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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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New regulations for short-term rentals - NSW Government

Short-term holiday rentals have been a topic for discussion in the Berry community over some time. Those living near a short-term rental property sometimes refer to them as "Party Houses" and if they are not managed well can be confronting.

Here is a copy of the State Governments media release on a piece of legislation just passed that seeks to address this issue.

There are a number of links for further details in the release.

"MEDIA RELEASE:

*New Regulations for short-term rentals
29 October 2020*

A mandatory Code of Conduct will be introduced for short-term rentals in NSW to protect the rights of hosts, guests and neighbours.

Short-term rentals in NSW are increasing in popularity, with the industry generating over \$30 billion each year.

From 18 December 2020, a new Code of Conduct will impose obligations and clear guidance for booking platforms, hosts, letting agents and guests.

A key feature of the Code of Conduct will be the introduction of an exclusion register to help ban disruptive house guests or hosts.

Under the exclusion register, strict new penalties will be in place for anyone misbehaving in short-term rentals.

Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation Kevin Anderson said the new set of rules will protect the rights for everyone, which put mutual respect front and centre.

"The standards are enforceable, with powers available to NSW Fair Trading Commissioner to take disciplinary action, including penalties and exclusion from the industry for repeat offenders," Mr Anderson said.

Learn more about the Code of Conduct and changes to short-term rentals.

https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/925788/Code-of-Conduct-for-the-Short-term-Rental-Accommodation-Industry.pdf

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/about-fair-trading/legislation-and-publications/changes-to-legislation/changes-to-short-term-rental-accommodation>

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Rick Gainford, Secretary for the Management Committee - Berry Alliance & Berry Town Crier

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Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

FROM THE BERRY ALLIANCE AND TOWN CRIER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It has been a very difficult year indeed.

We hope that despite the adversities, the stress and the pain we have all suffered to some degree every person in our wonderful community of Berry has a happy and joyous Christmas and a much better New Year.

Birthdays, engagements, weddings, goals reached, exams sat, work achievements are, and should, still be celebrated. And sadly, illnesses, accidents and loved ones passing still occur. Without our normal formalities and traditions, we feel even more lost so it is important that we all celebrate Christmas and New Year as best we can. With family, friends, neighbours – all our loved ones as best we can and as safely as we can.

The message for this year should surely be that we have all been through something huge, in fact a number of things that are huge – droughts, fires, floods and that damn virus. But we went through it together and we saw and experienced some wonderful community spirit, and we should all celebrate that. Together as a community, as a friend, a family member, a colleague, we support each other, we respect each other's point of view, we are tolerant of the other point of view. This is what great communities do.

The churches will still be offering services, New Year's Eve will be celebrated, the Berry Show will be held, all a little differently for sure, but these institutions and occasions will and should be celebrated and marked.

We have a great community. Keep up the great work.

Thank you to all our readers, to all our contributors from our local community groups, to all our advertisers, and a special thank you to Nancy Davies, our wonderful Editor (who celebrated the birth of another beautiful son just a few months ago). We are very grateful, and we are sure our Berry community is as well.

Happy Holiday Season everybody.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, BERRY ALLIANCE AND TOWN CRIER



Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Brigade

Everyone loves a new fire truck and Broughton Vale/Berry have taken delivery of a replacement category 9 appliance (a 600 litre Landcruiser mounted unit). While our preference is for burning to be undertaken out of the fire danger period, it's been a windy, wet winter. During September/October over 60 burn permits were issued. We also welcomed four new volunteer members who have commenced their basic training. Two members qualified as village fire fighters and two have commenced their Crew Leader qualifications. BTW – our regular TV critic highly recommends the ABC series 'Big Weather'. If you've missed the first episodes, catch up on iView, AND, Apparently Santa will be coming to Berry on Christmas Eve. Keep a look out for the big red fire truck driving around town on Thursday evening.

USEFUL STUFF

We've been regularly asked about water storage tanks and portable pumps, so;

A useful guide to what standards are needed can be found at the following website;

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0017/4355/Guidelines-for-Single-Dwelling-Development-Applications.pdf

WHAT TYPE AND SIZE OF TANK SHOULD I GET?

Concrete or steel tanks are suitable. Poly tanks are not suitable, because they melt.

Rural residential properties less than 1 hectare = 10,000 litres

Larger rural properties more than 1 hectare = 20,000 litres

WHAT TYPES OF FITTINGS?

On the tank outlet, fit a 65mm (or 38mm) Storz coupling (see picture). These couplings enable fire appliances to connect directly to your tank.



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Merry Christmas

FROM BERRY LICENSED POST OFFICE

For the past 20 years John, Linda and Paul Marquis have owned and operated your Berry Post Office as a family business and have proudly played an integral part in the Berry Community. However, all things evolve and change and it is now time for John and Linda to retire.

As of 1st January Paul will take over the operations and will have Lorraine and Julie to assist him.

John and Linda will be in the Post Office part time until February and then enjoy a long overdue retirement. It goes without saying we have enjoyed our time as 'an essential service' in Berry and part of the Community.

2020 has been a difficult and stressful year for everyone but from the Berry Post Office we wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and may 2021 be a normal year for everyone.

John, Linda and Paul Marquis

ROTARY CLUB OF BERRY



"CAROLS FROM THE CART"

**1pm to 2pm SATURDAY 12th and 19th DECEMBER,
and THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER
QUEEN ST BERRY**

The Rotary Club of Berry is bringing some Christmas Cheer to the families of Berry in this year of so much disruption and dismay.

We will be providing "*Carols from the Cart*" - Santa's elves together with horse and carriage, playing Christmas carols on the streets of Berry - on Saturdays 12, 19 December and then on 24 December, from 1pm. Bring the family to town to see them!

However, unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, the New Years Eve Fireworks and Family Fun, and the Rotary Christmas Street Parade have had to be cancelled this year.

Rotary's Polio Experience Proves Invaluable

In August, after four years with no cases, the African region was certified free of wild poliovirus. Now only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, still have circulation of wild poliovirus. When COVID-19 emerged, the polio eradication infrastructure proved invaluable to helping respond to the pandemic. Polio workers became involved in contact tracing, testing, and educating communities about hand washing and other ways to reduce exposure to COVID-19. No doubt, once a COVID vaccine is available, the polio teams will become even more valuable.



Help make a difference - support ROTARY

NEW PLAN FOR ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN



"NEW PLAN FOR ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN"

Monday, 2 November 2020

"A new vision that protects the stunning, natural scenery of the Illawarra Shoalhaven hinterland while focusing homes and jobs in existing centres will promote prosperity for the region over the next 20 years."

"The updated draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 includes a strategy for Metro Wollongong Health Precinct, a hydrogen hub at Port Kembla and earmarks West Lake, Nowra-Bomaderry, Bombo Quarry and existing centres for 30,000 new homes and more than 45,000 new jobs."

"A green grid connecting parks, open spaces and bushland with cycleways and pedestrian pathways will make the region's natural beauty more accessible to residents and visitors."

"Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes called for the community to have their say on the plan which contains 30 objectives to guide land use over the next two decades."

"The Illawarra Shoalhaven region has transformed from its industrial and steel-making base into an innovative service, creative and knowledge-based economy," Mr Stokes said.

"This plan is about building on that transformation while preserving the unique rural coastal character which has made the region such an attractive place for people to live, visit and do business."

"To read the draft updated Regional Plan and SIC and have your say visit: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/ISRP"

The above is an extract from the NSW State Governments Media Release.

There are a number of items in this that are pertinent to the Berry community including that we are involved in one of the two priority growth areas - Nowra-Bomaderry (the other is West Lake Illawarra) which impacts on Berry.

This is the last opportunity to have your say, make your submission on this important document.

The Berry Town Crier has previously drawn this to the attention of the community when we were given the opportunity to have input prior to the draft document being it was finalised. It is now advertised for comment and submission by the NSW State Government. We have publicised this previously including on our Facebook page.

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



September saw a ground-breaking community event at Boongaree with the sod turning to commemorate the commencement of the Stage 1 construction works. The event was attended by officials from State Government, Shoalhaven City Council, Rotary Club of Berry and community members.

The detail design of the skatepark and pump track has now been endorsed by Council, with these works funded wholly by Council and to be delivered as part of stages 2 and 3. Once a project manager has been appointed, Council will be looking to go out to tender in the new year.

It will be a busy couple of years, stay tuned for more information.

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.

Rotary Club of Berry



We have one final fundraising effort for 2020 & it is amazing!



GROWING UP TOGETHER IN BERRY

A cookbook. A community. A love of nourishing food.

A NEW COOKBOOK!



This is a collection of recipes for the whole family. It has been made possible due to the extraordinary efforts & talents of two preschool mothers.

Becky Gillespie contributed, created, formulated & photographed all the recipes.

Jessica Tulloch has edited, designed & added creative flair to the final product.

The idea was born back in March of this year & we are very excited to let you know you can place an order now. It will make a beautiful memento for 2020.

Pre order your copies now.

All proceeds are a fundraising effort for Berry Community Preschool. As a Not For Profit Preschool, we appreciate your support.

