 16 August

50 people attended the meeting, including Clr. Nina Cheyne. Topics covered included a status update on Boogaree (Berry District Park), a presentation on Council's proposals for a Queen Street road safety project, updates on the DAs for Bangalee Motel and Huntingdale, and a presentation by Suzanne Campbell on Vennu, an online business to build more resilient communities by sharing community

Queen Street Road Safety Proposal

Council is seeking the Forum's feedback on a road safety project that proposes a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) from Albany Street to Prince Alfred Street. Some residents have raised concerns about incidents at the intersection of Queen Street and Albany Street, including two recent accidents where cars have flipped over. We have asked Council to take these issues into account.

Huntingdale Development Information Session

On Tuesday 28 August 56 people attended a Forum information session about Huntingdale Park. Matt Somers, the project manager representing the developers Pindan, explained the background to the development and plans for Stages 8 & 9. His presentation is on the Forum website, with a summary of key points. Some of the issues raised by residents in the extensive Q&A session were:

- · A perception that Council was obtaining significant financial contributions from Pindan; but appeared reluctant to allocate funds for public amenities or ongoing maintenance of public reserves in Huntingdale Park.
- It appeared Council was not intending to fund play equipment in an area allocated for community facilities. Matt advised

that Pindan were offering to purchase the equipment.

- There is frustration with the lack of open space for kids to play, especially since there were now likely to be many more younger residents with children than originally planned.
- There is limited connectivity planned for fauna between the forest area and the riparian area around the creek, i.e. a designated wildlife tunnel. A culvert pipe 750mm in diameter was considered ineffective for the quantity of rainwater that flows through the forest.
- · Some residents thought the established forest area only needed low maintenance and should remain as a public space maintained by Council
- Concerns about the fire risk associated with only one exit road for 270 homes.

Overall, the session was very successful and residents expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to obtain information and ask questions in a structured, but informal environment. The Forum Committee is grateful for Matt's offer to present to the community and the attendance of SET consultants to answer questions. Council were invited to attend the session, but sent apologies as it clashed with a full Council meeting.

Next Forum Meeting & AGM is 11 October 7.30pm at the School of Arts

Eleven Committee members are renominating and the meeting will be asked to consider and confirm all nominations for the 2018/19 Committee. If you wish to nominate, please berryforum@hotmail.com Sunday 30 September with your details and a few words describing how you believe the Berry community would benefit from your membership.



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Sunday Celebrations: 9.30am

Groups & Activities:

- Bible Study Groups
- Fellowship Groups Prayer Groups
 - Social Craft Group
 - Computers for Seniors
 - Berry Apple Users Group
 - Coffee and Friends
 - Berry Community Library

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Berry **Chiropractic**

NEWS FROM BERRY CHIROPRACTIC: Meet the new additions to our clinic! **57 Queen Street Berry**

Felicity Ling ACUPUNCTURIST BHSC. (ACU)

Felicity Ling has a passion for working with the whole body, assisting patients to understand their presenting symptoms and how they may be connected. She is particularly fascinated by the connection of gut health to an individual's overall state of wellbeing and has aided many patients with the management of digestive troubles, stress and anxiety. Her most recent practice in Canberra saw her working prodominately in the area of womens' health and fertility, assisting with menstrual/gynaecological irregularities, natural fertility and IVF. Felicity's gentle approach may utilise a combination of:

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Brienne Maloney FOOD SCIENTIST & NUTRITIONIST BASC(HUMNUT), ADVDIP(NUTTH)

Brienne Maloney is a Food Scientist and Nutritionist who has been working in the field since 2006. Bree has a scientific passion for gut health, digestion, the human microbiome and fermented foods. She is extremely knowledgeable about how food/ nutrition can be used to optimise health and alleviate chronic health complaints through beneficial actions within the gut.

"The past decade has seen an explosion of research into the microbiology of our gut and with this vast wealth of scientific literature now at our fingertips we can use evidence based nutritional care to help improve microbial diversity, gut barrier function, and elimination. What we eat impacts our microbiota, our gut health and influences the likelihood of developing chronic health conditions."

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- Nutritional Lactation Support & Post Natal Depletion



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Interested in conservation and growing local native plants?

Plant Prop Nursery volunteers would very much like to meet people interested in learning and sharing knowledge and skills and assisting with the following activities in the nursery or at home:-

- Seed preparation for propagation and for Seed Banking
- Preparing teaching materials for children and volunteers
- Learning and demonstrating propagation techniques
- Assisting in the nursery and Tree Orchard
- Plant identification of local trees, shrubs and ground covers
- Seed collecting

If you are interested in attending a short demonstration / workshop about propagating local native plants at Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery, this invitation is for you.



Nursery benches It is such a pleasure to work in the new nursery with so much light and space.

Red cedar by any other name is still Red cedar

Red cedar, Toona australis or Toona ciliata is one of the iconic trees of Berry. Mature trees can easily be recognised at this time of the year when the new flush of pink spring leaves appear almost overnight.

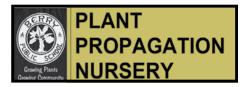
These majestic deciduous rainforest trees are fast growing and long lived. They are very desirable trees for a large gardens and parks and are also suitable for revegetation sites in rainforest areas. Red cedar also has historical significance in Berry and the Shoalhaven area.

The cedar tip moth often attacks in spring, especially on trees in open areas. In seasons

when this occurs, the seed pods are infested with larvae and the seeds are eaten before they mature.

Once attacked by tip moth, the tree often develops spreading branches which make it a lovely shade tree, but for timber cutters, preference is given to straight unbranched specimens.

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful mature red cedar in the school grounds quite close to the nursery. Maybe this summer, the larvae of the tip moth might feed elsewhere, allowing the children to collect some seeds for propagation.





