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BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION



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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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Dr. Irwin Hanan

The family of Dr. Irwin Hanan is sad to announce his passing on the 6th of April 2021 aged 86. Irwin Hanan was born on the 23rd of April 1934 in Dunedin, New Zealand.

He excelled at McGlashan College representing the school in rugby, cricket and athletics prior to attending the University of Otago. He continued his love of sport receiving a University Blue for rowing and also excelled academically in his medical studies.

At the age of 25 he left New Zealand to continue his medical training in London. He was a resident at the Royal Northern and Kingston upon Thames hospitals prior to becoming a registrar at St James Balham, training under Tanner & Burke the leading gastric and urological surgeons of the era. He passed both his membership of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons at his first attempt, a rarity during that time.

In 1964 he met and married Libby Nash before returning to New Zealand and then Australia to pursue a career in general surgery and urology. They remained happily married to the end.

He settled on the South Coast of New South Wales at Nowra and became the first resident surgeon for the area. He was instrumental in the upgrade of the Shoalhaven hospital and worked with other specialist Doctors in the design of the Community Hospital. He also arranged for many consulting medical specialists to consult in the local and Milton/Ulladulla area. He maintained the senior surgeon role until 1992 and spent the last ten years of his career specializing in Urology. He retired in 2002.

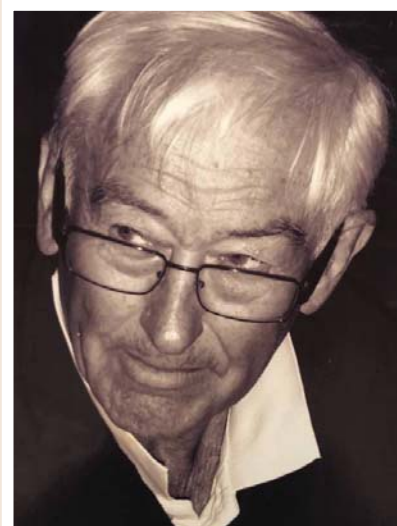
He worked tirelessly and selflessly for the community sacrificing much of his personal time to ensure the wellbeing of those in need.

Irwin was a keen naturalist and historian. He loved breeding cattle and poultry, a passion he held until the end. He loved fly-fishing returning to New Zealand every year to fish the mountain streams of his youth. Above all, he loved his family and friends. He was a kind, gentle and humble man.

His wife Libby, children Katie and Campbell and grandchildren Pippa, Sophia, Harry and Stella loved him dearly.

He will be cremated at a private family service and a memorial service will be arranged a later date.

We will miss him.



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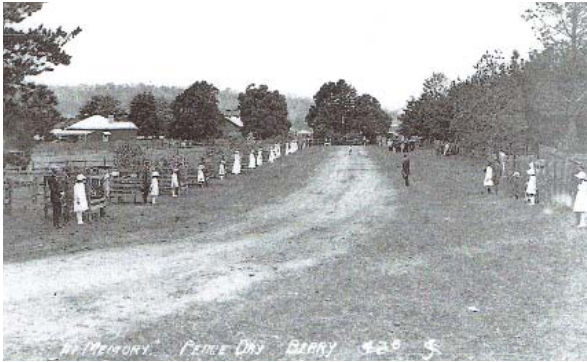
Berry's War Memorial in Alexandra Street has an interesting and moving history. Its 2 sandstone pillars are capped by a lintel, with marble tablets on each pillar bearing the names of the fallen. It is surrounded by palm trees- a reminder of the desert campaigns in both World Wars and on display is a German Howitzer, captured by the 33rd Battalion AIF at Bouzencourt in 1918.

In 1919 an avenue of trees was planted along Alexandra Street, and at the base of each tree was a plaque with the name of an ex-serviceman who had died in World War I. On Peace Day that year, the children of these servicemen stood by their memorial tree, as the parade passed by on its way to the Memorial. Some of these trees are still standing.

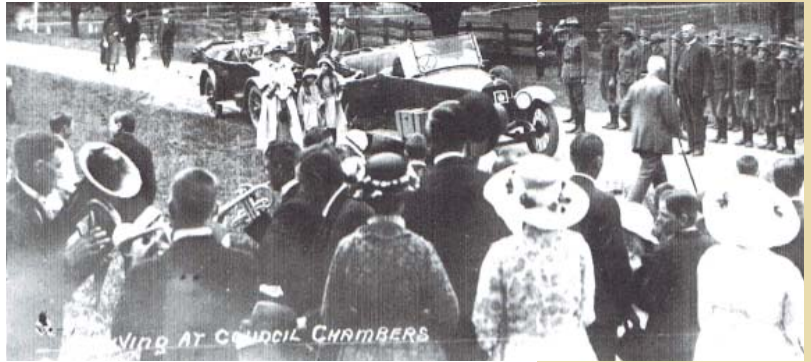
In January 1922 State Governor, Sir Walter Davidson visited Berry for the unveiling of the Memorial. The Shoalhaven News and South Coast Advertiser reported that:'The town was gaily decorated with flags, and several rustic arches were erected,the people came fromall the neighbouring districts'. The Berry Troop of Light Horse formed a guard of honour and.....'the assemblage proceeded down from the Berry Council Chambers to the Memorial Park, where stood the fine freestone monument, erected in honour of Berry's fallen heroes'.

The Cenotaph area was extensively remodelled in 1992 and the plaques that originally stood at the base of the trees were moved and fixed to freestanding sandstone walls flanking the Memorial, alongside new plaques commemorating those who fell in World War II. A plaque, situated on the right of the path as you approach the Memorial explains this change, listing the names of the servicemen and displaying where their originally dedicated trees were planted.

The Memorial has a very special place in Berry and the town's ANZAC Day March and Service sees many people, of all ages, in attendance. Last year, due to Covid 19 we remembered our fallen in a different way, but this year's ANZAC Day saw the beginnings of a return to revered customs.



Peace Day 1919, with the children and relatives of the servicemen by their memorial trees along the parade's route to the War Memorial.



Sir Walter and Dame Margaret Davidson, arriving at the Council Chambers in Alexandra Street in January 1922, for the unveiling of the War Memorial.

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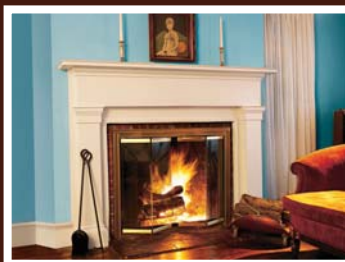
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Major Changes to Short Term Holiday Rental Accommodation and Changes to provide for farms across regional NSW to “open their gates to visitors to diversify their businesses” both from the NSW State Government

Some details of these proposals from the NSW State Government were sent out in our “Friends of the Berry Town Crier” Newsletter 12-4-2021.

Short Term Holiday Rental Changes

From the Government web page and media statements.
“State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) Amendment (Short-term Rental Accommodation) 2021”

“51A:

The aims are as follows -

- (a) to support short-term rental accommodation as a home sharing activity and contributor to local economies, while managing the social and environmental impacts from this use,
- (b) to provide for the safety of users of short-term rental accommodation who may be less familiar with the dwelling,
- (c) to clarify the types of housing that may be used for the purposes of short-term rental accommodation.”

“Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA)”

On 9 April 2021, the NSW Government announced a new statewide policy for STRA that will benefit homeowners who want to take advantage of holiday rentals while providing more certainty and safety for locals and visitors.

The new STRA policy includes a deferred commencement clause, meaning the new provisions do not take effect until 30 July 2021.

