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## BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION



The Town Crier is produced by the Berry Alliance Inc.

The purpose of the publication is to communicate to the people of Berry about community activities and aims to share information amongst community groups, individuals and the community. A community that is well informed with a range of different opinions makes better decisions and that makes for an even better community that we can continue to be proud of.

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### Editor's Note



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# News Around Berry



An update of things happening in our Town

## Investigation into Improvements to South Coast Rail Line Announced

The train line between Kiama and Bomaderry is a single track line and there are very limited opportunities for any trains to pass each other on that section of track.

The NSW State Government have recently announced some funding to investigate works that could provide a "crossing loop" between Gerringong and Berry (near Toolijooa).

After these investigations this could be the first step in providing improved services on the line between Kiama and Bomaderry.

Possible improvements might be :

- **more frequent passenger services** - Council are under instruction from the State Government to provide more housing in the area, for example the development of the Bomaderry to Cambewarra land for residential purposes -

<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/planning-for-growth-nowra-and-bomaderry> - in which 4,000 new homes are to be developed and will no doubt require additional public transport. The State Government are also requiring more housing lots in the Berry - Cambewarra area. There are also a

number of other large developments further to the south, but they may not necessarily drive increased patronage on the rail line;

- **more frequent freight services** - Manildra are a very big user of the rail line and require a lot of train space for the grain going into Bomaderry factory and Ethanol etc. coming out;
- **a possible extra platform at Bomaderry** - this could provide a better passing opportunity for the very long Manildra freight trains as well as passenger trains;
- **the possibility of a faster rail journey** - if this passing loop goes ahead because it will provide an opportunity for trains to pass each other between Kiama and Bomaderry (at Toolijooa).
- **For tourism**, if completed, it may enable direct Public Transport access to Berry from our largest market - that will be important for inner-city dwellers who have a statistical reduction in both car ownership and driving licence - if they are going to visit, they may well choose the train as a viable option.

This proposed investigative work commenced in August and is due to be completed in early September.

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# COVID-19: SOME INFORMATION ABOUT FACE MASKS

[ BY HOLLY LANDGREN FOR THE BERRY ALLIANCE AND TOWN CRIER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ]

At the start of the year I wrote a Sustainable Berry article expressing the hope we would become a town that eschewed take away coffee cups; six months later not only has that not happened, we are now in the position where possibly more take away cups are being used, and disposable face masks have been added to many people's daily routine.

At the time of writing this article the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, had issued a recommendation that masks should be worn when social distancing is not possible. As a town heavily reliant on tourism, Berry's footpaths and shops are often crowded to the point where wearing a mask is a safe, sensible choice. A mask is not 100% effective at protecting you from Covid-19, but it can help stop the spread from someone who is asymptomatic.

Leaving aside the environmental impacts of disposable masks, we need to be sure we're not denying vulnerable community members the use of those masks. Likewise we should leave N95 masks for frontline workers who rely on PPE for workplace safety. Don't wear a disposable mask with a valve; it protects you against infection, but if you are unknowingly infected with Covid-19 you can infect others when you exhale.

The alternative is a fabric mask, and there are many options available. A simple internet search will bring up plenty of different masks for sale, and there are many tutorials for how to make your own. Fabric masks are not as effective as disposable masks because of the pore sizes between fibres. However, wearing a mask is more effective at protecting yourself from Covid-19 than no mask at all.

Having already sewn many masks I've learned a few things, and I've concluded that the simplest pattern is a pleated square similar in

shape to the disposable mask. The mask with a centre seam is one that requires personal fitting to ensure a snug fit so that there are not voids around the edges, although this can be mitigated by sewing a bendable strip across the top. The square pleated mask is something even a beginner sewer can make easily.

When choosing a material for mask making, fold it in half and hold it up to the sun; if you don't see light through two layers, it's a good material. It is recommended to use three layers of fabric. Ideally the outer layer should be a water-resistant fabric (eg polyester, or a reusable supermarket carry bag) with cotton/polycotton inner layers. Kitchen paper towel has proved to be effective at removing particles, so using a mask pattern with a filter pocket means you can replace the filter when you reuse the mask. Come summertime, I think that a mask that sits off your nose and mouth a little will be preferable, and there are some fantastic, origami style, darted mask tutorials for the more accomplished sewer on YouTube and Pinterest. These styles are not

always a one-size-fits-all and you may need to tweak the template measurements for personalised fit.

If you want to reuse a disposable mask it may be washable, but ONLY do so if you have referred to the Manufacturer's specification; washing can stretch the pore size of the non-woven material and thus impair the efficacy of the mask. This applies to old fabrics also. A disposable mask may be put in a paper bag and left in a warm spot for seven days, after that it should be safe to wear again.

Always wash your hands after removing the mask; use the straps and make sure to not touch the front of the mask. Treat your mask as a biohazard; don't leave it lying around, avoid touching the surfaces, wash it frequently. When washing fabric masks the temperature of the water is not important if you are using laundry detergent. Alternatively, masks can be hand washed using soap and water.

Let's keep our community safe; a mask is not the only strategy you should use; social distancing and hand hygiene remain vital! The scientific knowledge about this virus is rapidly changing. It is therefore recommended you get advice from reputable sources and don't rely on social media and public forums for information.

The NSW government health website has mask making instructions here:

[health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/how-to-make-a-cloth-mask.aspx](https://health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/how-to-make-a-cloth-mask.aspx)

References:

[nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

[australia.gov.au/health-advice](https://australia.gov.au/health-advice)

[who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-corona-2019](https://who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-corona-2019)

**Check our Facebook page for some links to videos for mask making tutorials.**



## Berry Medical Centre 30 Seconds with Dr Ingrid Buchner



Dr Ingrid Buchner is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bookings can be made online through our website [www.berrymedicalcentre.com.au](http://www.berrymedicalcentre.com.au) or by using the HotDoc App with a few simple clicks

**How long have you lived and worked in Berry?** I actually live in Kiama. Our family moved from Sydney in January 2005. It's hard to believe that's how long ago I joined the Berry Medical Centre to finish my General Practice Training under the guidance of Dr Donovan.

**Why did you choose Berry?** We immigrated from Germany in 1998, where I was born and completed my medical training. After settling in Sydney, I worked at the Prince of Wales and Children's Hospital in Randwick but decided that my heart lies with General Practice. I joined the Australian General Practice Training Program, which required all international medical graduates to train in rural Australia. Berry was considered the closest rural practice to Sydney and ticked all the boxes except that it was not a beachside town. That's why we settled in Kiama. To be as close to that beautiful ocean as possible, as Germans we still feel like we are on a perpetual holiday!

**What are your special interests in medicine?** I really enjoy getting to know my patients not only for their health needs but who they are as a person and supporting them through the ups and downs of life. The recent bushfire season and now Covid19 has again reinforced that feeling of privilege to be involved in so many special challenges and lives of our patients. I do have a particular interest in skin cancer medicine especially the diagnosis of skin cancers including melanoma via dermoscopy.

