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**Slow Food®
Berry to JB**

As an active Convivium we hold a wide variety of events, including workshops, cooking classes, restaurant visits and cocktail functions. We are currently planning the Calendar for 2019 so if you have suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

Our joint Convivium leaders Jenny and Marilyn attended a successful leadership weekend hosted by the Blue Mountains branch of Slow Food in October. Food for Change was a major topic for discussion as we are realising that food production is a major contributor to Climate Change. November has been the month of trying to either:

- Eat locally grown food for a week
- Eat only plant-based food for a week
- Have a zero-waste week

SF Members attended a working bee @ the TAFE Kitchen Garden in Nowra. The kitchen garden is an important part of the cooking school. New seedlings were planted, and garden maintenance was given a helping hand by participants. This is an ongoing commitment to encourage TAFE students to prepare food from the garden.

Our Long Lunch Greek Style was enjoyed by 38 members at The Mortons in Longreach. A local free-range lamb was spit roasted to perfection by Pam Johnston and served with a wide variety of delicious vegetarian dishes...A perfect day

Each year on December 10, Slow Food convivia all around the world celebrate local eating, agricultural biodiversity and sustainable food production. Celebrations take shape with hundreds of events ranging from collective meals, fundraisers, community festivals, protests, workshops for children, excursions to producers, and much more. It’s our way of demonstrating diversity and Slow Food’s philosophy of good, clean and fair food to communities, the media and decision makers.

Slow Food Berry to JB celebrates this year with Slow Food Saddleback, Slow Food Far South Coast and Slow Food Canberra at the wonderful Mona in Braidwood.
The New Years Eve Fireworks Spectacular and Family Fun Night staged by the Rotary Club of Berry is on again at Berry Showground - a new look event with even more activities this year, with the gates opening at 5pm. 30 lucky children will even win one of the tickets entitling them to free unlimited rides on the carnival rides all night long! How good is that – but you’ll need to be there early to be in with a chance. There are also free, good old-fashioned games for the children to play, like horse shoe throwing, knock down the cans, sack races and more. Entertainment throughout the night is by The Rock Addicts plus children’s favourite - Pirate Pete. And, ShowMow Racing will stage their super exciting ride on lawn mower racing. At 9pm the magnificent fireworks spectacular lights up the night skies – you need to be there to experience the thrill of sitting right underneath them - few other fireworks displays are as exciting as this. After the fireworks the night will rock on for those wishing to give the carnival rides a further workout. 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 Nature Play Parkland in Berry, plus its many other community activities. Entry is $5.00 per person with children under 15 years free.

November is almost done and so too is the Berry & District Garden Club year, with a final social gathering on the 27 November. The Club will be in recess until February, 2019, a well-earned break after the “busy-ness” of the October Berry Gardens Festival. The Festival is not really over until November, however, when garden owners and sponsors are thanked again, the voluntary efforts of members are recognised and presentations of donations to nominated local, not-for-profit organisations are made at the November club meeting. This year there is $40,000 from gate takings to be distributed between 11 groups, a result that gratifies both recipients and club members. In addition, sales from the Club’s festival plant stall of $8,000 will be put towards the Club’s continued development of the George Street site into a community asset. It is now 11 months since the Garden Club was allowed access to RMS residual land at the bottom of George Street to begin transforming what had been wasteland into an attractive, open park in the heart of Berry. What has been achieved in this time by volunteers and supporters has been remarkable! The bare dirt of recontouring is being quickly covered by buffalo grass, a dry creek bed is a reminder of the severed Town Creek, a low stone bridge adds charm to a curving path that links Albert and George Streets with the RMS shared pathway and fencing defines the entry, replacing the deep wash-away that had been there. We would like to thank the community for your interest and support for the many Garden Club activities throughout the year and to wish you all a Merry Christmas. The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 7.30pm in St Luke’s Church, Princess Street. To find out more about our club, please contact our secretary, Mary Seelis, on 44 641191 or visit us on www.berrygardens.org.au.

RURAL SCHOLARSHIP OPEN

Applications are now open for the Dr Artis Medenis Rural Education Scholarship which is aimed at strengthening the agricultural industry in the region.

Eligible candidates must be actively engaged in the operation of a dairy or other farming pursuit in the Shoalhaven or the Illawarra. You can be of any age and enrolled, or planning to enrol, in any agricultural or farming related course. The Scholarship is also available to assist with costs of attending conferences or seminars in Australia or overseas.

If interested, please send an application to:
Dr. Artis Medenis Rural Education Trust Fund and Scholarship
Rotary Club of Berry, Inc. P.O. Box 81, Berry NSW 2535

Dr Artis Medenis OAM provided outstanding veterinary service to the local dairy industry and the wider Illawarra community for over 50 years, and was a member of the Rotary Club of Berry. On his 85th birthday he commenced an endowment to establish the Rural Education Scholarship Fund held in trust by the Rotary Club. He continued to add to the Fund on subsequent birthdays until his passing in 2015, aged 94 years.
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Shoalhaven Growth - What’s Your View?

Do you want to see further development to the south of Huntingdale? Council is seeking community feedback on its draft Growth Management Strategy (GMS) and has provided the following four growth options in its Discussion Paper:

1. Modified GMS Version 1 - Council would only consider rezoning additional rural zoned land for residential development in Nowra/Bomaderry, St Georges Basin, Milton/Ulladulla, Kangaroo Valley, Berry, Wandadian and Fishermans Paradise.

2. Northern Centric - Growth of Nowra-Bomaderry would continue to be the priority. Work on the release of the urban release areas such as Moss Vale Road North and South would continue, and investigations would be undertaken to determine suitable areas at Merroo Meadow and Bamarang.

3. Growth Centres - Nowra-Bomaderry - Continue to focus on the urban release areas and long term investigation areas, as well as infill development close to centres. Jervis Bay / St Georges Basin- Review may result in identification of more land for residential development. Milton-Ulladulla- Review may result in the identification of new areas for residential development.

4. Consolidate Growth - Focus on larger settlements that already have services in place to accommodate increased development, including Nowra, Bomaderry, North Nowra, Huskisson, Vincentia, St Georges Basin, Sanctuary Point, Ulladulla and Mollymook. Also, potential for increased densities in some smaller settlements such as Berry, Shoalhaven Heads, Culburra Beach, Callala Bay, and Milton Huntingdale Estate will contain around 300 dwellings when completed, and the approved Planning Proposal for land south of Huntingdale would add another 150. This total of 450 new dwellings compares to around 480 existing dwellings in the town (from North St. to the railway in the south, and from the Highway to the west and Pullman St to the east).

Growth Option 1 above would extend the area available for major development as far south as Schofields Lane leading to potential construction of an additional 200 dwellings.