Propagation benches

INVITATION

BPS parents and grandparents and interested community members are invited to become involved with the Plant Propagation program.

A series of short (½hour) demonstrations / workshops has been planned at the new nursery on Thursdays between 12.30 and 1.00pm.

If you are interested in attending or just visiting occasionally to see what activities we do, email lyn-clark@outlook.com.au for further information.

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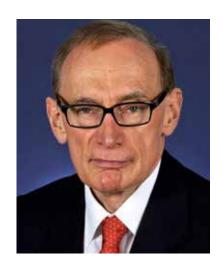


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You are invited to attend a community forum and a private dinner at the Hungry Duck on Australia's aid program and foreign affairs along with a book launch of Bob Carr's latest book, a memoir, 'Run for Your Life'. Hosted by Andy Higgins, ALP Candidate for Kiama with our very special return guest Professor the Hon. Bob Carr.

Bob Carr was the longest continuously serving Premier in the history of NSW, served as foreign Minister for 18 months and since leaving politics has led a distinguished career as an author and an academic. He is the director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney. Here are two opportunities to be briefed on Australia's foreign affairs issues, aid program, tour his memoir and ask questions ahead of the federal election.

DATE: Sunday 21 October 2018

Forum: 2.30pm and afternoon tea: 4 pm – 5 pm \$15 pp VENUE: Berry Courthouse, 58 Victoria Street BERRY Private Dinner at the Hungry Duck, Berry 6.30pm \$200 pp

RSVP: Tuesday 16 October.

All proceeds go to Andy Higgins ALP for Kiama Campaign

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CONTACT and enquiries to Rick Gainford 0439 965 354 or rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com



HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

With a severe bush fire season likely to roll out over the coming summer everyone should prepare the things they will need to take with them if they have to evacuate. As has been shown again recently, being in town does not necessarily protect your property from a fire as sparks can travel up to 6 kilometres and start another fire. Red Cross has put together a list of things that will help you work out what you need to have ready to take with you. These are REDI KITS or SURVIVAL KIT CHECKLISTS. It is best to buy a box with wheels, clearly mark it and in it put everything you wish to take. There are two kinds of things you need to pack:

- Items that will help you survive during an emergency
- Items that will help you recover after an emergency

The following is an abbreviated list. The whole list and forms you can use for all the medical, contacts and important documents information you need to have ready is available on the Red Cross Website.

EMERGENCY ITEMS:

- Phone, torch, radio, chargers and spare batteries, candles and matches
- · Cash and cards
- Water and food including for pets
- Protective clothing and blankets
- Any medical supplies or medications you need
- Toiletries, hand sanitiser, tissues, toilet paper
- Underwear, change of clothes and jumper
- First aid kit
- Entertainment such as cards, book or knitting

RECOVERY ITEMS:

- Sentimental things such as photographs, videos, jewellery or a child's favourite toy
- Copies of important documents such as insurance or house titles or where to find them
- List of important contacts or information such as your doctor, relatives, medicare number, private health insurance, blood type, health issues, allergies
- Passports, wills licences, prescriptions, medical histories
- Photos of valuable household items

Set and annual reminder to check your kit so it is up to date.

If you wish to find out about becoming involved with or contact the Berry Branch of Groundst details), the Nowra Red Cross (See Community Contact details), the Nowra Red Grass of the Red Cross (See Community Contact details), the Nowra Red Graham St Nowra or go onto the Red Cross website.

Berry Men's Bowling Club

Terry Bezant, Mark Power and Ben Watson took out the 2018 Club Triples Championship from Geoff Lidbetter, Nick Nicholls and Terry Hayes. The winners did most of the scoring over the first nine ends and then the Terry Hayes team showed some revival from that point and closed the match out by scoring five shots on the last three ends which wasn't enough to catch the winners.

Additional 2018 Club Championships are organised to be completed by early October. The Championships in question are the Major/ Minor Pairs, Minor Singles and Minor Pairs. Minors are members that have not won a Singles Championship and the Major/ Minor Pairs are developed by a blind draw which matches a Minor with a member who is classified as a Major for having previously a Singles Championship.

On Wednesday 22nd August the Club was represented by 21 members in the third Triangular Cup match for 2018 that was played at Shoalhaven Heads. Berry won five, drew one and lost one of the seven rinks they played. This performance was enough to give Berry victory in the 2018 competition from Shoalhaven Heads and Gerringong and allow them to regain the cup that was constructed and donated by Berry member Barry Dunn at the first match back in July 2015. This final match for 2018 saw 60 bowlers from the three clubs take to the greens.

Social bowls continues to be played of a Wednesday and Saturday at 1.00 pm with bookings to 0475768249 by noon day of play. Persons interested in trying out lawn bowls, the game for all ages, are most welcome and if required a set of bowls can be loaned on the day. Membership as a bowler is still available at the great price of \$45.00 and Social membership is available for \$10.00 and to join see a current member or the staff at the Club.

ann.sudmalis.mp@aph.gov.au

ANN SUDMALIS MP Federal Member for Gilmore

The Federal Government increased drought support of **\$1.8 billion** will help my local farmers who have been asking for a well organised approach to the assistance and fundraising by all Australians.

The drought response includes the appointment of a National Drought Coordinator, new tax breaks for farmers, low-interest loans and the application form for the Farm Household Allowance is being made easier.

However more awareness needs to be raised about the tough conditions facing our dairy farmers and I'll continue to fight for this on their behalf.

For help with the Farm Household Allowance, contact the Rural Financial Counselling Service on 1800 686 175 or the Farmer Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16.

NB: due to increased call volumes some delays may be experienced.