**What is your perfect Sunday morning?** A sleep in, a strong (triple espresso) latte in bed, and then down to the beach for a swim in the ocean or rockpool. A long second breakfast on the veranda surrounded by my family and friends. The Sydney Morning Herald Good Weekend quiz is a ritual, but we rely heavily on our Australian friends for all these impossible cricket questions!!



# Berry Courthouse and Gardens



**The Courthouse is a little less busy recently as we have had no weddings or functions due to Covid-19 restrictions. This will probably be so for the rest of this year at least.**

We have, however, been busy with working in the gardens and other maintenance and improvements to the historic building. In August we pruned the beautiful roses in the private garden around the fountain. These roses were old when we bought and planted them 21 years ago. They were bought from Berry Roses in Bong Bong Rd and they were very well established when we got them. No wonder they are such great specimens.

We are very grateful to Bob Croker and friends from the Garden Club who completed this job in a few short hours. It was another opportunity for some members to help and learn correct rose pruning techniques and disciplines from an expert in the area.

I enjoyed being there as well and was very impressed from the beginning when Bob had a solution of bleach and water to dip secateurs and pruning saws in and to also dip them in as he moved from plant to plant. This greatly reduces any chance of cross infection of any diseases that there might be.

David brought his muncher and the rose prunings were fed into it as we went and the resulting mulch was used in a couple of the

Courthouse gardens. Jenny said that it sure beats the old days when the prunings had to be put into landfill or transported to the tip (or somebodies burn pile).

Carol and some of the others also took the opportunity to give a few of the gardens and paths a weed.

We were also very lucky with the weather and what an idyllic, calming garden this is.

Many thanks to everyone, regular and new, who participated in this morning's exercise.

**Rick Gainford for the Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**

*Photo shows volunteers, members and Bob Croker of the Berry Garden Club pruning our very old and beautiful roses*



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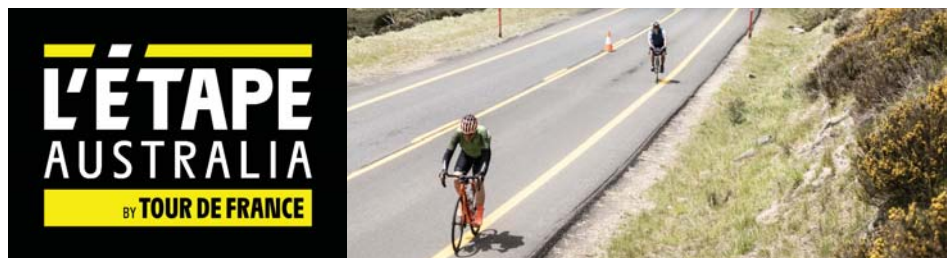
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The recent announcement of the re-scheduling of the first L'Étape event to 19 and 20 March 2021 allows Berry an extra 4 months to prepare for this amazing sporting spectacle.

L'Étape is an international sporting event which provides participants the same riding experience that the Tour de France has, including roads and towns being "dressed up" in support of the race.

There will be approximately 6000 riders through Berry early on Saturday morning before they begin the long climb up Kangaroo Valley Road to Berry Mountain. Whilst this is usually an amateur enthusiasts' ride, the 2021 event is the first year that teams from the National Road Series ("NRS") will also race on the same course, in the same event. NRS riders are the best road cyclists in Australia and many go on to ride with international teams at the Tour de France, so being able to see them in Berry is a major coup for the town.

SBS are sponsors of L'Étape and will be showing a 30 minute special on the event in the middle of 2021 – we are advised Berry and surrounds will be heavily featured in the presentation.

The event organisers have advised that Berry is going to be first "feed and drink" stop and expect that a large number of visitors will be in Berry to see the race and support the riders. Prince Alfred Street and Queen Street will be closed to ensure that riders safety, but this allows supporters and spectators to

be as close to the action as possible – this is one of the very few sporting events where the competitors are literally competing "just beyond the barrier". It is also likely that spectators will be on Kangaroo Valley Road and Berry Mountain to see and support the riders as they push hard to the top of the largest climb on the route to try and claim the King and Queen of the Mountain titles. We may even see the famous "Devil" on the Berry Mountain – a feature of many Tour mountain stages – encouraging riders as they struggle with the steeper sections. For the first time in the event's history, the 2021 program has approximately 2000 riders finish their ride at the Berry Showground. The riders are being encouraged to meet up with family and friends after the ride (many of whom will already be in Berry to watch the race earlier in the morning) and enjoy everything the town has to offer. Arrangements are being made to ensure safe pedestrian access from the Showground into Berry where they will be able to get food and refreshments from our local shops and support all our local businesses. Options for Visitor parking on the day of the event are also being explored with input from both the Berry Forum and the Berry Chamber of Commerce and Tourism being considered. The Town Crier will keep Berry informed as more information is provided on the event including the best spots to see the race and activities in town on the day.

Derek Jorgenson

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## BERRY RED CROSS FUNDRAISING

Due to the restrictions that have been in place, the normal fundraising activities that our Branch would have been holding to raise funds to support Red Cross have been in abeyance. As with other community support groups in the same position this is leading to problems supporting those in need in the community.

We are hoping to be able to restart soon and are aiming to collect at the gates of the Showground during the October Berry Markets. We will be there on the morning of Sunday 4th October unless restrictions are reintroduced that do not allow it. Please look out for us, we will be grateful for your support.

### BRANCH MEETINGS

Our normal monthly branch meetings have also been suspended and we will notify you when they will be recommencing.

## BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

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

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## 'Multum in Parvo'-Much in Little

Passing by Waddell's Newsagency in Queen Street you see the words 'Multum in Parvo' (Much in Little) set in stained glass above the shop's windows. This was the motto of the store's founder, Andrew Waddell. Born in Glasgow in 1859 into a large family, Andrew sailed to Australia in 1884 on the 'Loch Ryan' seeking a warmer climate due to ill health.

In 1885 he began selling papers and stationery from the front room of Susan Reid's home in Queen Street which was alongside the present shop and rented from the Berry Estate. Records tell how 12 Telegraphs and 3 Sydney Morning Heralds were brought to Broughton Creek by packhorse from Kiama and the other supplies arrived by boat at Broughton Creek Wharf.

A small shop was added to the front of the Reid's house in early 1886 with the motto Multum in Parvo inscribed and in June 1886 the business became A Waddell & Co when Andrew formed a partnership with his future wife Victoria Reid. Haberdashery and more general items were added for sale.

Andrew was very interested in literature, delivering a paper on the poet Keats at the Berry Literary & Debating Society while both he and son Victor were keen photographers, taking many valuable photos of early Berry & its people.

When the present store was built in 1935 beside the earlier small shop, Andrew installed his motto, the one we see today, above the doorway.

