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**Even in these unique times, there's still a lot we can do to assist our community. Make 2020 the year to get involved. See the Community Group Page on Page 12 to find out more.**

## BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION



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Berry about community activities  
and to generate a small income  
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Membership of the Berry Alliance  
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groups and individuals, and to  
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be a community we are proud of.

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# Friends of the Berry Alliance Town Crier

Did you know that the Town Crier is available on  
the web and can be emailed to you as well as  
receiving the hard copy each issue?

We have a number of our community and beyond who receive an email version of the Town  
Crier each month and a number who read it online as well.

We are now offering to extend that email list and at the same time also improve the online  
version to a more easily readable layout online.

The other advantage to this service is that you will receive any late breaking news and current  
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# Community, Advertisers and Berry Community Groups – How Important They Are



**We are all going through a particularly confronting and trying time with COVID-19 and a lot of changes resulting from this threat to each and every one of us.**

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier wishes each member of our community well and implore you to stay safe, healthy and united until this threat passes.

Please remember to respect each other, each other's point of view and understand that there are some people in our community who are suffering more than others at this time. This can sometimes manifest itself with anger, or argumentativeness. Try not to react and if you know someone who may be suffering please ask them "Are You OK?" and listen to them. And get them help if they need more than a kind, thoughtful friend to just listen. Lifeline and other groups can help where needed.

We also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our community members and community groups – you and your fellow members and friends – who are doing so much for our community that we love.

We are indeed, all in this together.

As a result of the downturn arising from self-isolation, business closures, job losses and necessary precautions we are all asked to take, we are looking at a likely drop in our advertising income for the next few months. This Advertising revenue is our only income.

The cost of producing and delivering the Town Crier is approximately \$5,000 per month (or per issue). We do have some cash reserves but these need to be managed efficiently.

Each edition varies in size depending on the advertisements (and the revenue) in that edition. This allows us to provide free entries to all our registered Berry Community Groups and the Sponsored groups that we also assist. But it also determines a limit of how much we can print.

A huge thank you to our advertisers who are still supporting the Town Crier, we are all indebted to you.

We have asked our Community Group members to please consider whether to and what they will submit for the this edition of the Town Crier and future editions until things return to normal.

We have asked them to please:

1. **If your group (as many of you do) are providing a service or support for our community during this time** - please submit details of this and how community members can access this and who it is aimed at specifically.
2. **If your group has had a success or something similar** - please make a short submission.
3. **If your group has had to cancel a future event or function** - please make a short submission giving details.

4. **If your group has not met or has no specific news** - please do not make a submission. If we do not have sufficient room for everything we may have had to edit submissions or group information together (eg cancelled or postponed events).

We also need to adhere to the cut off time and date for submissions.

You know that we will do the best we can and that our wonderful Editor Nancy and the Editorial Board will make every effort to include as much information as we can.

We also suggest a few things for you and your members to do to keep up with events around town and better cope with the situation:

1. Join **"Friends of the Berry Alliance Town Crier"** (form on Page 2 in this edition of the Town Crier) and receive:
  - email updates as events unfold;
  - an electronic copy of the Berry Town Crier emailed to you (big bonus – a lot of it is in colour);
  - an email notification when the on line copy of the Town Crier has been posted (<https://www.berryalliance.org.au/town-crier-berry/>)
2. Follow and Like our Facebook site for updates and breaking news and comments (<https://www.facebook.com/BerryTownCrier/>)
3. Keep in touch with friends and neighbours by phone or email.
4. Participate and / or enjoy some of the community efforts around town currently, e.g. Teddy Bears in windows and in front yards to "find" when you go for a walk around town – great for the kids. There is even a Billy Brag song you can play "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" which is good fun. (<https://www.facebook.com/BerryTownCrier/>)

Thank you to all our readers, contributors and advertisers for your understanding and your contribution to our wonderful community.

Stay safe please and our thanks to everyone who is working so hard to keep us safe, particularly our health services and our school teachers and staff and to all essential services which includes the IGA and staff, the pharmacy and staff (who are both offering home deliveries).

We are all in this together and if we can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact us (preferably by email please.)

**Rick Gainford**

On behalf of the Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee  
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# BERRY WASTE DEPOT - CLOSED TEMPORARILY

## Council made the decision to close the Berry Waste Depot in early April.

The Berry Alliance have written to Council strongly requesting that they review this decision.

**Council have since made arrangements for people who do not have a waste service collection** to take their waste to the Berry Waste Depot but by appointment and only

### HERE IS OUR LETTER:

The General Manager and Councillors, Shoalhaven City Council

Re: Objection to recent Waste Depot closure at Berry

Please copy all Councillors in on this correspondence.

Council recently announced the closure of a number of "Small Waste Depots" included amongst the closures was the Berry facility.

We are informed that the West Nowra Waste Depot is now our closest available facility.

This decision has confronted the Berry community (and no doubt others) with a number of problems.

Not the least of these are the many community members who live in more rural areas around the Berry township who do not have weekly waste collection service nor a recycling service. They regularly take their domestic waste to the Berry facility.

The other issues include:

- disposal of garden or green waste (pruning's and grass clippings etc.) that until now has been taken to Berry Waste Depot;
- disposal of household items by either use of the two vouchers that come with our rates each year or payment of the fee.
- Local tradespeople, builders, business owners, handypersons and garden maintenance people having very limited opportunity to properly and conveniently dispose of their waste.

We request that Council urgently address these issues by either reopening the Berry Waste Depot (perhaps even on a more limited opening days and times basis) or find another suitable resolution to these issues.

Unless this happens the occurrence of Council provided bins in the streets, at playing fields, at parks and other community bins being filled and over-filled with waste by members of the community will no doubt increase substantially. Illegal dumping may well occur. Particularly as there are imposed travel restrictions and advices introduced by the State Government.

In addition, we understand that using these "street" or "public" bins for domestic waste is against Council rules (penalties apply). Add to this that there are few, if any public recycling bins available which will result in the whole recycling system being compromised enormously.

Surely there is a way that staff and customers at the Waste Depots can be protected through the introduction of, and adherence to, appropriate protocols.

We would also request that the use by date of July on the tip vouchers provided to property owners be extended.

We understand and are sympathetic to Council as they confront the issues arising from the COVID-19 threat but we feel that our Council staff and residents can be adequately protected and Council still provide a facility for necessary waste disposal, particularly for those community members without a collection service.

Regards, Rick Gainford

Secretary / Treasurer, Berry Alliance Inc. and Berry Town Crier

End of letter to Council.



### Berry Alliance Town Crier:

Two really good ways to keep up with any changes is to become a Friend of the Berry Alliance Town Crier and you can receive updates on these and similar important issues concerning Berry by email as well as an electronic version of the Town Crier each month. The form for this is on page 2 of this issue of the Town Crier or just email us with your Name, Street address, email address and telephone number and we will add you to our list of Berry community members receiving this.