Draft Shoalhaven GMS Discussion Paper

The GMS will set the strategic direction for Shoalhaven for the next 20 years and recommend planning changes and other actions to be specifically investigated or considered. It will help determine:

- How and where new housing is provided;
- How best to protect environmentally sensitive land from inappropriate development;
- How best to adapt to a changing environment;
- How best to improve the health, lifestyles and prosperity of all residents; and
- Priorities for infrastructure renewal and business investment.

Draft Character Assessment Report

Consultants have prepared assessments identifying the existing and desired future character for Shoalhaven’s existing settlements. They form an integral part of informing the GMS process and could be used to inform locality specific considerations for development, such as LEP or DCP controls.

Your View

You can let Council know your views on its growth options via an online survey and its Character Assessment Report via its feedback form (see links on Forum website). You can also discuss the Draft GMS face-to-face with Council staff at a drop-in style community session from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at the Berry School of Arts on Thursday 29 November.

Next Forum Meeting is on 13 December 7.30pm at the School of Arts. ** Christmas Drinks & Nibbles beforehand from 6.45pm **

The schedule is available now from many of the local businesses, from the Show Office or online from our website - so start knitting, stitching, baking or grooming your pet.

Save the date for the Showgirl Ball 19th January, 2019. This social event is the final round of judging for entrants. Tickets available after Christmas.

Show membership is available to any Berry & district resident. Membership is effective June to June each year. The names of the financial members appear the Show Schedule. Members are awarded a reduced entry to the show and voting rights at the AGM in May.
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Joshua joined Jim’s Antennas mid this year after a tree change bought him to the Berry Area.
After working for many years in the Enterprise I.T. and I.T. Security for large organisations in Sydney Joshua and his family - wife and 3 beautiful daughters were looking for a change of scenery and a more relaxed lifestyle which would allow all of them to spend time outdoors.

Joshua’s wife’s family have been living in the Shoalhaven area for many years and they are enjoying being closer to family.
Having been involved in marine rescue along with being active with his daughter’s community organisations and schools, Josh is looking forward to getting out amongst the community and meeting everyone.

Joshua loves giving his customers the best outcome and solutions for their needs and budget and states that with the Shoalhaven area being predominantly rural, free-to-air TV and mobile services often require additional equipment to receive these services. Joshua is happy to work with clients to create great solutions for their home or business.

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Last month a number of our members attended a talk by local well-known local historian June Robson at the Berry Historical Society on the history of our CWA Hall. The hall has local heritage significance – the building originally being built about 1860 in Pulman Street and used as a school until 1885 when the new school opened. The Berry Bowling Club purchased it in 1915 for use as a club house and moved it in sections by bullock and dray to its present site. In 1963 the Berry Branch of the CWA purchased the old club house and bowling green when the Bowling Club moved to their new property and this old building has been our home ever since.

We are looking forward to a talk again this year by contestants in the 2019 Berry Show Girl competition at our December Meeting at 1pm on Friday 14th December at our rooms at 79 Victoria Street, followed by afternoon tea. Any members of the community interested in the Country Women's Association of NSW are invited to attend - we would be delighted to see you.

Looking ahead to next year, we will again be hosting our Australia Day Trivia competition. This free, fun quiz will be held in our rooms on Australia Day, Saturday the 26th January, 2019, commencing at 9am with the raising of the flag and morning tea followed by the Trivia competition. All are invited so do save the date in your diary.

Compliments of the season to all from the Berry Branch of the CWA of NSW.

Sandra Berner - Publicity

It’s that time of year again the Berry CWA will hold its Christmas Street Stall in Broughton Walk on Saturday 8th December commencing 9am.

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**ST. PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Albert St.**
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Plant Identification - a Sensory Experience

It is sometimes difficult to identify native plants that are unfamiliar to us, but just as we learned to identify a rose from a geranium, we can do the same with local native plants. Although looking at books with coloured pictures of plants as a method of identifying plants is pleasurable, it can be unreliable and often leads to wrong conclusions.

- A useful method to learn to identify plants is to learn the names and characteristics of plant families. Related plants share similar characteristics.
- The volunteers spent some time with the children looking at the similarities of plants growing in the Tree Orchard from the Fabaceae family, - Indigofera australis, Goodia lotifolia and Hardenbergia violacea. We are now waiting for their pods to ripen and collect their seeds.
- ‘Keying Out’ is another common way to identify plants by looking at the physical appearance of parts of a plant and using a process of elimination as a guide to identifying a plant.
- The volunteers and children have been looking at a third way to identify plants by using most of our senses – the visual and tactile observation of bark, flowers, fruit, variations of leaf shape and size, and from the aromatic smell of flowers and crushed leaves and from the sound of the foliage as the wind passes over the leaves.

We are very fortunate to have mature local native trees in the school playground and the children are learning to identify –species of Melaleuca (Paper barks), Old Man Banksia (Banksia serrata), Sandpaper fig (Ficus coronata), Illawarra Flame (Brachychiton acerifolia), Turpentine (Syncarpia glomulifera) and Red cedar (Toona ciliata). We have also talked about the benefits of growing the next generation of these tree species in our area.

Having touched the bark of a Red cedar, observed the new pink growth of the compound leaves forming in spring, seen and smelt the tiny flowers raining down in the playground, the time is right to enjoy the shade provided by the broad canopy throughout the summer months. By looking up occasionally in a month or so, the fruits (seed pods) will form and we can anticipate the release of seeds early next year. This sensory identification experience will not be forgotten.

THANK YOU

The community has always shown such good will and support towards the BPS Plant Propagation Nursery program. The volunteers wish to acknowledge the generous financial donation made by Berry and District Garden Club from the proceeds of this year’s Garden Festival. It is very much appreciated. The donation will be directed towards the development of the ‘hardening off’ area for the new nursery.

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We can’t believe that another school year is coming to a close. It’s been a busy term at Berry Preschool and there is so much to still look forward to.

On a fund-raising note, our cake stall, held at Broughton Court to coincide with the Berry Garden Festival, was a big success. Parents were able to show off their culinary and baking expertise and several preschool children helped mums to run the stall. It is safe to say that there were some impressive sales skills on show from our 4 and 5-year-olds!

November has seen the school pay a visit to the Berry Masonic Village, to meet with the residents and have morning tea. Our children gave the residents a demonstration of what they have been learning this year in their Zumba class! Thank you to the Village for having us and for donating a $100 book voucher. It is much appreciated. The same visit revealed the winner of their Christmas card competition which all of our children had entered. Congratulations goes to Beth Goodger who not only won a $50 book voucher, she also had her winning design made into Christmas cards.

Our regular zoo visits continue to go ahead with the children getting up close and personal with Australian Wildlife.

Looking ahead, there are lots of exciting things on the horizon. The children are looking forward to their kindy orientation and visits to the Berry Public School. We have our Christmas party and graduation on the 16th December at the Berry Showground. Plans for this are coming along well with a bouncy castle and petting zoo booked. The children are also practicing madly in preparation to showcase what they have learnt in their music classes this year.