The South Coast Register marking the store's centenary in November 1985, reported how Andrew had imported his china directly from England and had many items embossed with 'made for A. Waddell, Berry'. Although the shop was known locally as a newsagency, it was primarily the china section which had made the store renowned further afield, with its displays of Wedgwood, Stuart Crystal, Royal Albert and Royal Doulton.

After Andrew's death in 1950, his son Victor and the family continued the business and in 1982 the shop was fully renovated.

Today this popular business still supplies locals and visitors with newspapers, stationery, magazines, books, gifts and now the all important Lotto.

*Pictured: Waddell's Store ca1936, showing part of the original store on the left of the picture.*



## Berry Museum

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letter may be downloaded at [www.slowfoodberry2jb.com.au/snail-of-approval/](http://www.slowfoodberry2jb.com.au/snail-of-approval/) and submitted before 30th September.

Some examples of prior local recipients are South on Albany, The Garden Berry, Strong Organics Farm, Kangaroo Valley Olives, Hampden Deli and Dining & The General Cafe of Kangaroo Valley.

To become a member or enquire please contact Marilyn O'Dowd  
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# The Berry Forum

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

## Record Number of Submissions for Shoalhaven 2040

More than 300 Berry residents have sent close to 200 submissions to Council in support of the content and recommendations contained in the Forum Committee's Submission.

After Council dismissed feedback submitted by the Berry community on tourist development impacts in April as "not necessarily reflecting the views of the broader Shoalhaven", we provided evidence that 90% of the development applications for tourist accommodation in the Shoalhaven over the last 15 months have been in the Berry / Kangaroo Valley area.

The Forum Committee is concerned that inappropriate tourist development, facilitated by inadequate planning controls and dismissal of community concerns, will cause Berry to lose the very qualities that make it a very popular tourist and residential area.

## L'Étape Australia by Tour de France

The Race organisers have announced the postponement of the fifth edition of the event from 27-28 November 2020 to 19-20 March 2021.

## Queen St Road Safety Upgrade

In September, Council is planning to -

- Remove the existing pedestrian refuge by the pharmacy in Queen Street and replace it with a raised pedestrian crossing.
- Install an additional raised pedestrian crossing at the existing kerb extensions in Queen Street, mid-block between Albany Street and Alexandra Street.
- Implement a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area from Albany Street to Prince Alfred Street, subject to RMS approval

## Proposed Rezoning of 55 Wire Lane (Beach Rd)

The Department of Planning has advised that the applicant has lodged a Gateway review application. This means that the Gateway determination to refuse the Planning Proposal will now be reviewed and considered by the NSW Independent Planning Commission.

## Work Begins to Improve South Coast Rail Line

Gareth Ward MP has announced funding of \$125 million for delivering a passing loop near Toolijooa, which will duplicate the rail line between Berry and Gerringong and transform journeys along the South Coast. Geotechnical work now underway will help identify the next steps in this important work. The tunnels between Kiama and Gerringong make the full duplication a very expensive proposition and the passing loop option delivers the same outcome for a fraction of the cost. The upgrades will support capacity for a service every 30 minutes in peak hours and every 60 minutes in the off-peak, potentially doubling the frequency and providing more connections to Wollongong and Sydney.

The current Endeavour Class carriages will be replaced with new hybrid trains that will be able to run on both diesel and electric lines, providing the opportunity to run services from Bomaderry to Sydney without the need to change trains.

## Want more Information?

Register at [www.berryforum.org.au](http://www.berryforum.org.au) to receive the regular Newsletters sent to 1500 Berry residents

## Mental Health Cares

During the Covid19 pandemic and with so many who have been caught up in that, we are all stressed and suffering to various degrees. At the same time the world has seen a big downturn in people contracting the Flu, and sadly, a large increase in people suffering with a lot of stress and mental health issues. We know our community is suffering some very sad losses along with many other communities both nearby and everywhere and our hearts go out to the families and friends.

So, during these especially stressful times please be thoughtful, be kind, respect other opinions, be supportive, be aware. And stay safe.

Please never feel that you are alone or not supported.

## Here are some helpful contacts.

### 24/7 Mental Health Services

**Beyond Blue** - Anyone feeling anxious or depressed - [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au) - 1300 22 4636

**Life Line** - Anyone having a personal crisis - [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au) - 13 11 14

**Kids Helpline** - Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25 - [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au) - 1800 55 1800

**Open Arms** - Veterans and families counselling - [openarms.gov.au](http://openarms.gov.au) - 1800 011 046

**Suicide Call Back Service** - Anyone thinking about suicide - [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au) - 1300 659 467

**Rick Gainford for the Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee**



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## We're for looking for properties!



## South Coast Buyers Agents

### Buyer Profile 1

- **Couple with a toddler**
- Looking for **5-20 acres in and around Berry**
- Reasonably **level to undulating land** due to horses
- House condition **isn't of too much importance**
- Happy to renovate, **but would also consider a turn key property**

### Buyer Profile 2

- **Mature couple**
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## BEAUMONT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



### Two's better than one!

And the Berry area has two Rural Fire Brigades - Broughton Vale/Berry Brigade are based in town, so assist NSW Fire & Rescue when required and cover many rural areas around Berry. Beaumont Brigade are on top of Berry Mountain and they look after all the properties in that region.

Our two brigades work together sometimes and have decided to combine our news and information sharing.

### More Firefighters Join the Ranks

Congratulations to our new volunteer fire fighters from the Beaumont and Broughton Vale Brigades. Eleven new fire fighters qualified at a combined assessment day at the Beaumont Brigade station in August. The enthusiasm and skills brought by these new fire fighters will be a great asset to the brigades and the community. Beaumont Brigade hosted the event, and everyone was very well looked after with gourmet sandwiches. Broughton Vale now realise they need a catering officer! Any volunteers out there??

### Now is the time to start reviewing your bush fire plan and preparing your property for the Fire Season.

For more information <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>

There are 4 key steps in getting prepared for the bushfire season

**1. Discuss with your household** – what you will do in the event that a bush fire occurs in your area? Will you leave (the safest option)? or stay (only if your property is properly prepared)?

### 2. Prepare your home and property –

- Rake up leaves etc., mow and water grass, move combustible material from around buildings (including mulch), trim overhanging branches and remove vegetation close to buildings.
- Make sure your driveway is accessible for a fire truck.
- Clear roofs, clean gutters and have down-pipe plugs on hand.
- Prepare a pump, reliable water source and sturdy hoses, that will reach right around your home.

### 3. Understand the alert/warning levels and know when and how you will act. Download the 'Fire Near Me' App to stay in touch with the alerts.

### FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Low-Moderate, High, Very High, Severe, Extreme, Catastrophic.

See [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr)

### BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

Know the Bush Fire Alert Levels DURING a fire. They are: Advice, Watch and Act, Emergency Warning.