You can also keep an eye on our Facebook site where we post a lot of updates and information. <https://www.facebook.com/BerryTownCrier/>

**Rick Gainford for the Berry Alliance Management Committee**

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A Thank You must go out to our past President of Berry MOW, Pat Stone who had been in the role for 7 years. As we move forward into our new system for MOW, with many hours of IT work, Pat has handed over the reins to Vice President Michelle Linton. We are so lucky to have had 2 wonderful hard-working ladies running this great group.

We have, since March, moved into FROZEN meals leaving Berry Masonic Village 5 days a week. Due to our present concerns for the residents of the Village, our volunteers and Meals on Wheels clients, the time was right. A big move; plenty of learning for all. Sadness, but we had to ask our 70 volunteers and over to step down for this time but are wanting and hoping they will return when this all settles down. The Berry Masonic Village have been very supportive of our move to frozen meals but are also looking forward to talking again when everything gets back to normal in the near future. We wish them a safe time in their close down due to their new rules as well.

Our clients are accepting these changes with their meals, like us all learning new ways, we thank them.

Berry Catholic Church committee have also been very generous in allowing Berry MOW to store their freezer in their wonderful hall whilst this pandemic is on.

We are at present working very well with the volunteers we are able to have but if you are well and under that 70 age please ring if you would like to help: Michelle - 0409 599 133.

Also, if you are frail and aged and/or with a disability, your mother/father or friend M.O.W. can help. Please ring 4422 5111.

Ending this article with many thanks to all who are giving their precious time to us and looking forward to the end of these times.

**Marilyn Kellett**

## THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL OF NSW and BERRY SHOW SOCIETY INC.

# RICH FRUIT CAKE



The judging of the Rich Fruit Cake competition is to be held on 4th June, 2020. Fruit cakes are to be dropped at the Berry Showground Committee rooms at 10am.

Entry forms can be submitted on the day.

Please contact Sharon Jeffery on 4464 3229, 0412 055 579 or email

jeffery@shoalhaven.net.au

The following recipe is compulsory for all entrants.

### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED:

250g (8oz) sultanas  
250g (8oz) chopped raisins 250g (8oz) currants  
125g (4oz) chopped mixed peel  
90g (3oz) chopped red glace cherries 90g (3oz) chopped blanched almonds 1/3 cup sherry or brandy  
250g (8oz) plain flour  
60g (2oz) self raising flour 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves 250g (8oz) butter  
250g (8oz) soft brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon lemon essence or finely grated lemon rind 1/2 teaspoon almond essence  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence 4 large eggs

### HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

Mix together the fruits and nuts and sprinkle with the sherry or brandy. Cover and leave for at least one (1) hour, but preferably overnight. Sift together the flours and spices. Cream together the butter and sugar with the essences. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, then alternately add the fruit and flour mixtures. Mix thoroughly. The mixture should be stiff enough to support a wooden spoon. Place the mixture into a prepared tin no larger than 20cm (8 inches) and bake in a slow oven for approximately 3-4 hours. Allow the cake to cool in the tin.

**NOTE:** To ensure uniformity and depending upon the size it is suggested the raisins be snipped into 2 or 3 pieces, cherries into 4 to 6 pieces and almonds crosswise into 3 or 4 pieces.

## The Berry Show Society Membership

In light of recent events it is all the more important to embrace community and be involved in the Berry Show. The next Berry Show will mark the 133rd, to be held on 29th and 30th January 2021. We would love to head towards the Berry community becoming more involved in this important event for our town and broader community. One way of achieving this goal is to become a member of the Berry Show Society. Financial members (as at June 30th, 2020) will receive their own two-day admission wristbands and a Berry Show Schedule in the mail prior to the commencement of the Berry Show and have their names printed in the members section of the Berry Show Schedule. Berry Show Society members will also receive up to date information and regular newsletters that will include guidance and helpful reminders regarding:

- exhibiting.
- Berry Show sponsorship and business promotion opportunities; and
- Berry Show meetings and events.

You will also be provided the opportunity to attend and have your voice heard in planning the running of the show at the Annual General meeting.

Membership fees have remained unchanged and are more affordable than purchasing admission tickets on Show days.

**Adult: \$20 Child: \$5 (under 16 years) Children under 5 years old: Free**

Please note that memberships expire on the 30th June 2020.

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Please include your surname and initial as identification, then scan and email this form to berryshow@virtualcity.com.au
2. Mail a copy of this form with the names seeking renewal or new membership along with a cheque made to BERRY SHOW SOCIETY, PO Box 173, BERRY NSW 2535; or
3. Pay in person at the Show Office on any Tuesday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.



# ROTARY CLUB OF BERRY

*"We wish everyone health, patience and strength during this difficult time."*

Together we are facing an unprecedented situation. The global pandemic affects everyone, our families, businesses large and small, and particularly our community and way of life.

Our thoughts go out to anyone who's been affected personally by the virus.

Our thanks go to everyone on the frontline, particularly our local health workers and a huge thank you to IGA Berry owner and Rotarian Lee Saunders who over recent weeks has worked tirelessly, together with her team, to ensure we continue to have the many necessities of life.

We wish everyone health, patience and strength during this difficult time.

*"Rotary is here to assist in any way we can."*

## Rotary Good Neighbour Support Service

Some members of our community (particularly the frail and elderly) may be experiencing difficulties in obtaining supplies of essential goods.

If you are, or know of one of your neighbours who may be in need, for any reason, please call our Club's Disaster Relief Coordinator Ken Hutt on 0418 205 225. Berry Rotary Club will do our very best to assist by sourcing items – or in any other way we can.

We have a resourceful group of members, who are devoted to our community – and the people who belong to our community.



If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Berry, call Club President Terry Delahunty on ph 0404 812 002 .

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

## Shoalhaven Emergency Services Community Awards (SESCA) 2020

**You can nominate an inspirational member of any of the Emergency Service Agencies for these awards.**

Now it is time to nominate an inspirational member of any of the Emergency Service Agencies (including Police) in the Shoalhaven for their tireless work in the past months during the calamities that have beset our area - fire, flood and pandemic.

Four Rotary Clubs in the Shoalhaven - Berry, Bomaderry, Milton-Ulladulla and Nowra - are proud to announce the Shoalhaven Emergency Services Community Awards (SESCA) 2020.

The Awards are open to all Emergency Service Agency (ESA) Personnel stationed in the Shoalhaven, serving in either a paid capacity or volunteer in:

- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Marine Rescue NSW
- Surf Life Saving NSW
- NSW Ambulance Service
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW State Emergency Service
- NSW Police

In keeping with the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", SESCO acknowledges and celebrates the selfless community service of Emergency Services Personnel. Any member of an Emergency Service Agency can be nominated by a colleague, family or any members of the community.

