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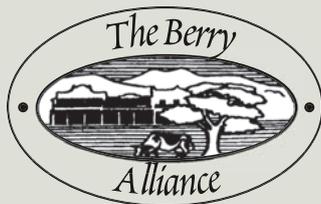
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The Town Crier is produced by the Berry Alliance Inc.

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

Contributions are from the Berry Community who have news and information for our readers.

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The closing date for our APRIL issue will be Wednesday 16th MARCH 2022 at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to:

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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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LIFE IS ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY!

It should come as no surprise that the last couple of years have seen a rise in loneliness and social isolation. A snapshot into social isolation and loneliness by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, released in Sept 2021, reported what we all know to be true; people have been feeling lonelier since the start of the pandemic.

Loneliness has been linked to poor physical and mental health, dissatisfaction with life and even premature death. Likewise social isolation is linked to mental illness, emotional distress, poor sleep, poor health behaviours and premature death. (www.aihw.gov.au/reports/australias-welfare/social-isolation-and-loneliness-covid-pandemic).

Did you know that God never wanted us to be lonely or isolated? God knew, what we now know with more certainty since experiencing lock-downs, is that we need other people. Social contact leads to higher life satisfaction and overall health.

God is a communal God. He demonstrates community by living in community with

himself – Father, Son and Spirit, and also in community with us: the people He created. God's desire for you is to be known by you and for you to know him.

Church is another example of a community. A group of people that come together from many different walks of life. South Coast Life Church has lots of ways you can be involved in community.

On Tuesday mornings at 9.30am we have a playgroup called "Let's Play" for children 5 and under and their carers. It's play, craft, music and morning tea. It's a great way to make friends with other parents and carers.

On Thursday mornings at 9am we have a Gardening and Activity group where you can come and be together with other people maintaining our gardens and facilities.

On Friday nights at 7pm we have Berry Youth. It's a safe place for young people (Yrs 7-12) to come, play games, and have fun.

On Sundays we have church services at 10am and 5pm in Berry and 3pm in Nowra. Our church is all about doing life together! I encourage you to check us out at southcoastlife.org. Life shouldn't be done alone!

Erica Noonan



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BERRY MOTORFAIR RETURNS ON SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022

After raising more than \$50,000 for Lifeline Australia in its inaugural year, the family-friendly car show is back and bigger than ever.

Community car showcase Berry Motorfair will return to regional paradise on **Sunday March 20, 2022** and will continue its support of Australia's leading crisis support and suicide prevention service, **Lifeline**.

Taking place on ten acres of farmland, Berry Motorfair is a comprehensive community exhibition of over 100 classic, collectible and cool cars, whereby attendees can peruse the likes of Porsche's, Ferrari's, McLaren's, muscle cars and more. In addition to the impressive line-up of vehicles, the event promises an exciting program of food trucks, bars, live entertainment, MC, raffle prizes and more.



In its inaugural year, Berry Motorfair was a sold out event and raised over \$50,000 for Lifeline Australia. This year, Berry Motorfair has set an ambitious target of \$100,000, which will go directly to support Lifeline who expect to respond to well over one million requests for support this year.

"Berry Motorfair was a concept that was born during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic with the aim of raising much-needed funds for Lifeline as well as injecting money in the local economy; businesses at the time were really suffering the effects of the devastating bushfires and loss of tourism in the area. This year, we plan on doubling that figure." says Jordan Tang, organiser of Berry Motorfair. *"The heart of Berry Motorfair lies in the community; it's not just about the impressive display of cars and motorcycles on show, but an opportunity to enjoy a day out with friends and family and meet new people, all whilst raising money for an important cause. We can't wait to welcome everyone back in a few weeks."*

Follow @BerryMotorfair on Facebook and Instagram using #BerryMotorfair to see the amazing images and videos from the day.

Event Information:

- **Date:** Sunday 20th March, 2022
- **Time:** 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **Where:** 185 Strongs Roads, Jaspers Brush NSW 2535
- **Tickets:** To secure your ticket, visit www.berrymotorfair.com.
- **Cost:** \$15.00 for general entry. Kids under 16 are free.



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SUNDAY MARCH 6TH 2022

Hello Everyone,

It is Wade, the owner of Rekindle Me (your local electrical waste recycling business). This Clean Up Australia Day, we invite you to come and help clean up our beautiful township of Berry, on Sunday March 6th 2022. We will meet at Apex Park and have a great few hours cleaning our town! Things will kick off from Apex Park at 9am and finish at 12pm, you aren't expected to stay the complete duration, any help is appreciated. Don't worry if you aren't there by 9am, as there will always be someone at the site meeting point. There will also be tea, coffee and snacks provided.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Want to learn more about Rekindle Me? Our website is rekindleme.net and you can find us on Facebook @ [rekindlemerecycling](https://www.facebook.com/rekindlemerecycling)

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A good quality item of clothing will always find a new owner and appreciative charity. Yet what do you do with those worn-out pieces that have seen better days? Or the handbag with the broken strap? Or the bedsheets that nobody wants?

Now, these and many other textile items can be recycled for free, via the bright blue clothing bins, located at Council's Recycling & Waste Depots.

For more information on what we accept visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and search 'textiles'.

✓ **Textiles we do accept**

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| ✓ All Clothing | ✓ Shoes |
| ✓ Bed Linen | ✓ Curtains |
| ✓ Table Linen | ✓ Car Seat Covers |
| ✓ Blankets | ✓ Rugs (small) |
| ✓ Cushion covers | ✓ Bath Mats |
| ✓ Towels | ✓ Belts |
| ✓ Handbags | ✓ Hats |
| ✓ Small bags | ✓ Cooler Bags (fabric) |

✗ **Some of the items we don't accept**

- ✗ Items containing stuffing such as doonas, mattress toppers, pillows and cushions
- ✗ Paint or chemical stained textiles
- ✗ Carpets and large rugs

This a 12 month trial, after which the materials collected will be assessed to determine if the service is viable to continue.

Berry Recycling & Waste Depot | 175 Agars Lane | OPEN Friday to Monday | 8am - 4pm
Visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or call Waste Services on 1300 293 111

RECYCLING COMPETITION WITH \$100 CASH PRIZES

As part of our continuing sustainability focus, the Berry Alliance and Town Crier are running a competition and drawing attention to the recycling of aluminium foil.

Aluminium foil and wrapping needs to be put together in a ball to be recycled currently. If you put sheets of it or small pieces of it in the yellow bin it contaminates it and it all goes to landfill.

So, we have thought up this competition.

Save any aluminium foil and roll it into a ball, keep adding to the ball. Then you can take your ball of aluminium to the special table at the Farmers' Market on the first 2 Thursdays in May to enter our competition.

The heaviest aluminium foil ball in each age category wins \$100.