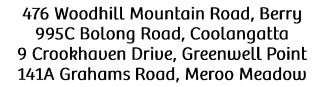
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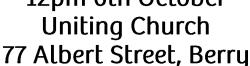
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The Opportunity of Offence

How do you respond when you have been offended or have found out that you have offended someone else? If, like most of us, you have chosen to live your life in regular contact with other humans, this will be something that happens far too often. I believe that when involved in an offence we are given the choice to react or to respond.

To react is to allow our impulses or emotions guide our behaviour. Often these do not produce the best outcomes. Instead, we find ourselves saying and doing things that we later regret and that cause harm to the relationship and in most cases our own interests. In this space, we often lay all of the blame on the other party, and totally absolve ourselves of any wrongdoing. Often relationships are damaged and if we choose to hold on to the offense for long enough, we become bitter.

To respond is to take a step back from the offense and seek to understand what part you and they have played in it. When we respond, we firstly try to understand what was going on for us that caused us to be offended. Sometimes in this process we come to the point where we realise it was mostly to do with our perception or some brokenness in our life that has caused us to feel the way we do. This presents us with an opportunity to work on this aspect of ourselves and in the process become more mature. Other times we will need to communicate our offense to the other, in which case we need to try and understand them and what caused them to behave in a way that has offended us. It is as we take the posture of seeking understanding that we are better able to work for the best outcome.

As James put it in 1:19-20 'My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things that God wants done.' To respond is by far the hardest choice to make, but ultimately it is the choice that will give you greater peace, better self-awareness and may even save some relationships. I pray that you would have the courage and the grace to respond to any offense that comes your way this week.

Joel Noonan - Berry Community Church

DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILLIARY

Volunteering for your local United Hospital Auxiliary (UHA) can be rewarding and satisfying because we raise funds specifically for the David Berry Hospital. The funds raised purchase extra special pieces of equipment for the patients comfort and care.

This month we held a very successful Father's Day street stall thanks to the generosity of locals and visitors alike who quickly swooped up the delicious cakes, slices and jams. One visitor told me "My family are in Berry for a wedding and these home-made goodies will be a wonderful treat."

Congratulations to Judy Rigg on receiving her House Life Membership

Judy started in David Berry Hospital Auxiliary in 1992 with her early years volunteering in the Diversional Therapy Department with craft activities. Always there whenever we have a street stall with her wonderful caramel



tarts; plenty of craft and for the Annual Easter Chicken Stall with colorfully knitted chickens and even rabbits from time to time.

Pictured: Sandra Walton Illawarra Regional Representative and Judy Rigg

We would like to publically thank Pam Coles for all her hard work for the Auxiliary. Pam joined the Auxiliary in 2005 and has held the position of Treasurer and Publicity Officer for over four years stepping down this year. Thanks again Pam – your work for the Auxiliary is very much appreciated.

If you would like to join our happy informal association, please contact us, we'd love to have you.

Sonja Van Hoof - Publicity Officer



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THINKING OF BREEDING **YOUR MARE?**

Berry Veterinary Clinic is committed to the delivery of high quality advanced reproductive technologies for mare and stallion owners. We offer residential care and management of your mare for preparation and impregnation using chilled shipped or frozen semen. Mares will also be accepted for embryo transfer programs. The program will be under the direct care and control of our consultant Veterinarian, Dr Stuart

Keller, who has for many years run a complete equine breeding service at Tamworth providing extensive artificial breeding and stallion management to the horse industry in northern NSW. Stuart has worked extensively with

thoroughbred breeders. The embryo program in its inception, will be offered on the basis of embryo recovery for shipment. Embryos will be implanted into surrogate mares prepared and managed by Dr Alan Simson, Australia's foremost embryo transfer Veterinarian.

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The Berry & District Historical Society

Catching the Steamer to Sydney

Getting to Sydney from Berry prior to the 1880's meant either travelling by horse and dray over rough roads or taking a Cobb and Co coach to Moss Vale and then travelling by steam train. Then came another option, which seemed much more pleasurable – The Coastal Steamer.

The steamers would travel south from Sydney, entering the Shoalhaven River at Crookhaven Heads, near present day Culburra. This entry point was made possible because of the canal built by Alexander Berry in 1822. The steamers would stop at Greenwell Point and travel up the Shoalhaven River, via Back Forest and Broughton Creek to Berry Wharf, located in the vicinity of the present Wharf Road.

In the early 1880's the movement of cargo and passengers on these steamers was handled almost entirely by the Illawarra Steam Ship Company. The locals, feeling that they were being 'ripped off', joined together as a Berry Co-op and bought their own little steamer which they called 'Our Own'. Unfortunately, in August 1880, on one of its trips to Sydney, its boiler lost pressure and it drifted ashore to become a total loss.

Following this disaster David Berry ordered two ships to be built in Glasgow for his tenants and business men on the estate so that their goods could be transported in and out of the area at a reasonable price. In 1883 the steam packet SS Meeinderry was built and in 1886, the SS Coomonderry.

From a Shoalhaven Telegraph article in January 1884, we learn that the Meeinderry had cargo hold and was able to carry horses or livestock on deck. The Saloon on the main deck carried ample room and accommodation for 28 passengers with, it was reported, the berths being open, well-lit and ventilated. The ladies' cabin which ran off the main saloon on the port side had room for 4 passengers and on the starboard side was the Captain's cabin. "The Saloon on the whole is a comfortable apartment, and is fitted up with lavatories and every convenience".

The Meeinderry made return trips from Berry to Sydney twice a week, while the Coomonderry made the return trip once a week.



A gala occasion occurred in November 1888 when Sir Henry Parkes, accompanied by a group of Ministers visited the area, in the Coomonderry.