**Applications will be open until 9 June 2020 and can be submitted on SESCO website: [www.sesca.org.au](http://www.sesca.org.au)**

Contact our Ambassador, Dr Peter Taylor - mobile 0429 485 045 - should you have any questions.

## Help make a difference - join ROTARY

# Church is not cancelled, just different!



**You may have heard the bell still ringing at St Luke's on a Sunday morning, but no we aren't skirting the rules with a clandestine service, (the bell wouldn't be a very covert way of doing that!). But it is a reminder that while lots of things are changing some things continue. Church is not cancelled, it's just different!**

Lots of things have been changing. A month ago, 'zooming' meant something entirely different. Now we are all seeing each other's faces online - grandparents, parents, and kids all in boxes on a screen looking like the Brady bunch. School is different, and our kids who already thought their teachers at Berry public were great, now have a newfound appreciation for just how amazing they are...after having us for three weeks!

And so, church has changed - our services are now online! And while this hardly ideal (someone called it Claytons church) it does have some benefits. It has never been easier to sneak a peek as to what happens on a Sunday morning! You're more than welcome to check us out. No need to get dressed up, or find a carpark, or even get out of your pjs! Church has changed, but the message is still the same.

Each week we are still sharing the same message of hope in Jesus that our world desperately needs right now. Perhaps you need that too. In fact, if you need any help at all, while our doors may be closed the church is still open, ready to help in any way we can! Just let me know how. (ph) 4464 1058 (e) [simon@berryanglican.org](mailto:simon@berryanglican.org)

**To view our services got to [www.berryanglican.org](http://www.berryanglican.org)**

**Online from 9am each Sunday or watch any time after.**



## Plenty of Time and Like to Knit?

Maybe you are thinking that during this time of restrictions and isolation, it would be good to have some knitting. The **Knit with Love group** usually operates here in Berry on a weekly basis on a Friday out of St Luke's Hall. But we are happy to provide patterns for anybody who would like to knit for any of our projects. Currently we make squares for rugs, garments (jumpers, fingerless gloves, beanies etc) and small soft toys (up to 18cm tall). Contact Lyn (0404 562 772) or Niesje (4464 2558).

**If you would like to learn to knit, check out these YouTube links.**



**How to get started:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vm6oaYzHyA>



**How to Knit stitch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Egp4NRhIMDg>



**How to Pearl stitch:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_j3oOv-ygQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_j3oOv-ygQk)



**Lyn Oades, Knit with Love, Berry**

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- Social Craft Group
- Computers for Seniors
- Berry Apple Users Group
- Coffee and Friends
- Berry Community Library

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**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS

# IN GENERAL PRACTICE

## THIS VIRUS HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING.

At least that is how it feels. At the time of writing this piece, the virus has racked up 1.9 million infections and over 100,000 deaths. We can usually say, "but that's over there". The virus is here and present.

I am sure most of us feel swamped and tired of information; tired of the news. We would not be human if we were not frightened. This invisible virus presents an unnerving enemy. Each of us will cope differently, but maybe an existential threat sharpens a sense of meaning.

We are mindful how each of you is managing and if nothing else, this is exhausting. (it's probably not the virus.)

I have felt a sense of bewilderment, uncertainty, upheaval, hyper vigilance and poor sleep. It is hard to find the discipline to exercise, to cook meals, and I don't even have to home school.

It seems we're off to the next phase; the signs are promising, and they are discussing a Zig Zag approach to loosening restrictions. Or could the worse be yet to come? Sorry, but we have to consider this. However, we appear to live in a lucky little community, but we have been touched.

### The virus: the invisible enemy.

If you contract the virus, it feels like a cold or flu for most people. A cough, fever, tiredness sore throat, maybe shortness of breath, perhaps headache, nausea or diarrhea. You may notice loss of sensation of smell or taste. Apparently, it can be miserable. It is mostly mild (80% of the time). The suggestion is Paracetamol and not Ibuprofen and to make

sure that if you have asthma, your puffers are optimised. We are slow to use oral steroids in this setting.

Being a virus, antibiotics do not help and currently no useful antiviral agent exists, but there are trials underway. Be aware, the danger period is the second week, so if you are feeling worse not better, seek help promptly.

Overall, social isolation, spatial distancing, hand washing and cough etiquette are working. There will be local cases, early detection is the key. We can now finally test more freely; we can pick the illness up early and trace contacts. So far, we have not reached the phase where we are just trying to keep up with very unwell. I remember that shock with the bushfires, they reached the stage of "let it burn" "save people and property". We are still chasing and putting out spot fires. And as health care workers, we are making sure we are not the spreaders. (which does keep everyone of us awake at night.)

The virus hits men worse than women. 80% of the time it is mild and, mostly, it has been younger people who have contracted it. Children seem resilient, by and large, and we are still wondering if children could be asymptomatic spreaders. Being elderly, having asthma, diabetes or heart disease means you have a target on your back. Please, let the rest of us, hide you, safely. Family and friends will keep a distance, but will talk to and message you, will shop for you, bring medicines to you, whatever else you need. Just keep your heads down, till it's safe.

The message is don't get complacent. I have "complacent" on speed dial on my phone,

and I am calling it out, early, whenever I see it. (HG Nelson)

Widespread testing, adequate hospital back up and growing confidence means you can take some comfort. We can manage this thing back into a cage, where it may continue to strike out, but the threat should be contained. (locally at least)

The Influenza vaccine will be given as soon as it arrives to doctors' surgeries. We are being told by NSW Health not to panic, but of course, nobody is panicking. It is reasonable to want to take every precaution as soon as possible. As soon as it arrives, it will be available.

We will keep asking on your behalf. This year is different, normally the roll out is in May.

Everything HAS changed. Who knew the economy was "this" fragile, like a bicycle, that topples gracelessly when there is no forward momentum, and we are all left madly looking for the bike stand? We understand this causes real hardship.

Some of the other changes are good and here to stay. We are more connected. We are more grateful for simple pleasures and daily sustenance. Families feel more precious, hopefully we have given our children some warm memories. Kids seem to be able to keep the oddest and fondest memories at times of change. Medical services have finally evolved the shackles are off. We are more reactive and now we have better communication with our patients. There are always services that still require face to face consults.

**Our doors remain open.**

**Take care**

**Dr Neil Donovan on behalf of  
Berry Medical Centre**







# David Berry Hospital

With no monthly meetings being held till further notice, our members are staying home and keeping in touch with emails and phone calls to check on each other.

Our lolly trolley rounds by Judy McMillan and weekend paper deliveries by Marilyn Kellett have had to be stopped, as entrance to the Hospital is restricted. These duties will recommence in time.

Unfortunately, due to the virus, we were disappointed with need to cancel our Easter Chicken Day. This is a major fund-raiser for our group and always enjoyed by everyone looking to choose and buy their little knitted chicken with chocolate egg. With everyone at home now it gives more time for our members to knit more chickens, to make 2021 Chicken Day the very best ever! Now there's a challenge. Even with the current break in all things normal, we have been able to fulfil a DBH staff request on their wish list and purchase 5 Enterprise 5000 beds with over bed tables, with value of over \$15,000. These beds are in use now at the Rehabilitation Unit and Karinya Palliative Unit.