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Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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BERRY RED CROSS FUNDRAISING

Berry Branch will be collecting at the Berry Markets on Sunday 6th December at both the Alexandra and Albany Street entrances. We thank the community for their generous donations in the past and ask you to look out for us once again. This collection will be for Red Cross general funds which supports all the programs Red Cross run to support those in need.

TRAUMA TEDDIES

Edna Watt is in need of 8 ply wool for knitting Trauma Teddies. Our stocks are getting low as they have been in great demand lately. Please ring Margaret Walsh on 0415887308 to arrange to drop off the wool or to have it picked up.

Also if anyone would like to knit some, the pattern is on the Red Cross website. Have a look at the pattern and if you are interested in helping Red Cross in this way please ring Margaret Walsh.

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

If you wish to find out about becoming involved with or volunteering with the Red Cross contact the Berry Branch of the Red Cross (see Community Groups page of Town Crier for contact details), the Nowra Red Cross Office (1800621433) in Graham St Nowra or go onto the Red Cross website.

WWW.REDCROSS.ORG.AU

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The Berry Forum

Albion Park Bypass

Gareth Ward has announced that the Albion Park Rail Bypass is due to open mid next year and that the \$630 million project was tracking more than 12 months ahead of schedule. The next milestone on the project is the third East West Link traffic switch, currently scheduled for the end of this month.

The 10 kilometre bypass between Yallah and Oak Flats will complete the 'missing link' for a high standard road between Sydney and Bomaderry. Two of the project's 13 bridges are now open to traffic, with crews pushing on with work on other bridges as well as utility relocations and major earth and road work.

Planning Proposal – Rezoning south of Hitchcocks Lane

The following amendments are proposed to Shoalhaven LEP 2014:

- Rezone the subject land from RU1 Primary Production to R2 Low Density Residential. A low-density residential zone is considered appropriate for the location on the urban edge of Berry.
- The majority of the land is proposed to have a minimum allowable lot size of 500 m2, consistent with the general minimum allowable lot size in Berry.
- A row of larger lots is proposed along the southern boundary and perimeter road, with this area having a minimum lot size 700 m2.
- One quarter of the subject land area is proposed to have a minimum lot size of 350 m2, allowing for smaller lots sizes to be considered to provide greater housing choice.

Proposed changes to Shoalhaven DCP 2014, draft Chapter N3 Berry Residential Subdivision that will guide the design of any future subdivision and housing development include landscaping, verges and tree planting, road design and shared paths and maximum floor area ratios.

All submissions must be received by **Friday 8 January 2021**.

Planning Proposal - 10 Victoria Street, 'Arbour Retirement Village'

Council advise that the Proposal will be on public exhibition until Friday 4 December. The PP, an Explanatory Statement and supporting documentation are available for viewing on Council's website.

The PP seeks to amend the Shoalhaven LEP to rezone an area of approximately 7,665 m2 at the north-eastern corner of Lot 6 DP 1204186 (10 Victoria Street) Berry, to allow residential use of the land for seniors housing. The Arbour Retirement Village is centrally located on the property.

The following amendments to the Shoalhaven LEP 2014 are proposed:

1. Rezone the subject land from RU1 – Primary Production to R2 - Low Density Residential (Fig 6 in PP)
2. Amend the minimum lot size map to reduce the minimum lot size from 40 ha to 500 m2 (Fig 7 in PP)
3. Reduce the height of buildings from 11m to 8.5m

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ANNUAL SALE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

This year's sale held on Saturday 7th November raised a record amount and monies from the sale will go towards our Scholarship programme in 2021 with TAFE Nowra, Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven High Schools. On the morning of the sale Richard Wiseman was asked to talk on ABC Illawarra radio about the programme and was happy to have Ian Morris, Principal of Bomaderry High School, talk with announcer Mark Matthews about the benefits of the Scholarship programme for his students. As well as the Scholarships, funds will be set aside for machinery upgrades and other improvements within the Shed building. There are a number of people to thank but most importantly we would like to thank the people of Berry and the surrounding areas for their support. We would also like to thank Rotary for their participation on the day. There a few items left from the sale so if you were not able to attend call into the Shed on Tuesday or Thursday to see what is still for sale.

This year's Christmas Party will be a totally different type of function due to COVID with only financial members being able to attend. Details will be sent out shortly.

The Shed will close for the Christmas break on Tuesday 15th December and re-open on Tuesday 12th January 2021.

Richard Wiseman - Publicity Officer



Proposed Upgrade to Queen Street in Berry - UPDATE

There have been further developments since the Friends (of the Berry Town Crier) Newsletter (13-10-2020) and the November Town Crier was published following our publication of the issue being raised by the Berry Chamber of Commerce and Industry and their letter.

Council have advised that the Queen Street traffic facility project has been delayed and is now scheduled to commence in February 2021.

This now affords our community an opportunity to make a submission to Council on this project.

Remember, there is a hard copy of the 3 maps in the Berry Community Notice Board outside the pharmacy that the Chamber of Commerce arranged and there is a link to the three A3 plans below.

There have been a number of points and concerns raised from our community already including:

Best access to parking places (both current and proposed – eg Boongaree; proposed raised road crossings are not necessary or appropriate for noise and other reasons;

why change the road now, can we not wait until it settles in then make those decisions; prefer that the funds were expended on a beautification of Queen Street.

From our enquiries of Council, it appears that there have not been any traffic studies and or projections of how this treatment will affect traffic flows in surrounding streets leading up to this project. Council inform us "that the Queen Street Traffic Facility Project is funded by NSW Government, in

partnership with Council, as part of the State Black Spot Program. This program provides engineering treatments to address locations where there are clusters of crashes. The NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021 aims to make NSW roads safer and reduce the risk, incidence and severity of all crashes on the road network.

"In the five-year period between July 2012 and June 2017, when this project was nominated, there were five crashes along Queen Street in the shopping precinct. The crash data from Roads and Maritime Services justifies the need for the proposed treatment. Since July 2017 to date there has been an additional three accidents with two of these being serious to moderate injuries. "

Road Safety is very important, we know. Please make your views known, in support or not, with your ideas and views – if you hold a view then make a submission.

Post: The Chief Executive Officer, Shoalhaven City Council, PO Box 42, Nowra, NSW, 2541. Email: council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Website: via the Feedback form on the Get Involved community engagement webpage: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/>

To see a copy of the map of the proposal that Council sent to the Berry Chamber of Commerce and Tourism go to:- <https://local.berry.org.au/berrycare/>

There should be a signage and lighting plan available on Council's web page shortly following this going to the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee. The only one available currently is in the Agenda for the Traffic Committee as it will now be going to Council to adopt or not. It should then be confirmed then available.

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



**Shoalhaven
City Council**

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Waste Depot**

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ADFAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020 AND 2021



The annual general meeting of ADFAS (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) was held recently via zoom and like many committees in Berry, we bid farewell to some members, while welcoming a number of new members to the committee.

This year has been a very difficult year for ADFAS with the inability to obtain our overseas lectures/lecturers who do the Australian circuit. Most of the year has been taken up with providing our members with online lectures. (from our overseas lecturers.) This will be the focus of ADFAS in 2021 until things return to some form of normality.

Lectures have been held for many years on a monthly basis in the Berry School of Arts and it is hoped that we will be able to return to this venue to celebrate our 30th anniversary. For those wishing to know more about ADFAS please feel free to ring the membership secretary, Richard Wiseman, on 4464 2619.

Landcare BERRY

Corridor Sports

Since opening in 1899, the Berry Experimental Farm, has changed purpose many times, and in the process, acted as a barometer of contemporary values and issues. Its establishment reflected Alexander Hay's interest in developing better dairying practice across the, soon to be sold, Berry Estate lands. In 1934 it became a Child Welfare training farm for boys. Consistent with social values at the time, treatment was often harsh and un-empathetic. In 1977 it was re-opened as a holiday home for the underprivileged, and finally become the Sport and Recreation Centre in 1991.

The property originally supported tall native forests, and perhaps rainforest vegetation, which was cleared in the mid nineteenth century for pastures and agricultural fields. These supported the Berry Estate and the subsequent institution's research and training objectives.

With growing awareness of native habitats and erosion control, 660 metres of the Broughton Creek bank was revegetated in

2005 by Shoalhaven Landcare. This riparian vegetation is now 20m tall.

Since 2019, an additional 1100m of boundary plantations have been established. These will form wildlife corridors linking Broughton Creek with the Moeyan Hill forests and are part of the Berry Bushlinks Project. This is a partnership between Berry Landcare, participating landholders, and the National Parks Association of NSW, with funding from the NSW Environment Trust.