The end of the school year is fast upon us, so we would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to our graduates who will attend big school next year and to wish them and their families the best of luck for the future.
The annual Garage sale held in November raised a record amount which will be used for a variety of projects over the next 12 months. “The quantity and quality of items on sale were of a higher standard than last year” said Shed President Phil Reid. We would like to thank all members of the Shed who were involved in making items for sale, setting up on the day and putting things away. The Garage sale is our main fund raiser and is fast becoming a major event in Berry and once again it will be held next year on the same day, the first Saturday in November. Money raised from the Garage sale will go towards ongoing maintenance and purchase of new equipment and the continuation of our Scholarship programme to Schools in Nowra. Next year will be our fifth year in awarding Scholarships and we can only continue the programme if our Garage sale is a success each year.

Our final Scholarship awards presentation will take place on 13th December at Nowra High School. We recently had the pleasure of having Tim Orange head of Wellbeing and the two winning students visit our Shed and meet with our members. This year’s Christmas party luncheon will be held on Thursday 13th December from 12 noon at the Shed and all members are invited to attend. The cost will be $25 per person and payment and notification of attendance at the Shed is required by the end of November. We hope to have a few surprises on the day. The Tardis trophy will be awarded to one of our members on the day for their outstanding contribution to the Shed over the last year. At the recent AGM the following executive roles were filled: President – Phil Reid, Vice President – Peter Johnstone, Secretary – Christine Murphy and Treasurer – Peter Sommer. Finally thank you to all the members of the Berry community for bringing in items for repair as this keeps us very busy during the year.

Richard Wiseman - Public Relations

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.
The Cockerill Family

Above the store at 83 Queen Street Berry is an old metal sign, surrounded by ivy, which reads: W. H. Cockerill’s Motor Coach Blacksmith & Farrier Works.

W.H. Cockerill was the son of John William (Jack) Cockerill who first established his business in Gerringong in 1875 and became known over the next decade for his ploughs that enjoyed success in both agricultural & ploughing matches. Jack won prizes at the Broughton Creek Show for single and double buggies, spring and dip carts and his collection of horse shoes.

An 1884 advertisement reveals that ‘Buggies, Pagnel Carts, Spring Cart, Drays, Ploughs and Harrows were made to order’ and a reporter at the 1888 Kiama Show made particular mention of the excellent variety of horseshoes that took prizes for Cockerill.

In early 1894 Jack relocated to Queen Street Berry and when Governor Hampden opened the Berry Show in 1896, Jack again won special recognition for his horseshoes. He advertised on the 1899 Berry Register’s calendar as a ‘Wheelwright, coachbuilder, horse-shoer and agricultural implement maker. Vehicles and implements of every description made or repaired on the shortest notice and at lowest possible prices’. His single -seated buggies won blue ribbons at the Nowra and Kangaroo Valley Shows in 1903.

Jack was greatly respected in the trade and was elected as an Alderman on Berry Municipal Council. Unfortunately, he had to resign from Council in 1903 due to being declared bankrupt and his son, William Henry (Bill), took over the Berry business. By 1906 Jack was back on his feet financially and opened a new business in Terralong Street Kiama and within a couple of years father and son were competing in the local shows.

In August 1912 Bill Cockerill moved to the premises at the now 83 Queen Street Berry. These premises included a residence and forge that had originally been purchased from the Berry Estate. Following in his father’s footsteps, Bill enjoyed success in the agricultural shows and took blue ribbons at the 1914 Berry Show with his iron plough and farrows.

Like his father before him, Bill advertised in the local paper and his add in the South Coast Register on April 30, 1926 reflected the changing times, as this add was addressed to Car Owners. It offered the services of a first-class mechanic and engineer and the business was entitled W. Cockerills Garage and Engineering Works.

Bill left Berry in 1942 to take up work for the war effort in Sydney. After the war his son Neville, the third generation to work in the trade at Berry, reopened the business in August 1946. Bill returned to help out, but the business closed permanently in 1949 when the plant was sold at auction.

Left: Cockerill Coachbuilder-Queen Street Berry. Pictured left to right are Alex Morrissey, Bill Cockerill, Bob Leggatt, Jack Boyle and George Pepper. Far Right: The Sign above 83 Queen Street Berry.
Our AGM in October re-elected all current office bearers to their positions. Thanks to all members and supporters who attended the meeting and continue to support the Club.

Changes to Court Hire Charges and Key Pick Up - Berry Tennis Club Members can now hire a Court without charge for bookings of up to 2 hours!

There has also been a change to Court Hire Key Pick Up. The new locations are:

• Daytime to 5.00pm – Il Locale Cafe - Queen Street. Please ask at the counter. Present membership card for free hire. Payment for hire in cash only please.
• From 5.00pm – Quattro Pizzeria – Alexandria Street. Please ask at the counter. Present membership card for free hire. Payment for hire in cash only please.

Berry Tennis Club thanks these businesses for taking on this role for us, at no cost to the Club.

Wishing all Berry Tennis Club members a safe Festive Season and a Happy 2019!

The Club’s fundraiser trivia night is on from 5pm on Sunday 17 February 2019 at Berry Hotel.

For enquiries about membership, comps or events you can always email: berrytennis@hotmail.com.

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The Baby who would change the world

This year Australians are tipped to spend around $51 Billion on Christmas. To put this in perspective, this is about twice what the NSW government spends on Health care each year. From the outside looking in, this must seem absolutely bizarre. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of a baby, who was born some 2000 years ago over 14 000 kilometres away to a couple of no consequence in a small town in the back blocks of the Roman Empire. UNICEF estimates that there are 4.2 babies born every second. What made this one so significant? Why would reasonable people fork out such a huge amount of money to celebrate this birth?

It wasn’t so much the birth that was significant (although the circumstances surrounding it were incredible) it was who this baby was and what He would grow up to do. No single person in all of human history has impacted the world like Him. His name was Jesus which means ‘the one who saves’, later He would be given the title ‘Christ’ which means ‘the anointed one’ or ‘the one sent from God’. He grew up to live up to both these names. He would travel around Israel speaking of a new way, a way of life that would reconnect people with God.

The Bible and other historical sources record that He healed people from every illness, raised the dead, brought sight into blind eyes and performed countless other miracles. He lived a perfect and upright life, full of integrity and compassion for all. At the age of 33, He submitted himself to death by crucifixion. This sacrifice of one perfect man was to make a way for everyone who believed in Him to be with God forever. If that were it, you might wonder if this were true. However, this was not the end of the story. Three days later he would come back to life, His resurrected body would be witnessed by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:6). This amazing miracle once and for all proved that He was more than just a man – He was (and is) God himself.

This Christmas take some time to read the incredible story of Jesus (the account of Luke is a good one) and if you find any truth in it please come along to, or get in touch with any of the Churches in town.

Joel Noonan
Berry Community Church

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Well as you read this can you believe we are at the end of another year?

I guess time flies when you’re having fun and that rounds up our past year with mainly music. We have welcomed new babies, new families who have become residents of the area, as well as all the beautiful families who have supported the group over the time, we have been running the mainly music program. I would also like to acknowledge the effort the team have contributed towards the everyday running of the programme - great job everyone!