A special thank you to the Berry Garden Club for their generous donation from the 2019 Garden Festival which assisted in enabling us to purchase the beds.

There is one thing we can say about this time we are experiencing; it is that every one of us is involved, without exception. Particularly, the Coronavirus has highlighted to all the need for and respect for our Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health, Administration Staff, Cleaning Staff, Kitchen Staff and Security working in our Hospitals. Every one of them are doing amazing work, with personal implications of the virus to them and their families. We wish them to be safe and well.

Please give President Marilyn a call on 4464 1774 with enquiries about the Auxiliary and we will be meeting again as soon as able. Stay safe everyone.

**DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL - YOUR HOSPITAL - BERRY'S HOSPITAL**  
Irene Birks, Auxiliary Publicity Officer



## LEAF TEXTURES – Rough and prickly or smooth and shiny

**During the early weeks of the school year, Stage 3 students came to the nursery weekly to observe some ways that local plants adapted to living in the local environment.**

A highlight of the science sessions was learning how to use a microscope to appreciate the detail of the surfaces of different textured leaves.

Observing the cells, venation and roughness of a sandpaper fig leaf, the glossy smooth surface cuticle of the leaf of a cheese tree or the 'drip tip' of a lilly pilli leaf, provided a basis for comparing different ways leaves adapt to prevent desiccation during hot summer weather conditions.

Planting in the Tree Orchard and in the garden outside Year 5/6 classrooms was to be an early National Tree Planting Day activity for the students.

Some planting will be done during the school holidays, so when the children return to school, they will see some new plants which have interesting leaf adaptations in their garden.



*Magnified venation of the underside of a sandpaper fig leaf*



*Glossy surface of cheese tree leaf*



*'Drip' tip leaf of a Lilly pilli*

For the time being, it is not possible to come to the nursery at the usual hours. However, plants can be ordered by contacting lyn-clark@outlook.com.au

A plant species list will be sent, and arrangements can be made for plants to be collected.

This is a great opportunity to browse [www.growingillawarranatives.org](http://www.growingillawarranatives.org) to learn more about local plants that will suit your purpose.



## BERRY DENTIST

**Dr Paul del Solar BDS (Syd)**

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THE BERRY  
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## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

**THE TEAM AT THE BERRY PHARMACY IS COMMITTED  
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DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME BROUGHT ON BY COVID-19.**

- **REPEAT SCRIPT FILLING**  
Your repeat scripts can be left with us at the Pharmacy and we can fill them and deliver as required.
- **SCRIPT COLLECTION**  
We can collect your scripts from your home, just call us to arrange.
- **TELEHEALTH**  
Telehealth is an appointment with your doctor over the phone or internet, rather than in person. If you have a telehealth consultation with your doctor, ask your doctor to FAX or EMAIL your scripts directly to The Berry Pharmacy. Your medications can then be collected later by you or can be delivered to your home.
- **WEEKLY MEDICATION PACKS**  
We can create a Webster pack containing all your medicines for the week and deliver to your home on a weekly basis.
- **FREE DELIVERY**  
We deliver FREE of charge to Berry and some surrounding areas 5 days a week. Please call to confirm availability of this service to your area.
- **PHONE ORDERS**  
You are welcome to order by phone for any of your Pharmacy needs and you can either pick up or we can deliver.
- **PHONE CONSULTATIONS**  
We are now offering phone consultations with our Pharmacists, or other trained staff.
- **STAY IN TOUCH**  
Leave (or email) your contact details with us and or LIKE us on Facebook so we can keep you updated with factual developments and Pharmacy services relating to COVID-19.
- **IMMUNE SYSTEM**  
It's so important to keep your immune system strong during these times, call us to discuss effective ways of doing this.

### **THE PHARMACY WILL REMAIN OPEN**

We genuinely care about the wellbeing of our customers and are always happy to help, so don't be afraid to call if you need a hand.

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through an epidemic.

Listen for free on ABC listen app, Apple Podcasts or Google Podcasts.

**Or click through here for the latest daily podcast:**

**<https://www.abc.net.au/.../coronacast/latest-segments/12025304>**

Please all stay together as a community, stay safe and healthy, help those who need help.

Oh, and wash your hands, properly and regularly.

BERRY ALLIANCE AND TOWN CRIER



**Even in lock down with COVID-19 restrictions, Slow Food Berry to JB succeeded in ensuring seedlings were delivered and available for members and local growers for their April plantings.**

For more information and ideas for Autumn plantings etc please visit our website [www.slowfoodbjb.org.au](http://www.slowfoodbjb.org.au) and click on the Seasons / Autumn tabs. There you will find useful information on what to plant, recipes and ideas.

Please stay safe everyone.

With annual memberships, together we can make food better ... slowly ... but surely.

If you would like more information on our future planned Calendar of Events or to JOIN then please contact Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977

or email [info@slowfoodbjb.org.au](mailto:info@slowfoodbjb.org.au) or visit our website

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



## SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

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[southcoastlifechurch@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastlifechurch@gmail.com) 4464 2315

[southcoastlife.org](http://southcoastlife.org)



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**Cnr Alexandra Street & Victoria Street  
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*Our purpose is to  
Love God with our heart, soul, mind and might  
and to  
Love our neighbour as ourselves.*

*Ordinary people worshipping an  
extraordinary God*

**[www.berrypresbyterian church.net.au](http://www.berrypresbyterian church.net.au)**

# Community Groups

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Beaumont Rural Fire Brigade** 0416 754 272  
beaumontvrfb@gmail.com

**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 www.berryalliance.org.au  
towncrier@berryalliance.org.au

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

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

**Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc.**  
PO Box 216 Berry 2535 4464 2126  
info@berry.org.au www.berry.org.au

**Berry Community Library** 0425 220 258  
berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com

**Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**  
PO Box 218 Berry 2535 0458 369 266  
functions@berrycourthouse.org.au  
www.berrycourthouse.org.au

**Berry Evening View Club** 4464 1191  
Secretary, PO Box 275 - sel4957@bigpond.net.au

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

**Berry Meals on Wheels** 4464 1774  
PO Box 221 Berry NSW 2535

**Berry Men's Shed** 4464 3956 / 4464 1894  
146 North St Berry 2535. Tues and Thurs  
keith.pacific@gmail.com

**Berry RSL Sub Branch**  
PO Box 3307 North Nowra 2541  
stuartchristmas@gmail.com

**Berry Rotary Club** 0404 812 002  
PO Box 81 Berry 2535 www.berryrotary.org.au  
Email: terry.delahunty@hotmail.com

**Boomerang Bags Berry** 0416 181 543  
Contact: Katrina Underwood 0416 181 543  
Contact: Elizabeth Dubbelde 0431 663 189