3 Categories are:

Up to 9 years

From 10 to 17 years

18 years plus

A couple of rules:

You must get your entry to us at the Berry Farmers' Markets on either Thursday 5th or 12th May by 5 pm. We cannot accept entries in any other way.

No foreign materials - we will check - only aluminium foil (think Easter Eggs).

Each entry (ball of Aluminium foil) becomes

the property of the Berry Alliance / Town Crier and we will ensure that it is all recycled or re-used. Wade will assist us in this.

We are very pleased to announce that Wade Cawley from Rekindle Me, based in Berry, is our partner in this project. Wade is a leader in education and operating in this area. In fact, Wade has just been awarded the Shoalhaven Young Australian of the Year for his work. Congratulations Wade.



At the Australia Day Awards event Mayor Amanda Findley said of Wade:

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WADE CAWLEY

As a role model for young people, Wade Cawley demonstrates his passion for the environment by repurposing waste in meaningful ways. He took his passion from a hobby to starting a local e-Waste business to upcycle and keep recyclable material out of landfill. Mr Cawley networks with local businesses and LGA's to ensure e-Waste is suitably recycled with his electric van enabling him to collect obsolete items directly from businesses and residents. Through Mr Cawley, his business educates clients on the intricacies of recycling and shows how small steps can create big solutions. His innovative approach to repurposing waste makes a major contribution to protecting the environment. He is also an organiser of Clean-up Australia Day in Berry. Mr Cawley's love for helping others and making our environment cleaner for the next generation is incredible. This passionate young man is a role model and inspiration and deserves much recognition in the field of environmental excellence.

The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

Overwhelming Vote to Endorse Additional HCA for Berry

More than two hundred emails were received from Forum members endorsing the Berry & District Historical Society's proposal for a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) over parts of Princess Street, Prince Alfred Street and Victoria Street. The proposal will now be sent to Council with a request for its support in obtaining Department of Planning approval. The 'Princess Street Conservation Area' would connect the Queen Street and Berry Showground HCAs and include some of the township's very early development, including the original road to the wharf on Broughton Creek. It also includes many fine early buildings from the late 19th and early 20th century which define the historic character of Berry.

The Historical Society has prepared a comprehensive Heritage Assessment (HA) to provide enough information for Council to understand the importance of the proposed HCA to the history and streetscape of Berry, and to justify the resources required to undertake action necessary to add the 'Princess Street Conservation Area' to the SLEP.

Local Park for Huntingdale

The Forum Committee, with the support of Cllr Patricia White, has been lobbying Council for three years to obtain a park for the residents of Huntingdale. We did not accept that the proposed district park (Boongaree) would be a practical solution for the needs of Huntingdale families wanting to walk to a local park.

At the Council meeting on 7 February,

councillors endorsed a draft Concept Plan for public exhibition. It proposes a local park on the 2ha lot between Huntingdale Park Rd and Hitchcocks Ln.

Subject to community feedback, delivery of the local park infrastructure will provide recreation opportunities within walking distance for Huntingdale residents. Endorsement will allow contributions for the park to be levied from the approved new development south of Hitchcocks Ln.

Footpaths - Council and the Forum working together

The Committee was contacted by residents concerned about a proposed concrete footpath on the northern side of Victoria Street opposite the school, requiring removal of the two mature Jacaranda trees. There is a footpath on the southern side of Victoria Street. Following discussions, Council's Northern engineer confirmed -

- Any future footpath project in Berry needs to preserve the existing streetscape and not detract from it by removing mature trees.
- Council staff are asking TfNSW to not pursue the Victoria Street proposal and seeking other pedestrian safety projects in Berry.
- This will be done in close consultation with the Berry Forum as the initial community body.

Change to Council Meetings Format

Councillors have agreed to discontinue both the Development & Environment Committee and the Strategy & Assets Committee, and instead hold two Ordinary meetings of Council each month on Mondays at 5.30pm.



BERRY TENNIS CLUB

PO BOX 133 Berry NSW 2535
Email: berrytennis@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events at Berry Tennis Club

2022 Club Championships

COVID permitting, the Berry Tennis will be holding its annual Club Championships on **Friday 25 March (Mixed Doubles) - starting at 6pm and Saturday 26 March (Men's Singles and Doubles, Women's Singles and Doubles) - starting at 9am.** All Club Members are eligible to enter.

This is an important annual event, which carries on the tradition of a Club Championship. The names of the winners will join the list of previous winners on our current club house honour board dating back to 1983!

Kids Tennis Fun Day

On Sunday 3 April, the Berry Tennis Club will be holding a Fun Day for primary school aged children. It will be packed with exciting, tennis related activities aimed to get your child moving and having fun! More details will be released in next month's issue of the Town Crier and across social media.

The courts are available for hire by Club Members and the general public. We also welcome new members at any time. Members of the Club get the benefit of free court hire. Court hiring details are on www.berry.org and the Club sign at the tennis courts on North Street.

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

Thank You to Adrian Bishop PSM

The Management Committee and members of the Berry Alliance are sad to see Adrian and Dee Bishop sell their beautiful home and garden in Berry and move to be closer to one of their children and family. Adrian Bishop was a stalwart of the Berry Alliance and Town Crier and was always there to support it and the work that it does in our community. He represented a very important group of people in our town with passion and love for the community as well as a strong sense of justice. He was instrumental in determining, and supported, the directions and priorities we had.

He is also an important source of wise counsel. Adrian Bishop was awarded the PSM (Public Service Medal) for his important involvement in the Public Service where he was moved to on his return from active service in Vietnam.

Amongst other things he was:

- a strong member of the local Anglican Church;
- a Vietnam Veteran;
- a passionate member of the RSL and the Viet Vets association;
- a long-standing Committee member of the Management Committee of the Berry Alliance and Town Crier;
- a long-standing Committee member of the Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee;
- a very long standing and active member of the Australian Labor Party;
- a dedicated and very good gardener.

Adrian still spoke fluent French which he learned in Vietnam about fifty years ago and used in his work in the Public Service where he transferred to following his military career.

He maintained his language skills which he enjoyed using when they travelled to France for holidays.

Adrian has a passion for life and so many things in his life. He certainly has a zest for it.

We will miss Adrian and Dee very much and send our love with them on their new phase of their lives.



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

The Berry & District Historical Society

BOONGAREE

“Boongaree” is an early Aboriginal name for the Berry/Broughton Creek area and is now the new name of the Berry District Park which extends north along North Street from Woodhill Mountain Road to just past Edward Street. The renaming of the area is an acknowledgement of the Indigenous people who lived in the Berry area, prior to colonial settlement.