The families will be celebrating the end of the year function as a combined group with the Berry Playgroup at Penwood wool on Tuesday 11th December. The children are very excited about this adventure and we are thankful to the team at Penwood for the willingness to open for our special morning adventure. This will be our last day for the year, and we will look forward to reopening on the beginning of 1st term 2019.

We wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TRISH ON 0401 151 820.
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.

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<td>DA18/2203 Dual occupancy and community title</td>
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<td>DA18/2252 New two storey dwelling</td>
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<td>DA18/1447 Rural Dwelling Alterations &amp; Additions</td>
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<td>109 Ben Dooley Road</td>
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<td>DA18/1722 New rural dwelling, pool. Demolition of existing structure</td>
<td>64 O’Keefes Lane</td>
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<td>DA18/1948 Swimming pool</td>
<td>60 Crago Road</td>
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<td>482 Tourist Road</td>
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<td>DA18/1895 Extensions &amp; renovations to existing dwelling, Extend driveway</td>
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<td>DA18/2031 Alts and addns to workshop</td>
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**Sustainable Berry Reference Guide**

**Subject**: Sustainability Workshops through Shoalhaven Council

**Details**: Bookings are essential. Shoalhaven Council’s website has links to Eventbrite for bookings. You may leave your contact details to be notified of upcoming events if bookings are full. Coming up:
- Nov 24 Beeswax Wraps (at Vincentia)
- Nov 24 Japanese style fabric gift wrapping (at Vincentia)

**Water restrictions**: Although we have had plenty of rain recently, at the time of publication Council’s Level 1 water restrictions remain in place. This means: watering gardens and lawns may only be done with by hand-held hose, or by a sprinkler/drip irrigation on a timer; no washing down of hard surfaces; cars or boats may be washed with a hand-held hose; and topping up of existing pools may be done, with the use of a timer. To preserve moisture in the soil and protect plants, mulch garden beds and water in the cooler parts of the day, before 10.00 am or after 4.00 pm. Depending on availability, free mulch is available from Berry Waste Depot.


**Fridge Buyback program**: For eligible households, free collection and $25 rebate 1800 708 401 fridgebuyback.com.au If you’re not eligible for the program, the Berry Depot charges $12 to take old fridges.

**Mobile phone recycling**: Drop off points for Mobile Muster at Post Offices nationally. Retail mobile phone shops, Office works, and Shoalhaven Council Administration centre all have recycling bins for old phones. Greener Mobile 1300 128 900 buy and recycle old phones, tablets and smart watches. The group pledge to plant a tree for every phone recycled. Berry Waste Depot also accepts old mobile phones.

**Alternatives to single use coffee cups**: Local cafes offering a discount when you bring your own reusable cup: Just Delicious, The Emporium Food Company, The Dairy Bar, Blue Goose Café (Gerringong), Ninety One Junction (Nowra), Zest Café & Catering (Nowra) The Cake Store (Nowra)

**Berry Waste Depot free recycling service**: The depot accepts computer and electrical equipment, electrical leads, recyclable metal, smoke detectors, compact and fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries, motor and other oils, gas, water- and oil-based paints and batteries.

**Illegal dumping**: Contact Shoalhaven Council Ranger Services on 4429 3433 (after hours 4421 3100). If the matter is urgent, contact the Environmental Protection Agency on 131 555.

**Recycling / reuse at local shops**: Flavours Shoalhaven refill Morilla Grove olive oil glass bottles. Take your own containers to Leaf Thai restaurant for meals, Il Locale for gelato, and the deli section at IGA. The Treat Factory will fill your container or glass jar for bulk dried fruit, nuts etc, during quiet periods.

**Medication and 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.

**Environmentally conscious brands to support**: IGA stocks: If You Care (household cleaning, cooking and storage products, toothbrushes); Ansell eco-rubber gloves; Ecostore cleaning products; Safe toilet paper (paper wrapping).

**Libraries let you purchase less, and read more**: Shoalhaven Council’s library bus is parked in Princess Street just past the School of Arts building, every Friday from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Berry Street Library in Broughton Place is sponsored by the Berry Alliance; borrow, read and return, or add a book for someone else to enjoy. Berry Community Library at the Berry Uniting Church is open Mon and Wed 1-4 pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10 am – 1 pm.
Would you like to see your restaurant / café / catering service listed in the guide in 2019?

Simply get in touch to find out how.

Contact – Nancy Davies
0428 037 572
or towncrier@berryalliance.org.au.
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.

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<td>• Berry Country Fair (Berry Markets). Approximately 200 stalls selling handmade products, arts and crafts, fresh produce and more. Berry Showground</td>
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<td>• Berry Cool Estate Market, 16 Coolangatta Road – Every second Sunday of the month. Nursery, Café, Food Trucks, Markets.</td>
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<td>JUNE</td>
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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.

**ALL BERRY AND DISTRICT CHILDREN EXCITING NEWS!**

We have had advanced notice that Santa will be driving around the district in the Big Red Fire Truck between 5pm and 7pm on Christmas Eve. So make sure you keep a look out for him and if you have been good, there may be some lollies for you!