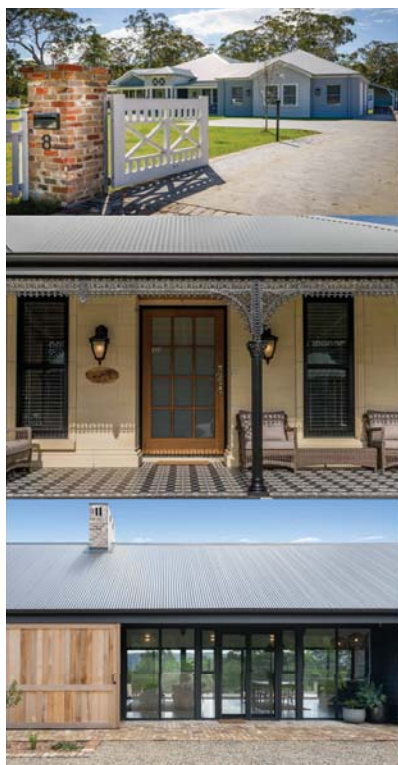
Last October, sixteen volunteers from Wollongong University planted 421 tubestock across 400m of the property boundary. Their involvement was a personal commitment to offset the carbon emissions of their modern lives.

Through partnership and a diverse range of volunteers, the Centre now shows a way forward in which agriculture can coexist with a sustainable biosphere.

If you would like to contribute to the Berry Wildlife Corridor program please contact David Rush on 0418 977402.



Before and after planting (Photos: David Rush)



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SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

Christmas-20

I saw a T-shirt advertised on my social media the other day that said; "January, February, Covid, Christmas". I don't know about you, but this pretty much sums up my year. 2020 has been a year like no other and I assume that our Christmas this year will also be a little different. I hope that the disruption we have all experienced this year will provide the impetus to focus on what really matters this Christmas.

My prayer this year is that we might be able to look through the plastic, the wrapping, the lights and the busy shopping centres to the baby that was born to a young couple in a faraway place over 2000 years ago. Christmas has always been about the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and saviour of the world. Isaiah 9:6-7 prophesied of his birth, "A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler. His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace. His

power will never end; peace will last forever." Throughout his life, Jesus showed himself to be powerful, present, and the one who brings peace. As I look around our fractured world at the moment, we need someone like this more than ever.

I think we have a choice this year; to focus on all of the stress and busyness of Christmas, or to focus on the one who it is all about. The birth of Jesus was never supposed to induce stress. He wasn't named the Prince of Stress, He was named the Prince of Peace. I want to encourage you this year to look to Jesus, to read his story and to invite him into however it is that you are celebrating Christmas. South Coast Life Church will be celebrating Christmas on December 20th at 10am at Berry and online on Christmas day. To access our online, search for us on Youtube or Facebook. We'd love for you to join us.

Joel Noonan

South Coast Life Church



BerryCommunity Library

The last Community Library day for 2020 will be Monday 21st December so come along and stock up for your holiday reading. We will reopen on Monday 18th January 2021.

2020 has certainly been a unique year but I think something that has stood out for our Library team is the way our Berry Community pulled together during the times of bushfires and floods and then when things were shutting down, people found such amazing ways to reach out and support our vulnerable community members.

Thanks must go to our great volunteer team who play such a vital part in keeping the Library up and running.

**Open Monday and Wednesday 1pm-4pm
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Janet on 0425 220 258**



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for joining details

Minister: Rev Andrew Watts

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BERRY PIONEERS

Did you know that Berry has a heritage-listed cemetery? Located off Kangaroo Valley Road on the north-western edge of the town, this cemetery holds the remains of our pioneering families. Some of the names you may recognise – Boyds, Croziers, Agars, Strongs – are some of the early dairying families, many of whom came from Ireland. The land for the old cemetery was donated by David Berry in 1865, and the oldest headstone is that of Thomas Mawle in 1866. The cemetery was divided into four areas, with “roads” separating the Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Church of England sections. The old section is clearly demarked, as the graves are oriented east-west in the Christian Teutonic tradition, whereas the newer graves are aligned with the lot boundary which fronts the roadway.

Not all of the graves have headstones. Not all families could afford it, and some had no family here, while David Berry was known to pay for paupers’ burials. Indeed, around 1900 the cemetery was said to be full, and a new cemetery was established at Harley Hill, on Beach Road. Burials resumed around 1914, following the subdivision of land which enlarged the original space available. Records of early burials do not appear to have been kept, and the earliest map dates from 1915.

The history of our Berry Cemetery is linked to the history of the dairy industry, both here and on the North Coast, and to the fascinating story of David Berry and the vast Coolangatta Estate. Unfortunately the historic old section of the cemetery is in a poor state, with large camphor laurel and gum trees causing damage to the graves, and this is concerning as the cemetery has historical, genealogical, archaeological and scientific significance.

There appears to be support for the formation of a Friends of Berry Cemetery group. **If you are a relative or are interested in joining, please contact Friends of Berry Cemetery via email friendsofberrycemetery@yahoo.com** This group will act to preserve and protect the historic pioneer section of the cemetery, and support Shoalhaven City Council in its maintenance.



A Tindall family grave in the old section of Berry Cemetery

Community Matters



While the past 12 months are not something any of us would be happy to repeat, the way that our community has supported each other through the hardships of the fires and now with COVID-19, is a positive side-effect that has not gone unnoticed.

Individuals, social and community groups and businesses have found new ways to support each other, to connect, to get their messages out there and to find ways to continue even in these incredibly difficult times. We have seen that our community is strong and resilient.

This makes us very proud indeed, to be a part of this community. A Taste of Paradise Farm has been a part of the Berry Community for 21 years, and we have always been humbled by the way our community has come along side and supported us. Your support in both big and small ways, has meant that we can continue to give hope to kids in need through our life changing farm mentoring program. A program that builds trust, safe relationships, and hope for a future very different to what they have known.

As this year draws to a close, we would like to thank you again, and to wish you, your family, your business and our whole community a very safe, blessed Christmas and a new year filled with hope.



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Berry Spinners and Weavers at Muir Cottage



Berry Spinners and Weavers are holding a sale at Muir Cottage on the weekend of 5th and 6th December. It seems a fitting way to say goodbye to 2020, a year of disappointments and disasters! We hope the Berry Community will drop by and enjoy the beautiful and inspiring weaving, spinning and knitting our members have produced this year. There has been much discussion about whether lockdown would be good or bad for creative activities. For us it has been a mixed bag. At first some of us thought being more tied to home would provide the longed for peace and quiet we need for creative projects and we got off to a good start. Without overseas and interstate travel for much of the year, many of our sources of inspiration were denied us, until the limitations of the cocoon began to manifest themselves.

Without personal interaction, discussion and feedback life started becoming gloomier and gloomier. It's hard to start a new project when there's no one to share your thoughts and ideas with. Many of us found ourselves sitting and waiting for something, anything, to happen to signal the end of lockdown!

As some of us began venturing out, sat in each other's gardens, or camped on the lawn at the Rose Garden nursery with take away coffees, inspiration started creeping back until at last we could meet again, in limited numbers, at the Berry School of Arts.

No one had expected the Covid-19 crisis to be as long and as dispiriting as it has been, but we've made the best of it! Please join us on 5th and 6th December, at Muir Cottage, to enjoy the results of our work in 2020 and to breathe a sign of relief that the end of the Covid year is coming!

Muir House Art Gallery

OPEN FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY.
10.00AM - 4.00PM



The gallery has artwork from local artists in a wonderful variety of styles.

Australian Photography Art one only print A display of Aboriginal artist designed fabric in bags, cushions and soft toys.

Handcrafted woodwork featuring one off creations of Jewellery Boxes, Noughts & Crosses, Coffee Table Silk scarves which have been beautifully hand dyed Come and visit us.

10 PRINCE ALFRED STREET BERRY

COVID DECEMBER 2020



Where to start? So much is said, written and broadcast about COVID 19.

Theodore Roosevelt observed a century ago "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care " So we should keep this light.

Currently one fact stands tall: spatial distancing, masks and tracing : WORKS.

This is the central plank of public health messages. Please do not doubt COVID is a significant health risk, to each of our patients.

COVID has been tough. This year has been tough.

Real suffering. Bushfires, storms and COVID. Every life lost counts, and every one of the patients lying sick and alone in Shoalhaven Intensive Care Unit represents deep angst.

Family and loved ones in hospitals and across borders have been held apart because of COVID restrictions.

People who measure mental health in the population will tell you there is more anxiety, depression, domestic violence than ever. We have no reason to think Berry is immune.

The experts quote a surge in demand of thirty % for Mental Health Services. Just seven% of the health budget is spent on mental health which accounts for Fourteen % of the total health burden. These figures would have to be pretty rubbery to me. Don't tell me you won't get depressed if you have a heart attack or a cancer diagnosis. Mental Health suffering is there in the shadow of every serious illness.

So the big players in this sort of care, like "Headspace", are calling for more funding.

It is terrible to think there is even a turf war here, and you must ask "how much funding to big organisations helps small rural towns like Berry?"

During this year, General health care utilisation has fallen, a lot: 40% less visits to the GP or Emergency , testing for all illnesses is down by 30%. That translates to later diagnosis. That is not good, you don't need more figures to know that.

Now to exciting news. No new cases, no local spread. At the surgery we have swabbing diligently: nothing. To the pathology companies and the hospital, also: nothing, nothing local, for months. Big exhale.