**Country Women's Association - Berry Branch**  
PO Box 321 Berry 2535  
Contact Emily Boorer 0417 423 018

**Conservation Committee for the Berry Railway  
Station Precinct**  
janetfingleton@bigpond.com 0418 651 787

**Berry Community Library** 0425 220 258  
berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com

**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

**Probus Club of Berry** 4464 3266  
PO Box 68 Berry 2535 berryprobus@gmail.com

**Slow Food Berry to Jervis Bay** www.slowfoodbjb.org.au  
Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977  
email info@slowfoodbjb.org.au

**Zonta Club of Berry** 0412 198 614  
PO Box 302 Berry www.zontadistrict24.org  
membryce@bigpond.com

## ARTS

**Australian Decorative Fine  
Arts Societies - Shoalhaven** 4464 2619  
PO Box 269 Berry NSW 2535  
shoalhaven@adfas.org.au

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

**Berry Spinners and Weavers**  
Contact the secretary (Virginia)  
berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com

**Berry Silver Band (est. 1897)** 4465 1240  
Kaye - kayecj@westnet.com.au - Masonic Band Hall

**Knit with Love** 0404 562 772  
St Luke's Church Hall, 68A Princess Street,  
Contact: Lyn Oades - terryandlyn@gmail.com

## CHURCHES

**Berry Presbyterian Church** 4464 1020  
Isaac Jung - isaac.jung@hotmail.com  
www.presbyterianchurch.net.au

**Berry Uniting Church** 4464 2904  
77 Albert Street Berry - berryuniting@gmail.com

**South Coast Life Church** 4464 2315  
8 Schofields Lane Berry  
contact@southcoastlife.org

**Meroo Union Church** 4448 6048  
Corner of Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy,  
Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048

**St. Luke's Anglican Church** 4464 1058  
68A Princess St, Berry 2535 www.berryanglican.org  
office@berryanglican.org

## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS

**Berry Apple Users Group** 0466 717 254  
PO Box 103 Berry 2535  
Berry Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert Street  
Email: berryappleusersgroup@gmail.com

**Berry Computers for Seniors** 4421 3270  
PO Box 103 Berry 2535  
Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert Street Berry  
berrycomputersforseniors@gmail.com

**Berry Community Pre-school** 4464 1764  
PO Box 143 Berry 2535  
berrypreschool@bigpond.com  
www.berrypreschool.org.au

**Mainly Music** 0401 151 820  
Berry Community Church Hall

## GARDENING AND LAND CARE

**Berry & District Garden Club** 4464 1191  
PO Box 122 Berry 2535  
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

**Brogers Creek Landcare** 4465 1482  
543 Wattamolla Rd Wattamolla  
andrew.fitzsimons@det.nsw.edu.au

**Gateway Community Garden**  
141 Woodhill Mountain Road  
Contact: Laurie Watson 0423 267 957

**Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery**  
Lyn 02 4464 3911 - lyn-clark@outlook.com.au

## RECREATION

**Berry Bridge Club INC** 4464 2742  
PO Box 366 Berry 2535  
bandroberts@bigpond.com

**Berry Camera Club** 0488 031 961  
Meetings on 4th Wednesday of Each Month  
6:00pm @ Berry Bowling Club

## SPORT

**Berry Men's Bowling Club** 4464 2995  
PO Box 139 Berry NSW 2535 Club

**Berry Tennis Club**  
PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535  
Email: berrytennis@hotmail.com

**Berry Riding Club** 0410 506 143  
445 Coolangatta Road Berry 2535  
jasiiy@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.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

**Berry Women's Bowling Club**  
Berry Bowling Club. Contact Heather Fealy  
4464 3624 or Pam Tulloch: 4464 2284



# EMERGENCY 000

Police Assistance Line (Non-Urgent Police Reports) 131 444  
Berry Police 4464 2175  
Fire & Rescue NSW 4464 1008 or 000

Rural Fire Brigade (Broughton Vale) 4464 1522  
SES For Emergency Help in Floods & Storms 132 500



**WASTE:** The Berry Waste Depot has been closed. For residents who do not have a red bin waste collection service an appointment can be booked at the depot on Wednesdays by calling 4429 5681. If at all possible, other items such as batteries, polystyrene packaging, electrical goods etc that are normally accepted by the depot should be kept out of landfill. Green waste should be composted, burned, or stored on site until the depot reopens. The bulky waste pickup service has also been temporarily cancelled.

If you are concerned that Council may consider closing our waste depot permanently, consider sending a letter or email to the General Manager to express your opinion. The West Nowra waste depot remains open 7 days from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. Please consider if your trip there is essential. Asbestos waste is accepted by the West Nowra; please check Council's website for safe work practice guidelines.

**FIRES:** Check the Rural Fire Service website; [rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://rfs.nsw.gov.au) for updates on fire bans and bushfire warnings.

Permits for residents are not required from 1 April to 31 August. Fire permits are not needed in rural zones but a day's notice to the Rural Fire Service, Nowra Fire Control Centre (4424 4424 weekdays 9.00 am – 5.00 pm) and your neighbours is required. Yard fires in town or residential areas require a permit through Jim Abbott at the Berry Retained Fire Brigade – 4464 1008.

**ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS:** Berry has an NRMA charging station at the Bowling Club. There is also a Tesla dedicated charging station at Silos Winery. These chargers can be used by other brands of electric vehicles, with the purchase of an adaptor.

### SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING:

- The local IGA has been fantastic in keeping us supplied with essentials; if you need home delivery please call 4464 1239 to set up an account. Orders placed by 12.00 pm will be delivered after 2.00 pm on the same day.
- The Treat Factory will still fill your container or glass jar for bulk dried fruit, nuts etc, during quiet periods. Keep in mind that this service is dependent on availability.
- The farmers market continues on Thursday afternoons; with new trading hours are 3 pm to 5.00. The organizers have done a stellar job of setting up the space to allow for responsible queuing. Please remember that there are no activities for children; it's a matter of shopping and going. The Berry Farmers' Market has a plastic-free policy, so you need to take your own bags.
- After four years, and hundreds of bags later, Boomerang Bags has closed its doors. Established by Elizabeth Dubbelde and subsequently run by Katrina Underwood, the group helped raise awareness of our responsibility as shoppers to have our own bag. Remember to wash your reusable bags regularly; some states in the US have banned reusable bags in favour of single use plastic bags, and we don't want to go back there!
- With restaurants and cafes closed except for takeaways; some restaurants have set up take away and/or delivery meal services. Some will deliver wine or beer to go with your meal. Facebook is a good place to start to find out what's on offer.