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

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## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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<td>Berry Alliance Town Crier</td>
<td>PO Box 202 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:towncrier@berryalliance.org.au">towncrier@berryalliance.org.au</a> <a href="http://www.berryalliance.org.au">www.berryalliance.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Berry Chamber of Commerce &amp; Tourism Inc.</td>
<td>PO Box 216 Berry 2535 4464 3122 <a href="mailto:info@berry.org.au">info@berry.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Amnesty International Berry Local Action Group</td>
<td>PO Box 397, Berry 4464 2879 Contact Susan Locke <a href="mailto:info@berryamnesty.happenings.id.au">info@berryamnesty.happenings.id.au</a></td>
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<td>Australian Red Cross</td>
<td>4464 2479 Honorray Secretary - Margaret Walsh 21 Windsor Drive Berry 1st Wednesday each month at 2.00pm Berry Uniting Church</td>
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<td>Berry Al Anon Family Group</td>
<td>For family 4448 8231 Meetings held on the 4th Friday of each month at 12.30pm David Berry Hospital Conference Room</td>
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<td>Berry Alcoholics Anonymous</td>
<td>1300 903 392 Meets every Thursday Night at 7.30pm, Uniting Church Hall Annex, 77 Albert Street, Berry - Garry 0420 932 494</td>
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<td>Berry Al Anon Family Group For friends of problem drinkers</td>
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<td>Berry Forum (Community Consultative Body)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.berryforum.org.au">www.berryforum.org.au</a> 2nd Thursday bi-monthly 7.30pm at the School of Arts Berry</td>
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<td>Berry Community Activities Centre Inc.</td>
<td>4464 1476 Berry Community Craft Cottage 12 Prince Alfred St Berry 2535 1st Monday Monthly, 5pm @ Muir House <a href="mailto:berrymarkets@bigpond.com">berrymarkets@bigpond.com</a></td>
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<td>Berry Cottage</td>
<td>PO Box 218 Berry 2535 0458 369 266 2nd Monday Bi-monthly at 5.30pm at the Berry Cottage <a href="mailto:functions@berrycottage.org.au">functions@berrycottage.org.au</a> <a href="http://www.berrycottage.org.au">www.berrycottage.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Berry Evening View Club</td>
<td>4464 1191 Secretary, PO Box 275 <a href="mailto:sel4957@bigpond.net.au">sel4957@bigpond.net.au</a> Meets 3rd Wednesday monthly, 6.30 pm at Berry Bowling Club</td>
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<td>Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary Inc</td>
<td>4464 1774 Mail: 42 Albany Street, Berry, NSW, 2535 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9.30am in Activity Hall, Albany Lane, Berry Masonic Village</td>
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<td>Berry Men's Shed</td>
<td>4464 3956 / 4464 2619 A/H PO Box 103 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:richardcowie@hotmail.com">richardcowie@hotmail.com</a> Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-4pm North Street Berry <a href="http://www.berrymensshed.com.au">www.berrymensshed.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363 PO Box 377 Berry 2535 Contact the secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363</td>
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<td>Berry RSL Sub Branch</td>
<td>PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541 - <a href="mailto:stuartchristmas@gmail.com">stuartchristmas@gmail.com</a> 1st Tuesday Monthly at 9.30am Sub Branch Hall 26 Alexandra St Berry</td>
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<td>Berry Rotary Club</td>
<td>PO Box 81 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:barker_killale@hotmail.com">barker_killale@hotmail.com</a> Every Thursday 6pm for 6.30pm at Bowling Club - <a href="http://www.berryrotary.org.au">www.berryrotary.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Berry Show Management Committee</td>
<td>PO Box 443 Berry NSW 2535 - <a href="mailto:berryshowground-camping@gmail.com">berryshowground-camping@gmail.com</a> Meet 2nd Monday Bi-monthly 7.30pm Old Council Chambers 24 hour Caretakers / Bookings Caretakers 0427 605 200</td>
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<td>Boomerang Bags Berry</td>
<td>0416 181 543 Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month: Committee Rooms, Berry Showground. Contact: Katrina Underwood 0416 181 543 Contact Elizabeth Dubbele 0431 663 189</td>
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<td>Country Women's Association</td>
<td>– 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</td>
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<td>Conservation Committee for the Berry Railway Station Precinct</td>
<td>Meets fortnightly at the Berry Museum Contact: <a href="mailto:sandraberner@hotmail.com">sandraberner@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>David Berry Hospital Auxiliary</td>
<td>PO Box 285 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:bke25349@bigpond.net.au">bke25349@bigpond.net.au</a> 2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm David Berry Hospital Conference Room</td>
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<td>Freemasons Lodge Broughton 131</td>
<td>4421 7346 PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541 Secretary: John Dyason <a href="mailto:lodgebroughton131@gmail.com">lodgebroughton131@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>PO Box 153 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:berrymuseum@bigpond.com">berrymuseum@bigpond.com</a> <a href="http://www.berryhistory.org.au">www.berryhistory.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Knit with Love</td>
<td>Lyn 4464 3651 c/- 34 Princess St Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:terryandjlyn@gmail.com">terryandjlyn@gmail.com</a> Meets Every Friday 1pm – 3pm St Luke's Anglican Church Hall</td>
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<td>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: <a href="mailto:secretary@redberryquilting.org">secretary@redberryquilting.org</a></td>
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<td>Rosemary Courtney (0430 359 443) or 4464 2653 (Leonie Winlaw) PO Box 302 Berry 2535 Email: <a href="mailto:berry@zontadistrict24.org">berry@zontadistrict24.org</a> <a href="http://www.zontadistrict24.org">www.zontadistrict24.org</a> Meets 4th Tuesday monthly for dinner</td>
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<td>Australian Decorative Fine Arts Societies - Shoalhaven</td>
<td>PO Box 269 Berry NSW 2535 0429 549 942 <a href="http://www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven/">www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven/</a> Monthly, 7.30pm at The Berry School of Arts</td>
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<td>Berry &amp; District Historical Society Inc.</td>
<td>PO Box 153 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:berrymuseum@bigpond.com">berrymuseum@bigpond.com</a> <a href="http://www.berryhistory.org.au">www.berryhistory.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Berry School of Arts</td>
<td>Office open Thurs and Fri 10am till 3pm.</td>
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<td>Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)</td>
<td>Owen 4464 1250 / Kaye 4465 1240 6 Clarence Street Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:kayec@westnet.com.au">kayec@westnet.com.au</a> Meet Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm, Agricultural Hall, Berry Showground</td>
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<td>Contact the secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363 PO Box 377 Berry 2535 <a href="mailto:berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com">berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com</a> Thursdays 10-12noon at Berry Showground Hall</td>
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<tr>
<td>Canters: Community Choir</td>
<td>Monday 7.30 - 9.00pm Scots' Presbyterian Hall, Alexandra Street Berry Contact: Peter Dalmazzo 4448 6164</td>
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## ARTS

1. **Berry Community Church**
   - **Services**: 9.00am, 10.00am and 5.00pm
   - **Address**: 8 Schofields Lane Berry
   - **Contact**: info@berrycommunitychurch.org

2. **Berry Spinners and Weavers**
   - **Meeting**: 1st Tuesday Monthly at 9.30am St. Patrick's Hall
   - **Contact**: Secretary (Alison) on 0422 760 363

3. **Boomerang Bags Berry**
   - **Meetings**: 1st Tuesday of the month: Committee Rooms, Berry Showground.
   - **Contact**: Katrina Underwood 0416 181 543
   - **Contact**: Elizabeth Dubbele 0431 663 189

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   - **Contact**: sandraberner@hotmail.com

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   - **bke25349@bigpond.net.au**
   - **2nd Monday Monthly, 12.30pm**
   - **David Berry Hospital Conference Room**

6. **Freemasons Lodge Broughton 131**
   - **PO Box 2092 Bomaderry NSW 2541**
   - **Secretary: John Dyason**
   - **lodgebroughton131@gmail.com**

7. **Jaspers Brush Airport Action Group Inc.**
   - **PO Box 153 Berry 2535**
   - **berrymuseum@bigpond.com**
   - **www.berryhistory.org.au**

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

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   - **Please contact mail to:**
   - **secretary@redberryquilting.org**

## CHURCHES

1. **Berry Community Church**
   - **Address**: 8 Schofields Lane Berry
   - **Contact**: info@berrycommunitychurch.org

2. **St. Vincent de Paul Society**
   - **Client Help Line**: PO Box 77 Berry - Ph 4464 3940 421 0390
   - **Vinnies Boutique Shop 117b Queen St Berry**
   - **Conference meets every 1st Mon. 7pm**
   - **St. Patrick’s Hall**