Now the vaccines are coming. This represents a real hope and optimism that we can bring the virus to heel. The AMA supports initiatives that improve speed and efficacy of the Therapeutics Good Administration (TGA) to approve the vaccines, but you can't cut corners and despite restrictions, we are placed to be one of the countries that can afford to step back and see which horses win the vaccine race. The speed with which medical research and government have swung into action this year has been breathtaking. How these new novel vaccines work and then how we get it to our patients, will all become clearer soon. Please know, we will be doing everything possible to get vaccines out to everyone as soon as humanly possible.

As a side note, astrologers did predict a year of upheaval, based on conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. Previous conjunctions occurred at the fall of the Roman Empire and the outbreak of World War 1. Interesting, but it's not science. Science and humanity will shine a light to a brighter 2021. Please trust the science and have faith in humanity's resilience.



Berry Show Society Inc.

Proudly showcasing agricultural excellence in the local community for over 130 years

BERRY SHOW 2021 ... WITH A DIFFERENCE

A lot of things in our life have had to change because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Berry Show, our much-loved and long-running event will also be different for 2021, as it is not possible to hold it in its usual form due to current Covid-19 restrictions. When discussing the Show as a committee the consensus was: if we can put on a show (no matter how different from usual), we should put on a show.

So on 29 & 30 January 2021, the Berry Show will primarily be an agricultural, horticultural and community judging event.

We invite entries for livestock: horses, dairy cattle, beef cattle, and poultry; and entries for the Pavilion (produce, art and crafts). The Pavilion Chief Steward particularly wants to encourage our local exhibitors to take part. The full details of how to enter and the closing dates will be available on the Berry Show website from the start of December.

While we invite these entries, this event will look and feel different to our traditional Show. A lot of things will be absent, such as sideshows, animal nursery, rodeo, entertainment and fireworks. There will be limited food outlets. Socially catching-up with friends is normally a good part of coming to the Show, however, at this time please bear in mind the need to physical distance. The show will run Friday and Saturday 7am until 5pm.

We will be hosting a one day limited woodchop program with men's, ladies and junior competitions.

We will still be running a socially distanced sponsors area and will be in contact with our sponsors shortly to discuss the changes.

We expect everyone who attends this event to comply with the Covid-19 restrictions of physical distancing and hand sanitising and to understand that these measures are in place to help keep us all safe. In accordance with NSW Government guidelines we will also be requiring digital registration at the entry points to the Showground.

This event is a celebration of the rural nature of Berry and districts, albeit in a smaller way than the usual Show. The Berry Show Committee and Stewards are working hard to organise this event under difficult circumstances that have never before even been contemplated.

This will be a ticketed event and numbers are limited. Tickets will be available online. Our schedule will also only be available online later this year.

This is grass roots showing, like we haven't seen in Berry for many many decades, if ever.

We know this sounds very different to anything you or we ever imagined. Please understand we are doing this for our love of agriculture and for continuing the Berry Show tradition through any adversity. We hope the community and sponsors will understand and support us through this time.

Warm Regards,

Berry Show Committee & Auxiliary

18th November 2020

Berry Show in the 'Town of Trees'

A couple of weeks ago, our church got together for a special day together. We couldn't all fit in the church so we thought we'd have a go meeting outside, on 'the green'. The forecast was 90% rain so it was a nervous wait the night before, as the clouds rolled in. But in the morning the sun was shining, the clouds cleared and it was a beautiful morning. There was a delightful performance by Jane McIntosh, and a great skit by Joan Kaehne for the kids, who turned up as pirate Bella Black Pearl, acting out Jesus' parable of the hidden treasure. We celebrated our newest members, (who ironically joined while church was in lock down) and our longest serving member (also a McIntosh!) It was really enjoyable to meet all together in this way, and a lot of fun. We also realised it was a way to demystify church a little bit. Going in to an old stone building can feel for many people like stepping into the past, and so it can be easy to associate Christianity with a thing of the past too. But stripping all that away, church is a group of people wanting to follow Jesus. And the things Jesus said have a relevance today, that is hard to simply dismiss. So we thought we'd have another event outside and invite you along. Our hope for the evening is to share some Christmas hope with you. Date: Sunday 13 December, 6-7:30pm

For those interested in our Christmas services see times below - our numbers are somewhat limited but we overflow into the hall or you could join us on live stream

Christmas Eve: 24 December 8pm

Christmas Day: 25 December 8am and 9:30am



Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary

After months of lock down we are pleased to announce we are back and running again. During the lock down, the Auxiliary received a very generous grant from the Berry Rotary Club. After discussion with the Recreation Officer, Mark it was decided the purchase of a laptop would be of great assistance to the residence as it would allow them to have face to face video chats with family members as well other groups that they keep in contact with. The residents love their contact with the local pre-school children who, in the past, use to visit on a regular basis. This gift from Rotary has opened up such a great opportunity for each resident at the Village and we are so grateful for to the Rotary Club for their valuable support and grant.

We have restarted the regular monthly meetings at the village on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 9.30 am - you are all welcome to come along and support our local group.

We will be holding our street stall in Broughton Court on Saturday 28th November; your support is always appreciated, knowing you are helping us provide a place in Berry that is reflective of how we would all like to be cared for.

May we also take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy Christmas for all your families and friends.

This photo is of Irene (Auxiliary President) presenting Mark with a laptop which we were able to purchase using part of a Grant given to the Auxiliary by the Berry Rotary Club.



★ Free BBQ ★ Music ★ Christmas Craft ★
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ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

Sunday 13th December from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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BUNDANON TRUST

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT FIRE AT BUNDANON THIS SUMMER



Have you visited Bundanon recently? Experience Bundanon's new program this summer.

Following the catastrophic climatic events of last summer, Bundanon presents *We Need to Talk about Fire*, a series of exhibitions and conversations with speakers from across the community who share Indigenous knowledge systems, stories of community action, healing initiatives and creative responses to find a way forward.

Three new exhibitions are presented at the Bundanon Homestead.

Photographer Ruth Maddison was caught in the vortex of the fires at Eden and recorded the drama of dark skies and the role of local evacuation centres. In the weeks after the fires, she was called on by friends and neighbours to document their resilience in rebuilding their homes. A series of photographs captured by Maddison during this period forms her exhibition *When No Birds Sing*.

Spark A Reaction is a new exhibition featuring posters by Wendy Murray and local workshop participants. Bundanon commissioned posters by Murray themed around the bushfires and environmental issues arising from climate change. Both Maddison and Murray's exhibitions are now on view.

Gamilaraay/Wailwan/Biripi artist r e a recently spent time at Bundanon as an Artist In Residence, developing a new body of work in relationship to the latest fires in the Shoalhaven. The result of r e a's residency is a new photographic installation titled *Imprint*, and will be on view from the first weekend in December.

In December, Bundanon will launch a new series of commissioned films produced by celebrated film-maker Bridget Ikin and Bundanon, and hosted by Wesley Enoch AM.

The films include a series of important conversations between Wesley and community leaders and experts, including Vanessa Cavanagh (Associate Lecturer, UOW, PhD Candidate - Cultural Burning and Aboriginal Women in NSW), Professor Jason Staples (expert in dynamic bushfire behaviour), Dr. Owen Price (Environmental Risk Management of Bushfires at the University of Wollongong), and Adrian Webster and Jacob Morris (Ngundahmurra, local cultural and Firesticks practitioners). This film series will be available to stream on Bundanon's website in early December.

Visit Bundanon this summer to experience the latest exhibitions and view artworks from the collection in the original 19th century Bundanon Homestead and Arthur Boyd's studio. Wander through the English style gardens and the iconic landscape that inspired one of Australia's greatest artists, Arthur Boyd, or enjoy a bushwalk on one of the walking tracks.

Bundanon is open Saturday and Sunday in January, and Sundays only throughout the year.

Visit Bundanon's website to find out more and book online: www.bundanon.com.au

BERRY TOWN CRIER - PROUD PARTNERS WITH THE BUNDANON TRUST

BUNDANON TRUST



Bundanon Trust and Berry Alliance Town Crier Partnership Announced

Readers will see an article about The Bundanon Trust in this edition of the Berry Town Crier. This will be a regular column in future editions.

The Berry Alliance Town Crier and the Bundanon Trust are now in partnership. We are very proud to be able to work with them and assisting them to promote their wonderful facility on the Northern banks of the Shoalhaven River.

Bundanon was gifted to the Australian people in 1993 by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd. The Bundanon property is located on 1,100 hectares of pristine bush land overlooking the Shoalhaven River, near Nowra

And has a remarkable range and number of events open to the public and if you haven't been there yet you really need to experience it. We are also able to provide some Free Entry Tickets to Bundanon over the coming months, starting now.

We will hold a lucky draw on January 8, 2021 where a registered "Friend of the Berry Town Crier" will receive 2 free tickets to Bundanon. You can become a "friend of the Berry Town Crier" and receive a digital copy of each edition of the Berry Town Crier as well as Newsletter updates of Berry news between Town Crier Editions. Join the growing number of "Friends", stay informed and up to date and have the chance to win tickets to Bundanon (see form on page 2 of this edition of the Crier). The Berry Town Crier will also be raffling 2 free tickets to Bundanon leading up to the next edition. We will be using any money raised to assist us with our work including annual Berry Public School Scholarships, our sustainability programs etc. Look for us at street stalls and at the Thursday Farmers Markets whenever we can.