When David Berry died in September 1899, a total of about 2000 mourners were carried in the Meeinderry, the Coomonderry and another ship the Terara, along the Shoalhaven River towards the Coolangatta Estate, where he was interred.

Pictured: The SS Coomonderry at the Berry Wharf

Berry Museum

135 Queen Street BERRY 2535



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Saturdays, School Holidays and Public Holidays

11.00am - 2.00pm Sundays

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In each session we hold with the children on Tuesdays we see the listening skills which the children learn through musical activities and how that assists their whole development. The musical experiences help lay foundations for emotional responsiveness. Language and the ability to communicate is enriched and body coordination and development benefits from the activities that accompany the movement and song. Music is just one of the special activities we share at mainly music for the children.

If you would like to learn more, come along and join us on Tuesday mornings from 10 am at Berry Community church. For more information, call Trish on 0401 151 820.



Is Everest on your Bucket List?

If trekking to Everest Base Camp is something that you have often thought about, then think no more. Ken Hutt of the Rotary Club of Berry is planning to lead a contingent of around twenty Rotarians and friends to Mt Everest Base Camp in March/April next year, and you have the opportunity to join them.

The focus of the trek is to raise awareness and funding for the eradication of Polio, with each of Ken's trekking supporters to raise at least \$2000 for the PolioPlus campaign.

Ken describes the trip as being a fantastic experience. "The country is very safe, the people are very friendly, and the mountain and valley scenery is nothing short of breathtaking. This trip will not involve camping as we will be staying in Tea Houses, providing comfortable accommodation with good quality food".

"The trek will involve acclimatisation walks and rest days to allow our bodies to catch up with our ascent. You will need to be fit and healthy, but you won't need to be a world class athlete," Ken added



For Ken, there is more to this venture than just leading a team to Everest Base Camp. He is taking on a bigger challenge for PolioPlus ... by attempting a World Record paraglide assault from the summit of Everest. He currently holds the Australasian Record for the highest paraglide when he flew off the World's sixth highest mountain in 2014.

To find out more, contact Ken Hutt on 0418 205 225.



Small Farm Field Days Winners

The Rotary Club of Berry recently held its 7th annual Berry Small Farm Field Days.

In a competition to find ten 'furry friends' located around the Showground the first correct entries drawn were from Mila Martin and Harry Parker. Also, students from Berry Public School participated in a colouring-in competition with the winners in the 7 years and Under category being 1st Molly Hinton, 2nd Dylan Hole and 3rd Eva Chalker. In the Over 7 years, the winners were 1st Harry Mills, 2nd Lennox Morrow and 3rd Zoe Ardil.

The Rotary Club of Berry thanks all Field Day sponsors including Gold Sponsors - Millpaca and 2ST/Power FM; Silver Sponsors - Berry Vet Clinic, Shoalhaven City Council, Huntingdale Park Pindan and the Local Land Services; Bronze Sponsors - Ray White Real Estate, Simmark and Shoalhaven Party Hire; and Supporters - Berry Pharmacy and Strongbuild. This is the Club's largest annual fundraiser with proceeds going to various community, youth and international activities, along with 10 percent going into an Emergency Relief Account. Drought relief has been a recent focus of the Club, being mindful that many local farmers have also been experiencing tough times. Consequently, the Club's Emergency Relief funds were recently used to pay for truckload deliveries of hay to local dairy farmers

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No classes 1st week of month



Contact Marilyn - Ph: 0412 244 735 E: info@marilynmartin.com.au www.marilynmartin.com.au

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAY PRECINCT



The Committee has received a reply from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Andrew Constance through Gareth Ward on 29th August, 2018.

This letter stated: "I am further advised that Transport for NSW is considering ways that the building (the Berry Station Master's building) might be able to be returned to community use in consultation with local interest groups and individuals. Should Mr Richard Wolfson, A/Executive Manager Strategic Property Services at Transport for NSW." The Committee is following this up and we are going to become involved in these discussions.

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS FROM BERRY

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
DA18/1902	Alterations and additions	10 Pulman Street	16-Aug
DA18/1917	Inground swimming pool	218 Bundewallah	20-Aug
DA18/1935	Detached dual occupancy	79B Kangaroo Valley Road	22-Aug
DA18/1948	Swimming pool	60 Crago Rise Wdhl	24-Aug
DA18/1957	Alterations and additions	48 Pr Alfred Street	28-Aug
DA18/1979	Alterations to bakery	Old Creamary Lane	30-Aug
DA18/2007	New detached storage shed	2 Coomonderry Rg	7-Sep
DS18/1394	Proposed decking and pergola	3 Parker Cr	11-Sep
	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED		
DA18/1386	Urban dwelling additions	130 Kangaroo Valley Road	11-Apr
DA18/1529	Detached Habitable space over existing garage	498A Woodhill Mountain R	15-May
DA18/1776	Inground fibre glass swimming pool	62C Kangaroo Valley Road	17-Jul
SF10650	Six lot strata Title subdivision	150 North Street	24-Aug
DS18/1114	Two lot subdivision	11 North Street	20-Mar
DA18/1390	Proposed tourist cabin	74 Devitts Lane	11-Apr
DA18/1386	Urban dwelling additions	130 Kangaroo Valley Road	11-Apr

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Berry Restaurants & Cafes, Functions & Catering Guide

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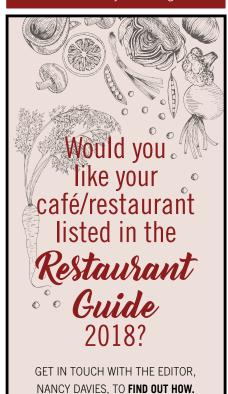
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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

18 September - Tuesday - Berry & District Garden Club monthly meeting, 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall, Princess Street, Berry

23 September - Sunday - Wollongong Gospel Choir will present a Concert of Southern Gospel Songs in Berry Presbyterian Church, cnr Victoria and Alexandra Streets at 2.00 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes afternoon tea. Proceeds are to support SECET.