3. **Zonta Club of Berry**
   - **Rosemary Courtney (0430 359 443) or 4464 2653 (Leonie Winlaw)**
   - **PO Box 302 Berry 2535**
   - **Email: berry@zontadistrict24.org**
   - **www.zontadistrict24.org**
   - **Meets 4th Tuesday monthly for dinner**
A Gardens and Land Care

Berry District Garden Club
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
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
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

RECREATION

Berry Bridge Club
PO Box 366 Berry 2535
mcorran@shoalhaven.net.au
Meet 7pm second Thursday of every second month at Clubhouse at Tennis Courts

Berry Cricket Club
PO Box 206 Berry NSW 2535
www.bscu.nsw.cricket.com.au
Meet 7pm at the Berry Bowling Club

Berry Girls Netball Club
PO Box 118 Berry 2535
Meet 7pm second Tuesday of every second month at Clubhouse at Tennis Courts

Berry Hockey Club
PO Box 4055 Nowra East NSW 2541
www.berryhockeyclub.com.au

Berry Junior Mixed Touch Football
PO Box 366 Berry NSW 2535
1st Tuesday monthly at the Berry Hotel
jasim@bigpond.net.au www.berryingclub.com

Berry Polo Club
PO Box 118 Berry 2535
Meet 7pm second Tuesday of every second month at Clubhouse at Tennis Courts

Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery
PO Box 222 Berry 2535
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Berry Community Church Hall – for children under five and parent/carers
Meets Tuesdays during school term
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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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The Town Crier - Page 19

December 2018
The Team at Raine & Horne Berry would like to wish you a very merry and safe Christmas!

We would like to thank our vendors, purchasers, tenants and landlords for helping to make 2018 a very successful year.

2/65 Queen Street, Berry
Tel: 02 4464 1300

Jacqui Crapp  Principal/Sales  P: 0429 104 011
Kimberley Clarke  Sales  P: 0418 204 518
Amy Jarrett  Property Manager  P: 02 4464 1300
Margaret Skelton  Property Manager  P: 02 4464 1300
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Website: www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven  Email: shoalhaven@adfas.org.au

2019 Program

ADFAS is all about the arts.

For 2019, ADFAS Shoalhaven have planned nine Thursday evening lectures and two Friday Special Interest Days. All lectures are held at the Berry School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry. 2019 Subscription is $140.00 per person or visitors are welcome to individual evening lectures, $25.00 at the door. A light supper with wine is included. There is an additional cost for Special Interest Days.

7 Feb 7.30 pm   Jennifer Bowker  The Tentmakers of Old Cairo
28 Feb 7.30 pm   Jacqueline Cockburn  Auguste Rodin and the Gates of Hell
28 Mar 7.30 pm   Sylvia Sagona  Acquired Taste: The Invention of the Restaurant in 19th Century Paris
2 May 7.30 pm   Bernard Allan  Laura Knight: From Newlyn to Nuremberg
3 May 10.00 am  Bernard Allan  Half Interest Day – Two lectures
5 July 10.00 am  David Rosier  Full Interest Day – Three lectures
8 Aug 7.30 pm    Andrew Prince  Jewelled Journeys – The Art of Opulent Travel
5 Sept 7.30 pm   Colin Davies  Architecture, Music and the Invention of Linear Perspective
3 Oct 7.30 pm    Anthony Russell  The Power and Glory of English Country Houses – Their Evolution and Changing Role
14 Nov 5.30 for 6.00 pm  AGM and Seasonal Celebration at the Berry Courthouse

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2019 Program

Berry Men’s Bowling Club

The 2018 Club Championships are close to completion. The last Championship completed was the Four which proved to be a very competitive match despite the final score of 27 to 14 which gave the title to the team skipped by Terry Hayes from the Nick Nicholls team. The Terry Hayes team consisted of Bob Dunn, Tom Froggatt and Col Good and this combination took an early lead by winning 10 of the first 12 ends played and created a lead that the Nick Nicholls team of Ken Chittick, Russell Tulloch and Peter Webb despite a late match revival could not catch. Other 2018 Championships played were Major Singles won by David Badger for the second time, Major Triples winners were Terry Bezant, Mark Power and Ben Watson, Major Pairs won by Ben Watson and Paul Bezant, Mixed Fours went to Irene Dunn, Bob Dunn, Deb Folkard and Col Good, Major/Minor Pairs went to Laurie Watson and Peter Delamont and the Minor Singles to Rob Folkard. Recently a brochure introducing Berry Bowling Club was delivered to local residents. If you did not receive this brochure and would now like to obtain a copy, please contact President Lindsay McNamara 44641868 or Bowls Organiser David Lambert 44642332 or if you would like to attend a social bowls day which are Wednesday and Saturday afternoons then phone 0475 768 249 by noon on which ever of the above days is convenient to you. Bowling membership for the current financial year is still open and available at the very economical price of $45.00. If you wish to try out a game of bowls or have a trial roll up membership in advance is not required.

Landcare BERRY Apex Predators

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WORKING BEES FOR DECEMBER 2018

Alexandra Street Parkcare: 8-10 am Friday 21st: Gail Paton 44487915.
Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 9th: Julia Woinarski 44642084.
Broughton Vale: 9-11am Sunday 2nd: Kelvin Officer 0427 258 417.
Bundewallah Bushcare: 3-5pm Sunday 30th: John Clark 44643911.
Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 16th: Hugh Sheil, hugh. shell@realtimecom.com.au or Jeanne Highland 44641271.
Moeyan Hill: 3-5 pm Saturday 15th: Bill Pigott 44643241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au.
Mount Coolangatta: Nola Barker. Mobile 0409 446 418, nola@barkerlive.com.au, Time to be advised. Meet at end of Roxburgh Road, Far Meadow.
Mark Radium Park: 9-11am Friday 27th. Sue Selden, sueelden@optusnet.com.au.
Princess St. Parkcare: 8-10am Monday 28th January 2019, Terry Oades 44643651.
Tindalls Lane: 3-5pm Sunday 9th: Jim Jeffersis 44642988.
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Plant identification service: Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Ian Parker, 4448 6359.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU & YOUR PETS!

The Christmas holiday period is a great time for pets and their owners to spend extra time together. Many family's welcome new pets at this time too. Here are a few things to do for your pet this holiday period.

Eating right

Whilst celebrating Christmas and the New Year, we advise pet owners to be careful about keeping festive foods well away from animals. It’s common for veterinarians to treat pets that have become ill over Christmas as a result of ingesting food that can be harmful to animals.

The most common culprits include:

- chocolate
- nutmeg
- avocados
- turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats
- onions and garlic
- grapes and raisins
- macadamia nuts
- dairy products, raw eggs, mushrooms, raw fish, citrus fruit, green potatoes, large quantities of tomatoes or salt.