**YOU CAN SEE WHAT BUNDANON HAS TO
OFFER AND THE HISTORY BY GOING TO
THEIR WEB SITE**

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We recommend that you subscribe to their email newsletter by going to their web page www.bundanon.com and subscribe there or by email : admin@bundanon.com.au and request a subscription there. The recent Newsletter was so full of information – it was the reason we reached out to them so we could assist and bring this extraordinary place to our readers.

News Around Berry



An update of things
happening in our Town

Change at the Berry Post Office

Linda & John Marquis are retiring from the Berry Licenced Post Office after nearly 20 years serving our community.

There will be excellent continuity with their son Paul who will be taking over the running of the PO.

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier take this opportunity to publicly thank John and Linda (and Paul) for the continuing assistance to us over these many years. They have always allowed us to have a Town Crier Drop Box inside at now charge. Back at the beginning of their tenure community groups and advertisers would drop CD's and disks, and hand written or typed articles and photographs that we Editors over the years would type into our systems, scan photos and logos into our system. We have come a long way since those days with everything being done by email and electronically.

The Drop Box is still there though and has been re-purposed to provide an opportunity for groups to drop their Community Group registrations, updates, Applications to join Friends of the Berry Town Crier and a whole lot more. Sometimes there have been little note about the paper and recommendations. The Post Office also places a copy of each edition of the Town Crier in nearly every Post

Office Box (at a reduced charge as well). They also put out on the counter additional copies for those community members who did not receive it in their letterbox.

From when they took over from Bob and Carol they have always been helpful and encouraging, nothing was too much for them.

So thank you Linda and John, from me and from our team at the Berry Alliance and Town Crier, and from our community. We wish you both a happy and healthy retirement.

Rick on behalf of the Berry Alliance Management Committee

Events

The Town Crier has plans to reintroduce our Calendar of Events next year now that community groups are meeting again and holding events and fundraisers again.

It may be a little different as we are looking to improve it.

In the meantime the Berry community may benefit from the Chamber of Commerce Events page on their web site.

Click on the link (if you are reading the digital copy of the Town Crier) or copy type the address into your computer / telephone. Always good to see what is available. It has Markets, the Berry Show (also see article in this issue of the TC on the Berry Show).

<https://berry.org.au/events/>

From the Shoalhaven City Council:

Streamlined DA process

We have been working with the NSW Department of Industry and Planning to review and improve aspects of our Development Application (DA) process.

Additionally, we have undertaken a review of the DA lodgement process to ensure it aligns with the new NSW Planning Portal.

From 31 December 2020, the NSW Planning Portal will become the required way to lodge a DA with us.

We encourage customers to lodge applications via the Planning Portal from 1 December to benefit from the new system.

From the Shoalhaven City Council:

Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants Now Open

This year the arts grants have been expanded to include the new 'Performing Arts COVID Response grant' with an investment of \$25,000 to support the performing arts industry which has been significantly impacted by the industry shut down due to COVID and public health measures.

View the available grants, guidelines and application forms on Council's Get Involved page and apply before 18 December 2020.

Monster Book Stall

All Books \$3 - \$5

From 2pm Sunday fill a bag for \$20
Fri 4 December - Sun 6 December

9.00AM to 4.00PM
Bring your own bag

Wesley Hall, Berry Uniting Church,
Albert Street Berry

RAISING MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE



Community Groups

BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Australian Labor Party Berry 4464 2446
Shoalhaven Heads Branch. Meets 2nd
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secretarybshalp@gmail.com PO Box 474 Berry 2535

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Honorary Secretary - Margaret Walsh
21 Windsor Drive Berry - 1st Wednesday each month at
2.00pm - Berry Uniting Church

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beaumontvrfb@gmail.com

Berry Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc.
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berryforum@hotmail.com

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

Berry Meals on Wheels 4464 1774
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Berry Men's Shed 4464 3956
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Berry Community Library 0425 220 258
berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com

Country Women's Association 0417 423 018
Berry Branch - PO Box 321 Berry 2535 -
2nd Friday each month at 12.30pm in the CWA Rooms,
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David Berry Hospital Auxiliary 4464 1774
P.O. Box 285 Berry 2535
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Berry Spinners and Weavers
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Rev. Isaac Jung - isaac.jung@hotmail.com

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77 Albert Street Berry - berryuniting@gmail.com

South Coast Life Church 4464 2315
8 Schofields Lane Berry - hello@southcoastlife.org

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Meroo Meadow. Contact Rae 4448 6048

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Berry Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert Street
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Berry Computers for Seniors 4421 3270
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berrycfs@gmail.com

Berry Community Pre-school 4464 1764
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Berry Kids' Club at Presbyterian Church
83 Victoria Street - Meet 2 Fridays per month

Mainly Music 0401 151 820
Berry Community Church Hall

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Berry & District Garden Club 4464 1191
PO Box 122 Berry 2535
St Luke's Church Hall, Princess Street
Deb Wooster 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 0423 267 957
141 Woodhill Mountain Road
Contact: Laurie Watson - wattos148@gmail.com

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
Berry Equestrian Centre
jasiyi@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.com

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

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www.headssurf.com.au
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A Taste of Paradise 0490 060251
Supporting Youth In Need
PO Box 128, Berry info@atasteofparadise.org.au

Berry Farmers Market 0431 823 078
Berry Showground Cow Sheds - Thursdays 3-5pm
www.berryfarmersmarket.com.au. Facebook.

Boomerang Bags Berry
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Berry Motor Fair
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Bundanon Trust www.bundanon.com.au
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Pink Up Berry Pink Up Berry Committee
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Supporting those in need - 5-19 Birriley St,
Bomaderry - info@salt.org.au and facebook

Shoalhaven Education Fund - A part of the
Country Education Foundation - www.cef.org.
au/shoalhaven - https://www.facebook.com/
ShoalhavenEducationFund/

Berry Community Groups – please ensure that you register with the Berry Town Crier.

If your group is yet to submit your registration renewal form please do it now as we can no longer accept submissions from groups who have not updated their details. There is a new, clearer form so please email info@berryalliance.org.au to receive a copy.

You will also see a new category called "Sponsored & Partnered Groups" These are the groups that the Berry Town Crier has agreed to sponsor or create a partnership with as they do not fit our guidelines for usual registration but we have chosen to assist them. These are limited due to availability of space in the Town Crier.

Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee

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Berry Police 4464 2175
Fire & Rescue NSW 4464 1008 or 000

Rural Fire Brigade (Broughton Vale) 4464 1522
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Ambulance - always call 000

2020 started in Berry with subdued New Year's celebrations. Much of the Shoalhaven district was engulfed in bushfires that brought apocalyptic smoke-filled skies, and widespread habitat and property destruction. At the beginning of February, the South Coast fires were finally extinguished, with a week of torrential rain. Then when we thought about getting back to some sort of normality, in March we were forced into pandemic lockdown, which brought great disruptions to school and work life. Many local businesses struggled, but adapted to the new conditions by offering more services online. We have seen a return of tourism to town and have been fortunate so far that we avoided any local Covid-19 outbreaks.

The end of the year is in sight and we have many reasons to celebrate; Christmas and the summer holidays, allowing family and friends to come together again to celebrate and exchange gifts. We encourage our readers to support local businesses when shopping, to choose gifts without excessive packaging, and where possible to purchase products made by companies with strong ethical supply chains. Consider buying vintage and pre-owned items; sometimes a thoughtfully sourced item is more valuable than its modern mass-produced equivalent. Gift wrapping can be sustainable and needn't be single use and straight in the bin or the recycling. Tea-towels, scarves and other fabric wraps can be used or repurposed. Becoming part of a circular economy rather than a linear one is a way to make societies' consumption more thoughtful and sustainable.

SUMMER 2020-2021

With warmer weather comes another bushfire season. Last year, Berry residents were more fortunate than some of our South Coast neighbours. If you haven't already downloaded the Fires Near Me

app, it's a vital tool to keep up to date with any nearby fire threats. This summer is likely to be wetter than usual as we are in the El Niña phase of the ENSO cycle. This means possible cooler weather, and heavier rainfall than we've experienced lately. While this means it is a great time to install a rainwater tank (with rebates possible from Shoalhaven Council), it's also a good reason to check gutters and drains to make sure they are free of debris. Along with the Fires Near Me app, the Floods Near Me app is free to download.

With extreme weather it's important to be able to access information and contact authorities. A valuable resource is the ABC emergency service. Access the web page abc.net.au/news/emergency/about/ to find tips to be well prepared. In the case of a power outage a battery-operated radio allows you to keep up to date with current warnings. Check your first aid kit and replace any out of date or missing items, and make a plan with family members about what to do in an emergency situation.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Visit local.berry.org.au/berrycare/ for updated news, as well as Facebook groups Berry Town Crier, Berry Community Facebook Group, and Berry Community Noticeboard. The digital issue of the latest Town Crier can be found at www.berryalliance.org.au where you can also access previous months' issues.