This will ensure STRA hosts, councils and industry participants have sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the new rules before the policy takes effect on 30 July 2021.

What is STRA?

Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA) refers to a dwelling used by the ‘host’ to provide accommodation in the dwelling on a commercial basis for a temporary or short-term period.

STRA is often facilitated through online booking platforms such as Stayz, Airbnb and Booking.com.

What has been introduced?

The new planning framework includes:

- a new planning policy for STRA in State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental

Housing) 2009 (Affordable Rental Housing SEPP), that:

- a) introduces a new definition for short-term rental accommodation, hosted STRA and non-hosted STRA;
 - b) introduces an exempt development approval pathway for hosted and non-hosted STRA, facilitating:
 - hosted STRA as exempt development in a dwelling, 365 days per year;
 - non-hosted STRA as exempt development in a dwelling, 180 days per in Greater Sydney and nominated regional NSW LGAs, and 365 days per year in all other locations; and
 - c) provides an exemption of bookings of 21 consecutive days or more from the 180 day limit on non-hosted STRA.
- an amendment to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation) to:
 - a) introduce new fire safety standards for dwellings used for STRA and associated penalty notice offences for non-compliance; and
 - b) create a new Government-run STRA Register that will ensure compliance with the new fire safety standards, as well track the day limits of each STRA dwelling.”

“When do the new rules take effect?”

The STRA planning policy will come into effect on **30 July 2021**. The delayed commencement will allow all STRA industry participants adequate time to familiarise themselves with the policy and comply with the new Fire Safety Standards.

STRA hosts, communities and councils will have time to get ready before the new rules take effect. For hosts, this includes complying with new rules, including fire safety standard requirements and the need to register on the new Government-run online STRA Register.”

“What planning rules apply until the amendments takes effect?”

Until the new STRA planning policy takes effect on 30 July 2021, the relevant local council's existing rules will apply. Currently 11 councils have existing rules relating to STRA in their local planning controls. These provisions will no longer apply when the new statewide planning rules come into effect on 30 July 2021. For information about current STRA rules, contact your local council.”

“Why has the Government made these amendments now?”

The amendments are a response to ongoing consultation with stakeholders and feedback received from councils, industry and the general public. The new statewide policy will provide more certainty within the planning system regarding STRA and clearly outline the responsibilities for all industry participants.”

“What is an Exempt Development Approval Pathway?”

Exempt development typically relates to minor building renovations or works that don't need any planning or building approval. Exempt development is very low impact development that can be done for certain residential, commercial and industrial properties. As long as the proposed works meet all of the development standards (identified in the relevant State Policy), approval may not be needed.

The new STRA planning framework provides a single, streamlined exempt development approval pathway that facilitates STRA in existing, lawfully approved residential accommodation that does not comprise of:

- a boarding house, • a group home, • a hostel, • a moveable dwelling, • a caravan • an eco-tourist facility, • refuge or crisis accommodation, • tourist and visitor accommodation, • a rural workers' dwelling, or • seniors housing, STRA is exempt development under two scenarios, being hosted and non-hosted STRA. These include:

- Hosted STRA – must ensure the host resides on the premises during the period of the accommodation provided and may be undertaken on any land in a zone in which residential accommodation of a type corresponding to the dwelling is permitted with or without development consent, 365 days per year.
- Non-hosted STRA – can be carried out without the host residing on the premises and may be undertaken on any land in a zone in which residential accommodation of a type corresponding to the dwelling is permitted with or without consent, and that the use of the dwelling for non-hosted STRA does not cause the dwelling to be used for that purpose for more than 180 days in the following locations:
 - the Greater Sydney Region,
 - the Ballina area,
 - the Bega Valley area,
 - the City of Newcastle area, or the Dubbo Regional area,
 - certain land in the Clarence Valley area, and
 - certain land in the Muswellbrook area.”

“Day Limits

Day limits apply for some non-hosted STRA activities, subject to its locality. Hosted STRA is not restricted by any day limits and can be carried out 365 days per year.

Non-hosted STRA will be restricted to a maximum of



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180 days a year in Greater Sydney and nominated regional councils local government areas (LGA) outlined above.

Non-hosted STRA may take place 365 days a year outside of these nominated LGAs.

Further, where a host is not present (i.e. non-hosted STRA) and the booking is for 21 or more consecutive days, the booking will not count towards the above day limits.

The exemption will help support mobile workforces which tend to have longer stays and lower amenity impacts. While these arrangements do not count towards any applicable day limit, these dwellings are still be required to comply with any other relevant STRA provision and the fire safety standards.

Under tenancy legislation, a STRA booking cannot last more than 3 months. For more information, visit NSW Fair Trading."

These extracts are from the Frequently Asked Questions web page: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Factsheets-and-faqs/Policy-and-legislation/STRA/FAQs-new-rules-for-Short-Term-Rental-Accommodation-2021-04.pdf?la=en> and all the other legislation and supporting documents can be found on the following web pages. These include:

The Legislation: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/epi-2021-175>

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

Details on the Exclusion Register: <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/short-term-rental-accommodation/short-term-rental-accommodation-exclusion-register>

New Fire Regulations Required: https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/AA+Exhibitions+STRA/STRA+Fire+Safety+Standard.pdf

Changes to provide for farms across regional NSW to "open their gates to visitors to diversify their businesses"

The proposed changes to "make it easier for Farmers across NSW to start, run and grow an

agritourism business, such as farm stays, cafes, restaurants, retreats, roadside stalls and small wedding reception venues" are open for public feedback only until 19 April.

Here are the links for you to find out some details and make up your own mind as to whether this will be of benefit to our community. You may also find that you will still be able to give feedback if you would like to, they often take submissions after the cut-off date.

Intended effects:

https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/Agritourism+and+Agriculture+EIE++March+2021.pdf

NSW Planning:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Under-review-and-new-Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-amendments-for-agriculture>

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From the Frequently Asked Questions:

General

What is being proposed?

The NSW Government is proposing amendments to the NSW planning system to streamline the approval of agritourism development and small-scale agricultural development.

An 'explanation of intended effect' (EIE) prepared by the department details the proposed changes.

The changes include:

- amending the existing definition for farm stay accommodation in the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (Standard Instrument) to support more farm stays
- introducing two new land use terms in the Standard Instrument for farm gate activities and farm events to enable these types of development to be established
- introducing new optional clauses for farm stay accommodation and farm gate activities that councils can choose to adopt in their local plans for development applications
- providing fast track exempt and complying development approval pathways for agritourism

activities where certain development standards are met

- allowing the reconstruction of farm buildings and other structures as exempt development following natural disaster, where constructed to the same size, location and contemporary building standards
- allowing the establishment of small-scale processing plants as complying development for meat, dairy and honey and other agricultural produce where certain development standards are met
- updating development standards for poultry farms and pig farms to align separation distances with recommended biosecurity standards
- clarifying terminology and approval pathways used for farm dams
- updating controls that allow dwellings on rural lots as complying development to ensure enough separation from adjacent primary production enterprises
- updating and rationalising existing controls for stock containment lots to reflect current practice and ensure stock containment areas used temporarily, such as during drought, do not impact negatively on surrounding uses.
- providing an exempt development pathway for recreational beekeeping to improve certainty. These changes are intended to reduce red tape and make it easier for farmers to get planning approval while managing environmental impacts."

This is brought to the Berry community so that you are informed and can form a considered opinion on what could be a divisive issue or issues that are coming from the NSW State Government.