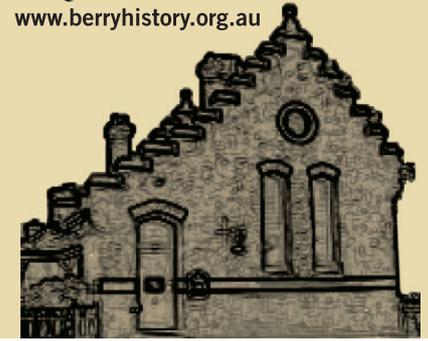
Recently in Boongaree the Rotary Nature Park was opened and a Reconciliation Garden and other community facilities are also planned for this special area.

Boongaree and its surrounds was the birthplace of two Indigenous Australians in particular, Broughton of the Dharawal (Tharawal) people whose traditional name was Toodwick (Toodood, Toodwit) and Broger (Broger) , a close relation. Broughton was an Aboriginal guide, tracker and constable and Broger was an Aboriginal tribesman. Broughton's name was given to him by surgeon and explorer Charles Throsby whom Broughton had accompanied on journeys to the Illawarra, the Shoalhaven and the Southern Highlands and in 1822 Throsby recommended Broughton to Alexander Berry whose land grant incorporated the area of Boongaree. Thus began a relationship that lasted over two decades.

Broughton was among the party that sailed with Berry from Sydney in June 1822 and assisted in the surveying of the land near the mouth of the Shoalhaven River. Berry considered Broughton ‘a steady discerning individual’

Berry Museum

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who assisted in setting up Coolangatta, recruiting Aboriginal labour, keeping the peace, driving cattle and providing his own labour. He called Broughton ‘my Landsman’ and later ‘my oldest surviving Black friend’. In his reminiscences Berry mentions Broger as ‘ a Native Chief...., who was the brother of Broughton, a great friend of mine’. Today we have - Broughton's and Broger's Creek, Brogers Creek Road, Broughton's Head, Broughton Vale, Broughton Village and Broughton Mill Creek.

In the NSW State Library there is an 1819 sketch of Broughton by Jacques Arago, the artist with the French scientific expedition. It shows a thoughtful, even intense, young man with a lightly whiskered face and medium length hair in free-flowing curls.

Boongaree

If you are interested in Berry's rich history why not become a member of the Historical Society? More information can be found on our website: www.berryhistory.org.au

Come and join us at the Museum and help to keep Berry's history alive.

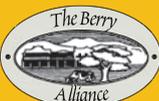
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Huntingdale Park Residents Action Group CL22.61 Passive Open Space (Local Park) - West of Princes Highway, Berry

Here are further details of the decision by Council on Monday (7-2-2022) night following a Deputation and submission from the Huntingdale Park Residents Action Group.

Council agreed to adopt our recommendation and request to add our proposal as an Amendment to the Motion: **“To consider an option to build a pull-in bus bay in any future planning and project design.”** And **“Consider funding options for the project design and construction costs including any grant funding opportunities.”**

Council also agreed to include our detailed Deputation and Submission on the file so that they are taken into consideration in the detailed design stage which comes next.

We were very happy to have the issue carried unanimously and special thanks to Cllr Patricia White and Cllr Matthew Norris for proposing our amendments.

These things take time. To come from the position our community was in regarding the desire for a Local Park to this stage may have taken some time but it has succeeded and across two different elected Councils.

We have now ensured funding from previous Contributions in the Huntingdale Estate area and ongoing funding from the new developments in this area through the Contributions scheme. This was the purpose of the Amendment to **The Shoalhaven Contributions Plan 2019 Amendment HPERM Ref: D21/520686.**

The provision for a Bus Pull Off Bay just made sense that it be taken into account at the planning stage and we managed to have that noted and added to the Recommended Motion. Another sensible decision.

Council staff will now prepare their detailed concept plan and put it on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days. This will be done shortly and then after the Public Exhibition period the final plans will be drawn up and costed in detail having

taken into account any more submissions from the community. It will then be put it on the Agenda for a Council meeting to debate it and vote on it. This Council meeting is likely to be in May or June.

In the meantime we will have further feedback and discussions in the Huntingdale Park community and with more time be able to address this issue in even more detail.

From Council Minutes of Ordinary meeting 7-2-2022:

CL22.61 Passive Open Space (Local Park) - West of Princes Highway, Berry

- Draft Concept Plan and Proposed Shoalhaven Contributions Plan 2019 Amendment HPERM Ref: D21/520686

“Recommendation That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Concept Plan for the passive open space area between Huntingdale Park Road and Hitchcocks Lane, Berry and the associated Amendment to the Shoalhaven Contributions Plan (CP) 2019.
2. Publicly exhibit the draft Concept Plan and CP Amendment for a period of 28 days.
3. Advise key stakeholders, including affected and adjoining landowners, the Berry Forum and Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group, of this decision and the public exhibition arrangements.
4. Post-exhibition, receive a report considering any submissions received, as well as a final Concept Plan and CP Amendment for finalisation.”

The Recommended Motion was added to by way of amendment moved by Cllr White and seconded Cllr Norris which incorporated the Huntingdale Park Residents Action Groups requests for consideration of a pull-in bus bay (point 5) and to consider funding options for the project design and construction costs including any grant funding opportunities.

This was the final Motion that was passed unanimously:

“RESOLVED (Cllr White / Cllr Norris) MIN22.93 That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Concept Plan for the passive open space area between Huntingdale Park Road and Hitchcocks Lane, Berry and the associated Amendment to the Shoalhaven Contributions Plan (CP) 2019.
2. Publicly exhibit the draft Concept Plan and CP Amendment for a period of 28 days.
3. Advise key stakeholders, including affected and adjoining landowners, the Berry Forum and Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group, of this decision and the public exhibition arrangements.
4. Post-exhibition, receive a report considering any submissions received, as well as a final Concept Plan and CP Amendment for finalisation.
5. Consider an option to build a pull-in bus bay in any future planning and project design.
6. Consider funding options for the project design and construction costs including any grant funding opportunities.”

“FOR: Cllr Findley, Cllr Christen, Cllr Norris, Cllr Butler, Cllr D’Ath, Cllr Copley, Cllr Eil, Cllr Kotlash, Cllr White, Cllr Wells, Cllr Watson, Cllr Kitchener and Cllr Gray.

Against: Nil

CARRIED”

The Action Group still have other on-going things to consider and work on including access issues for the new Hitchcocks Lane development(s), traffic issues, noise issues, parks and maintenance issues – all of which have been raised and discussed in our group previously.

Our group are still open to residents and owners in the Huntingdale Estate. just send your name(s), address, email addresses and contact numbers to rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com.

**Rick Gainford
Representing the Huntingdale
Park Resident Action Group**

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Dear Friends, so there might be a benign future after all.

I always have to be mindful, that a general statement like that, could be very insensitive to anyone still hurt by COVID. So, despite a sense that the worst has passed, there still will be victims. And they will be correctly saying that this illness is anything but benign.