25 September - Tuesday - The Zonta Club of Berry dinner meeting

- 6.30 for 7pm - Hotel Berry. Book with Cecilie Lewis on 4464 3913.

4 October - Thursday - ADFAS Lecture - Colour and Brilliance: Women Stained Glass Artists. Thursday 7.30 pm at The Berry School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry.

5 October - Light the Night, Apex Park Berry. There will be kids entertainment from 5.30pm, a sausage sizzle donated by the IGA, live music, coffee and a bake sale. The lantern walk will commence at 7.30pm and the event will finish at 8pm. See article for more information.

7 October - Sunday - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS

6 - 7 October - Saturday & Sunday - The fourth annual Berry Jazz Festival.

Full details and ticket bookings at - www.sima.org.au. See page 4 for more information.

8 - 21 October - Berry Gardens Club Festival - www.berrygardens.org.au See Page 17 and 27 for more information.

18 October - Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm Berry Masonic Village Open Day. Enjoy a BBQ, our Spring Garden Festival and discover what aged care is really like today. 41 Albany Street, Berry. 02 4464 2765.

21 October - Sunday - Sunday 21st October - A community forum with Professor the Hon. Bob Carr on Australia's aid program and foreign affairs along with a Berry Book Launch of Bob's latest book, a memoir titled "Run for Your Life" Talk and afternoon tea at the Berry Courthouse commencing at 2.30 - \$15 pp then a dinner at the

Hungry Duck at 6.30pm. \$200 pp. Proceeds to the ALP Candidate for Kiama Andy Higgins. See advert this Town Crier or ring 0439 965 354.

21 October - Sunday - Friends of Meroo Union Church will be conducting their regular Monthly Service at 2pm. Non-denominational, all most welcome.

Afternoon Tea follows the service - Cnr Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048.

23 October - Tuesday - The Zonta Club of Berry dinner meeting - 6.30 for 7pm - Hotel Berry. Book with Cecilie Lewis on 4464 3913.

24 October - Wednesday - 10 am Coffee and Friends host special guest speaker. Please come along for a great morning. Everyone is welcome! The venue is Wesley hall at the Uniting Church, 77 Albert Street.

REGULAR EVENTS:

Mainly Music - for preschool-aged children and their carers.

Every Tuesday during term time at 10am. Venue Berry Community Church, Schofields Lane. \$5.

The Berry Computers for Seniors meets in the Berry Uniting Church hall on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9.00 - 10.30am.

The 'Third Wednesday Book Group' will meet in the Community Library June from 4-6pm. We bring along our favourite books or talk about our favourite authors and enjoy drinks and nibbles along the way. Everyone is welcome.

Gentle Chair Yoga - Every Tuesday 9.30 -10.30am except the first Tuesday of the month. Phone 0412 244 735 for class details.

Energising Chair Yoga - Every Wednesday 9.30 -10.30am at St Lukes Hall, except the first Wednesday of the month. Phone 0412 244 735 for details. Class includes strength, flexibility and balance whilst sitting or standing using chair as support. \$15 class. No term fees.

Dancing for Joy - Every Thursday 9.30 -10.30am at Berry Uniting Church Hall, except the first Thursday of the month. Phone 0412 244 735 for class details Suitable for everyone. No partners needed. Variety of dance styles to exercise your brain, improve balance, increase vitality and Joy. \$15 class. No term fees

FUTURE DATES

3 November - Saturday - Men's Shed Garage Sale.

18 November - Sunday - Friends of Meroo Union Church will be conducting their regular Monthly Service at 2pm. Non-denominational, all most welcome. Afternoon Tea follows the service. Cnr Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048.

Annual Events Guide for Berry 2018

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	First Sunday of the Month 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
JANUARY	
FEB	131st Annual Berry Show – 1st & 2nd Feb 2019 Berry Showground
MARCH	
APRIL	ANZAC Day Youth Week Easter Celebrations
MAY	Berry Celtic Festival, Berry Showground National Motoring Heritage Day, Berry Showground
JUNE	
JULY	
AUGUST	4th & 5th - Annual Camellia and Floral Show
SEPTEMBER	Berry Small Farm Field Day
OCTOBER	18-21st - Berry Garden Club's Annual Garden Festival
NOVEMBER	Remembrance Day 3rd 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

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD AND FIRE PERMITS

A Fire Permit will be required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period which started on **1st September 2018**. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community.

THE KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period.
- Just because it's the Bush Fire Danger Period doesn't mean you can't use fire but there are restrictions to ensure fire is used safely.
- Getting a permit is free and easy. Contact Fire Control Centre on 4424 4424.
 - There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

40 KM PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER

Please be aware that vehicles are now required to slow to 40 km per hour when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with red/blue flashing lights. This came into effect on 1 September 2018.

For more information go to https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP

Light the Night

Light the Night is the Leukaemia Foundation's beautiful evening lantern walk, where Australians come together to transform the darkness into a sea of glowing light to beat blood cancer.

Last year our community in Berry raised over \$5000 for vital research, help for sufferers and help for families whose lives are affected by blood cancer. Lanterns are raised high in a moving ceremony to pay tribute to those facing their own blood cancer journey and to remember loved ones lost

Before we raise our lantern in solidarity, we're raising money to change lives – and we need your help. We've pledged to help the Leukaemia Foundation fund urgently needed medical research, to help more people survive and ultimately beat leukaemia, myeloma, lymphoma and other blood disorders.