We encourage Berry Community Members to consider these changes and get involved in the discussion and process.

We understand that there will be some disagreement on the issue. Check the facts, have the discussion, make a submission if you would like but please, always respect the other persons point of view and they should reciprocate.

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



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We are so excited to be back after a long break due to COVID. We would like to invite old friends and new to the Uniting Church Main Hall (77 Albert Street) at 10am on Wednesday 26th May.

Our first wonderful speaker is Dr Tim Billington, who has carried out research and lectured in Australia, the USA and at Oxford University in the area of Medical Science. He has put together a most interesting presentation to explain Corona viruses and how immunisations are developed and used. There will be time to ask any questions you have on this relevant topic. If you need more information, please contact Janet on 0425 220 258.

Berry Community Library

It was great to see children borrowing during the school holidays. Tom Gates, Geronimo Stilton, Alice Miranda and the Treehouse books have been very well borrowed and the take home activity sheets were very popular as well. We were also very grateful for a donation of adult fiction and children's fiction books from Nowra Library. Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

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For more information contact Janet on 0425 220 258

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RECENT ADFAS LECTURE ON CALLIGRAPHY BERRY UNITING CHURCH HALL

Members and visitors recently attended the lecture on Calligraphy presented by Gemma Baker and then enjoyed Chagne on the lawn. The lecture was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our next lecture will be held on Thursday 6th May at the Berry School of Arts commencing at 7.30pm. As this lecture is a Zoom lecture all those attending are required to be seated by 7.15pm.

The lecture will be presented by Sam Bowker and is called Nature's Gifts- Australian Art. The lecture views Australian art history through floral themes. Those wishing to attend must, due to COVID restrictions, RSVP by email to richardcwiseman@hotmail.com no later than Monday 3rd May. Visitors wishing to attend will be asked to pay a fee of \$10 (cash) to cover the cost of the lecture and drinks afterwards.

In addition, we wish to advise ADFAS Shoalhaven that following meetings with Shoalhaven Council a new audio system and ceiling fans have been installed in the Berry School of Arts.

ADFAS Shoalhaven sadly announces that we have lost one of our founding members Beverley Brittan-George. Beverley was on the inaugural 1989 committee. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Richard Wiseman - Membership Secretary

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BUNDANON TRUST

Bundanon is growing, with a new art museum opening at the end of 2021. The Art Museum will have regular exhibitions of modern and contemporary art throughout the year. The Art Museum will be open five days a week, with a new café on site. Bundanon is also home to the historic Homestead, Arthur Boyd's Studio, and an international Artist in Residence program.

Volunteers play a critical role in the Bundanon team and are an important part of delivering Bundanon's outstanding arts program. Volunteers assist in guiding audiences through our exhibitions, collection displays and iconic architecture.

Volunteers will help communicate the exciting new program to a broad national audience. As a Bundanon volunteer, qualified staff will provide you with the relevant training and information about all our programs. Bundanon relies on its volunteers and all are welcome to come along and be part of the Bundanon team. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us on (02) 4422 2100 or at admin@bundanon.com.au



Art Museum foyer, Architectural render by Kerstin Thompson Architects.

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On Thursday evening 08/04/2021 at 17:30 numerous 000 calls were reported to Sydney fire communications that a building was alight in Alexandra St Berry. P224 Berry was responded along with crews from Shoalhaven and Nowra Fire stations.

On arrival crews were faced with smoke issuing from a roof of a row of shops. Crews immediately got to work and gained access to the shop involved, quickly knocking down the fire. The fire was contained to the shop of origin.

A swift response by crews saw adjoining shops able to be saved. Our thoughts go out to all businesses affected.

Assistance was provided from:

Fire and Rescue NSW Station 405 Nowra
Fire and Rescue NSW Station 488 Shellharbour
Fire and Rescue NSW Station 440 Shoalhaven
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NSW Police Force

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Project Completion Date is listed as 01 December 2021

Shoalhaven City Council is committed to maximizing the recovery of resources in an ever-changing industry. Our efforts have focused on ensuring recycling continues within the Shoalhaven while minimising the risk of recyclables being sent to landfill.

In the foreseeable future, Council's capacity to viably and efficiently collect, store and process recycling over the long-term will be impacted greatly by residential and tourism-related population growth.

This proposed Council owned and operated Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) will provide flexibility in adapting to external pressures that affect the economics and management of recycling.

The following link takes you to Council's website and we have reproduced a list of (and some of them in detail) FAQ's <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/materials-recovery-facility-mrf/widgets/293792/faqs#63335>

What is a MRF (pronounced Murf)

A MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) is an op-erational facility that receives mixed recyclable materials. A combination of technologies, equip-ment and manual labour are used to separate and condense these materials, in preparation for transport to markets.

What materials are collected in a MRF

Recyclable materials received at a MRF are known as comingled materials. This means they arrive at the MRF as mixed loads. The materials include paper/cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and

containers, aluminium cans and steel cans. It is typically the type of material collected in a yellow lid household recycling bin.

What happens to the materials?

The materials, once separated and baled, are transported to companies across Australia (and sometimes overseas where applicable). These companies specialise in re-processing the materials into new products. For example, paper/cardboard is often made into new cardboard boxes, aluminium cans are typically made into new aluminium cans and steel cans are made into a variety of steel products. Glass is often used as building aggregate and plastics are made into a myriad of new products, from clothing and garden products to new plastic bottles and containers. They are even made into kerbside garbage bins.

In 2018, China tightened its import restrictions on recyclable products. As a result, the Australian Government were compelled to focus on growing the capability of the domestic recycling industry to increase resource recovery and use of recycled content in manufacturing. Infrastructure such as this new MRF will assist Council in achieving high quality recyclables to be sold in this new, highly competitive, market.

How is the MRF being funded?

The MRF will be financed through loan funding to be paid back over 10 years. The income used to fund the operational costs of the MRF is sourced from a combination of a gate fee, return on CDS (Container Deposit Scheme) materials and sales of sorted recyclables.

Will this cost me more?

No, there will be no additional cost to residents associated with the building

of this MRF. The cost of recycling has increased considerably since the China Sword policy and the global recycling crisis. These increases have already been incorporated into the annual domestic waste management charge, so it is unnecessary to increase the cost.

What impact will this have on me, the resident?

There is no negative impact or change in household kerbside recycling services for residents. There may be future benefits with Council being able to undertake special collections of targeted materials at specific times as required.

What benefits are there to the community?

The new MRF will incorporate the latest technology and equipment which will result in a higher quality separation of recyclable materials. As councils play a critical role in waste management and resource recovery, this increase in value of the recycling output will allow Shoalhaven Council to access markets more readily. This positive impact on the economics and management of recycling, together with the increased capability of the facility, will assist in maintaining the viability of recycling across the Shoalhaven.

Editorial Note: This is an exciting project and fits in with the Berry Alliance and Town Crier's Sustainability focus.

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



It's time for a Chemical CleanOut.

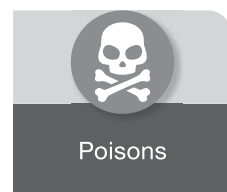
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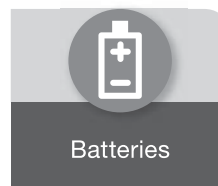
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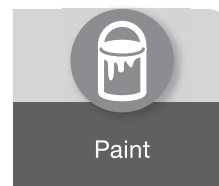
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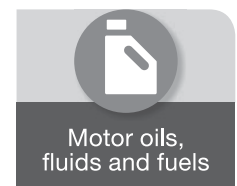
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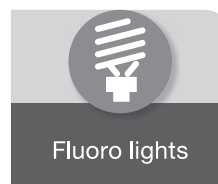
Batteries



Paint



Motor oils, fluids and fuels



Fluoro lights



Gas bottles and fire extinguishers



Smoke detectors

Only household quantities accepted (20L or 20kg), except paint.
Up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint accepted.