- Cafes have been forced to use disposable coffee cups; think of it as a pandemic necessity. If you are getting takeaway coffee consider if you really need the lid, and when the lockdown's over remember to go back to using your reusable cups!
- Local businesses, already impacted by the downturn in business, are now dealing with enforced closure. Now more than ever they need our support. It is encouraging to see how many businesses have adjusted their work practices to continue trading during lockdown. Check their websites, Facebook or Instagram for opening hours and/or customer limits. Supporting local businesses during this lockdown will help keep us a vibrant and flourishing community. Whether buying for yourself, or a gift voucher or present for someone else, patience and understanding are required under these strange circumstances.
- Having trouble keeping the kids amused? Local bookshop Wax Lyrical regularly posts reading suggestions on its Instagram page (for adults too); the owner will organize pick up or drop off while the shop remains closed. There's also a range of jigsaw puzzles to help pass the hours in lockdown. The Goldfish Toyshop is currently open 10.00 am to 1.00 pm; and any online orders can be collected or delivered.

**RETURN AND EARN:** Berry lost its bottle & can recycling facility last year. The closest ones are located in Gerringong (at Blackwood Oval) and Nowra (Egan Lane carpark adjacent Woolworths and Stockland Mall). If you feel strongly that Berry deserves its own facility, write to Gareth Ward voicing your opinion.

**NATIVE ANIMALS:** WIRES does not recommend feeding native birds however native birds appreciate a birdbath in the garden. Most birds eat a balanced diet of insects and nectar, seeds and fruit; feeding the wrong foods can negatively impact their health. Leaving pet food out attracts rats, feral cats and aggressive birds like Indian Mynas. There is a growing population of Indian Mynas in Berry that is pushing out native birds.

The fox-baiting program has allowed a resurgence of bandicoots locally and spotted tail quolls around the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Budderoo National Park. Local land managers who are interested in learning more about the Quollidor can contact Evelyn Osbourne at the Berry Local Land Service office on 4464 6015.

**MEDICATION AND SHARPS:** 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.

**LOCAL LIBRARIES:** Council's libraries are closed, including the mobile library, as are the local community and street libraries. The Council has however an extensive digital library. By downloading the RBDigital app you can access ebooks, audiobooks and popular magazine titles. If you are not yet a member you can join online.

Visit [shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Digital-Library](http://shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Digital-Library)

**KEEP UP TO DATE:** Visit [local.berry.org.au/berrycare/](http://local.berry.org.au/berrycare/) for updated news, as well as facebook groups Berry Town Crier, Berry Community Facebook Group, and Berry Community Noticeboard.

## BCC Home Delivered

Like many groups in Berry, The Berry Camera Club, is more than just a 'Camera' club.

We are a group of Friends that care about each other, and care about our Town. We share many common interests, including Photography. Our Members meet at the end of each Month to explore Photography, we also meet for Coffee and a Catchup at the start of each Month.

We all share the passion for being behind the lens, sharing our knowledge and improving our photography skills.

We welcome people of all ages who have an interest in Photography, whether experienced or beginner.

Due to the Self Isolation requirement, and concern for our Members, we suspended our Meetings and Coffee Catchups mid-March. We continue to keep in touch via our Facebook Group, as well as our Chat group.

I've been running some online training sessions with our members on how we could run our meetings using video conferencing. A bit of a challenge and a bit of fun - we held our first "BCC Home Delivered" meeting last night! A great success! I'm planning to run these twice a month until we resume our face to face meetings.

I hope this provides some insight into our Berry Camera Club, and how we are 'adapting' to these trying times.

Take Care, Craig Green - President - Berry Camera Club

## RECENT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS FROM SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL



The Berry Alliance and Town Crier are continuing to bring the entire town the Development Applications and those determined over the last few weeks as the Council provides them.

Please use the Council's DA Tracking system by going to their web site: <https://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/planning-amp-building/development-application-tracking> Now enter the DA number from the left hand column. You can view all the available details there as they arise and you can make a submission on any DA.

Please note: We have investigated some anomalies and have found that those applications and determinations commencing with CD have been determined as compliant with the rules by a licenced person (not a council staff member). The DA therefor has not been submitted to Council and will often appear in these lists only after they have been determined. You will find that there are often CD applications that are submitted to Council a few days after they have been determined. This means that neighbours nor anyone is advised that a DA has been submitted so are denied their right to make a submission. The DA and all the details will also not be on the DA Tracking pages from Council.

For this reason we are no longer bothering to publish the application details in the future, just the determination.

The Berry Alliance have now made a submission to Council requesting an improvement to this situation and to allow neighbours to know the application is in and allow them to make a submission on the application.

**Rick Gainford – Secretary – Berry Alliance Inc and Berry Town Crier**

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

DA20/1241	16-3-2020	Split Level Dwelling	22 Tressider Cl, Berry
RA20/1127	17-3-2020	Residential Subdivision & Associated Works	Beach Rd, Berry
DA20/1266	21-3-2020	Demolition of outhouse, bedrooms, carport & walkway connecting to main dwelling.	8 Homestead Lane, Berry
DA20/1292	26-3-2020	Two Storey Dwelling	34 Parker Cr, Berry
DA20/1287	24-3-2020	Detached Garage/Storeroom & Demolition of Existing Garage	20 Lamonds Lane, Meroo Meadow
DA20/1300	31-3-2020	Detached Garage with Attached Linked Walkway	85B Fletchers Lane, Meroo Meadow

### Development Applications Determined

CD20/1127	16-3-2020	Approved	Detached Shed & Demolition of Existing Shed	116B Moeyan Rd, Berry
DA20/1089	16-3-2020	Approved	Demolition of Existing Structures	191 & 195 Queen St, Berry
CD20/1130	17-3-2020	Approved	Dwelling Additions, Alterations & Detached Shed	133 Devitts Lane, Meroo Meadow
CD20/1144	26-3-2020	Approved	Dwelling Additions – Patio Cover & Sunroom	30B Lidbetter Rd, Back Forest
DA19/2220	27-3-2020	Approved	Single Storey Dwelling	61 Parker Cr, Berry
DA20/1231	26-3-2020	Approved	Dwelling Additions – Rebuild part destroyed by fire including breezeway connecting to main dwelling	8 Homestead Lane, Berry
DA20-1266	26-3-2020	Approved	Demolition of outhouse, bedrooms, carport & walkway connecting to main dwelling	8 Homestead Lane, Berry
SF10769	27-3-2020	Approved	Two Lot Subdivision	63 Parker Cr, Berry
DA19/2079	31-3-2020	Approved	Six (6) Animal Shelters & Associated Yards plus Farm Building associated with Existing Equine Centre	20 Schofields Lane, Berry
DA19/2255	9-4-2020	Approved	Dual Occupancy (Detached) & Demolish Existing Dwelling & Garage	39 Queen St, Berry
DA20/1160	6-4-2020	Approved	Deck Surrounding Swimming Pool	60 Parker Cr, Berry
DA20/1175	8-4-2020	Approved	Dwelling Additions	97F Red Cedar Lane, Meroo Meadow

## BROUGHTON VALE / BERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD AND FIRE PERMITS

**The Bushfire Danger Period officially ends on 31 March. From 1 April, the following rules apply:**

- At least 24 hours before burning, you must notify your local Shoalhaven RFS Fire Control Centre (4424 4424) of your intention to burn
- You must also notify any adjoining neighbours (including those separated by a road, lane or waterway) at least 24 hours before burning.
- You should always check that there is no Total Fire Ban
- Heavy penalties apply if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

*Thanks again - for your continued support.* We welcome the new volunteers and look forward to them completing their training and becoming valued members of the team.