October 5th 2018, Apex Park BERRY. There will be kid's entertainment from 5.30pm, a sausage sizzle donated by the IGA, live music, coffee and a bake sale. The walk will commence at 7.30pm and the even will finish at 8pm.

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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, 77 Albert Street, Berry - Garry: 0420 932 494

Berry Al Anon Family Group For family 4448 8231 & friends of problem drinkers

Meets in the Friendship Rooms of the Uniting Church 77 Albert Street Berry on Mondays at 7pm

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 0458 369 266 PO Box 218 Berry 2535

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 pm at Berry Bowling Club

Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc 4464 1774 Mail: 42 Albany Street, Berry, NSW, 2535

3rd Wednesday monthly, 9.30am in Activity Hall, Albany Lane, 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 0416 181 543

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month: Committee Rooms, Berry Showground. Contact: Katrina Underwood 0416 181 543 Contact Elizabeth Dubbelde 0431 663 189

Country Women's Association - Berry Branch

PO Box 321 Berry 2535 2nd Friday each month at 12.30pm in the CWA Rooms, Victoria Street Contact Emily Boorer 0417 423 018

Conservation Committee for the Berry Railway Station Precinct

Meets fortnightly at the Berry Museum Contact: sandraberner@hotmail.com

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 NSW lodgebroughton131@gmail.com

Meets 1st Wed. of each month except Jan. at the Agricultural Hall Berry

Probus Club of Berry

PO Box 68 Berry 2535 berryprobus@gmail.com Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.30am Berry Masonic Village Hall

Shoalhaven Poultry Group

0410 548 704

Client Help Line:

161 Kangaroo Valley Road 1st Wednesday each month above address info@shoalhavenpoultry.com.au www.shoalhavenpoultry.com.au

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Berry School of Arts

Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.

Australian Decorative Fine Arts Societies - Shoalhaven PO Box 269 Berry NSW 2535 0429 549 942 www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven/

Monthly, 7.30pm at The Berry School of Arts

Berry & District Historical Society Inc 4464 3097

PO Box 153 Berry 2535 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 Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall

Cantares: Community Choir

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

Knit with Love

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

RedBerry Quilters

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

4464 3525

Berry Community Church

4464 2315

8 Schofields Lane Berry Services 9.00am. 10.00am and 5.00pm info@berrycommunitychurch.org

Berry Uniting Church

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

Meroo Union Church

4448 6048

Monthly service at 2pm (3rd Sunday of the month) Corner of Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048

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

E. isaac.jung@hotmail.com H. 81 Victoria St Berry 0405 139 031

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

4464 1764

PO Box 143 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, 77 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

Berry Community Church Hall Schofields Lane, Berry. Fridays 10.00-12.00 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 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 Road Wattamola NSW Last Saturday of each month 2.30-4.30pm

Gateway Community Garden

141 Woodhill Mountain Road All welcome, plots available. Contact: Tom Darby 4464 2859

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

0412 550 480 hartwell@bigpond.com Meets 1st Monday of the month 06.30pm for 07.00pm start at Berry Hotel

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 6:00pm @ 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

Berry Men's Bowling Club

PO Box 139 Berry NSW 2535 Club 4464 2995 President: L McNamara 4464 1868 Bowls Organiser: D Lambert 4464 2332

Bowls Bookings: 0475 768 249

Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football 0431 530 543

7 Boran Place Berry becandtom2@bigpond.com School term 4 - Thursday 4pm till 6pm at the Berry Sporting Complex, North Street Berry

Berry Riding Club

4464 1143

445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535 1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel jasiiy@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 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 bshjrlfc@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 Meet 7pm second Thursday of every second month at Clubhouse at Tennis Courts

Berry Women's Bowling Club

Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am during daylight savings; 9.30 in winter @ Berry Bowling Club. Contact Heather Fealy 4464 3624 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 & Princess Sts www.diamondcalisthenics.com diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com

Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club

Mackintosh Street Shoalhaven Heads www.headssurf.com.au Facebook: Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club. Phone: 0432 331 915 or info@headssurf.com.au

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

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OPEN DAY 2018

Thursday 18 October 10am-2pm

Join us for a fantastic day exploring our village. Enjoy a BBQ, our Spring Garden Festival and discover what aged care is really like today.

41 Albany Street, Berry 02 4464 2765

ST. LUKE'S







The advent of Spring on 1 September brought a fine, if windy day to beautiful Berry to celebrate the coming of the season and the glory of God's creation. For the 110 lovely ladies attending the High Tea at St Luke's Church Hall this was a perfect greeting of the new beginnings and to hear the excellent address by the guest speaker, back by popular demand, Colleen Hirst.

Colleen is a Psychologist and Family Therapist and she held the ladies enthralled by her witty and impassioned delivery of wisdom and humour with her topic: "God and relationships. What to do when things get messy".

Of course, the ladies were privileged to enjoy the magnificent array of delicacies prepared by the dedicated team from St Luke's and they are to be congratulated for such a fine effort. The edible delights, decorations and wonderful music were a credit to the team's organisation and work.

We at St Luke's are grateful for the attendance, efforts and enjoyment of all concerned and hope that the spreading of the Christian message in this delightful way can be continued for the years ahead.





ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Acting Rector Bishop David Mulready

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8:00 am (Traditional) or 9:30 am (Families) or the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at 11:00 am (Communion) Phone 4464 1058 or Email office@berry.anglican.asn.au

For information on activities www.berry.anglican.asn.au

LOCAL SET TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PROSTATE CANCER

Berry Pharmacy employee, Trish Mills, and childhood friend Tricia Brett are participating in the 2018 Inaugural Outback 4WD Adven-ture for the Prostate Cancer



Foundation of Australia.