COVID 19 UPDATE

APRIL 2021

Providing information about COVID-19, right at the moment is like trapping the ancient mosquito in amber. It's a snapshot of the time and is a reference only. The landscape is changing quickly. But here goes.

Currently COVID-19 vaccines doses given 1.16 million, 645,000 by GP's.

Any vaccine is a **Risk Vs Benefit equation.**

The recommendation now goes "the COVID-19 **Pfizer** vaccine is preferred over the AstraZeneca vaccine **for adults aged under 50 years** based on potentially increased risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia. (a rare form of blood clot, TTS or VIPIT, when it's at home) This problem is rare, "with a range of four to eight people every one million people in the four-twenty days after the first dose. There has been one person diagnosed in Australia but" If you get the problem, you are at 25% risk of dying"

This new advice is kindly being called a "pivot" or "recalibration." Others are saying "major setback."

When will we get this Pfizer vaccine? A: maybe this year.

No offence, but you would not want the Department of Health placing your bets at Flemington. In fairness, they were just unlucky, with their choice of which vaccine to back.

So Now comes the curly question. How does an individual under 50, weigh up the risk of AstraZeneca vaccine? In category 1b, that is mostly female, health care workers and Aged care workers. In other words, front line workers. This is serious. This group is weighing up their individual risk, taking into account age, medical problems and occupation. Most

of these people, I know, are also weighing up the risk they could become a vector and hurt the very patients they want to protect. Against this is the risk of disease, say in Berry? By this day's snapshot, that is very very low. As doctors we are legally responsible for advice, but who can predict the risk say in 3 months? We may get better at predicting who is at risk for clots, it may be preventative strategies will work, and we will get better at early screening for this disease.

So the concept of **Risk is difficult.** Because that's how science works, you gather new evidence and try make sense of it. Look at data to keep people safe.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines also have issues with thrombocytopenia.

Every decision we make has risks. You may be surprised that every test we order has a risk of false positive and false negatives and even reassuring a patient with rash or headache, that they do not have a meningococcal infection or a brain tumour, is a risk. That is why we need informed patients sharing the decision. We do not make these calls on your behalf.

Berry Medical Centre is rolling out the AstraZeneca vaccine to patients over 70 and those people in category 1b.

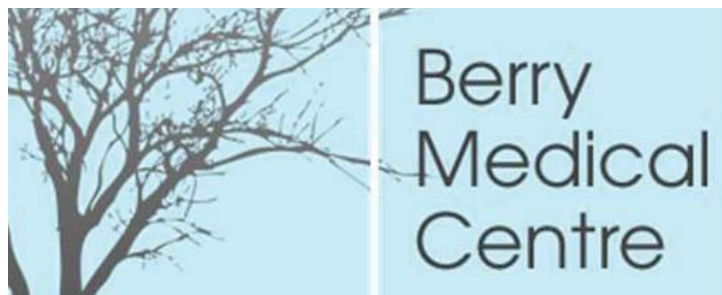
(Broadly Health care workers and those with a chronic medical condition). **But pause if you are aged under 50.** We are putting every available vaccine AstraZeneca into arms as soon as it arrives, and we are providing the vaccine to any community member in that category (not just our patients). Can we beg your patience.

The Federal Government has a contract in place for 20 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine, only 870,000 have thus far arrived.

The third potential vaccine Australia could access in the future is Novovax, for which there is an existing contract for 51 million doses, which looks very effective but has ongoing Phase 3 trials and has a far way to go before we see the vaccine. This could be the "roughy" that brings us home. One thing we are doing well in Australia is getting tested for COVID.

Australia has completed 1000 tests for every 100,000 of the population, perhaps the best in the world. This is one of the reasons we have done so well, and we see many people who have multiple tests. Current advice is that every patient with upper respiratory tract symptom should be tested. We were testing at the surgery but have now stepped away, as the hospital and pathology services are readily accessible and quicker in turnaround time for results.

Dr Neil Donovan on behalf of Berry Medical Centre



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Appointments can be made online through our website

www.berrymedicalcentre.com.au or by using the HotDoc App



Short-term Rental Accommodation

The NSW Government has implemented a new statewide regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation (STRA), which compliments the mandatory Code of Conduct and exclusion register that took effect on 18 December 2020.

The new policy takes effect on 30 July 2021.

Fire Safety Standards

- New standards for STRA dwellings and penalty notice offences for non-compliance
- Requirement for an evacuation plan and interconnected smoke alarms (see page 11).
- Each dwelling to provide an information sheet on general emergency advice for STRA

STRA Register

- A Government-run Register will be integrated with booking platform providers.
- Registration is mandatory before you can undertake STRA in NSW and requires the registrant to confirm the dwelling complies with the relevant fire safety standards.
- Registration will be available from 10 April to allow hosts to register their dwellings
- The Register will track the number of days a dwelling is used for STRA, which will be assisted through registration data collected from booking platform integration.
- Access to the Register will be provided to all NSW councils to assist with monitoring and compliance.

Code of Conduct

The Code creates new minimum standards of behaviour and requirements for all industry participants, including booking platforms, hosts, guests, letting agents and facilitators.

The code creates new disciplinary actions that NSW Fair Trading can take, including listing non-compliant participants on an exclusion register.

A booking platform must ensure that:

- (a) premises are not advertised online if the details of the host for the premises match those on the

exclusion register, or the premises are recorded on the exclusion register as excluded premises.

- (b) a guest does not use the booking platform's online booking service if the guest's details match those on the exclusion register as an excluded guest.

A guest must not at any time during the occupancy period create noise that is likely to harm, offend, or unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the peace and comfort of neighbours and other occupants of the premises.

A person may lodge a complaint with the Commissioner about an alleged failure by a person to comply with an obligation under this code. Where the Commissioner finds that an industry participant has contravened this code, the Commissioner may:

- (a) issue a **warning notice**
- (b) issue a **direction** which may:
 - i specify a minimum or maximum occupancy period for any STRA arrangement
 - ii specify a maximum number of visitors that can enter the STRA premises
 - iii prohibit the participant engaging in certain behaviour
 - iv impose other conditions on the participant
- (c) record a **strike** against a host or guest
- (d) record a host or a guest on the **exclusion register**

Exclusion Register

It will be possible to search the exclusion online.

The Commissioner must record on the exclusion register for 5 years:

- (a) a guest who has had two strikes recorded against them in a 2-year period
- (b) a host in relation to specific premises where the host has had 2 strikes recorded against them in a 2-year period
- (c) the host as an excluded host where a host has had 2 strikes recorded against them in a 2-year period and the Commissioner considers it appropriate that the host be excluded from acting as a host in relation to any premises



Berry Show Society Inc.

NOTICE OF AGM BERRY SHOW SOCIETY Inc.

The Annual General Meeting
will be held on

Tuesday 25th May 2021
in the Presbyterian Church Hall,
seating from 7.00p.m.,
with the meeting
commencing at 7.30p.m.

All members are welcome
to attend the meeting and
members must be
financial to vote.