If you are in the position to do so, please consider donating to the local Fire Brigade; the NSW Rural Fire Service web site makes donating easy. Other organizations you may consider are Landcare Australia and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Sustainability and Takeaway Coffee

The Berry Alliance has been working hard toward a Sustainable Berry over many years and that has included distributing cloth bags and then cooler bags to reduce the impact of single use plastic bags. We also distributed free Keep Cups and encouraged the use of your own reusable cups for takeaways to save on disposal, single use coffee cups. We are continuing that aim still.

The take up and use of Keep Cup style reusable coffee cups was going well with a steady increase and then earlier this year because of the Corona 19 Virus pandemic their use was set right back when coffee shops were understandably hesitant to use them.

Happily, there is now a resurgence of their use and our environment will continue to benefit.

Please always provide a clean reusable cup when you order.

The Town Crier is producing a list of Berry Coffee vendors who allow use of your own reusable cup and publishing it in the next few editions of the Berry Town Crier so you, the consumer, can know where they can use your own cup.

Here is an updated list of these vendors that we listed last month. It is growing! And welcome to Harvest, a new business in Berry.

Sustainable BERRY



If you sell Take Away coffee in Berry and accept these cups please email us and we can include your business in future publications.

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The Berry Chocolatier

The Emporium

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2nd half of October)

The Hungry Monkey

**Rick Gainford for the
Management Committee
Berry Alliance and
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS



Here is a list of the most recent Shoalhaven City Council Development Applications and Determinations since the list was produced in the Berry Town Crier – November edition.

The information on how you can see details and follow these applications, make submissions and see the determinations and details of any conditions applied is in the Town Crier each month. Go to: <http://www3.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx> Development Application Tracking.

For regular updates of these register to become a "Friend of the Berry Town Crier" and receive our Newsletter Updates as well as a digital copy of the Berry Town Crier each edition. info@berryalliance.org.au

Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee

APPLICATIONS

CD20/1535	14-10-2020	In Ground Swimming Pool – 4 Brangus Cl. Berry.
DA20/2056	12-10-2020	Tourist & Visitor Accommodation (7Cabins) Pool, Communal Area & Dwelling Additions – 275 Bong Bong Rd Broughton Vale.
DA20/2095	21-10-2020	Change of Use & Alterations from Café / Deli to Restaurant/Bar – 129 Queen St. Berry.
DA20/2100	21-10-2020	Detached Dual Occupancy – Tilgman St. Berry.
DA20/2011	22-10-2020	Dwelling Alterations & Additions Including Attached Garage – 11 Princess St. Berry.
CD20/1566	29-10-2020	In Ground Swimming Pool – 38 George St, Berry.
DA20/2141	2-11-2020	Detached Shed including Stables (2), Tack Room, Feed Shed, Office, Garage, Kitchenette & Toilet – 30 Borrowdale Cl, Berry.
DA20/2141	3-11-2020	Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 583 Coolangatta Rd, Berry.
CD20/1601	4-11-2020	In Ground Swimming Pool – B215A Princes Highway, Jaspers Brush.
DA20/2172	12-11-2020	'Mananga Homestead' Alterations & Additions plus use for Functions & Events – 8 Homestead Lane, Berry.
DA20/2173	11-11-2020	Single Story Dwelling, Detached Habitable Room& Demolition of Existing Dwelling & Garage – 42 Kangaroo Valley Rd, Berry.
CD20/1613	13-11-2020	Dwelling Additions, Alterations & In Ground Swimming Pool – 599 Coolangatta Rd, Berry.
CD20/1609	11-11-2020	Detached Shed – B215A Princes Hwy, Jaspers Brush.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:

DA20/1823	Approved	13-10-2020 – Rainwater header tanks, earthworks including connected dam, landscaping & replace effluent disposal system – 165 B Bong Bong Rd Broughton Vale.
DA19/2192	Approved	12-10-2020 – Creation of a Building Envelope – Bryces Rd Far Meadow.
DA20/1567	Approved	19-10-2020 – Two Storey Dwelling, Relocation & Extension of Detached Garage, Detached Shed plus addition & Conversion of Existing Dwelling to Tourist Cabin – 202 Bells Lane Meroo Meadow.
CD/20/1566	Approved	27-10-2020 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 38 George St, Berry.
DA20/1972	Approved	27-10-2020 -Demolition of Dilapidated Animal Nursery Structure & Replace with Steel Shed – 35 Alexandra St, Berry.
DA20/1795	Approved	4-11-2020 – Tennis Court, Swimming Pool & Associated Landscaping – 255 Devitts Lane, Meroo Meadow.
DA20/1996	Approved	4-11-2020 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 30 Emerald Dr, Meroo Meadow.
DA20/1913	Approved	11-11-2020 – Single Story Dwelling – Coolangatta Rd, Berry.
DA20/1931	Approved	13-11-2020 – Conversion of Detached Shed to Habitable Room – 180 Harley Hill Rd, Berry.
DA20/1956	Approved	12-11-2020 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 308 Strongs Rd, Jaspers Brush.

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

A Fire Permit is required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period in Rural Fire districts and at all times in Fire and Rescue districts around the state. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community.

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

The key things to remember:

You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period.

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.



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

Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal for Hitchcocks Lane Berry and a Draft Development Control Plan (DCP)

(to support the proposed LEP changes and promote high quality design outcomes.)

Council have recently announced this proposal which is an important proposal that will no doubt create a lot of debate and submissions. The good news is that the proposals are now online and submissions open and do not close until 8 January 2021.

From Council 27-10-2020:

“Public Exhibition

Hitchcocks Lane Berry Residential Investigation Area Planning Proposal (PP029) to Amend Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to Allow Residential Development

“I wish to advise that a Planning Proposal (PP029) to rezone land south of Hitchcocks Lane in Berry will be publicly exhibited from **Wednesday 28 October 2020 to Friday 8 January 2021** (inclusive).

“The proposal seeks to facilitate residential development on the subject land (currently zoned for rural purposes) and proposes draft planning controls for future development in the area.

“The Planning Proposal (PP029) and supporting information will be available to review on Council’s website: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/> from Wednesday 28 October 2020

“About the proposal

“PP029 relates to land south of Hitchcocks Lane in Berry, legally described as Part Lots 762 and 763 DP 1224932 and also includes part of the Hitchcocks Lane road reserve as shown on the subject land map on the following page.

“The PP seeks to amend the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 by:

- Rezoning the subject land from the RU1 Primary Production zone to the R2 Low Density Residential zone (to allow the land to be developed for additional residential development)
- Changing the minimum lot size from 40 ha to a mix of 700 m², 500 m² and 350 m² (to allow the land to be subdivided into a mix of lot sizes – please refer to the proposed Minimum Lot Size Map in the PP029 documentation for more information)
- Reducing the building height limit from 11 m to 8.5 m.

“Should these provisions in the LEP be amended, further approval processes will then be necessary to actually subdivide the land and construct housing.

“A draft revised Development Control Plan (DCP) Chapter N3 (Berry Residential Subdivision) has been prepared to support the proposed changes to the LEP and forms part of the exhibition package.

The revised draft DCP chapter includes more site-specific planning controls for the Hitchcocks Lane Residential Investigation Area and updates the Masterplan for certain land west of the Princes Highway at Berry. The draft DCP Chapter can also be viewed on Council’s website at: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/>.

“Invitation for submissions

As part of the public exhibition process, once you have reviewed the exhibited material, you have the opportunity to provide comments if you wish on the Planning Proposal and draft DCP Chapter.

Submissions quoting Council reference **56367E** can be lodged in the following ways:

Post: The Chief Executive Officer, Shoalhaven City Council, PO Box 42, Nowra, NSW, 2541.

Email: council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Website: via the Feedback form on the Get Involved community engagement webpage: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/>

“Note: Any submissions should be received in writing **before 5pm Friday 8 January 2021**.

Pre-printed form letters, which have been individually signed, will be considered but not formally acknowledged. Submissions may become public documents and may be viewed by other persons on request. All persons who lodge a submission are required to declare any relevant political donations and/or gifts in accordance with Section 10.4(5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

“If you need further information about this matter, please contact Rebecca Jardim, City Futures on (02) 4429 3522. Please quote Council’s reference 56367E (D20/468750).”

End quote.

Some issues that might need information or consideration include:

The Rezoning proposal has already progressed through the “Gateway” process in the NSW State Government and this Planning Proposal seeks submissions on some of the detail, such as Lot sizes, landscaping etc.

Some issues that have already been raised in the community include: traffic – overuse of Huntingdale Park Road; should have an alternative road access to Schofields Lane and the highway; Lot sizes and controls (see DCP changes as they attempt to address this and other issues of dual occupancy, multiple dwellings etc.)

Please note that the DCP that is also there for submissions does attempt to address a lot of these issues. Council are receptive to ideas and submissions from the community to try to ensure that the character or style of the area is protected.

For Information.