The Berry Pharmacy is sponsoring Trish and her vehicle will be sporting the pharmacy banner. To donate you can contact Trish through the Berry Pharmacy or by going to www.prostate. org.au and click on "Get Involved".

All donations are tax deductible and go directly to Prostate Cancer Foundation - no expenses are deducted from these donations, 100% of all donations go to assist with prostate cancer research.

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A new look for Berry Preschool

It's been a busy month at Berry Preschool. The highly anticipated outdoor learning area is finished, and the children absolutely love their new playground. Natural Habitat Landscapes, from Wollongong, did an incredible job. This fantastic addition to the Preschool was fully paid for by many years of fundraising and community donations. So once again, a big thankyou to our wonderful community. The aim was to create a natural, beautiful and inspiring environment for the children to learn, discover and enjoy the outdoors and this objective has definitely been met. Our long-term goal will be to bring the other half of the outdoor area up to the same level. The next project is the renovation of the children's bathroom, foyer and kitchen which will be carried out over the October holidays. We are looking forward to returning from the break to a fresh new look for the Preschool. Renovations are being carried out by Morrow Building Services and have been made possible by a Grant we received from the Department of Education (Early Childhood Directorate).

Berry Community Preschool



A big night in the Preschool social calendar this term was Father's Night. The theme was "Preschool by night" which was enjoyed by many dads, grandads, preschool children and special visitors. The dress code was pyjamas!! We attempted a variety of activities by torchlight including who could make the best flying paper aeroplane, building propeller cars, decorating neck ties, building blocks and Lego creations. The photo booth proved once again to be very popular as was supper of pizza and milkshakes

Other events have included celebrating book week, an excursion to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre to see Circus Oz and our Shoalhaven Zoo visits which have covered Australian Mammals and Pet responsibility; how to care for a variety of pets from Lizards to rabbits.







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www.berrybowling.com.au
f: Berry Bowling Club

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- Both BBQ's can be hired for self-catering



See the bar to make a reservation or Ph:4464 2995









Berry Bowling Club

CHINES E

Lunch & Dinner - Wednesday to Sunday

Ph 4464 2388

AT LAST: SLOW FOOD COMES TO BERRY

The long established Slow Food Shoalhaven has divided into 2 groups, creating a new dynamic convivium that includes Berry, Kangaroo Valley, Shoalhaven Heads down to Jervis Bay. Slow Food is an International non profit organisation represented in 160 countries and our main aim is to support good, clean and fair food for everyone while enjoying great social and educational events. Our SF international commitment is to support the Menu for Change Project as it is well recognised that production, distribution and packaging of food is large contributor to Climate Change.

As our local initiative to encourage an increased use of locally grown vegetables Slow Food Berry 2 JB has created a weekly liaison between busy local Producers and



Chefs. Local producers can email us with info re excess local veg and a committee members advises Chefs of the available stock....and as restaurant guests we will also benefit with the fresh farm produce on our plates.

The Slow Food International Snail Trail project recognises Chefs and Producers who follow ethical principles and they will be acknowledged by a Slow Food sign on their business and on our website. These signs will be showing up locally, very soon.

Lots of exciting events are planned to enjoy local food, raise funds for education projects including a local refugee farm. Long lunches, tastings, sharing information, visiting farms and wineries ensure lots of fun.

Committee Meetings are held in Berry each month and new members are very welcome. Our website is under construction, however Slow Food International has great information at; www.slowfood.com or Follow us on Facebook...slow food berry to jb

If you would like more information on our planned Calendar of Events or to JOIN US contact
Jenny Crosby 0424 615 948 or Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977 or email us at slowfoodberry2jb@gmail.com or phone



Our special guest speaker on 24th October at 10am, is Berry resident Rob McMurdo. Rob will speak about the interesting twists and turns in his life which led him from his job working in hospitals and general practice in England before coming to Australia with his family, where he did most of his psychiatry study. After several decades in psychiatry, including forensic work, he now sits on the Mental Health Review Tribunal in his retirement.

PLEASE COME ALONG FOR A GREAT MORNING. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! THE VENUE IS WESLEY HALL AT THE UNITING CHURCH, 77 ALBERT STREET.

Berry Community Library

Volunteers and Friends of Berry Community Library joined together at the end of August to celebrate the Library's 1st Birthday. There were photos to show how far we've come from the empty shelves to ones that are laden with books so generously donated by our community. There was fun and laughter and cake and a wonderful presentation by Shona Gibson on the value of stories, especially our family stories new and old that give us a sense of belonging and connection.

The "Third Wednesday Book Group" will meet in the Community Library on the 17th October from 4 - 5.30pm. We have started to think about particular questions to focus our reading and we enjoy drinks and nibbles along the way. Everyone is welcome.

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.

>> LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JANET ON 0425 220 258



"How Friendships can make an extraordinary difference"

Connecting with the community and be ready to welcome interested new members to VIEW. Why? Well because VIEW is a National Women's organization with over 15,00 members in more than 300 communities who volunteer, raising funds to help a child in the Learning for Life Program which is done through the SMITH Family. We meet at the Berry Bowling Club on the third Wednesday of the month 6.30 for 7 pm start. We have guest speakers, fun nights and sometimes a demo but apart

from fund raising it's a good opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new ones. If you would like to come or cancel, ring Jan on 44642181 before 12noon on the Sunday before the meeting. October's coffee morning will be at The Book Shop Cafe which has changed its name to The Garden by the looks of the signs. It is held on the 1st Thurs of the month at 10.30 am. We hope to see you at one of our up and coming meetings; the more people we have, the bigger difference we can make.