**4. Keep all important bushfire and emergency phone numbers in a handy place.** Bookmark websites, download apps and add phone numbers to your phone. In a bush fire, stay up to date on the situation in your area. It is important that you do not rely on one source of information.



### BUSH FIRE INFORMATION SOURCES

NSW RFS website:

[rfs.nsw.gov.au/firesnearme](http://rfs.nsw.gov.au/firesnearme)

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# PINK UP BERRY 2020

It's almost time to start Pinking Up Our Town again! After the huge success we had with our Pink Up Berry 2019 campaign, where we managed to raise over \$33,000 we have decided to continue on and Pink Up Berry in October 2020!

We will be raising funds for the McGrath Foundation to help support the amazing work they do placing McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia. We're going to turn everything pink, have fun doing it and help make life a little bit easier for individuals and families experiencing breast cancer.

Due to the ongoing restrictions and uncertainty that Covid-19 has caused, we may be limited in what fund raising events we can host, and we understand that not everybody will be in the position to support us like they did last year. However, we do hope that the businesses in Berry will once again join us in Pinking Up Our Town!

Businesses can register to 'Pink Up', at a cost of \$20 (per business). We will supply them with some Pink Bunting to kick off their shop decorating and we will also give each business a certificate of participation. We encourage businesses to do some fundraising themselves.. Some ideas include: A pink mufti day or pink themed morning tea and make it a gold coin donation! Adding a 'Pink' item to the menu, and donating a percentage of sales.. Whatever they decide to do, we want them to make it fun and help us to make a difference!

Currently we have a team of seamstresses making fabric face masks. These are available

to purchase from the "The Berry Barn-Let", 116 Queen Street, Berry on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for \$10.00 each. We will also be selling homemade jams and chutneys at this venue. We thank Sandy for allowing us to use her shop space.

Local King Street resident Michelle Linton is selling homemade Sweet Chilli Jam and a range of wonderful preserves for \$7 per jar, please contact Michelle to order and arrange pick up 0409 599 133.

We will be holding a Street Stall in Broughton Court on Saturday 3rd October (Long Weekend) where we will be selling handmade items, plants and homebaked goodies. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any of our committee members for details.

We would like to thank everybody who has kindly donated material and other sewing supplies, it is greatly appreciated!

For more information on Pink Up Berry you can visit our Facebook page, alternatively contact us via email at [pinkupberry@gmail.com](mailto:pinkupberry@gmail.com) or phone Deb on 0428 005 910.

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Council and Rotary have been very busy this year. A historical Tripartite Agreement has been signed by Shoalhaven City Council, Berry Rotary and the NSW State Government. This momentous agreement solidifies the partnership with the three groups and ensures effective delivery of Stage 1 – Nature Play for Boongaree. A \$4 Million contribution has been granted to Berry Rotary to deliver this stage for Community in conjunction with the Shoalhaven City Council by early 2023. Stage 1 is also being delivered through grant funding received through the Everyone Can Play and Building Better Regions programs, and additional financial contributions from Shoalhaven City Council. Works will commence for Stage 1 in the coming months and will include civil works and playground installation.

Another development in Boongaree is the skate park and pump track. The design has now been finalised after a series of consultation exercises. Council staff have now prepared a report to Council to seek their endorsement so construction can commence on these next two, exciting stages.

For more information, please visit the Shoalhaven City Council Get Involved page: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/berry-district-park> or call 4429 3111 and ask for the Social Infrastructure Planning Unit.



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Spiderwort (*Tradescantia fluminensis*) more commonly known as 'Wandering Jew' or 'Trad' is an invasive ground creeper well known in the Berry area. Trad is endemic to the tropical rainforests of south eastern Brazil, and was introduced into Australia early last century to control soil erosion.

The CSIRO has developed the 'Leaf Smut' fungus (*Koordyna brasiliensis*) as a biological control in Australia. It is highly 'host specific' and local Australian species are not infected by it. The fungus enters the Trad through the leaves air holes (stomata) and slowly uses the weed's energy for its own growth. After a few weeks the leaves develop yellow spots and the plant is less competitive against the neighbouring native plants. The resulting decline is slow and may take one or two years after the first infection.

There are three native plants with a common habitat as the Trad. *Commelina cyanea* has blue flowers, *Aneilema acuminatum* has white flowers as does *Aneilema biflorum*. Commelina is a mowable ground cover suitable for shady lawns. The Aneilemas are often found in the sunny edges of dams and creeks,



# QUALITY TIMBER MADE TO MEASURE



The Berry Men's Shed has recently acquired some exotic 60-year-old timbers, such as Tasmanian Blackwood, Brazilian Mahogany, Australian Cedar and Queensland Maple. We would like to see this material used to create special pieces of furniture and cabinet work for local residents and/or community groups. If you would be interested in a bespoke item of furniture, please come and talk to us at the Men's Shed at 146 North Street any Tuesday or Thursday between 9.00am and 3.00pm. We would be happy to help you create something special for your home or community group.

The Shed is working with the various schools in Nowra to arrange presentations for the 2020 Scholarship winners, this will take on a different approach this year due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Our Annual Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday 7th November so please make a note of the date as there will be numerous items for sale at very competitive prices.

Richard Wiseman

	NATIVE	NATIVE	NATIVE
Tradescantia fluminensis	Commelina cyanea	Aneilema acuminatum	Aneilema biflorum
Leaves 2.5-5.5cm. long & 10-25mm. wide.	Leaves 2-7cm. long & 5-15mm. wide.	Leaves 4-10cm. long & 10-25mm. wide.	Leaves 2-5cm. long & 5-15mm. wide.
Leaf sheath 5-8mm. long.	Leaf sheath 8-14mm.	Leaf sheath to 20mm. long.	Leaf sheath 7-12mm.
Roots fibrous. Roots at nodes	Roots fleshy. Roots at nodes	Roots fleshy. Roots at nodes	Roots fleshy. Roots at nodes
Flowers white. Fertile. Stamen 6. Filament bearded.	Flowers blue. Fertile Stamen 6. Filament glabrous.	Flowers white. Fertile Stamen 2 or 3. Filament glabrous.	Flowers white. Fertile Stamen 3. Filament glabrous.

Following successful trial introduction in Victoria in March 2019 the NSW Environment Trust is to introduce the fungus across Shoalhaven shire. CSIRO field biologist Dr Ben Gooden is co-ordinating the roll out. Broughton Vale Bushcare will be participating in its release. Anyone interested in partaking in this bio-control exercise please contact Kelvin Officer at kofficer@nohc.com.au.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE RELEASE PROGRAM  
CONTACT BEN GOODEN BEN.GOODEN@CSIRO.AU.**

## Berry Community Preschool

The children of Berry Community Preschool have enjoyed lots of fun and educational activities since the start of Term 3. We have continued our music and yoga sessions via Zoom, and the kids have been able to experience some fun dramatic play sets, with a florist shop and a hospital, to name a few.