Who can forget the final scene in the first Lord of the Rings series? (Fellowship of the Ring). Gandalf has stamped his mighty staff in the face of the ancient fiery beast and commanded, "You shall not pass," then, at the very last to be caught by the whip in the tail and be taken down. There may be a sting, even in this Omicron. I also remember Gandalf other final words to his comrades "Run you fools".

We need that urgency, that desperation to get to cover. Cover of a third dose.

Everyone over 16 needs a third dose to be up to date. (3 months after your last dose) Also the cover of a fourth dose if you are immunocompromised.

So, that is our big message. Only a third of Australians have made the effort, at the moment.

Berry is probably better than that, but hey! Everything is better in Berry.

I am not sure which is the most compelling reason to get your third dose., (so please rate 1-6.)

1. To protect the vulnerable in the community. If more people get COVID and they are more unwell, they are more likely to pass it on. More disease burden. This is more likely to overwhelm the system
2. Because it's a horrible, inconvenient illness, that's even if its mild, it is very disruptive
3. Because we all want to move on, not face more lockdowns and threats to businesses and the financial system
4. We want family and social life to get back to normal
5. Because unless we are vigilant, some

of us, dear friends could still become very sick.

New studies tell us this increases long term cardiac complications by 2-3 times, and that long COVID is very debilitating. COVID is so much more than just the flu.

One third of adults develop further medical complications after their COVID illness.

This increases the older you are (over 65) and includes, Respiratory failure, Hypertension, cardiac rhythm disorders, memory difficulties, kidney injury and mental health diagnosis

6. The vaccines are astonishingly effective, even the most sceptic public health observer cannot deny that the vaccine has blunted the illness. The unvaccinated are so disproportionately represented in ICU and the raw numbers.

So that's my pitch, pick a reason and please find a 3rd shot.

If you have had COVID, you only need to be over your acute symptoms to be eligible for the 3rd shot. Omicron infection itself does not seem to offer much ongoing protection.

Boosters are Pfizer or Moderna (yes, they have new fancy names) There not much between them and you can choose.

We should have NOVAVAX, but currently it is not offered as a booster, but very suitable to those who did not tolerate one of the other vaccines or anyone else who has been waiting for a fourth choice.

Meanwhile for COVID positive patients, we are managing patients at home and referring early if needed. There was alot of fanfare and for GP's, alot of talk feasts, about the new oral agents Paxlovid and Lageviro but then, as always, more information saying: not likely soon, but it looks promising.



Berry Medical Centre is indeed excited to welcome a new doctor to our practice.

Dr Emma Schimann lives locally and has been working as a GP for some years.

Emma currently also works at a local Aboriginal health service for women and children.

She completed her medical degree in Melbourne, worked as a doctor in hospitals in Victoria, the Northern Territory and Borneo and then completed her GP training through our local GP training organisation GP synergy. Emma speaks French and has a special interest in Women's Health, infectious diseases and managing chronic disease. She keeps a surfboard handy, ready if the time and waves are in harmony. Emma is also a keen bushwalker and gardener.

We are very lucky to have her, and we welcome her madly.

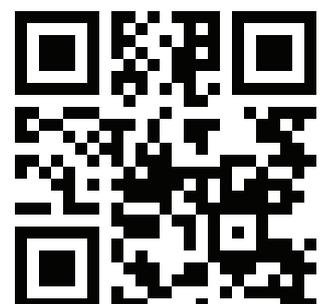
Finally at the risk of sounding like an anxious parent, please stay safe, get your dose, remain socially distanced, wear masks inside and get tested if you have any symptoms. The surgery is considered a high-risk site, so will continue with QR codes and masks.

Cheers

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



Appointments can be made online through our website
www.berrymedicalcentre.com.au or by using the HotDoc App



BERRY RSL SUB-BRANCH 2022



This year's AGM was conducted on Tuesday 1st February commencing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Clyde Poulton delivered his first annual report since Ray Strong had stood down, commenting it to be both challenging and rewarding despite the ongoing issues presented by the Covid pandemic.

The highlight for the sub-Branch (SB) was being able to conduct the two Commemoration Services - ANZAC Day including the March – one of only a few marches in the Shoalhaven, and later Remembrance Day. The SB acknowledges and thanks the assistance of C/r John Wells as our MC, the Berry Silver Band, Piper John Morrison and Jack Whitton on the drum for the March, and to the Berry community for their efforts to comply with the NSW Health regulations so that the Services could proceed.

Welfare of our members and fundraising for veterans in need remains a priority for the Berry SB, and it is the intention to support the Nowra Veterans Wellbeing Centre currently under construction where possible. This long overdue facility will assist by co-ordinating efforts from various health and counselling services to achieve better outcomes for veterans and their families. To any veteran in the community, our door is open - please

make contact, we want to let you know we are grateful for your service and help in any way we can. Our meetings are conducted 1st Tuesday in the month commencing at 9.30 am.

On a sad note in 2021, we lost members Jack Bramley and Warren Gardner and in this week note the loss of Dick Bird (our former long-standing President), however we gained 4 new members Colin Pryde, David Lamshed, and Karl Poulton.

Again our special thanks to the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary for their sterling work and support throughout the year; be it collecting for appeals or providing for functions, and other activities, and to members for their help – special mention to Peter Whitton and Alan McGrath who restored the two seats located in the Memorial Park.

Hon. Sec and Treasurer, Stuart Christmas commented on various correspondences and advised the sub-Branch is in a sound financial position to conduct its operations and to support veterans in general.



BERRY PROBUS CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was well attended, we were privileged with a great speaker in Dr Tim Billington PhD a Medical educator who certainly educated us the finer details of the SARS Cov2.

We were also intrigued by a special club member George Windsor who entertained us with his time as the headmaster at Berry Primary School along with his other various teaching positions.

February is also the month for our first fun BBQ where 40 members enjoyed the outdoors and great local food cooked by our resident chefs.

March will be our AGM and a special visit to a Robotic Dairy and lunch at the Pelican Rocks Seafood Cafe at Greenwell Point.

We are also looking forward to a bus trip to Floriade, with a 4-day tag along tour, HARS Aviation Museum and Steel works, outings in the pipeline along with some great speakers planned for the year.

If you would like to join our club of friendly like-minded people, please ring Rob Hall on 4464 2604, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry (behind the Men's Shed) at 9.30, the meeting finishes at 12. noon.

Planning for ANZAC Day 2022:

Local assistance will be gratefully accepted particularly for traffic control (which requires a short course) and volunteers to place vehicles at the various check-points along the parade route. If available, please contact Hon.Sec Stuart Christmas 0421 672 416 or via email BerrySB@rslnsw.org.au



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Ken's Everest Challenge is On!