The 2022 Berry Show
will be held on the
28th & 29th of January

Catherine Mason, Secretary

Knitting News

Knit with Love has started the year with a flourish, with an average of 21 ladies attending each Friday. If you should pass by St Luke's on a Friday afternoon (1-3pm) you couldn't help but notice the happy chatter and laughter that emanates from the Hall.

We, of course, ardently knit away, but friendship is a large part of what we are about. Currently we are promoting several projects with patterns provided for rugs, warm clothes for any age and soft toys. Ladies are encouraged to knit at whatever level suits them. Newcomers are welcome on any Friday and are asked to bring Size 4mm (no.8) needles – we can provide wool and give help to get started.

In these days of COVID plans, we are careful to maintain social distancing, have ladies register their attendance and provide hand sanitiser.

In this age of inclusiveness, we have to say that men are welcome, but as yet, we have had no male take up the offer. There are a few ladies who remember their Dads or brothers knitting, particularly in wartime. As a Drop-off point for the organisation Wrap with Love, we are happy to receive rugs knitted by folk in the community and also offer to assemble squares into rugs. These will be forwarded on.

A Group of soft toys



CONTACT PERSON: LYN OADES E: LOADES@OUTLOOK.COM M: 0404 562 772



Berry Celtic Festival on Again – Sat 22 May



The Berry Celtic Festival to be held on Saturday 22 May is full steam ahead. This year highlights the Welsh Celtic nation and, subject to any Covid restrictions at the time, promises a day full of entertainment.

Jousting has been one of the real hits with Berry Celtic Festival goes in recent years and is full of excitement, and the heavily armoured noble knights are bound to once again put on a great show for the crowd.



In the background, other knights resplendent in shining armour re-live battles in hand to hand combat showing their skillful swordplay.

The Berry Celtic Festival kicks off at 9.30am with a grand parade of pipe bands marching in their distinctive kilts around the Berry Showground, together with representatives of all of the Clans, medieval knights, and Scottish Terrier dogs.

Come see the marching of the massed bands, musical items, Celtic fiddlers, highland dancing, enchanted singing, and of course, the battles of the medieval knights.



University Grant

Each year the Rotary Club of Berry awards two undergraduate students with an "open gift" scholarship grant towards the costs of their university studies.

There are 2 grants offered.

- *The Jack 'Mo' Higgins Memorial University Scholarship of a \$1000 for students under the age of 25.*
- *The Jack 'Mo' Higgins Mature Age University Scholarship of a \$1000 for students over 25 years of age.*

Applicants must be:

- A resident of, or have come from, the areas of Berry, Gerringong or Shoalhaven Heads.
- Studying full-time at a university in NSW or the ACT.
- An Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia.

Application Closing date: Sunday 6 June 2021

To find out more: contact Rotarian Shona Gibson 4464 1810 or email berryrotary@gmail.com

Community Grants

The Rotary Club of Berry has always provided funds to various community groups and activities. In 2019/20 this was formalised under the umbrella of a 'Community Grants' Scheme for projects and programs within Berry and surrounding areas.

However, due to the impacts of Covid-19 cancelling virtually all of the Club's fundraising projects throughout 2020, we are not in a position to distribute funds this year.

We look forward with optimism that 2021 will be much better... so, stay tuned for next year.

Autumn has seen a change in the weather: cooler nights, shorter days and vegetable gardens being prepared and planted out with winter crops. Brassicas, spinach, beans, lettuce and more will be ready to pick and eat in the early winter. If you are not growing your own, then head to the Berry and Kangaroo Valley farmers markets to buy your own organic fresh produce.

On the 24th April we held our Gluten Free High Tea. Thanks to Kim and Marilyn who prepared the delicious food. We also enjoyed a glass of local Simmel sparkling wine, tea and coffee. Thanks to the Coeliac's Revenge group for their donation of gluten free flour.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY:

Bread Making, Wednesday 26th May
Book through Trybooking

To become a Slow Food member or to enquire,
please contact Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977,
email info@slowfoodberry2jb.com.au
or visit www.slowfoodberry2jb.com.au



Food for Life

One of the memories I have of 2020 is lining up at one of the supermarkets in Berry or Nowra for basics. It was something I had never had to do in Australia before. The experience opened up my eyes to how convenient our lives usually are in this country. It helped me to appreciate the small things, like the ability to pick pretty much any kind of food we want from the shops, even if it's not in season. This is not the case in other parts of the world. The truth is that it is not the case for many here in our local community. Rents are on the rise and so are a number of other costs which can make it difficult to make ends meet some weeks.

A few months ago, South Coast Life Church partnered with a charity called 'Food for Life' to deliver low-cost hampers to our community. Food for Life was started by Murray and Julie Harris in the Illawarra and South Coast about two years ago. Their goal is to provide food relief to South Coast families through affordable groceries. They do this by supplying low-cost weekly hampers. People who would like a hamper can go on to the Food for Life website (foodforlife.cc) and order a hamper which will provide five meals and some other staples for \$55. Every Thursday the hampers will be delivered to drop off points in Berry (at South Coast Life Church – 8 Schofields Lane from 3.30-4.30pm and Nowra (the Berry Street carpark between St Vinnies and the Nowra School of Arts) from 5.00-6.00pm.

You don't need to prove income status or provide a health care card. The hampers are available for everyone. From time to time my family has purchased a hamper or two. We are excited to be partnering with food for life. We hope and pray that this partnership is a blessing to our community.

If you have any questions that can't be answered on their website or ours, please get in touch.

joel@southcoastlife.org - Joel Noonan
South Coast Life Church - Berry and Nowra

BROUGHTON VALE / BERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Pull Over Driver

When you hear the sirens or see flashing blue and red lights of an emergency response vehicle, you must move out of the way as soon as it is safe to do so.

Drivers heading in either direction should be prepared to slow down and move to their left to allow safe passage of the emergency vehicle. Emergency vehicles may be required to move to the center of the road to overtake vehicles.

- Do not overtake or pull out in front of an emergency vehicle.
- Do not suddenly stop in front of an emergency vehicle.
- Do not enter an intersection if the traffic lights are red just because there is an emergency vehicle behind you. Wait until the lights turn green and then, when there is an opportunity, move to the left.

It has been a quiet few months for the Brigade. We have had a few triple 0 call-outs to pile burns and while there have been no issues, it is important that you notify your neighbours and Shoalhaven fire control at least 24 hours before you burn.

You can now notify Fire Control of your burn on-line – just go to rfs.nsw.gov.au and type 'notify us of your planned burn' in the search bar. Complete the on-line form and click 'submit'. Simple.



SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

Bringing Life through Jesus to the South Coast and beyond
Formerly known as Berry Community Church

8 Schofields Lane Berry

Service times 9am, 10.30am & 5pm

Everyone is Welcome!

hello@southcoastlife.org 4464 2315

southcoastlife.org

PINK UP BERRY

We are pleased to announce a few dates for some functions to be held during the month of October with more details to follow as we get closer;- Saturday 2nd October - Toppy Bowden Memorial Barefoot Bowls day to be held at the Berry Bowling Club Saturday 9th October - Trivia Night also at the Berry Bowling Club who we would like to thank for their continued support in helping us raise funds for the McGrath Foundation who provide specialised Breast Care nurses for those experiencing breast cancer and their families free of charge all over Australia.

Starting in May we will have homemade goods for sale at the Berry Barnlet, Pickles-chutneys, Jams, Rocky Road, knitted ladies beannies - which would make a great Mothers day Gift, Dog Coats and lots of other goodies.