The Library Van is visiting the Preschool again, with lots of new and beautiful books for the children to select from. Our children have wonderful imaginations and are very creative. Each week the children contribute to our treasure box with drawings/pictures for the Letter of the Week. In the past, the children could bring in an item from home that starts with the letter of the week, however with the current situation we have asked the children to bring a drawing rather than an item. The teachers have been so impressed with the standard of works and can see the improvement in the children's drawing skills, literacy and letter recognition, writing skills and concentration and contribution to group time. The children also recently created

pictures for their Picture Plates, and we can't wait to receive the finished products. It will be a nice surprise for the parents.

We have some very cute visitors at Preschool at the moment – baby chickens. The children love looking after them and have named them the Chicken Divas!

The Preschool's Management Committee is doing a wonderful job. The Fundraising Committee recently organised a Pie Drive and the Berry community has been very supportive. The kids have been doing some cooking and tasting of their own, with delicious pancakes and honey joys, and cupcakes organised for the RSPCA Cupcake Day.

The children are very interested in science, and for National Science Week we have planned some mini science experiments and we will discuss the theory behind these experiments. We will also be discussing the importance of water conservation and keeping our oceans clean.

The major aim of Term 3 is to introduce the children to more challenging activities



in order to prepare the older children for kindergarten next year. The year is flying by and we're savouring this time with our kids that will go to school next year. We'd like to thank the parents for their diligence at drop off and pick up. It's a shame you can't see the wonderful things we have been doing in the classroom, but at least we can capture your kids enjoying preschool in their preschool photos later this month.



# Happy 3rd Birthday Berry Community Library!

It's hard to believe that Berry Community Library celebrated its 3rd birthday in the last week of August. From the early days of empty bookshelves that had been assembled by the Berry Men's Shed, to the present day when our bookshelves are packed with wonderful books, all donated by our generous community, it has certainly been a great adventure!

Our volunteers have worked so hard to make sure the shelves are constantly stocked and are always on hand with book recommendations if needed. We have children's books, adult fiction and nonfiction and talking books available to borrow.

This year has been full of challenges and we have made changes to make sure we have a covidsafe environment. Thank you to the volunteers who make it possible to open each day and to our community who have supplied the books and resources to fill the shelves. If you haven't visited yet, please come along to 77 Albert Street next door to the Men's Shed or like us on Facebook to keep up with our news.

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## DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL

With the Coronavirus conditions changing daily, the Auxiliary has not been able to hold meetings. However, when we first went into isolation after our March meeting, we had received a 'wish-list' from the hospital staff. After discussion with the Auxiliary members via email/phone, approval was given to purchase 5 new beds (\$15,615) for use in the rehabilitation Unit and Karinya Palliative Care Unit.

Then in July we paid for 3 shower commodes, 3 wheelchairs and footrests (\$4,014.60). The Occupational Therapy staff asked if we could assist with the purchase of a hearing Enhancer and disposable covers value \$385, this too has been approved, but not yet paid out till the order is completed.

We are forever grateful to the Berry Community and visitors to town for continuing to support the Auxiliary in our fund-raising ventures and a special thank you goes to Hazel, Suzanna, Fran and Barbara, along with our Auxiliary members who in isolation keep working at home with their knitting and craft in readiness for our next street stall or raffle.

**Call President Marilyn 4464 1774 for enquiries about the Auxiliary, we would love to have you join with us. Stay safe everyone.**

Irene Birks, Auxiliary Publicity Officer

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### FATHERS DAY STREET STALL

**on FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 9am IN BROUGHTON COURT**

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As regulations suggest, we will be wearing masks and have hand sanitizer for all to use, and only ask that you respect our workers and other people by social distancing giving space for all to be safe. Please come along and support the Hospital Auxiliary so we in turn, can continue to purchase extra equipment for the Hospital.

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When you think about your life, are you satisfied?

For me, it comes down to what I value. If I value money and the accumulation of stuff, then I will be thoroughly unsatisfied. Because by the world's standards I will never have enough. Having more always means that we want more. However, if I value things like healthy and loving relationships, or living a life of meaning and purpose, then I am very satisfied.

About 18 years ago I was deeply unsatisfied with life. I found very little contentment or meaning with what was being thrown at me by society. So I began to pray, I attended a local church, I read from a bible that had been given to me. I found that over a three-month period I began a real and tangible relationship with God. In that relationship, I received many things, such as peace, freedom from shame, assurance and ultimately satisfaction.

Jesus said in John 6:35 "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." For me, the message of the Christian faith is diametrically opposed to that of the world around us. While the world may say that you can never truly be satisfied, Christianity says that you can find real and tangible satisfaction in a relationship with the one who created you.

Why don't you come along and see if you can find satisfaction in Jesus? Everyone is welcome!



Following many months of close down, we wish to inform you that mainly music will not open until the beginning of the coming year; there has been too much uncertainty with the Covid 19 situation taking into consideration both the families that attend as well as the team members.

Mainly music has been an amazing programme that we have had the opportunity to be part of over the past 8 years, and to the hundreds of families who have passed through our doors over that time, I thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement, with the joy of sharing your child's growth and development with us.

This has been a very blessed time in my life and I will miss the group, I would like to also thank the team who have always been of great willingness to serve, and to the Town Crier for the many articles placed over the years. With love to all, Trish Nicholson.



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## Berry Men's Bowling Club

**After a Covid-19 forced break, both the Men and Lady bowlers are back playing with strict isolation and equipment handling procedures.**

The members of the Men's Club are again playing social and championship matches on Wednesday and Saturday and despite the additional care that has to be taken in view of Covid-19 visitors and those wishing to try the game out are welcome. Membership of the club is now open and can be arranged at the Club House. The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held in July and resulted in David Lambert being re-elected to the position of President and Derek Raymond as Secretary and Ken Stephens who was presented with Life Membership as Treasurer. The Bowls Organiser and Chairman of Selectors for the ensuing 12 months are Rob Reid and David Badger.

Details in respect of playing bowls or membership are available from above members or Club House staff on 4464 2995.



# BERRY Kid's CLUB

**Berry Kids Club is a part of children's ministry of Berry Presbyterian church since 2015. Berry Kids Club is an engaging and fun program which aims to;**

- teach children about Jesus and following him
- provide a safe environment in which children can easily build friendships and connections with others.

**The details for the Kids club are following,**

**Where:** Berry Presbyterian Church Hall

**When:** the 2nd and 4th Friday each month (sometimes the 5th Friday too)

Dates for Term 3: July 31st, August 14th & 28th, Sept 11th & 25th

**Time:** 3.15-5.30pm

**Who:** Kindergarten to Year 6. Many of the children walk from Berry Public School with Pastor Isaac and other adults to the hall.