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



# RECENT COUNCIL DECISIONS CONCERNING BERRY

## **Review into Clause 2.8 Temporary Use of Land in Shoalhaven LEP 2014 - Council have adopted the staff recommendation**

Here is the decision from Council meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 where Council voted to adopt the staff recommendation.

It is detailed and can be viewed in whole on the Agenda and minutes section of Shoalhaven City Council web page for 9-4-2020 <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-and-minutes>

### **"DE20.28 Review - Clause 2.8 Temporary Use of Land, Shoalhaven LEP 2014**

#### **Reason for Report**

- Present the outcomes of the initial community consultation in relation to the Clause 2.8 (Temporary use of land) review.
- Resolve the way forward in this regard and if accepted, obtain endorsement for potential amendments to the Shoalhaven Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That Council:

1. Not proceed to amend Clause 2.8 (Temporary use of land) in the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014 at this point.
2. Monitor the outcome of both the Destination Sydney Surrounds South work in this regard and the relevant NSW Council Planning Proposals regarding function centres in rural areas and staff report back to Council at the appropriate point regarding opportunities that arise for Shoalhaven.
3. Prepare an amendment to Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 to provide guidance regarding temporary use developments as outlined in this report and receive a further report on the proposed detail of the draft DCP amendment prior to it proceeding to public exhibition.
4. Advise relevant stakeholders of this resolution; including CCBs, Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group, the Development/Tourism Industry, those who made a submission/submitted a questionnaire and attendees of the information session.
5. Update the Strategic Planning Works Program to reflect the outcomes of this resolution.

#### **Options**

1. As recommended

Implications: This is the preferred option as it responds to the outcomes of the community consultation which largely indicated that 'no change' to Clause 2.8

Temporary use of land in Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan (SLEP) 2014 was favoured at this point.

Further opportunities may arise in relation to function centres in Shoalhaven's rural/environmental areas from current work being done by Destination Sydney Surrounds South (DSSS) and other NSW councils.

This option also advances an amendment to the DCP to provide better quality and responsive provisions/guidance regarding temporary use applications that is much needed."

**Option #1 (as reproduced here) was passed by Council on 9-4-2020.**

## **Review into Tourist & Visitor Accommodation - Planning Provisions - Council have adopted the staff recommendation**

Here is the decision from Council meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 where Council voted to adopt the staff recommendation. It is detailed and can be viewed in whole on the Agenda and minutes section of Shoalhaven City Council web page for 9-4-2020 <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-and-minutes>

### **"DE20.29 Review - Tourist & Visitor Accommodation - Planning Provisions**

#### **Reason for Report**

- Report the outcomes of the initial community consultation in relation to the review of the Tourist and Visitor Accommodation planning provisions.
- If accepted, obtain endorsement to proceed with potential amendments to the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 and Shoalhaven Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That Council:

1. Provide 'in principle' support for a Planning Proposal (PP) to amend the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to introduce a new Part 7 'Additional local provisions' clause based on the model clause 'Rural and nature-based tourist facilities' provided at **Attachment 2**.
2. Receive a further report in due course that considers the implications of any guidance material/revised model clause released by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and that presents a PP for consideration to obtain the required resolution to proceed to Gateway, as appropriate.
3. Continue the preparation of a draft amendment to Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 Chapter G15: Tourist and Visitor Accommodation, in accordance with:
  - a. Council's previous resolution of 5 March 2019 (MIN19.113), and
  - b. The further investigation areas outlined in **Attachment 1**.
4. Receive a further report on the proposed detail of the draft DCP amendment prior to it proceeding to public exhibition.
5. Advise relevant stakeholders of this resolution; including Community Consultative Bodies, the Development/Tourism Industry and those who made a submission/submitted a questionnaire.
6. Update the Strategic Planning Works Program to reflect the outcomes of this resolution.

#### **Options**

1. As recommended.

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Implications: This is the preferred option as it will enable the LEP and DCP to be amended to provide updated, better quality and responsive provisions relating to tourist and visitor accommodation development in Shoalhaven. This option balances the feedback from the community which broadly seeks to protect the amenity and aesthetics of Shoalhaven's rural and environmental areas whilst also continuing to encourage tourism opportunities.

The progression of a Planning Proposal (PP) to amend the LEP would not be progressed until such time as the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) guidance/model clause relating to 'tourist and visitor accommodation' is released. Indications are this could occur shortly."

**Option #1 (as reproduced here) was passed by Council on 9-4-2020.**

## **Landscape Screening and Bushfire Protection Measures - Planning Proposal (PP029) - Hitchcocks Lane, Berry.**

### **Planning Proposal to Rezone from Rural to Residential following a Gateway Determination in late 2018.**

This is a part of the Planning Proposal (PP) under the Gateway Determination process for a large block of land (approx. 15ha) with a boundary on Hitchcocks Lane to the north, Parker Crescent to the West, the Princes Highway to the East and the old Bull Farm to the South and is not part of the current Huntingdale Park development but seeks to use the same entry and exit road which may prove an overuse. It is complicated and not determined as yet but is in the process and this is a part of it. There is yet to be community consultation on this but that will be part of the process.

Here is the decision from Council meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 where Council voted to adopt the staff recommendation.

It is detailed and can be viewed in whole on the Agenda and minutes section of Shoalhaven City Council web page for 9-4-2020 <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-and-minutes>.

### **"DE20.27 Landscape Screening and Bushfire Protection Measures - Planning Proposal (PP029) - Hitchcocks Lane, Berry**

#### **Reason for Report**

- Provide a general update on the status of this Planning Proposal (PP029); and
- Seek Council's specific input into one of the key aspects of this PP - proposed vegetation screening along the southern side of the subject land as recommended in the Visual Impact Assessment, incorporating the recommendations of a Bushfire Assessment report.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That Council:

1. Note the update on the status of Planning Proposal PP029.
2. Give 'in principle' endorsement to locating a proposed landscaped screen adjacent to the southern boundary of the subject land as follows:
  - a. Minimum 12 m wide landscaped buffer incorporating an 8 m wide planting area and 2 m wide buffer on either side.
  - b. The landscaped buffer is to be maintained by the landholder in accordance with a positive covenant on the adjoining land.
3. Secure the Proponent's commitment to implement the above measures via a Voluntary Planning Agreement to be exhibited concurrently with the PP.
4. Prepare a draft amendment to Chapter N3 (Berry Residential Subdivision) of Shoalhaven Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014 to incorporate the above provisions and any other key recommendations of the supporting studies.
5. Commence the preparation of an amendment to Shoalhaven Contributions Plan 2019 project 01OREC0009 (Land acquisition for passive open space - Princes Highway, Berry) to recognise the demand the additional lots will place on the passive open space network in the Huntingdale subdivision area.
6. Prepare a report on the PP package prior to public exhibition, including the updated PP, draft Planning Agreement, and proposed amendments to the CP and DCP.