The Barnlet is located next to the Berry Music Centre and is open Friday-Saturday & Sunday 9.30am-4pm. A special thank you to Sandy Bramley for giving us the space to use in her shop and her lovely staff for their assistance.

Several of our volunteers and committee have been busy cutting and sewing Pink Buntings - these will be available to purchase for the cost of \$10 prior to October.

A big welcome to Jan O'Gorman and Vicki Stuart who have joined our volunteers group. For any enquires email pinkupberry@gmail.com or phone Deb 0428 005 910.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



BERRY MEN'S SHED

HEALTH TALK SUCCESS



Richard Wiseman, guest Alan Hudson and David Merrington at the recent Health Talk

Our first Health Talk of the year focused on the individual's ability to recover and move forward following floods, bush fires and COVID which have all placed significant stress on people said Counselling Psychologist Alan Hudson who is based in Cambewarra. Many questions were asked from those who attended, and Alan did his best to answer them taking into account our changing lifestyles. We hope to be able to hold further talks during the year.

The Men's Shed Garage Sale will be held on Saturday 6 th November 2021. Proceeds from the sale will go towards our Scholarship programme with Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven High Schools. Each school selects 2 students in year 11 or 12 who have shown potential in academic, sporting or cultural activities at School from year 7. The Shed is planning to extend its Scholarship programme in 2021 and details will be announced shortly.

We will be needing donations of SALEABLE furniture in good condition and quality bric a brac. We cannot accept any electrical tools but would appreciate hand tools in working order. Have a look around your home and if you have any items, we would be very appreciative and the proceeds from your donation will be going towards our scholarship programme.

VALE Col Waller

I am very sad that our friend and colleague in so many things, Col Waller, passed away on 14 th April.

Col was the owner, then joint owner, of the Berry Hotel. He was instrumental in saving the National Trust listed Berry Courthouse amongst continual support and help for so many of the community and sporting groups in Berry.

He continued that good community work and support in Shoalhaven Heads following his sale of his share of the Hotel Berry and his involvement as the owner of the Shoalhaven Heads Hotel.

Col was always a good sounding board and support to so many with a lot of experience and expertise. From an excellent tennis player, a pretty good golfer and an accountancy background that was of great benefit to all that he did for others.

He was committed to tourism (a member of the Shoalhaven City Council Tourism Board), an active member of the Shoalhaven North Visitors Association, on the Berry Chamber of Commerce, as well as a great supporter of Noahs Ark amongst many others.

On a personal note, I was proud to have had Col as a friend and to have worked with him and played golf with him over all the last 25 years. Col and I were on a number of Council Committees, The Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee and a few special projects in Berry together. He was always informative, direct and never failed to encourage, assist and support people and groups in our community.

He was always involved and was a lot of fun at our golf group and took a number of us to various golf occasions through his position in the AHA.

I am sure that there will be a lot of sadness in our community.

There will also be some great stories about Col. Our sympathies go to Andy and all Col's family and friends.

Vale Col Waller

**Rick Gainford - President,
Berry Courthouse
Conservation Committee**



view

voice, interests and
education of women

**Our next coffee morning is at Queen Street Café at 10.30.
The program ladies will have more outings coming up so stayed tuned.
The Berry Evening VIEW Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at the Berry Bowling Club; meeting starting at 7p.m.**

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Having just come back from a brief trip to Nambucca Heads, the brain is a bit befuddled

with what's happening. The area has seemed to have settled down after the floods, but I heard many stories along the way. One house had furniture and goods stacked to the gutters ready to be dumped and on the way back the huge truck had just about finished loading it. It looked like they had lost a lot; it's hard to imagine. I guess this is where different charities step in to help.

In the last report I briefly told you what VIEW stands for and how we help with School Children in the Learning for life program. It takes a bit of fund raising and the members are more than willing to help with this. We welcome new members to join us anytime.

Well, that's all for now! Yolande, Publicity

Community Groups

BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Berry Alliance Inc. 0449 569 059
PO Box 202 Berry 2535
info@berryalliance.org.au www.berryalliance.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/BerryTownCrier

Berry Alliance Town Crier 0428 037 572
PO Box 202 Berry 2535 www.berryalliance.org.au
towncrier@berryalliance.org.au

Australian Labor Party Berry 4464 2446
Shoalhaven Heads Branch.
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, 6.30 pm Hotel Berry
secretarybshlp@gmail.com PO Box 474 Berry 2535

Australian Red Cross 4464 2479
Honorary Secretary Margaret Walsh 21 Windsor Dve Berry
1st Wednesday each month at 2pm Berry Uniting Church

Baumont Rural Fire Brigade 0416 754 272
baumontvrbf@gmail.com

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

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

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

Berry Forum - http://berryforum.org.au/
berryforum@hotmail.com

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
146 North St Berry 2535. Tues and Thurs
berrymensshed@telstra.com

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

Rotary Club of Berry 0438 430 438
PO Box 81 Berry 2535 www.berryrotary.org.au
Email: berryrotary@gmail.com

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

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

Probus Club of Berry 0421 088 004 / 0424 342 337
PO Box 68 Berry 2535 berryprobus@gmail.com

Slow Food Berry to Jervis Bay Inc.
Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977
slowfoodberry2jb@gmail.com www.slowfoodbjb.org.au

Zonta Club of Berry 0414 234 100
PO Box 302 Berry www.zontadistrict24.org
Barbara Smith bredgravesmith@gmail.com

ARTS

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

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

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

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

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

Red Berry Quilters 0432 603 484
redberrysec@gmail.com www.facebook/redberriesquiltinggroup

CHURCHES

Scots' Presbyterian Church 0405 139 031
Rev. Isaac Jung - isaac.jung@hotmail.com

Berry Uniting Church 4464 2904 / 0466 717 254
77 Albert Street Berry - berryuniting@gmail.com

South Coast Life Church 4464 2315
8 Schofields Lane Berry - 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
68A Princess St, Berry 2535 www.berryanglican.org
office@berryanglican.org

EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS

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

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

Berry Kids' Club at Presbyterian Church 02 4464 1020
83 Victoria Street - Meet 2 Fridays per month

Let's Play 0403 791 886
South Coast Life Church, 8 Schofields Lane, Berry
Sharayah@southcoastlife.org

GARDENING AND LAND CARE

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

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

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

RECREATION

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

SPORT

Berry Golf Club 0429 429 743
jamesauld48@bigpond.com
Meet at the Berry Bowling Club

Berry Fishing Club 0448 479 925
jeffery@shoalhaven.net.au
PO Box 41 Berry
Meet at the Berry Bowling Club

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
jasiy@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.com

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Rugby League Club 0413 915 215

berryrugbyleague@gmail.com
facebook.com/berryshoalhavenheadsmagpies

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

SPONSORED & PARTNERED GROUPS

Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club 0432 331 915
www.headssurf.com.au
info@headssurf.com.au

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
elizabeth@berryquiltingretreat.com.au

Berry Motor Fair
snezana@speackcommunications.com.au

Bundanon Trust www.bundanon.com.au 4422 2100
Facebook

Friends of Berry Cemetery Group Group currently being
formed - barlowpeach@gmail.com
janetfingleton@bigpond.com

Pink Up Berry Pink Up Berry Committee
pinkupberry@gmail.com

SALT Ministries 4480 5028
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/

U3A Shoalhaven (02) 4424 0216
5/48 Berry Street Nowra NSW 2541

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

EMERGENCY 000

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

Rural Fire Brigade (Broughton Vale) 4464 1522
SES For Emergency Help in Floods & Storms 132 500
Ambulance - always call 000

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 – April 2021 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 provided in the Town Crier each month as well as in the Friends of the Berry Town Crier” Newsletters sent out regularly between editions of the Town Crier.