Well known Berry resident, and Rotarian Ken Hutt will attempt to paraglide off Mt Everest in May, all to raise money for Polio awareness.



You May Ask: What drives a 62 year old 'retiree' to think he can scale the world's highest mountain and launch himself from its peak?

For Ken, the answer is simple: *"Rotary has been working on the eradication of Polio from the World since 1985, and we are nearly there. But we can't stop now ... otherwise it is predicted that Polio could explode and by 2030 up to 200,000 children will again be polio sufferers with paralysis or even death. We can't let that happen."*

Ken's passion for Rotary's EndPolioNow cause is amazing. After 3 years of planning and finally receiving Australian and Nepalese Government approval he is ready for his Everest Assault. He now regards his successful climb and flight off Mt Cho Oyu in 2014, the World's sixth highest peak, as simply a training flight for Everest.

Ken is appealing to the people of Berry to support his latest adventurous fundraiser for Rotary's commitment to eliminate Polio. Donations large or small will have Ken's heartfelt thanks, and all donations will be matched 'two for one' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



To make a donation visit www.berryrotary.org.au and follow the Donations Link.

Ken Hutt took up mountain climbing after he retired from the police rescue squad in 1996, needing some adrenalin replacement therapy, and had learned to paraglide only the year before. He is aware of the considerable risks involved with climbing and gliding from high altitude and that the attempt is weather dependent.

"In the mountains, everything is white, you're so high up, the air is really thin, you can't see the ground, the wind is swirling up the valleys and there could be cloud cover. Whereas down here, the air is thicker and everything happens quite slowly and predictably." he said.

"When I flew from Cho Oyu landing at base camp 13km away was something else. I couldn't find the prayer flags I had set out as windsocks. The scale is huge. You have no idea how fast you're flying, how much sink rate you have and I realised I would have to land on rocks." he recounted. *"I've estimated the landing speed was over 50km an hour. The noise through the risers was deafening. I've never heard that before. It was because I was going so fast through the thin atmosphere."*



BROUGHTON VALE / BERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



In terms of callouts, the months of January and February for the Broughton Vale / Berry RFB were quiet due to the rain and unseasonal cooler than normal weather.

The Brigade acknowledges and thanks the community for notifying the RFS and neighbours before undertaking burns on their properties. This has the important effect of reducing the number of triple zero (000) calls to emergency services and it follows callouts to the local brigades.

As advised in the February edition of the Berry Town Crier, those weather conditions have virtually eliminated the bushfire risk in our area for the time being. They have however promoted growth that will present an ever-increasing risk in coming bushfire seasons.

We were able to re-commence our training programs after the Christmas break to the benefit of all our volunteers. An important part of that training is our attendance at small pile burns when requested by members of our community.

Following a request by the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, the Broughton Vale / Berry RFB was pleased to lead a parade through Berry promoting the Men's Health Education Rural Van (MHERV). This service is a Rotary initiative by to promote men's health in rural areas of New South Wales.

Despite the favourable weather conditions, we are still in the Fire Danger Period. It is important that the community continues to adhere to Rural Fire Service guidelines as detailed in the GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE kit mentioned in detail in previous Berry Town Crier editions. In summary there are four simple steps to making a bush fire survival plan.

These are: -

1. **DISCUSS** what to do if a bushfire threatens your home.
2. **PREPARE** your home and get it ready for the bush fire season.
3. **KNOW** the bushfire alert levels.
4. **KEEP** all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smart phone app.

It is still important to remember:

- Fire Permits are now required for burning activities in rural fire districts.
- It is your responsibility to check if a total fire ban is in place before you start burning.
- Heavy penalties apply for the use of fire when there is a total fire ban.



Berry Men's Bowling Club

Bomaderry bowling Club has been selected to hold the final of the Women's 2022 State Carnival which will be held from 2nd to 6th May. The selection of Bomaderry is a credit to the Management of Bomaderry and Berry and to the Green Keepers. The Women's section of the Carnival will be using other Shoalhaven Clubs in the lead up to the final. The Men's section of the Carnival will be played in the Wollongong area with the Final being held at the Figtree Sports Club.

The first weekend of February saw two teams of Berry members play in the Nowra Club's annual Club Challenge. Played on both the Saturday and Sunday play involved 12 northern Zone Clubs. Berry won 5 matches which placed them tied for third position with teams from Nowra and Bomaderry Clubs and the Shoalhaven Heads Club were the winners having won all their 8 matches.

Unfortunately, the substitute Pennant competition mentioned in the February Town Crier has not been able to commence due to concerns with the current Covid situation. In view of this plans for the next few months have had to be reconsidered and in addition to the Club's regular social play on Wednesday and Saturday will possibly be supported with matches against some local Clubs.

The Club has been pleased to welcome two new members who have settled in to playing social bowls on a Wednesday and Saturday. Enquiries about membership or trialling in social bowls can be directed to 44642995 or 0467 592 762. This mobile number accepts bookings for social play.

Bowls is a recognised way of building friendships whilst improving fitness and coordination in an extremely pleasant environment.

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David Berry Hospital Auxiliary

David Berry Hospital Auxiliary will host the Zone Conference at the Berry Uniting Church Hall on Monday 11th April 2022 from 10am – 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided by local ladies.

Regional Representative, Marjorie Booth, and State President of United Hospital Auxiliaries, Tracey Wilkinson, will be in attendance. Shoalhaven Mayor, Amanda Findley, has been invited to open the meeting. Guest speaker will be David Boyle, from Can Assist. President Irene last week received a cheque from the Berry Garden Club in the amount of \$1000.00, which was gratefully received. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 Open Gardens in Berry, a virtual online tour was available, hosted by Jason Hodges. We thank the Garden Club for this very generous donation and wish them well for 2022.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am at the Berry Uniting Church Hall, although the April meeting will be held one week earlier on the 4th April, due to the conference on 11th.

If you wish to become a member, please contact Irene Birks on 44 642612. New members are always welcome.



NOWRA TOASTMASTERS CELEBRATES 1,000TH MEETING

Nowra Toastmasters held 1,000th meeting with congratulations from Fiona Phillips Nowra, NSW, 16th February 2022 — On the evening of Wednesday 16th February Nowra Toastmasters held its 1000th meeting. The milestone has taken the club 41 years of fortnightly meetings and was acknowledged by local MP Fiona Phillips.

Due to covid restrictions in place at the club's usual venue the meeting was held via Zoom. Club president Kim Taylor paid tribute to the club as "a vibrant, fun and safe place to learn communication and leadership skills".

Despite being in the middle of a sitting week federal MP Fiona Phillips joined the meeting and offered her "congratulations to all members on the achievement". She spoke of the importance of people being able to voice their stories and how she "loves sharing local stories in parliament".

The toast was delivered by local toastmaster Megan Ash who celebrated Toastmasters as an organization that helps people "have a voice and be the best version of ourselves".