**Why:** We have play activities, afternoon tea, a Bible talk, craft and discussion times, dancing, music and games.

**Our expectations** for the children are to learn from the Bible and respect each other and the adults; care for one another; be kind; ask for help when needed; use manners and be considerate, patient and use appropriate words; to listen and participate in the Bible talks.

**We are Covid safe** and encourage the children to regularly wash their hands and use sanitiser as well. All our adult leaders and helpers have Working with Children and Child Protection qualifications. All maintain safe practices and cleaning before, during and after each afternoon. Afternoon tea is served on individual plates, by the helpers. The children are encouraged to sit with others to socialise. It is a wonderful time for us to have fellowship with each other.

**If you have any questions, please contact either:**

Isaac Jung on 0405 139 031 or email: [Isaac.jung@hotmail.com](mailto:Isaac.jung@hotmail.com) or  
Sue Skinner on 0419 634 365 or email: [sueskinner83@gmail.com](mailto:sueskinner83@gmail.com)



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# Community Groups

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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**Berry Alliance Town Crier** 0428 037 572  
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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

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

**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  
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**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

**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

**David Berry Hospital Auxiliary** 4464 1774  
P.O. Box 285 Berry 2535  
bke25349@bigpond.net.au

**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 slowfoodberry2jb@gmail.com

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

## ARTS

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

**South Coast Life Church** 4464 2315  
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hello@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  
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## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS

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

**Berry Computers for Seniors** 4421 3270  
PO Box 103 Berry 2535  
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berrycfs@gmail.com

**Berry Community Pre-school** 4464 1764  
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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  
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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**  
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## 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  
jasiy@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.com

**Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club**  
www.headssurf.com.au  
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

**Berry Community Groups -  
please register with  
the Town Crier before  
the October Town Crier cut-off**

Each registered group should have received a Renewal Registration form from us.  
This is to update our contact details and has been expanded to also include contact details for the  
person authorised to make submissions to the Town Crier.  
If you have not received it yet please email info@berryalliance.org.au with a request for it.  
Berry Community Groups need to be renewed before the October Town Crier closes.  
Thank you.



**Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee**

# EMERGENCY 000

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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

**LIVING WITH COVID-19:** With the end of lockdown and easing of restrictions on local travel, Berry has seen an increase of visitors to town, particularly during the recent school holidays. There appears to have been little thought by some people to the ongoing importance of social distancing, making it difficult for vulnerable members of the community to safely shop and access services. To remain a resilient community, heavily reliant on the tourism industry, we need to care for ourselves and our neighbours. Hand washing and mask wearing remain a recommended strategy. While priority for PPE should be given to those working on the frontline, there are washable/reusable masks for sale online, or you can make your own. Charities and local community groups are making/selling masks, so if you are not a sewer you could show your support by purchasing locally made masks.

### SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING:

- Most local cafes will now accept your reusable coffee cup for filling; please consider this when ordering a takeaway coffee.

- 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 farmers market continues on Thursday afternoons; hours are 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. 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.
- Some shops and restaurants will allow you to supply your own container for pantry supplies and takeaway food. Some, such as the Treat Factory, offer this service in off-peak times only.

**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.

## Recycling and Waste Information

**Yellow Bin (Recycling) collection in Berry – fortnightly – put out on the night of Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th September**

*Please do not put recyclables into plastic bags. They can't be sorted and will go straight to landfill.*

**Berry Waste and Recycling Centre, 175 Agars Lane, Berry** Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 8am – 4pm Buy Back Centre – Sat & Sun 8am – 12pm

**Drop off your household problem waste for recycling**

You can drop off: Gas bottles; Fire extinguishers; Paint; Fluoro globes and tubes; Car batteries; Household batteries; Motor oils; Other oils; Smoke detectors.

*Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L. maximum container size. Please transport your materials carefully.*

For more information call Shoalhaven City Council on 4429 3129 or visit [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

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## Planting to establish ground covers

After the bush fires and the heavy rains, gardens and bush areas have been denuded of organic mulch and ground covers, the natural protection for soil against weed infestation and moisture loss.

Planting local native ground covers provides a practical solution to establish a living mulch of desirable local ground covers in your native garden or regeneration area. Ground covers will help reduce weed infestation and will enhance the appearance of natural bush.

Pollinating insects will be attracted and habitat cover will be provided for invertebrates and small lizards and frogs.

Over time, the quality of the soil will gradually improve and fungi and microscopic organisms in the soil will thrive.

To establish plant trays of local mixed small native herbaceous plants, grasses, ferns and ground covers at a low cost.

### YOU WILL NEED

- Plant tray or shallow poly box with drainage holes.
- Native potting mix
- Newspaper
- A mixture of ground covers such as commelina, beard grass, dicandra, native violets, berry salt bush, local ferns, native plectranthus, dianella, lomandra - as seeds, cuttings or small seedlings.

### METHOD

- Line the plant tray with 2 sheets of newspaper.
- Mix about 1 litre of some local soil with the potting mix



- Spread the mix into the prepared tray.
- Plant the ground covers into the tray.
- Water well to ensue the seeds or roots are in contact with the soil
- Sprinkle some more potting mix on top and some leaf litter to make the plants feel at home.
- Place the tray in under a tree with filtered light.
- Water when necessary. The plants will take root and grow and spread to fill the tray.

### PLANTING OUT

- Prepare the planting area by digging a space a little larger than the size of the tray and a bit deeper than the depth of the soil in the tray.
- Fill the hole with water and let it drain.
- Use another tray as support, turn the pizza tray upside down and tap it gently to loosen the contents and plant into the prepared hole.
- Sprinkle some compost and leaf litter over the ground covers and water in thoroughly.
- Mulch the surrounding areas with leaf litter.

### AFTER CARE

- Keep the plants moist and they will gradually colonise and spread.

The nursery is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays outside of school hours from 3.15 - 4.30pm.

We would be happy to suggest and show you local ground covers that can be propagated in this way or go to [www.growingillawarranatives.org](http://www.growingillawarranatives.org) to seek out more possibilities.



# 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 that are received from Council since our last edition of the Town Crier.

You will note that there is a lag in reporting them so we also supply an update mid-month in our Newsletter for Friends of the Town Crier.

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.

**Rick Gainford - Secretary - For the Berry Alliance Inc and Berry Town Crier Management Committee**

## APPLICATIONS

DA20/1706 – 14-7-2020 – Swimming Pool – Plunge Pool – 42 Clarence St. Berry.

DA20/1594 – 22-7-2020 – Telecommunications Facility – 129A Tourist Rd Beaumont.

CD20/1362 – 24-7-2020 – Dwelling Additions – Convert Alfresco to Living Area – 107 Parker Cr Berry.

DA20/1767 – 6-8-2020 – Car Show Event on 17-10-2020 – 185 Strongs Road, Jaspers Brush.

CD20/1398 – 10-8-2020 – Dwelling Additions, Covered Pergola, Detached Garage,  
In Ground Swimming Pool & Demolition of Shed – 73 Princess St, Berry.