Put a tick prevention plan in place for pets

With the warm weather now ensuring its high season for ticks, we encourage cat and dog owners to talk to us now about ways to prevent serious harm or death from toxic ticks. Ticks release a toxin when they feed, which leads to a condition known as tick paralysis. Common signs of tick paralysis include difficulty walking, changes to their barking and difficulty eating and/or breathing. If your pet is showing any of these signs contact the clinic promptly.

Has a new puppy joined your family? Sign up for our Puppy-Preschool Behaviour classes.

To give your puppy vitally important socialisation and training, and you information on vaccinations, common health issues and puppy care, please call us and chat about enrolling your pet in our puppy-preschool classes.

Summer grooming to keep cool

At Berry Vet and All Creatures Shoalhaven Heads we offer a full grooming service including brushing, bathing, fur trimming, shaving and nail clipping. Your pet will look fresh and cool for Summer and will be able to cope with the heat.

Contact us on (02) 4464 1899 to make an appointment at one of our clinics today.

Our Clinics will be open throughout the Christmas holidays (closed public holidays only).

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Kangaroo Valley Consulting Room
162 Moss Vale Road
Kangaroo Valley NSW 2577
Open: Tue-Thu 2-4pm

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our wonderful customers and their pets, from the team.
Christmas cards are one of those customs we both love and hate. We hate it when you can’t read the handwriting. Who is it from? How can you reply? We hate the cards that don’t say anything. “To Bob and Jenny with love from Ian and Chris.” What has happened to them and how do they feel about you? We hate the form cards containing long impersonal letters. One form letter said: “Don’t think that this is an impersonal form letter. Our computer has personally copied this letter to you!” Yet we love to get news about friends we haven’t seen for a while. Christmas cards do help us keep in touch.

Christmas cards are a great tradition. They remind us that God took the initiative to communicate with us at that first Christmas time.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Jesus is “the Word” of divine communication. Through Jesus, God is speaking to us. He is God’s media release, the microphone through whom God will broadcast his message to the world. This is a very personal word. When God wanted to tell us the truth about himself, he didn’t send us a card or phone us long distance. He came in person. God spoke with us at that first Christmas time. We write to other people we expect a reply. That is how communication works and relationships develop. Christmas reminds us that God has taken the initiative to communicate with us. It is a personal, reliable, unmistakable message of grace and love. Don’t you think it deserves a reply?

Stephen Fifer

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WE SAY A SAD FAREWELL

to our dear Margot Claringbold who passed away suddenly. A Charter Member and former President, Margot was a popular and well-loved member, and a passionate upholder of the principles of Zonta.

At her Memorial service her partner, John Scullion, gave a moving and very personal account of her life - one more adventurous than any of us had known about. Margot will be so missed by all members, not only for her commitment to the club but also for her habit of bringing some levity to the meetings with her joke telling. Farewell, dear friend, and thank you for being ‘you’.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

The Club’s thanks go to the ‘many hands making light work’ at the recent Birthing Kit assembly day. With enthusiasm, a total of 1,400 kits were packed ready for despatch - bringing the total of all kits made by the Club to 20,000! We are very proud of this achievement, which could not have been realised without enormous community support. A great joint effort.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Each year, from the 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to the 10th December (Human Rights Day), Zonta clubs around the world will campaign to help eliminate one of the world’s most persistent violations of human rights - violence against women.

No Abuse -
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NEXT YEAR

Our November meeting will give us all a chance to reflect on the past year and celebrate achievements made by the Club - so a party is in order! We’ll be back in business on Tuesday, January 24th, 2019 and we invite anyone interested in the Club’s activities to join us. Dinner meeting will be held at the Coachhouse Restaurant, Hotel Berry, 6.30 for 7pm. Please book with Rosemary Courtney on 0430 359 443.

A FINAL THANKYOU

To all supporters of the Club we say a Big Thank You for your interest in our activities over the past year, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MERRY
Christmas
& HAPPY
new year

Thank you to everyone who has supported Boomerang Bags Berry! It is a joy to reflect that our volunteer group has gone from strength to strength during the past twelve months: so much so that we have been able to donate money to Landcare and to the Salt Ministries in Bomaderry to help the needy. Thank you to everyone who has made bags and to those of you who have bought them.

Please come and say hello to us at the:

Berry Merry Christmas Farmers’ Market
From 3.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday, 13th December

We will have a selection of bags available for purchase including Christmassy ones that will be great for gift-giving or gift wrapping.

Enquiries: Katrina Underwood
0416 181 543

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Berry Bowling Club
Ham Raffles

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Thursday 29th Nov 10 Half Hams
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A “Taste of Paradise Organic Farm” is a Berry based charity whose primary focus is to support disadvantaged and at-risk young people. One of the farm’s founders, Tim Francis, has been actively engaged with the local Aboriginal community for many years. Organisations such as the Illawarra Aboriginal Service and Warrigal employment have referred Indigenous youth (with complicated emotional and developmental challenges) to the farm for support.

In consultation with Tim, psychologists and therapists from the South Coast Medical Aboriginal Service Corporation have developed the “Farming for Calm” Assisted Animal Therapy (AAT) program. AAT is a therapy that involves animals as a form of treatment. The goal of AAT is to improve a person’s social, emotional or cognitive functioning and is particularly effective in assisting people with disabilities such as autism. “A lot of the Indigenous children and youth enrolled in our programs have experienced traumatic events and the farm experience has been able to alleviate some of the effects of this trauma” Tim says.

Aboriginal community members have been working alongside Tim, helping Indigenous youth connect with their culture via the natural environment. The kids participating in the farm’s horticultural programs have been assisting with planting and propagating bush tucker plants such as Lemon Myrtle, Lilly Pilly, Illawarra Plum Pine, Macadamia nut trees, and Wattle seed. These native plant species have been used by Indigenous peoples for generations for bush tucker as well as traditional medicine.

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A Taste of Paradise is a not for profit charity. Donations are the lifeblood of the organisation. Please go online to www.atasteofparadise.org.au give today and help us continue our work. All donations are tax deductible.

Open Days are held the first Tuesday of every month between 10-12 (Excluding school holidays). Please ring our Administration Volunteer on 0490 060 251 to book.

A Taste of Paradise Organic Farm® Healing Through The Natural Environment

passionate workers add another layer to the programmes on offer at the farm by providing cultural education skills. For example, an Indigenous mentor is currently working on a rock painting project with a young Aboriginal boy. Activities such as these, assist in reinforcing cultural identity and a connection with country. “Our Indigenous mentors bring a deep understanding of their aboriginal heritage which helps us enormously when engaging with Indigenous kids on the farm” says Tim.

Aboriginal mentors form a valuable part of the “Taste of Paradise” Team. These healing Indigenous youth connect with their culture via the natural environment. The kids participating in the farm’s horticultural programs have been assisting with planting and propagating bush tucker plants such as Lemon Myrtle, Lilly Pilly, Illawarra Plum Pine, Macadamia nut trees, and Wattle seed. These native plant species have been used by Indigenous peoples for generations for bush tucker as well as traditional medicine.