The Nowra toastmasters club was chartered in 1980 and over the years has helped countless locals improve their communication and leadership skills. District 70 club growth director Julianna Jamal commented "there is something unstoppable about this club".

Nowra Toastmasters meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and welcomes new members.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., the organization's membership exceeds 357,000 in more than 16,600 clubs in 143 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become

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PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

The Natural Studies and Plant Propagation Centre provides a purpose built space for teaching aspects of the Science curriculum related to the **Living World and Natural Environment**.

The emphasis is on local geographical and physical environmental interconnections with plants and animals.

Educational aims of Plant Prop

The aim is for the students to find out how, why and where plants grow, their adaptations and uses.

The diversity of plants in the nursery and in the school gardens provide a 'real' resource for students to observe firsthand the structure of plants, their roots, stems, leaves, flowers and seeds. The physical conditions necessary for plants to survive and thrive are also observed.

Students learn the basics of propagation from seeds and from cuttings.

They are given plants from the nursery to take home so they can continue observing the plants as they grow.

Educational workshops are also provided for the community to expand knowledge and appreciation of local plants.

Propagating plants from local provenance seed

The nursery is a 'Living Plant Bank' providing a stock of plants for school lessons and for community based educational workshops.

The school gardens and The Tree Orchard are planted with local species providing food and habitat for local birds, insects and small animals, and the mature plants provide seed for propagation, ensuring the succession of plants.

Recording trials for propagating local plants from seed

In any area, plants grown from local provenance seed are best suited to local conditions. Many local plants in our area are rainforest species.

Plant Prop volunteers are trialling different techniques to expand the knowledge of successful propagation of a variety of these species and recording the results, creating a resource for community use.

Plant Prop volunteers

Our volunteers are parents, grandparents and interested members of the local community. They volunteer for an hour or two regularly on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.

Plant sales

Successful propagation means we have more plants in the nursery than we need for educational purposes. Excess plants are available for sale to the community.

Plant Sales – Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30-4.30



Platypus Habitat Grant

If Berry was to have an animal emblem, the platypus ('Yaranbul' in the Dhurga language) would be a strong contender. There is a long record of platypus sightings along our creeks, notably Broughton, Broughton Mill and Bundewallah Creeks. Each provide ideal habitats comprising pool and riffle sequences, beds of gravel, pebbles and cobbles, and overhanging vegetation providing bank stability. Platypus prefer vegetated banks greater than 0.95 m in height to make their burrows. Resting burrows are up to 3m in length, and nesting burrows, constructed by females, can be up to 30m long.

A national assessment of their conservation status in 2020 found evidence over the last 30 years of a decline of 22.3% in the area occupied by platypus, and a 10% decrease in records from 2000-2009 to 2010-2019. Analysis of population viability found a decline in effective minimum population sizes between 45% and 58% as a result of impacts to date, including land clearing, river regulation and extreme drought. Future decline is predicted especially from climate change due to increased drought frequency and intensity, and consequential loss of core habitats.

Following the 2017-2019 drought, a significant proportion of Broughton Mill and Bundewallah Creeks ceased to flow, and platypus sightings similarly ceased. Only now have platypus been seen to return to some lower reaches of these creeks.

Berry Landcare was recently awarded a grant from Southeast Local Land Services to conduct rehabilitation works along town-side sections of Broughton Mill and Bundewallah Creeks with particular emphasis on supporting platypus habitat values. This will be conducted in partnership with landholders and concentrate on weed removal and re-planting of native species. This is particularly urgent due to the recent wet weather which is fuelling an explosion of weeds such as Madeira Vine and privet. For more information contact Hugh Sheil at Creekrepair@berrylandcare.net.



Broughton Mill and Bundewallah Creeks Rehabilitation Project



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Inviting participants for weeds research

Weeds have been thriving across south-east NSW since the Black Summer bushfires and two very wet summers.

University of Wollongong researchers are interested in understanding how people in the Shoalhaven are helping one another with weeds and what the challenges and benefits are to doing so.

We are looking to interview people over 18 years of age who are:

- a current or past member of a local Landcare or environment group that manages weeds; or
- community members who are managing weeds but are not part of a local Landcare or environment group; or
- staff members of organisations who support landholders to manage weeds.

We would like to understand your views on, and experiences of, managing weeds.

If you would like more information or are interested in being part of the research please contact:

Name: Dr Sonia Graham **Email:** sgraham@uow.edu.au **Phone:** 0415 883 774

Taking part in research is voluntary. This research has been reviewed and approved by the Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Wollongong (Ref: 2021/374).

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BERRY RIDING CLUB

What a summer!

Berry Riding Club (BRC) is almost at the end of a very wet summer season. However, despite the high rainfall, we can look back at some extremely successful events that luckily could go ahead having fallen on dry days.

A major event in December was Berry Riding Club's Interschools Championships. You may have noticed the grounds marked out with numerous rings and arenas, riders everywhere, a huge number of horse floats about town and the showground stalls full. We had a fabulous turnout of 215 young riders, school students K to 12 competing in a wide variety of events, dressage, hacking and jumping.

Students competed as representatives for their schools. Some events were qualifying events for serious riders looking forward to the State Interschools Competition, held in July, at the Sydney Olympic Centre. A special event for young competitors was the fun dress up. Families showed enormous imagination, no mean feat to dress up a horse and rider. A mounted Lego Knight and a WWI mounted soldier, complete with uniform and slouch hat, were real stand outs in the competition.

The Champion Primary School was Berry Public School and Champion Secondary School was Ulludulla High School. Our congratulations go to all those who attended, they were a credit to their families and schools in very trying summer temperatures.

A special mention goes to the work of Grahame Sweeney and "Flagstaff", the reliable workers laying all those show rings and arenas so perfectly. So too our thanks to Berry Rotary Club who supported BRC Interschools fuelling riders and their families with the best selection of yummy BBQs, cool drinks plus cupcakes to die for.

A full calendar of dressage and jumping events were enjoyed through January and February.

Watch out for some exciting events ahead, spectators are always welcome.

Check www.berryridingclub.com to see what's coming up.

Dressage and jumping and Working Equitation are March highlights

(The front gate is kept closed during events in case a horse gets free. We just ask for you to open and close after driving through)



Check the calendar on our website for upcoming events

www.berryridingclub.com

NEW RECYCLING FACILITY TO REMANUFACTURE WASTE PLASTICS

Shoalhaven City Council has entered a partnership with the UNSW SMaRT Centre to construct a new recycling facility called MICROFactorie.

The new facility will remanufacture approx. 14 tonnes of waste plastics into filament for 3D printing per year, and approx. 450 tonnes of glass and mattresses per year into green ceramic tiles and other forms of furnishings.