Go to: <http://www3.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx>

Development Application Tracking.

Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

DA21-1126 – 15-2-2021 – Dwelling Additions – 13 Albany Street Berry

CD21-1071 – 18-2-2021 – Dwelling Additions & In Ground Swimming Pool – 3 Queen St Berry.

CD21-1072 – 18-2-2021 – In Ground (Plunge) Swimming Pool – 9 Parker Cr. Berry.

DA21-1160 – 22-2-2021 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions & Detached Garage – 49 Campbells Run, Berry.

DA21-1163 – 23-2-2021 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 18 Brangus Close Berry.

CD21-1097 – 24-2-2021 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 133 Devitt's Lane Merroo Meadow.

DA21-1251 – 17-3-2021 – Dual Occupancy & Torrens Title Subdivision – Outdoor Kitchen & Temporary Use of Studio - 7 King St, Berry

CD21-1169 – 18-3-2021 – Two Storey Dwelling -42 Parker Cres, Berry

DA21-1273 – 19-3-2021 – Detached Garage, Carport, Shed & In Ground Swimming Pool -59 Tindalls Lane Broughton

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

DA20-2150 – Approved – 15-2-2021 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 583 Coolangatta Rd Berry.

DA20-2259 – Approved – 15-2-2021 – Single Storey Dwelling – 275 Agars Lane Berry.

DA20-2386 – Approved – 17-2-2021 – Convert Detached Garage to Habitable Rooms – 8 Alexandra St, Berry.

DA21-1044 – Approved – 17-2-2021 – Advertising Signage - 8 Homestead Lane Berry.

DA20-2272 – Approved – 18-2-2021 – Detached Studio – 271D Tindalls Lane Broughton Vale.

CD21-1123 – Approved – 26-2-2021 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 13 Tigman St, Berry.

DA20-2089 – Approved – 23-2-2021 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 1 Womack Cl, Berry.

DA20-2089 – Approved – 24-2-2021 – Cover over Dressage & Show Jumping Arena – 66 Tulloch Rd Broughton Vale.

DA20-2056 – WITHDRAWN – 15-3-2021 - Tourist & Visitor Accommodation (7 Cabins), Swimming Pool, Communal Area & Dwelling Additions - 275 Bong Bong Rd Broughton Vale

DA20-2305 – Approved – 17-3-2021 – Outbuilding Alterations & Partial Change of Use to Tourist Cabin - 34 Bryan Close Broughton Vale

The Withdrawal of DA20-2056 – WITHDRAWN – 15-3-2021 - Tourist & Visitor Accommodation (7 Cabins), Swimming Pool, Communal Area & Dwelling Additions 275 Bong Bong Rd Broughton Vale will be of particular note as there was a lot of publicity given to it and submissions since the application.

UPDATING SKILLS AT A TASTE OF PARADISE FARM

Providing a mentoring program for our vulnerable young people, gives us plenty of opportunities to learn or update skills. While some of our training on the farm is more formal, we also take the opportunity to do some on the spot training too. Josie is one of our mentors with nursing skills and she recently volunteered to demonstrate how to use an EpiPen. We keep several of these on hand for emergency use to treat any serious allergic reactions.

While we have never had to use one for real, the safety of our young people, staff and volunteers is very important to us and we like to keep up-to-date and knowledgeable just in case.

With our staff and volunteers gathered for morning tea, it was a perfect time to give some on the spot training. Jerry was our volunteer patient as Josie used our practice device (unfilled and no needle attached) to demonstrate the how, where and when to administer. Thanks to Josie and Jerry for the impromptu show and for making it both fun and informative!

We would also like to thank the Berry Pharmacy for supporting us in keeping our First Aid kits updated and complete. There are so many ways that people and businesses partner with us to help change kids' lives and we are grateful to every one of them.

One of the more unusual activities on our farm is the growing of edible flowers.

When the young people are first introduced to

this concept, they are unsure about trying them. It is a credit to our mentors that they gain the trust of the young people to try eating some of the flowers. We also give them the opportunity of taste testing some of the other fresh produce straight from the garden. Often a new experience as well.

Gardening itself and nutrition too, can be activities and ideas that are new to our young people. The peace of the farm and the natural environment go a long way towards providing a settling and life changing impact on our vulnerable youth.

We are also very appreciative of our gardening volunteers who keep our gardens going. If you would like to join us in the gardens (or selling produce at the Farmers Markets) send an email to admin@atasteofparadise.org.au





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Berry & District Garden Club News



Berry is very fortunate to attract many interesting guest speakers to the activities of our local clubs and organisations. At the Garden Club we are extremely thankful to presenters as we once again have the opportunity and privilege to hear them impart their knowledge and points of views at our monthly meetings. We always have the time to ask questions of them, and to often enjoy video presentations, perhaps to see examples of their speciality plant or special skill. Last month we invited journalist/garden designer/horticulturist *Mary Davis*. For over a decade Mary was the proprietor of Sydney's first cottage garden nursery. The title *Creating Cottage Gardens* gives a clue to her subject for our meeting.

In May our own local gardening superstar, *Jason Hodges* is scheduled to talk on 'Buxus and Topiary'.

Jason is a horticulturist and landscape designer with 32 years experience in the industry. But there's more...! He enjoyed twenty years with Channel 7; was a Gold Medal winner at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, for design and construction. He was one of nine Australians to win a medal at Chelsea Flower Show... a Silver Gilt Medal. Impressive CV! Jason bought land in Berry seven years ago where he has established his plant growing business. He moved to Berry eighteen months ago.

Later in the year we will hear about running a wholesale/retail nursery: pruning roses: and preparing Camellia blossoms for entry into our *Camellia and Floral Show*, 31 August and 1 September. There is interest for everyone in that range.

We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings, so that they too can benefit from and enjoy our guest speakers and club activities. Hopefully they will join our fraternity.

Our monthly meetings are held from 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday each month, in St. Luke's Church Hall. Now that it is permissible to share refreshments again, supper is firmly back on the agenda. Come along on 18 May and enjoy the proceedings, in safety. We will welcome you warmly. Our May newsletter will give meeting details. Email us for a copy.

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Secretary, Deb Wooster, welcomes enquiries
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Landcare BERRY

It's exotic, South American, has a cakey name, beautiful drooping cream flowers, a sweet scent, picturesque creeping habit, and has edible leaves and tubers. It is also a vigorous and invasive Weed of National Significance, difficult to eradicate, and has made Berry its home. It's name is Madeira Vine or Lambs Tails, (*Anredera cordifolia*). Growing both wild and in Berry's gardens, past control actions haven't dented its distribution. It is now spreading rapidly along the banks of Broughton, Broughton Mill and Bundewallah Creeks. You can check it out on land bordering the Bowling Club and the Bundewallah Creek bridge.

This vine forms dense mats and climbs into and smothers tree canopies. It out-competes native vegetation, posing a serious threat to biodiversity and habitat values. It reproduces vegetatively via dispersal of stem fragments, tubers, and bulbils (aerial tubers) which grow prolifically along its stems and are easily separated when disturbed. Each can start new plants and lie viable in the soil for many years.

Berry Landcare calls on all land-owners, carers and gardeners to recognise the imminent threat this weed poses and to remove it from our environment.