We have just had our 37th Birthday night and had a lovely group of guests from other clubs for the night and we were lucky to be entertained by a local Line Dance group where one of our members participates and yes, she did an excellent job. We also held a very good trading table which will help our fundraising for the year. More coming up in the following months but that's all for now.

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Susan Dale | 02 4464 1636 (Office Manager) susan.dale@belleproperty.com



Alison Sturt | 02 4464 1636 (Office Administration) alison.sturt@belleproperty.com

Belle Property Berry | 02 4464 1636 122 Queen Street, Berry NSW 2535



Berry & District Garden Club News



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

The bright hues of spring bulbs, intermingled with the creams and oranges of the late winter flowering cliveas, boost our spirits as Berry gardens shake off the winter chill. The yellow blaze of tardy daffodils, slowed by a dry winter, and the early blues of forget-me-nots and bluebells extend the colour palette while hippeastrums stir into life, ready to put up their heads of colourful trumpets as the spring bulbs die down. Look higher and blossom trees are adding their lacy curtains of pink and white to the magnolia trees already in flower. The explosion of new growth induced by welcome rain and warmer weather is almost audible. This is the season for a slow stroll around the streets, admiring street trees and plantings in front yards. Visitors to the annual Berry Gardens Festival on 18 - 21 October will also be out for a stroll, commenting not only on garden layout and flowering beds but also on trees and borrowed views. This year there are four town gardens and three rural properties as well as the most impressive Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden to visit. The garden owners are most relieved to see their gardens stirring, autumn-pruned plants putting out new growth and annuals springing from the soil. By mid-October the spring flush will have waned, but their gardens will then have settled into their summer finery and will be at their best.

Why don't you reward the garden owners for their months of toil and put a visit to the gardens on your calendar. We love to receive visitors from afar, but we are even more delighted to see the locals out enjoying what Berry has to offer. Don't forget the club's most abundant plant stall. You will find it next to Garden 3 in Gwenda Avenue. Like the buyers at our successful recent stall at the Small Farm Field Days, you can be confident that all plants on the sales tables grow well in the local area and that prices will be low.

The club's tour to the "Carnival of Flowers" in Toowoomba from 20-25 September is rapidly approaching. A wealth of gardens and parks in and around Toowoomba will provide travellers with days of pleasure, a trip to an historic woolshed and the Bunya Mountains National Park adding interest. Past president Margaret Street will share some stories and photos from the trip at the club's October meeting.

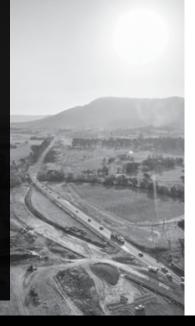
Visitors are most welcome to join us for this presentation. Our next meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall in Princess Street on Tuesday, 16 October at 7.30pm. To find out more about our club, please contact our secretary, Mary Seelis on 4464 1191or visit us on www. berrygardens.org.au



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What actually is "Biodiversity?" Often referred to, we know it is important. A nebulous concept, it first appeared in the 1980s, and came into popular usage after the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. It is one of the nine 'Planetary Boundaries" used by scientists to define the tipping point boundaries of the support systems essential for life on earth to flourish. These include climate, fresh water, nutrient cycles, the ozone layer, the nitrogen cycle and ocean pH. Throughout the last 10000 years these have been remarkable stable creating a benign space for civilization to flourish. It is the aim of contemporary science to monitor rates of change in these systems. For Biodiversity the measure was thought to be the global extinction rate.

The enormity of this task is revealed when one asks the fundamental starting questions – How many Species are there and at what rate are they going extinct? These are almost impossible questions to answer. We all care about Polar Bear, Panda and Koala numbers. The WWF Living Planet Index shows that since 1970 the abundance of vertebrates has declined by 58%. Mammals, birds and amphibians populations are in decline. But these vertebrates are unrepresentative of life as a whole. The revealing data are found in invertebrate species. insects, fungi, algae, crustaceans and plants. These keep the ecosystem going but they are not on the radar for the average observer.

The decline in butterflies in the garden, the lack of insect splats on windscreens certainly rings alarm bells. But these are anecdotes not data. In the UK there have been declines in butterflies, moths, dragonflies. However aphid populations don't decrease no matter what we do to them. The Canadian conservation biologist Mark Vellend in 2013 published a meta-

analysis of thousands of local plant's biodiversity studies from around the world. The scale of the studies ranged from continental to country to small plots. Biodiversity was stable or had increased in all studies. This was because there were more non-natives arrivals than losses of native species. What was revealed however, was global biological homogenisation. The same plants everywhere. Biological Globalization.

This leads to the hottest controversy in biodiversity science today. If a species goes extinct but is replaced by a non native that fulfils the same ecological function, does it matter? This depends on what you care about. We mourn the loss of a species. It is irreversible and it results in increasing homogeneity. Can we live with the more highly successful generalists like sparrows and lantana? Time (Ref. New Scientist, 28July 2018)

WORKING BEES FOR OCTOBER 2018

Daylight Saving starts 7th October.

Alexandra Street Parkcare: 9-11 am Friday 26th: Gail Paton 4448 7915.

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 14th: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Broughton Vale: 9-11am Sunday 7th: Kelvin Officer 0427 255 417.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 3-5pm Sunday 28th: John Clark 4464 3911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 21st: Hugh Sheil, hugh.sheil@realtimecom. com.au or Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

Moeyan Hill: 3-5 pm Saturday 20th: Bill Pigott 4464 3241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au

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

Mark Radium Park: 9-11am Friday 26th: Sue Selden, sueselden@ optusnet.com.au.

Princess St. Parkcare: 9-11am Monday 22nd, Terry Oades 4464 3651.

Tindalls Lane: 3-5pm Sunday 14th: Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

Plant identification service:

Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or lan Parker, 4448 6359.

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



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