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Due to some of our committed members leaving the area, we are very thin on the ground and urgently need new active members. We are seeking keen and committed people to train as firefighters. You don’t need any special skills because as a member you’ll get specialist training within a small, friendly group.

Beaumont Rural Fire Brigade is the first response emergency service to incidents in the Berry Mountain and Cambewarra Mountain areas. The Beaumont Brigade is made up of community members just like you – ordinary people who live on the mountain and volunteer some of their precious time. We provide an emergency service that can respond to fire and other incidents in times of need.

This is a community organisation, operated by the community, for the community, but we can’t continue to do it without new members. We all lead busy lives, but with more hands on deck we can spread the load. This is an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to your own safety and that of your community.

If you’d like to have a chat with one of our members call Captain Dave Macquart (0402 121 102) or Gary Goddard (0418 442 449). Please don’t delay, we need your help now.

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BIG CAKE BAKE AND INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE
The October Big Cake Bake and Indonesian Earthquake/Tsunami appeal couldn’t be held at the October markets as usual due to wet weather. We therefore collected in Queen Street and despite the cold we raised over $850. Thank you to all members of the community who donated.

The Big Cake Bake is one of two annual fundraisers organised by Red Cross to raise money for their everyday expenses as against other appeals that are for a specific emergency. The everyday funds are used for expenses such as local community services, helping in crises in Australia and other countries or delivering clean water supplies to communities that do not have it. This particular collection was for the general funds but also for helping those affected by the Indonesian Earthquake.

BERRY SHOW
We will be having a stall at the Berry Show again so come along and find out about the services delivered by Red Cross. We will be especially highlighting the Partners in Recovery Programme and Trauma Teddies. You may wish to help with these programs. Also we will be able to show you how to prepare yourself for fire. We can give a list of things to put in your own REDiKit so you are prepared in case you need to evacuate. These were also detailed in the article in the October Town Crier. This summer is predicted to be one of high fire danger.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Berry Red Cross attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Berry Cenotaph on Sunday 11th November and laid a wreath.

TWIDDLEMUFFS
Some knitting wool has been donated to Red Cross. It will be distributed to our local knitters for Trauma Teddies and Twiddle Muffs. Our thanks to all who knit these two very popular items. We especially thank Lynne Croker’s sister, visiting from Dubbo who has donated a large number of Twiddle Muffs she has knitted. We would welcome any volunteers who would like to help with this task.

CHRISTMAS
Once again Christmas is upon us and as usual Berry Red Cross will donate a hamper to Berry Public School to be given to a family. We also donate to the School library the Guinness Book of Records and a book about animals.

David Berry Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its next street stall on Saturday 1 December, 2018 Broughton Walk adjacent to the Berry Pharmacy, commencing at 8.30 am. The ladies have been busy cooking some of the best home made cakes, slices, mini quiches and jams for your enjoyment.

One of our amazing volunteers is Judy McMillan. Judy nursed at the David Berry Hospital for many years and now cheerfully provides patients with an array of goodies from the ‘lolly trolly’ as well as working on the many Auxiliary initiatives such as this years Book Sale.

Thank you Berry residents and visitors for your generous support, all funds raised go directly to David Berry Hospital.

Sonja Van Hoof
Publicity Officer

The Berry Evening VIEW Club meets at the Berry Bowling Club on the third Wednesday of the month 6.30 for 7 pm start but it doesn’t matter if you are a little early as you can have an extra catch up with friends. Now if you want to book in or cancelled do so by ringing Jan on 44642181 before 12 noon on the Sunday before the Wednesday of the meeting. If you are on the permanent list you don’t have to book in. This coming month Coffee Thursday will be at the Milk Bar near the Treat Factory at 10 am. Ok you know the drill by now only the coffee places move from time to time. Well, we move - not the coffee places.

Guest Speaker coming up and the Christmas meeting will be a very tasteful night held at the United Church Little Church Hall and yes you can dress in a Christmas theme but only if you want to.

January is break time but some of us do get together at one of the local eating places and February is the all-important AGM where we may or may not need some new people on board. We of course can squeeze in new members come March so come along and learn how we help our Learning for Life children through trading tables and bingo etc.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year everybody!

Yolande - Publicity
The Berry RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Commemoration Service was observed at the Cenotaph in Alexandra Street on Sunday 11 November, and was again well attended by the Berry community including a Sydney group of motorcycle enthusiasts, in beautiful weather.

Clr John Wells as MC, introduced Mr. Ray Strong President of the sub-branch to deliver the opening address that on this day 100 years ago WWI had finally concluded. It was also the 25th anniversary of the burial of the Australian Unknown Soldier at the Australian war Memorial in Canberra.

Locally to assist the war effort, 7 nurses from the Berry Hospital joined, and Berry Red Cross was formed. A total of 37 men lost their lives by the end of hostilities, the last only in October 1918, a month before the Armistice. Like so many other little communities around Australia, Berry men performed their duties; this is shown by the names on the Honour Roll at the Cenotaph many of whom were brothers or cousins. In the bigger picture, he reflected the 1918 Australian war effort was of such significance, it was considered to have shortened the War by 6 months.

Joel Noonan of the Berry Community Church, led the service in prayer. Berry School Captains Daniel Whittaker, Andie Robinson and Darcy Arnold recited the poem “We Shall Keep The Faith”. Berry RSL Member Able Seaman Bradley Burt, HMAS Brisbane read the tribute to the efforts of the Sackley Brothers who joined the 1st AIF in 1916 and served together in the 3rd Battalion in France. In keeping with the times, William and James were bullock drivers and Edward a bush labourer. Regt No 5176 PTE William John Sackley lost his life, killed in action (KIA), at Hermies during the Battle for Arras, and is buried in the Beaumetz Cross Roads Cemetery in France. To give a picture of the ferocity, two VCs were awarded for actions on this day and 25 for the entire operation. A memorial inscription to Pte Sackley is also on the family headstone in the Dorrigo cemetery.

Lieutenant Christopher Hoban of HMAS Albatross delivered the Commemoration Address with the key note being on the sacrifice of so many servicemen and their role of the in WWI. President Ray Strong then recited the Ode, followed by the “Sounding of The Last Post”, the time being 11.00 am one minutes silence was observed for the cessation of hostilities of WWI followed by “The Rouse”.

Wreaths were laid by the Sub-Branch, and local community organisations, and at completion, Piper John Morrison played “The Battle’s o’er”.

MC Clr John Wells recorded the RSL Sub-Branch’s appreciation for the efforts of those whose assistance had been invaluable for the Commemoration Service; RAN HMAS Albatross for providing the Cenotaph Catafalque Guard, Shoalhaven City Council, Turfco for their continued support, the Women’s Auxiliary for their loyal and sustained work throughout this year, Berry Rotary for placing of chairs and Piper John Morrison.

The service then concluded with the Australian National Anthem.
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