Simple one-off spraying is ineffective and slashing, mowing or composting without treatment simply spreads the problem. Careful and repeated management is required for eradication. If you simply pull it down, you spread thousands of bulbils and ensure its survival, (and the need for repeated intensive weeding) into the future.

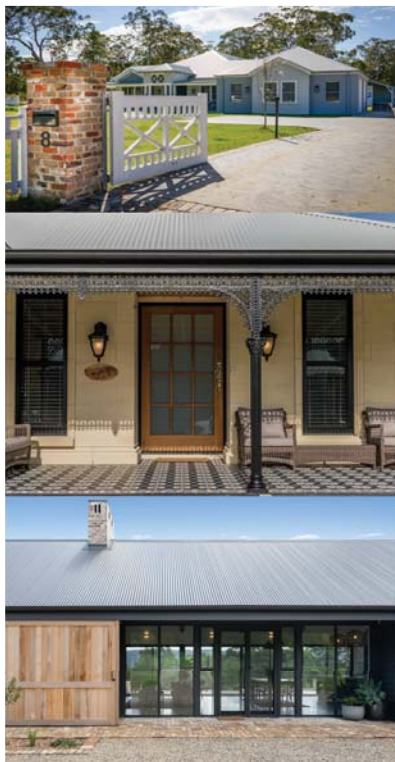
Vines in the canopy must be scraped and painted with herbicide where they rise from the ground and otherwise left undisturbed. Ground covering vines can be repeatedly sprayed. Young plants can be carefully dug out including any tubers.

For details on herbicides and application techniques contact Ian: ianlindap@shoalhaven.net.au 4448 6359; or Hugh: admin@boongareebushcare.org 0417 407477; and watch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L7GBMF2NU4

Growth habit, flowers, bulbils
and the fleshy heart-shaped
leaves of Madeira Vine



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The members of the Auxiliary would like to thank the locals and visitors to town who came to our Easter chicken stall. The little knitted chicks couldn't help but attract the crowds in town. The chatter was which colour to choose and how many. One little girl said to her mother "lets buy a couple" when her mother asked her to pick one! And even the 'big' kids got into the fun. Such joy and happy faces all around. On Saturday 8th May, the day before Mother's Day we will be holding a stall in Broughton Court.

You never know you may just find that gift for Mother's Day, even something baked for morning tea, a book to read or a beanie to keep the ears warm. Please come, check it out and support the David Berry Hospital Auxiliary. Times are different now, new regulations have changed lots, but the DBH Auxiliary are still working to support our local Rehabilitation Hospital and Palliative Care Unit to purchase equipment. Which in turn assists the staff to give the patients the very best care. We welcome new members and for more information please call Marilyn on 4464 1774. Our meetings are held 2nd Monday of each month 10am at the Uniting Church Hall, Berry.



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Growing Plants
Growing Community

PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

It is one year since the Growing Illawarra Natives website was officially launched.

The website has proven to be a wonderful resource for everyone interested in using local native plant species in their gardens. There is a blog site to follow too.

www.growingillawarranatives.org showcases native plant species local to the Illawarra and Northern Shoalhaven regions and provides tips on sourcing and growing them.

Hundreds of plant species are described with photos, ideas on garden design and tips on attracting local wildlife.

How lucky we were with the timing of the launch. The nursery was full of plants, the rain came and the weather was perfect for planting with few distractions because we were obliged to stay at home.

This year, conditions are so favourable that there is no shortage of a diversity of fruit for the local birds to gorge on.

Diploglottis australis - Native tamarind, has eluded us for some years, but fruits have been abundant and collections have been made from several local sites with successful germination rates.

Syzygium australe - (brush cherry) and other species have had a second flush of fruiting.

The much sort after **Sloanea australe** - (Maiden's blush) has also been plentiful.

So one year on, the outdoor hardening off area is full of plants in need of new homes and by spring there will even be more species to choose from.



The first leaves of **Diploglottis australis**



The pink blush of the new growth of **Sloanea australe**

Below:
A handful of pink **Syzygium australe** fruits



The large compound leaves of the mature plant.

From Quirky Beanies to Fine Silk Shawls

On Easter Sunday Berry Spinners and Weavers held their first Berry Market Day Sale at the Berry School of Arts. Six of our members took advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate their spinning skills for the public, and to offer their gorgeous hand woven and hand knitted work for sale.

The sale featured the work of Sue Walker, of the Yarn Hub, and Kiama felt artist, Melinda Binkins, along with Elena Reichmann, Kate Downes, Dianne Brack and Virginia Nightingale. Carrie Becker, along with Sue and Elena demonstrated the skills of carding and spinning. Sue Walker is passionate about creating and supplying beautiful hand dyed yarns and fibres for other textile artists. She teaches weaving at Sturt Contemporary Craft and Design and runs an online business selling weaving and knitting supplies. Felt artist, Melinda Binkins, enjoys an international reputation for her stunning felt artistry. This sale also featured Elena Reichmann's ultra-fine handwoven silk shawls, Kate Downes hand knits, and Dianne Bracks' quirky beanies

and rigid heddle scarves, along with hand woven purses and scarves by Virginia Nightingale. The variety and quality of the stunning work on offer was inspirational

Also on display was the hand woven Berber wool rug, recently woven at the Berry School of Arts by Carrie Becker and Virginia Nightingale. While not for sale, the rug represents a celebration of our resilience. It is our first work completed in the Swedish krokbragd style, and woven on Berry Spinners and Weavers' floor loom since our move to the Berry School of Arts and the onset of the pandemic.

Berry Spinners and Weavers plan to continue our Market Day Sale initiative, and will hold a second sale on Sunday, May 2nd, where we will continue to profile the work of our spinners and weavers and the wonderful fibres, fabrics and garments we make.

Berry Spinners and Weavers meet on Wednesdays, 6.30 -9pm and Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 1pm at the Berry School of Arts. berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.



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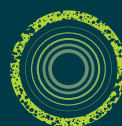
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BERRY CWA



Ever wanted to learn the art of the perfect sponge! Now is your chance! Our next Community Workshop will focus on cooking this delicious cake and will be held on Thursday May 13 at 9.30am in the CWA rooms in Victoria Street, Berry. One of our nonagenarian members, Margaret, recently commented 'I don't cook cakes-but my daughters do'. If you would like to learn the secrets to making a successful sponge, please join Margaret's daughters,

Janine, Sue, Jenny and Wendy to learn some valuable tips. As with all our Workshops, the cost is a donation and morning tea is provided. Please contact Pam, our workshop coordinator ASAP, as numbers are limited. Pam can be contacted at barker_killoloe@hotmail.com. Berry CWA recently celebrated its 70th birthday. The Berry Branch of the CWA began in 1951 when a meeting was convened in the Berry School of Arts on Wednesday April 11 attended by approximately 70 women and representatives and sponsors from Nowra, Gerringong and Kiama.

The current members of Berry CWA marked this milestone with afternoon tea, cutting of a cake and a small recital from the choir. The honour of cutting the cake was given to our longest serving members Margaret, Edna and Marie. It was indeed a milestone to be celebrated. Our next fundraiser will be a stall on Sunday May 2 at our rooms on Victoria Street, the same day as the Berry Markets. We will have lots of Mothers Day gifts for all ages and so please drop in for a visit, you might just find the perfect gift for Mum and, of course, lots of delicious treats, jams and chutneys and all manner of craft items.

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



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With waterfront views, a boat ramp, boat shed and jetty the price tag comes as no surprise.

Tim believes that now is a great time to sell as the region returns to normal and the area's popularity increases with Sydney buyers.

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