Shoalhaven City Mayor, Amanda Findley said, "Products like tiles, kitchen benches and tabletops will be available to be purchased and used in homes."

"The project is considered groundbreaking because it solves an issue with previously unrecyclable broken and dirty glass fragments."

"Whilst there are other glass processing facilities in Australia, this new facility uses a unique washing process. Once again, the Shoalhaven is leading the way with using innovative and cutting-edge technology to solve our growing waste problem," Mayor Findley said.

The UNSW SMaRT Centre is a leading national research centre that works in collaboration with industry to ensure new recycling science is translated into real-world environmental and economic benefits.

Council will commence the construction of the Green ceramics MICROFactorie in early 2022 and anticipates the new facility to be completed by late 2022.



Community Groups

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Berry Landcare **4464 2241**
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Brogers Creek Landcare **4465 1482**
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Gateway Community Garden **0423 267 957**
141 Woodhill Mountain Road
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USA Shoalhaven **(02) 4424 0216**
5/48 Berry Street Nowra NSW 2541

Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Brigade **0414 897 227**
broughtonvalerfb@gmail.com

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 02 4478 4924

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

SUSTAINABLE BERRY AUTUMN 2022

BERRY WASTE DEPOT 175 Agars Lane Berry. Phone 1300 293 111. Check the Council's website for a comprehensive list of services. The depot accepts items (generally free of charge) keeping them out of landfill, including:

- Car and household batteries
- E-waste including computers, printers, cables, etc. If you can't organise a drop off consider using Rekindle Me's free pick up service. This local business dismantles items into their component parts for re-use. Contact Wade on 0488 723 390.
- Fluorescent tubes and light globes. NOTE: once broken, a CFL energy saver light globe (the spiral type) leaches mercury vapour at concentrations above occupational exposure limits according to several scientific studies. If you do break a bulb, ensure the room is well ventilated and carefully wrap the broken pieces for disposal in your red bin. Broken bulbs cannot be recycled.
- Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.
- Gas bottles and used paint tins (sealed, but do not have to be empty).
- Household and motor oils.
- Polystyrene sheets & boxes. Food containers aren't accepted and have to go in the red bin.
- Clothing, shoes and bags that are of good quality should go to op shops. If the item is something you wouldn't feel comfortable giving to a friend, it shouldn't go to an op shop. Poor quality, dirty, and damaged goods become a financial burden to charities. Council has introduced a trial textile-recycling program for twelve months; items that aren't fit for reuse can be put in the blue bin. Items accepted along with clothing, bed & table linens, curtains, blankets and towels include handbags, school and cooler bags, car seat covers, shoes, belts and hats (as long as they are not made from plastic).
- Asbestos waste is only accepted at the West Nowra depot, and only by appointment. Ph 1300 293 111. Check Council's website for safe work practice guidelines.
- Check with staff at the waste depot if you are unsure about what types of chemicals / poisons they accept. The next chemical cleanout date is 20 March 2022. Due to the bridge works at Nowra, this year's event will be held at the Woollamia Council Works Depot, 3 Erina Rd Woollamia.

COUNCIL RECYCLING DATES: Yellow bins are emptied this month on **Wednesdays, 2, 16 and 30 March.**

PLASTICS RECYCLING: A triangle with a number (1 to 7) inside stamped on a plastic container or bottle is a Plastic Identification Code, and does not denote whether it is able to be recycled. This code merely identifies the type of plastic. The plastics recycling symbol is three chasing arrows, shown right. Many soft plastics, including plastic bags can be recycled at most supermarkets, or the local post office, through a program run by Redcycle. These include pasta, rice, frozen fruit and biscuit bags, sweets wrappers, fresh fruit & vegetable bags, magazine and newspaper wrapping, and other clean plastic cling film. Check Shoalhaven Council's website for more information on which hard plastics are OK to put in the yellow bin.

BATTERY RECYCLING: If you can't get to the Berry Waste Depot because of the limited opening hours, you'll be pleased to know of a newly launched battery recycling initiative. Check the website bcycle.com.au for more information and remember that you should never put depleted batteries in the bin where they will end up in landfill. As well as leaking toxic chemicals, they can also cause fires.

FIRES: Check the Rural Fire Service website; rfs.nsw.gov.au for updates on fire bans and bushfire warnings. Here you can find information on preparing a fire plan, tips on reporting suspicious activity, and report motorists who toss lit cigarette butts. As well as the offender's details, you will need to give your contact details (anonymous tips are not accepted) either by filling out a form online, or calling 1800 679 737. Discarding a lit cigarette from a vehicle carries a \$600 fine and five demerit points.

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS: Destination chargers are intended to charge the car battery back up at the end of a journey. The charger may be connected for many hours or overnight. Power chargers (fast charging stations) are designed to charge the battery quickly in the middle of a long journey. The charger will be connected only as long as needed to get enough charge to get to the next stopping point, typically 15–40 minutes. Tesla chargers can be used by other brands of electric vehicles, with the purchase of an adaptor. Berry has one NRMA fast charging port at the Bowling Club. Silos Winery has two Tesla destination and six fast charge ports. Tesla destination charging stations are located in Shoalhaven Heads at Bangalay Luxury Villas (4 ports) and Mountain Ridge Wines (2 ports). The Haven at Berry has a Tesla power charger. Dovecote (Gerringong) has two Porsche destination ports. Bomaderry Woolworths has four destination charging ports.

RETURN AND EARN: Closest recycling facilities are at Gerringong (at Blackwood Oval), Bomaderry (Bowling Club), and Nowra (Nowra Fair, Stocklands Mall). Some larger op shops accept bottles and cans to generate income for charity.

LOCAL LIBRARIES: The Street Library boxes in Broughton Walk and the Community Library (behind the Uniting Church in Albert Street) have books to borrow, and both accept donations. The community library is open Mon & Wed 1 - 4 pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 am – 1 pm. The Street Library is opposite the Berry Chocolatier. If you are not yet a member of Shoalhaven library you can join online. Visit shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Digital-Library From there, you can also sign up to Kanopy, a website that offers 10 free films or documentaries a month. The Nowra mobile library bus is in Berry on Friday afternoons 2.30-4 pm, at the corner of Princess and Albany Streets.

KEEP UP TO DATE: Visit local.berry.org.au/berrycares/ for updated news, as well as facebook groups Berry Town Crier, Berry Community Facebook Group, and Berry Community Noticeboard.

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

The Bush Fire Danger Period commenced from Wednesday 1 September 2021.

"Anyone wishing to light a fire during the Bush Fire Danger Period must obtain a free permit in addition to notifying their local fire authority and neighbours 24 hours before lighting up. If a fire does escape, make sure you call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency services can respond and minimise the damage." Commissioner Rogers said. "Now is the time to update and discuss your bush fire survival plan. Have the conversation with your family about what you will do during a fire – talk about when you'll leave, where you'll go, what you'll take and what you'll do with animals."