DA20/1795 – 12-8-2020 – Tennis Court, Swimming Pool & Associated Landscaping – 255 Devitts Lane, Meroo Meadow.

## DETERMINATIONS

DA20/1569 – 16-7-2020 – WITHDRAWN – Dwelling Alterations and Additions – 42A Mullers Lane, Jaspers Brush.

DA20/1610 – 16-7-2020 – Approved – Swimming Pool – Partially Above Ground – 160A Grahams Rd, Meroo Meadow.

CD20/1380 – 29-7-2020 – Approved – Single Storey Dwelling & In-Ground Swimming Pool – 6A Kangaroo Valley Road, Berry.

DA20/1646 – 29-7-2020 – Approved – Detached Machinery Shed & Demolition of Existing Shed – 45 Borrowdale Close, Berry.

CD20/1375 – 26-7-2020 – Approved – Dwelling Additions & Alterations – 190 Tindalls Lane, Broughton.

DA20/1435 – 4-8-2020 – Approved – Dual Occupancy (Detached) & Cubic Space Strata Subdivision – 48 Queen Street, Berry.

DA20/1457 – 6-8-2020 – Approved – Attached Dual Occupancy – 3 Tigman Street, Berry.

DA20/1431 – 7-8-2020 – Approved – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 185 Strongs Road, Jaspers Brush.

SF10807 – 7-8-2020 – Approved – Boundary Adjustment – 135 O'Keeffes Lane, Jaspers Brush.

DA20/1654 – 12-8-2020 – Approved – Single Storey Dwelling – 14 Tigman St, Berry.

DA20/1675 – 13-8-2020 – Approved – In Ground Swimming Pool – 28 Victoria St, Berry.

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

**The Bushfire Danger Period officially ended 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>**



# SHOALHAVEN HEADS SLSC

SEVEN MILE BEACH - SOUTH COAST NSW

Volunteer Patrol Services are scheduled to start at Shoalhaven Heads Beach on Sunday September 26th and Junior Nippers from Mid-October. In preparation for the 2020/21 Life Saving season Shoalhaven Heads is implementing Covid management policy and procedures developed with SLS NSW and following government guidelines. We are registered as a Covid Safe organisation. The AGM has been held and new committee elected led by President Karl Poulton. We had 2 longstanding active members stand down from the Committee and Patrols to focus on their own commitments. David and Michael contributed over 27 and 10 years each to the club. They gave immense skills and dedication to Surf Life Saving in our villages on & off the beach. Both are valued Life Members and so will keep a connection. We received a Federal Volunteer Grant endorsed by Fiona Phillips MP for training & member support resources. Council have given support for a mural project which junior members will help design on theme of ocean safety and environmental care.

We constantly need to build our patrol teams to maintain services on our beach so we're calling out for new members to train as Surf Life Savers and also past patrolling members to renew with the club.

Patrol Training Course starts Sunday November 1st.

A Life Saving Bronze Medallion (min 15yrs/adult) and Surf Rescue Cert Course (min 13yrs/adult) is an opportunity to gain qualifications, build skills for resumes and friendship through community service. The 2020 course module content has been updated by SLSA and AQS and combines online learning modules backed up by practical learning at the beach with our local trainers. The SLSA Bronze Medallion aligns with recognised VET Cert 2 Public Safety (aquatic rescue) and Provide CPR.

Nippers starts Sunday 12 October.

Junior Nippers 5-13 yrs is a fun way of becoming surf safe and savvy and also gain life skills to be a future lifesaver.

Find out about the opportunities joining Surf Life Saving has to offer

<https://sls.com.au/pathways/>

For all local joining information head to our website <http://headssurf.com.au> or email [info@headssurf.com](mailto:info@headssurf.com) for other business enquiries.

All information was current at time of writing Aug 2020 and start dates and website will be updated to meet cross Government COVID restrictions and SLSA operational requirements.

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**BERRY CWA**

## CWA of NSW Awareness Week 6 - 13 September 2020

The Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW will mark its annual Awareness Week from September 6 to 13 and is asking the local community to take a stand against domestic violence in their own towns and suburbs.

This year's Awareness Week is shining the spotlight on domestic violence and the confronting statistics that underline the need for urgent action in the areas of support services, perpetrator rehabilitation and prevention programs, particularly in rural and regional NSW, where this kind of assistance can be hours away.

It was reported in June by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research that there had been a 4.1 per cent rise in domestic violence in the past two years, with one woman killed every nine days in a domestic-violence related crime, and one man every 29 days. Restrictions and the lockdown associated with the coronavirus pandemic are thought to have contributed to rates of violence and significantly reduced victims' options and ability to seek help.

Recently we started a book club for members and keen readers from the local community. We call ourselves the "Novel Bunch" and meet the first Friday of each month at 12 noon at the CWA rooms. If you are interested in coming get in touch via contact details below or just come along to our rooms on Friday, 3rd September at 12 noon and bring your lunch; you will be made very welcome.

We can be contacted for all aspects of CWA including membership craft, choir, book club etc. by contacting us via our Face Book page (Berry Branch of the CWA of NSW) or email [berrycwasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:berrycwasecretary@gmail.com) or phone our President Emily on 0417 423 018.

HANDICRAFT & PRODUCE STALL



As part of CWA of NSW Awareness Week, the Berry Branch will be holding a handicraft and produce stall in the grounds of its rooms on Sunday 6 September, when the next Sunday Markets are on in Berry, to raise funds to support Women's Refuges in the Shoalhaven Area. Please come along and support us.



Your home is your haven..... Interesting how many of us have said that in the past. Our homes are our sanctuary, our peace, our family time, our place for laughter, guests and relaxation. Our homes are our expression and also for impression.

If ever before, our homes have definitely become our havens this year. The place where we can remove our masks - metaphorically or literally, and be ourselves.

For those that are selling and buying, making the right decisions along the way is even more important right now.

The centre of any property transaction is your home. Our most precious (and financial) possession needs to be in the hands of an agent that will be able to ensure the transaction is not at risk.

Being able to navigate the path from selling to sold should not be fraught with unknowns. There should be clear communication, good structure with seamless integration between agent and solicitor to ensure there are no surprises along the way.

More and more we are seeing well-educated and genuine buyers who need good advice, knowledge of the area and to be able to easily contact the sales agent for the property they would love to buy.

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# Birthday Celebrations - Covid Style

Unfortunately in the midst of the pandemic many celebrations and events have been cancelled, postponed or acknowledged in another way.

So it is with the Rotary Club of Berry which on 5 September celebrates 61 years of service to the community. Birthdays are always a good time to reflect on past activities.