Rick Gainford for the Berry Alliance and own Crier Management Committee



Berry Motorfair Raises Over \$45,000 for Lifeline Australia

The sun was shining for the inaugural Berry Motorfair on Saturday 15th November. The sold out event raised over \$45,000 for Lifeline Australia and brought friends, families and car enthusiasts all across NSW to this incredible line-up of cool, classic and collectible vehicles on display.

Channel 7 presenter, James Tobin from Weekend Sunrise delivered the weather forecast live from the event, and attendees were treated to a performance by Frannie-Mae and the very first showing of Aston Martin’s SUV, the DBX.

Set across ten acres of farmland, the event raised much needed funds for Australia’s crisis support and leading suicide prevention service, **Lifeline**. The devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have taken an unprecedented toll on the mental health and wellbeing of all Australian’s, requiring a 24 hours a day/7 days a week 13 HELP (13 43 57) phone line to be established in response to increased demand

for Lifeline’s service. Lifeline CEO, Colin Seery said that “Lifeline are always looking to increase the ways in which they can efficiently and effectively interact with people who require their services. The money raised will go towards a contemporary training program for both volunteers for both phone and text.”

Berry Motorfair organiser, Jordan Tang was ecstatic with the response and incredibly proud of the awareness the event generated around mental health whilst bringing together and supporting the South Coast community.



* If you are thinking about suicide or are concerned that someone is at risk, help is available. **Contact Lifeline on 13 11 14**

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Slow Food Christmas Party, Grants and Local Sustainability Awards!

Slow Food Berry to JB is thrilled to announce that the 'Snail of Approval Awards' for 2021 will be presented on 7th December in Apex Park, Berry. These internationally recognised awards recognise small farmers, producers, restaurants and food providers for their strong focus on sustainability in our own region.

Substantial grants have just been given to assist sustainable production at local artisan producers Pecora Dairy (Robertson) and Terrewah Farm (Kangaroo Valley). Slow Food Berry to JB raised the funds at their the Berry Soiree earlier this year specifically for local producers who suffered losses of production from drought, fire or flood. Pecora Dairy have utilised their grant to help establish their 'French Cave' cool room, for improved sheep's cheese maturation. Terrewah Farm

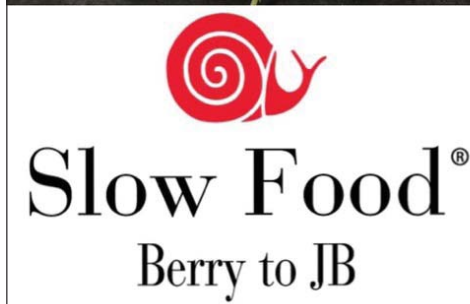
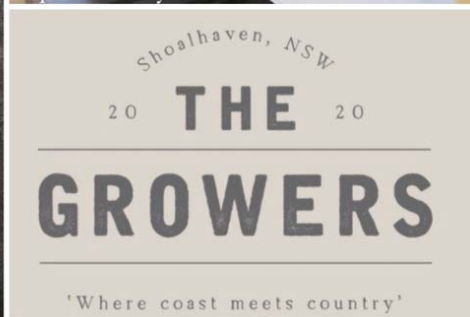
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are utilising their grant to help set up a small microbiology lab onsite for soil analysis on their organic farm / in the local community. Slow Food also provided vegetable seedlings to a number of local producers to enable replanting after the catastrophic climate conditions of last summer.

Slow Food's next stunning 3 course dinner celebration will take place on 10th December at our region's exciting new eatery "The Growers" at Worrigea. The dinner is a celebration of local food for International Terra Madre Day and for the end of a challenging year. Bookings and all information are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKRDY>

Slow Food Berry to JB would like to thank their voluntary executive committee members for all their hard work and time throughout the last 18 months: Kate Khoury, Victoria Milton, Marilyn O'Dowd, Gaynor Sims, Kim White. The AGM is November 30th.



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BERRY COURTHOUSE



With 2020 having so many problems and interruptions the Berry Courthouse quietly had a very special birthday, we turned 21.

Yes, 21 years from when the Courthouse building and grounds were purchased by Council and leased to the Courthouse Conservation Committee which was formed out of the Berry Alliance Inc. The community fought hard to save this historic building and had it listed with the National Trust of Australia and spent a long time and a lot of money to repair and restore the building as well as form the gardens and plant them out. Fountains, paths, fences and a huge rose garden and a lot of plants, trees and park benches were purchased and set out according to the plans that a group had worked on for some time. Our vision was coming to reality.

There was an enormous amount of fund raising, volunteer work and an enormous amount of cooperation from Berry residents, community groups and trades.

Our business plan was implemented and has been well adhered to, tweaked a little but we have been able to keep the building in an excellent state of repair for those last 21 years. It is still flourishing. What a great vision.

We thank them all. Each and every one of you.

Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to have a small celebration for our 21 year birthday of when the works were completed and we started to take our first events in those beautiful gardens and in that wonderful, historic building.

The photos are of the rose garden being pruned a few months ago and how they are looking now. We are proud that these photos appeared as the covers of the Town Crier in September and now in December.

Rick Gainford, President

Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee

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Berry Men's Bowling Club

The 2020 Challenge Singles Championship which is operated on a handicap basis found three of the semi-finalists were on a zero handicap and three of them were past winners of the Major Singles Championship which resulted in very competitive bowling to find a winner. Adam Rigney the 2020 Major Singles Champion lost to David Badger the 2016 and 2018 Champion and the other semi-finalist was the 2015 Champion Terry Hayes. This resulted in David and Terry meeting in the final which went to David following his very consistent scoring on the day.

Play in the 2020 Mixed Pairs commenced on Thursday 12th. Irene and Bob Dunn defeated June Holdaway and Rob Reid, Enid Hall/ David Badger were winners against Jane Haddon/Graham Hook, Heather Shepherd/ Col Agar defeated Gillian Portener/ Terry Bezant, Pam and Russell Tulloch were winners over Ruth Willdig/ David Lambert and Deb and Rob Folkard were victorious against Kate Jenkinson/ Lindsay McNamara. Social bowls will be continued on a Wednesday and Saturday with adjustments made for the fall of Christmas and New Year's Day. Those looking for a pleasant way of spending leisure time over the holiday period are more than welcome to join members playing non-competitive social bowls. Bookings on day of play can be made before midday at the Club or by telephone to 4464 2995 or 0475 768 249.



Growing Plants
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PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

LOCAL PLANTS with GRASS-LIKE APPEARANCE

Most of us are familiar with Lomandra and Dianella species that appear in many landscaping situations in private gardens as well as in our parks and roundabouts in Berry.

They are hardy and reliable plants and the long leaves provide habitat for small animals and insects and are a food source for birds and butterflies.

The roots of these plants when established have the capacity to stabilize banks of creeks or sloping sites and reduce the space for weeds to grow.

Some other local plants with a graceful and delicate habit to consider for your garden include:-

- **Grass flag** – (*Libertia paniculata*), is a small plant with iris – like flowers along the stem in spring time. It grows well in a shady moist environment. Seeds are slow to germinate.
- **Vanilla lily** – (*Arthropodium milleflorum*) – has many pretty white flowers hanging from the stalk. In spite of the delicate appearance, Vanilla lily is tough. The whole plant is dormant in winter returning each spring from the underground tuber.
- **Stout bamboo grass** - (*Austrostipa ramosissima*) is a non-invasive feathery grass growing in a clump to about 1.5metres. It grows in full sun or light shade.
- **Crinum** (*Crinum paniculatum*) is a larger plant with an architectural appearance. Crinums can tolerate a range of conditions from full sun to shade. The large white flower spikes are lightly perfumed, and appear from November to March.

These plants are easy to grow either directly in the garden or planted in pots in a courtyard space.

Limited stocks of these plants are available at the nursery.

Plant sales will continue at the nursery on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 17th December and the nursery will reopen from 13th January 2021. Hours will be 3.15 -4.30pm.



Grass flag
(*Libertia paniculata*)

Vanilla lily
(*Arthropodium milleflorum*)



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What are the key indicators of a healthy property market, and how do they impact you?

While the Spring season is renowned as the strongest period for property, 2020 has certainly disrupted the most tried & true assumptions. Thankfully, the real estate market is showing encouraging signs of recovery across the nation which should bolster the confidence of property owners, buyers, and investors alike. Here is a snapshot of key market indicators for the month of October, that signal a positive uplift:

House values increase - The national home value index posted a 0.4% rise in October, moving back into positive month-on-month growth for the first time in six months. This trend was reflected across all states enjoying an increase in values, with the exception of Melbourne which saw a drop of only 0.2% - the smallest since April.

Sale rates increase - Looking to trends in the sale of properties, there has been a marked uptick in consumer confidence across Australia as the uncertainty around COVID-19's impact on the country has begun to lift, supported by Government stimulus initiatives and low interest rates.

Firstly, we have seen the increase in the number of houses listed for sale as people feel more assured to sell their most valuable asset in strengthening market conditions, and secondly the number of houses sold as people are confident in the market supporting their purchase with the support of ample government stimulus. The month of October has seen overall property sales increase by 7%, now nearly on par with the results this time last year.