#### **Options**

1. As recommended.

Implications: this is the preferred approach, endorsing the proposed landscaping and bushfire protection measures will enable the concept masterplan and further details of the PP and supporting documents to be prepared/updated and progressed toward public exhibition.

Provision of effective visual screening along the land's southern side, while at the same time, managing bushfire risk are key outcomes that affect other aspects of the PP (zoning, lot sizes, road layout etc.). The proposed landscaping and bushfire protection measures have been negotiated between Council staff and the proponents and satisfactorily address these issues."

**Option #1 (as reproduced above) was passed by Council on 9-4-2020.**

#### **Other Local issues include:**

##### **Beach Road Subdivision Proposal**

For 31 residential lots, from 1ha to 2.3ha (plus one of 4.2ha which encompasses the area known as Jim's Forest) This received "Gateway Determination" in 2017 and the plans and application are now on Public Exhibition on Councils DA Tracking site or click straight through using this link: <http://www3.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/default.aspx?page=wrapper&key=132693&propkey=84352>  
Submissions close on 15 May 2020.

##### **Upgrade of Public Toilets at Apex Park.**

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**Rick Gainford - Secretary, for the Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee.**



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The Berry Tennis Club has had to suspend its competition tennis due to our current health needs. We currently remain open for casual hiring for members and the public. This is in accordance with advice from Tennis NSW and the Council.

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Please continue to observe all the social distancing requirements when at the Courts. We will be back up and running when we are advised that we can.

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## **Berry Tennis Championships.**

The winners of the championships held in March were:

### **Men's Singles:**

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Melissa Aicken & Lee Healey

### **Mixed Doubles:**

Simon Mandile & Lee Healey



## **Berry-Shoalhaven Heads 2019/20 cricket season was very successful despite the many disruptions from fires, wet weather and COVID-19.**

Fortunately, the record six junior teams were able to complete their season. Congratulations to the Stage III Div. A Team who were crowned premiers with a 34 overs rain-reduced win against Batemans Bay. Best for our team was Tom Fletcher with a handy 51 not out and Alec Dobson returning figures of 3 for 9. Our Stage III Div. B team were defeated in their semi-finals and both the Stage II teams went down in their finals. The Stage I Blacks and Stage I Whites (who do not have finals) both had a very good season, winning a majority of their games. In the Seniors, our First-Grade team was very successful taking out the T/20, One Day and Two Day Premiership. However, all their finals were achieved without a ball being bowled due to wet weather and COVID 19. We were awarded these premierships because the team was on top of the points table in all three competitions. Third Grade was also top of the table after the last round of the competition and was therefore awarded the premiership. However, 4th Grade was a little unlucky as they were second on the ladder and were unable to play their final series as all cricket was cancelled for the season. With all three senior Grades being so successful, Berry-Shoalhaven Heads was named District Club Champions which has given them this trophy four times in the past five years.

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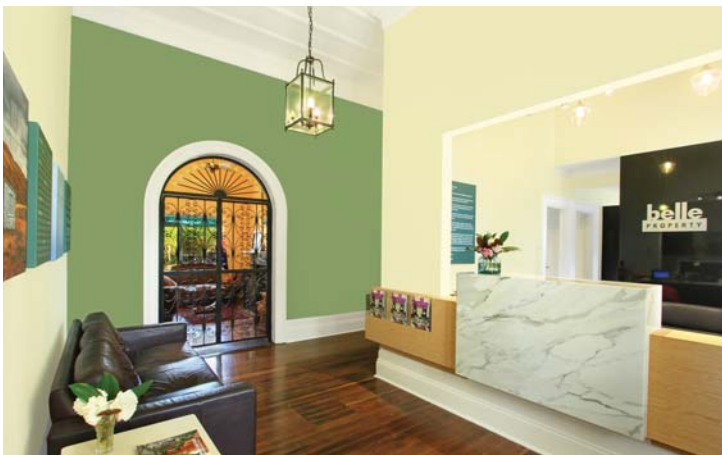
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# Land clearing

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It is difficult these days to find a news item that is not about that Virus. Good time to slip in an inconvenient unpalatable piece of news.

The NSW 'Native Vegetation Act 2003' and 'Native Vegetation Regulation 2013' were repealed on 25 August 2017. NSW farmers stepped up land clearing after the NSW government weakened restrictions, tripling the area of native vegetation removed in 2017-18 compared with three years earlier.

Land cleared for crops, pasture or thinning totalled 27,100 hectares last financial year, or almost 100 times the size of Sydney's CBD. That rate exceeded land cleared for forestry in the state for the first time since 2005-06.

The figures are the first released since the government overhauled native vegetation protection laws. They show land-clearing rates for farming jumped a third in the 2017-18 year alone, and were up from 9700 hectares in 2014-15.

The amount of land clearing detected by satellites that has "not been associated with an approval or exemption" swelled to 15,600 hectares last financial year, up from 10,300 hectares in 2016-17. Add this to the old growth forests destroyed in the bushfires of last summer. (Remember them?) This loss of wild life habitat is leading to the extinction of the biota of this country.

Landcare struggles to maintain and create new vegetated areas for the remaining fauna but how can we compete with this onslaught. We are lucky in the Berry area where changing land use, including the deregulation of the milk-industry and increase of hobby farmers have resulted in large areas of regrowth. Often these are compromised with weed species. University of Wollongong studies show that the more weedy the habitats are the less biodiverse are the animals that live in them. The Berry Wildlife Corridor and the Berry Bush Links project are Landcare's attempt to create more areas of native forest.

It is obvious that the virus is all consuming and a risk to our economy and culture. It demands our full attention but in ten years it will just be a bad memory. If nothing is done about habitat loss it will still be decimating Australia's natural heritage and we will truly suffer.

For information on Berry Bush Links contact David Rush on 0418977402.



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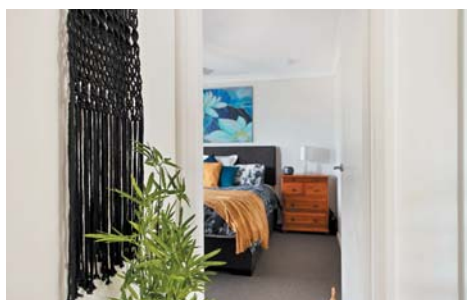
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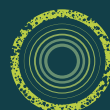
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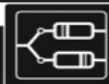
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