## Some of our Memorable Community Projects over the Years

- ✦ The Picnic and Camping Area at Seven Mile Beach was one of the first projects undertaken by the Club. This involved scrub clearing and ground leveling and quite a few working bees were held.
- ✦ Another early community effort was to raise funds to purchase an iron lung for the Berry Hospital. What an echo from the past resonating to this day with Rotary's 'EndPolioNow' project.
- ✦ The restoration of a cottage in Rose Valley which had been donated to the Gerringong Girl Guides.
- ✦ Retrieving two old anchors in 1971 that are now located in the picnic area at Boat Harbour Gerringong. They are a memorial to the ships that called, the men that sailed them and our pioneers of that time, 1810-1895.
- ✦ Designed and constructed a town clock arch at the entrance to Apex Park in 1987, which was dedicated to our Charter President Jim Priddle.
- ✦ In the 1980's the Berry Hospital Auxiliary approached the Club to do a major repair on the gatehouse at the entrance into the hospital grounds so the palliative care unit could use it for families with patients in their care.
- ✦ In 2005 to celebrate 100 years of Rotary International a time capsule was sunk at the Alexandra St entrance to the Berry Showground, recording personal messages, photos and history of many families in the Berry community.
- ✦ In 2013 the Club completed a long awaited community project - a shared pathway from the town to the David Berry Hospital.
- ✦ Since the bypass of Berry was first announced, the Club has been championing the construction of a Rotary Nature Play Park in North St. with construction due to commence later this year.

## Supporting Young People

The Rotary Club has always supported young people in the area by sponsoring their attendance at various Rotary youth programs. The first Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp in NSW was even organised and run by our Club. University grants have also been provided for over 20 years.

## International Service

Commencing in the 70's Club members have made numerous trips to third world communities such as Bougainville, Moritana, Manus Island, Kalikasthan, Madang PNG and Nepal, repairing hospitals, constructing school buildings, manual art centres and health centres.

## Fundraising Events

- ✦ *Art and Craft Shows* - held for over 20 years in the Gerringong Town Hall, and then transferred to the Berry School of Arts they were a great success in their day.
- ✦ *Berry Celtic Festival* - Initially as a fundraiser for the Shoalhaven Linear Accelerator Appeal the Celtic Festival commenced in 2006 and was extremely successful with \$123,000 being donated to the Appeal after its first 6 years.
- ✦ *New Years Eve Fireworks Spectacular and Family Fun Night* - Commenced in 2009 the proceeds from this event have gone to the Club's numerous community projects, and in particular toward developing a Nature Play Park within Boongaree at North St Berry.
- ✦ *The Berry Small Farm Field Days* - first conducted in Sept 2012, this is the Club's largest fundraising event and provides funding for community groups and community projects, but this year has had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.
- ✦ *Everest Assault for Polio* - In 2019, the trek to Everest Base Camp as part of the Everest Assault for Polio project was a true example of how one small Rotary Club can make a huge difference in raising funds for Rotary's EndPolioNow campaign. Led by Rotarian Ken Hutt, with the addition of the Gates Foundation pledge, in excess of \$180,000 was raised - a remarkable achievement.

So, whilst Club members are not currently able to meet at face to face meetings, the Club celebrates its 61st Birthday by looking forward to continue living Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".







### Spring is in the Air

We get asked all the time – when is the best time to sell? Frankly anytime in the Berry region is a good time. We have hit a nerve with Sydney buyers. It's an easy 2 hours with the roads only getting easier, train line and station at our doorstep and the sheer beauty of Berry.

That said, there is nothing like Berry in Spring when many proud gardens come alive. It's an exciting time and I believe buyers have an extra step in them with of hint of excitement.

If you are planning to sell here are some simply tips:

- **First impressions** – if the amount to tackle becomes overwhelming at least focus on the front. Buyers may scope the property first making a decision at that point for an inspection
- **Keep their eye on the big picture** – items like cracks in the plaster work, marks on walls and broken windows are relatively easy to fix. You want buyers to stay focused on the main attractions rather than get distracted with these minor issues.
- **Clutter free** – The rewards are liberating but the sense of space is even more. Hallways appear wider, rooms larger and the home generally feels lighter and brighter.
- **Gardens** – Keep lawns and edges clean cut, crisp and clear of debris. Whilst this looks nice it gives a subconscious sense that the entire property is well maintained. Similar to decluttering the house, cutting back trees gives a sense of space and openness.
- **Windows and webs** – Whilst most won't notice the hard work you put into cleaning the windows and spider webs they certainly will notice if you don't.

All ways feel free to call should you like any further tips. We are always happy to help.

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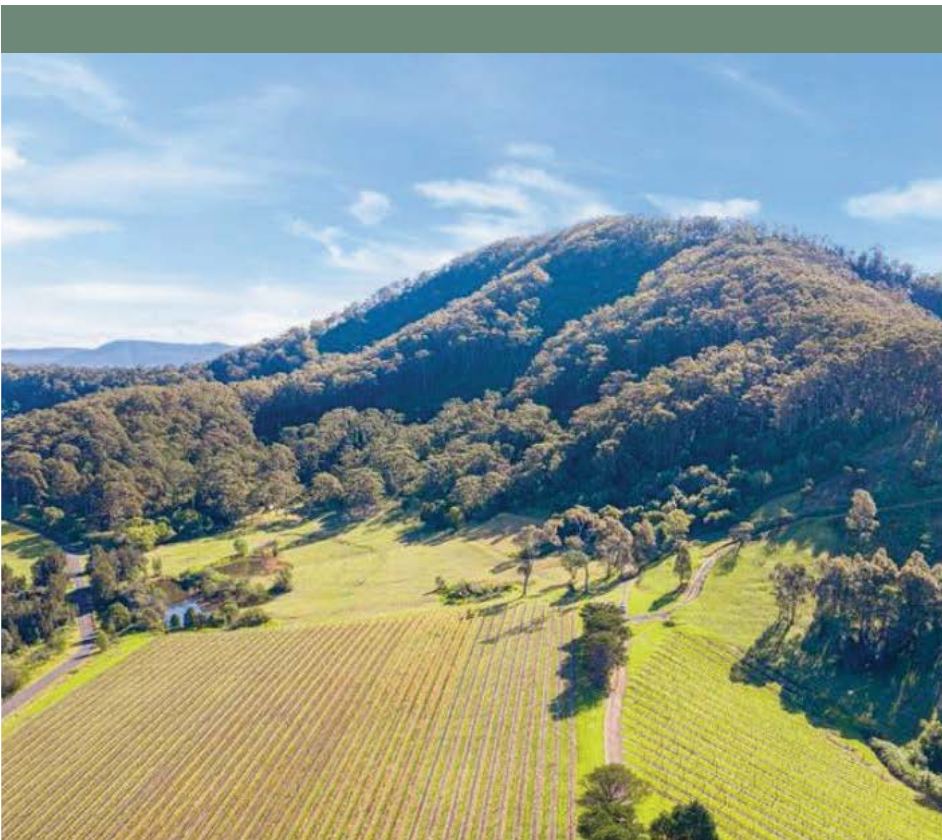
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