Absorption Rate - The 'absorption rate' of real estate points to the level of supply and demand, and is a key marker of any healthy economy. While the number of new listings added to the Australian housing market remained low over the six months from March, there was a marked uptick of 25.2% in the month of October yet the total number of listings grew by less than 1%. This suggests that buyer demand exceeds the supply levels, given the stable number of total listings compared to the surge in new listings. While the national market is showing positive growth trends, it pays to consult an expert. Contact our office to receive an in-depth analysis of your local area.

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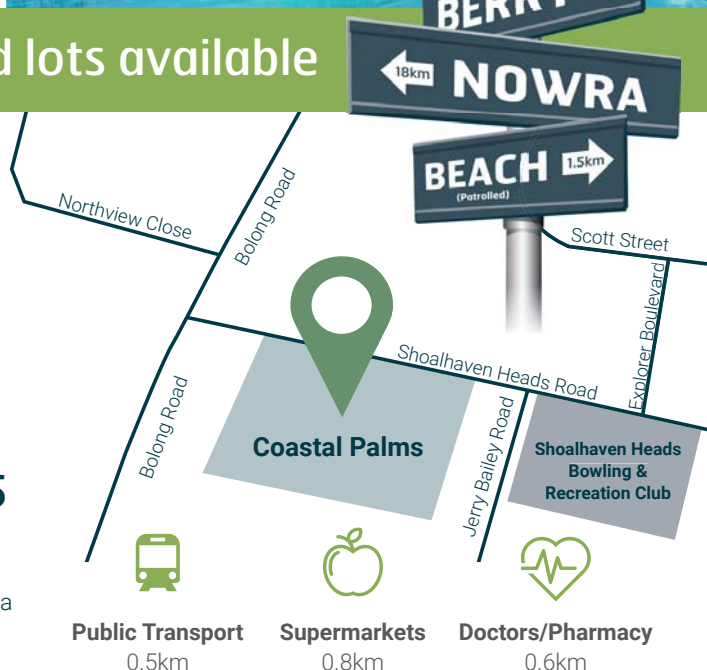


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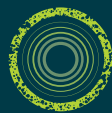
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THE HAZELBERRY PARKLANDS -BERRY SHOWGROUND

Berry Showground is part of Alexander Berry's original land grant. When David Berry inherited the estate he set aside this area for public use and his cousin, Sir John Hay, at his own expense, had a showground placed on the site, buildings erected and trees planted. Many of those trees still stand today.

The first Show was held in 1884 and except for the war years, has been held annually ever since, with important dignitaries attending over the years, including NSW Governors.

In February 1888 the Broughton Creek Register reported the 5th Broughton Creek (Berry) Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibition, attended by David Berry, as 'the most extensive stock exhibition yet held here, if not indeed on the South Coast'. Its animal enclosures were reported to be '...the best designed...at any show in the Colony.' The Grandstand, originally near the Agricultural Hall on the corner of Victoria and Albany Streets, was lowered in 1935 and moved further south. In 1988 it was moved to its current position and rebuilt in its original style.

The Agricultural Hall, built by Isley and Sons during 1887 -1888, saw its first Show of Flowers, Poultry, Caged Birds, Dogs and Household Manufactures in November 1888. Later that year Sir Henry Parkes made a visit to Berry and attended a luncheon there.

On the corner of Alexandra and Victoria Streets is a memorial erected in 1915 to Sir John Hay and the first children's playground there was paid for by Lady Hay.

The nearby rotunda was originally situated in the centre of the Show Ring for judges.

When Sir John Hay died, the Government and the Berry Council purchased the land between them for £ 2,500 (approx \$ 327,000 today) and the Certificate of Title was made out to the Minister of Lands. It was dedicated as a public park in 1913 with the Berry Council as Trustee and named Hazelberry Park. Then in 1958, the Shoalhaven Shire Council became Trustee, local representatives appointed to administer the area on their behalf and the area reserved for public recreation.

Today this Showground with its yearly Show, monthly and weekly markets and many sporting and community gatherings, continues in its special place in the Berry Community.



view

voice interests and
education of women

What no report in the latest Town Crier? Well shame on me, I missed the boat. The country is still a bit topsy turvy and among the chaos of US elections, lock downs etc our Berry Evening VIEW Club soldiers on. We are meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start. By the time this comes to print, we will be getting ready for our Christmas meeting and then we have a break until February which is when we'll hold our AGM. Hoping 2021 is back to normal or as they are saying now, the new normal.

DECEMBER 2020

With these uncertain times, poverty has struck even more so; many businesses have closed down and many have lost their jobs. It seems everything has been dumped on us from fires, floods and the virus and states borders closed. It has been harder to have fund raising events as numbers are limited. If you go to Smith Family Facebook Page you will see there is a Podcast on Breaking the Poverty. One lady is raising her 4 grandchildren alone and is grateful for the vital educational support provided by

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the Smith Family's Sponsors so I guess that is the VIEW Club with their Learning for Life program. We are making a difference. Coffee morning will be at Figbird Café on the first Thursday of the month at 10.30 and remember if you cannot attend our meeting or your wish to come if you are not on the permanent list, ring Jan on 44642181 before midday Sunday before the Wednesday meeting. We'll see you at the Christmas meeting.

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BERRY CWA

Although this year has been challenging in many ways, especially finding new ways to raise funds, Christmas is fast approaching and the ladies at the Berry CWA have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming stalls on December 6 at 79 Victoria Street and December 12 in the Broughton Mall. These stalls will both have a distinctly Christmas flavour, so drop in and start your Christmas shopping.

The CWA will use this fund raising opportunity to raise funds for local organisations who are in particular need of support during this Christmas season. These stalls will be contributing funds to CanAssist and the William Campbell Foundation.

Please feel free to contact us on any aspects of CWA including membership, craft, choir or book club via our Facebook page (Berry Branch of the CWA of NSW) or email berrycwasecretary@gmail.com

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS!



PINK UP BERRY 2020

After a huge community effort the committee of Pink Up Berry 2020 are very proud to announce that an amount of \$36,459 was raised, with all proceeds going to the McGrath Foundation who provide specialised Breast Care nurses to help support those experiencing breast cancer and their families, free of charge. Currently there are 151 nurses in Australia. Committee Chair Deb Woolford said "This year was very challenging with all the covid restrictions and functions unable to go ahead, but is so overwhelmed with the amount raised and this would not have been possible without the support of so many!

Pink Up Berry was also the Number 1 fund raiser for the McGrath Foundation for the month of October.

The 2020 Committee Members; Deb Woolford, Sandy Bramley, Karen Brooks, Pauline Windley, Kerry Carter, Jo Shield & Taleen Smith would like to thank the 62 businesses that registered and made a donation and pinked up their premises- the town certainly looked very pretty in Pink!

A very special thank you to the 40 plus volunteers that helped in so many different ways. If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer in 2021 we would love to hear from you!

Mrs Woolford said she is very proud to be part of such a caring community and thanks everyone that contributed in so many ways and is looking forward to seeing what can be achieved by Pink Up Berry in 2021.

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BERRY REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION 2020

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

Clr John Wells as MC, introduced Mr. Clyde Poulton representing Ray Strong President of the sub-Branch to deliver the opening address that on this day 102 years ago WWI had finally concluded; the focus of the address was the returning AIF veterans efforts in rebuilding of Australia despite their physical and mental scars

Clr Wells and Rev Joel Noonan of the Berry Community Church, led the service in prayers.

Berry School School Captains Misses Kayla Smith, Jemima Orme, Masters Liam Chaplin, and Will Page recited the poem "Poppies for Remembrance".

Berry RSL Hon.Sec. Stuart Christmas read the tribute CAPT Eric Wren who survived the War, however he was wounded 3 times in what were hallmark battles in Australia's military history.

He was part of the initial landing at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915, being wounded the next day, on return to action he was part of the Lone Pine action during the August Offensive on the Peninsula. On arrival at the Western Front he was field promoted to Captain, where he was again wounded at Pozieres in

July 1916, wounded again on the stretcher necessitating amputation of his right arm. On his return to Australia CAPT Wren was active with the welfare of the WWI veterans especially the Limbless Soldiers Association. He passed away in 1941 aged 52.

Commander David Hutchinson of HMAS Albatross delivered the Commemoration Address.

The Ode was recited, followed by the "Sounding of The Last Post", the time being 11.00 am one minutes silence was observed for the cessation of hostilities of WWI followed by "The Rouse". Wreaths were laid by the Sub-Branch, and local community organisations, and at completion, Piper John Morrison played "The Lament"

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

Particular thanks is given to the Berry Community Activities Centre whose donation greatly assisted in the purchase of the new canopies that will be used for all future Commemoration services.

The service then concluded with the Australian National Anthem.



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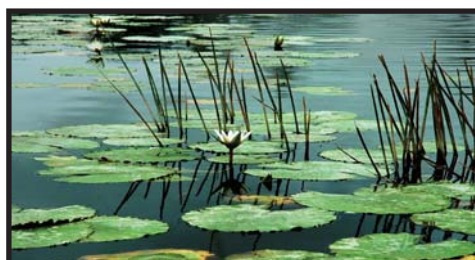
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