For details on making a bush fire survival plan visit www.myfireplan.com.au

For information about the Bush Fire Danger Period, go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP

To notify of your intent to burn, use the online burn notification tool at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify



For information about the Bush Fire Danger Period, go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP

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 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.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CD21/1991 – 23-12-2021 – Rumpus Room Attached to Detached Garage – 12 King Street, Berry.
CD21/1993 – 23-12-2021 – Dwelling Additions – 13 Victoria St, Berry.
CD21/1988 – 22-12-2021 – Pool House Alterations and Additions – 28 Broughton Vale Rd, Broughton Vale.
CD21/1956 – 20-12-2021 – Dwelling Alterations, Additions, In Ground Swimming Pool & Detached Shed – 100 O’Keeffes Lane, Jaspers Brush.
CD21/1975 – 22-12-2021 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 171F Strongs Rd, Jaspers Brush.
DA22/1008 – 6-1-2022 – Dual Occupancy (Attached 2 New Units) & Two Lot Torrens Title Subdivision – 40 Parker Crescent, Berry.
DA22/1000 – 4-1-2022 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 190 Tindalls Lane, Broughton.
DA22/1006 – 6-1-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 171B Strongs Rd, Jaspers Brush.
DA22/1023 – 12-1-2022 – Single Storey Dwelling – 12 Tressider Close, Berry.
DA22/1043 – 17-1-2022 – Single Storey Dwelling – 57 Connors View, Berry.
DA22/1054 – 19-1-2022 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 26 Womack Close, Berry.
DA22/1081 – 27-1-2022 – Farmstay Alterations & Additions – 123A Beach Rd, Berry.
DA22/1098 – 1-2-2022 – Detached Garage / Workshop – 5 Wire Lane, Berry.
CD22/1049 – 8-2-2022 – Above Ground Swimming Pool (Plunge) Pool & Deck.
DA22/1137 – 10-2-2022 – Two Storey Dwelling – 79D Kangaroo Valley Road, Berry.
DA22/1139 – 10-2-2022 – Detached Shed – 43 Bong Bong Rd., Berry.
DA22/1111 – 7-2-2022 – In Ground Swimming Pool, Cabana, Deck & Retaining Walls – 373 Kangaroo Valley Rd, Berry Mountain.
DA22/1119 – 7-2-2022 – Temporary Use for Car Show Event “Berry Motorfair” to be held on a Sunday once a year from 2022 to 2027 – 210 Strongs Rd, Jaspers Brush.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

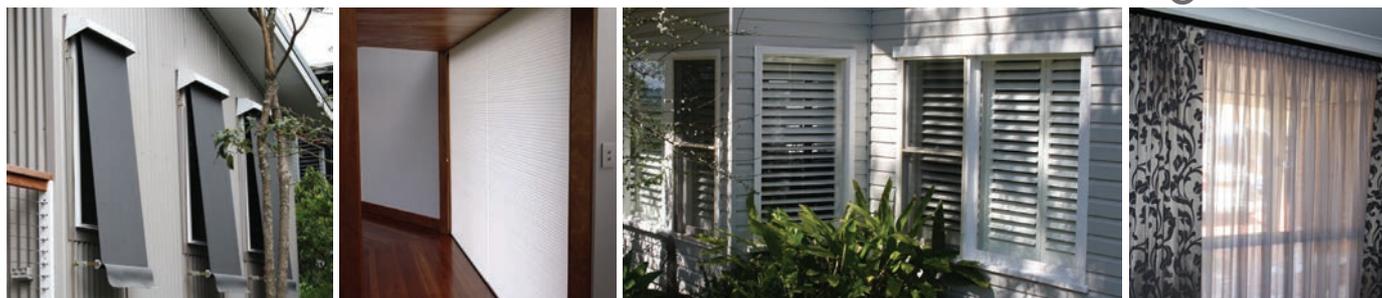
CD21/1991 – Approved – 22-12-2021 – Rumpus Room Attached to Detached Garage – 12 King St, Berry.
CD21/1993 – Approved – 22-12-2021 – Dwelling Additions – 13 Victoria St. Berry.
DA21/1815 – Approved – 20-12-2021 – Detached Secondary Dwelling & Demolition of Garage – 29 Albany St, Berry.
DA21/2543 – Rejected – 20-12-2021 – Two Storey Dwelling – 61 Connors View, Berry.
CD22-1000 – Approved – 21-12-2021 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 190 Tindalls Lane, Broughton.
CD21/1988 – Approved – 21-12-2021 – Pool House Alterations & Additions – 28 Broughton Vale Rd, Broughton Vale.
DA21/2102 – Approved – 5-1-2022 – In Ground Swimming Pool – 8 Tigman St., Berry.
DA21/2405 – Approved – 21-1-2022 – Telecommunications Facility – New 1.8m Diameter Satellite Dish – 7 Edward St., Berry.
DA21/2407 – Approved – 25-1-2022 – Reinstatement on a like for like basis of all fire damaged elements at the commercial property – 90 Queen St., Berry.
CD22/1038 – Approved – 31-1-2022 – Telecommunications Tower – 22A Rawlings Lane, Berry.
CD22/1049 – Approved – 1-2-2022 – Above Ground Swimming Pool – 4 Tressider Close, Berry.
CD22/2188 – Approved – 31-1-2022 – Dwelling Additions & Alterations – 26 Windsor Drive, Berry.
DA21/2530 – Approved – 9-2-2022 – Temporary Use of Land (Parking for Red Hot Summer Festival) – Wharf Rd, Berry.
DA21/2262 – Approved – 7-2-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 60A Hillendale Rd, Broughton Vale.

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BERRY CWA

Berry CWA members have certainly been out and about in recent weeks. From our fabulous participation in the Berry Merry Christmas Festival, to fun and games at the Boongaree Rotary Nature Park and even meeting the politicians at the recent Australia Day Breakfast! Berry CWA seems to have been everywhere.

We are particularly grateful to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal who have funded our series of workshops for 2022. The most recent workshop, Shibori dyeing led by Helena Geiger was a great success, both informative and fun. The next workshop will be held on March 12 in the CWA Rooms in Victoria Street. This time the workshop will be rustic basket making led by local artisan, Sonja Fernando. Whether you are looking for a practical alternative to plastic bags for shopping or a home styling element to add character to your home, this workshop may be for you. The cost of the full day workshop is \$30, inclusive of most materials. For bookings and enquires please contact Pam Barker on 0408979337 or 44643812.

Our next market stall is coming up on March 6 at our Rooms in Victoria Street. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase craft, baked goods and jams and pickles. Of course, also the opportunity to sample our famous scones! We look forward to seeing you there, both locals and visitors to our region, there is sure to be something for everyone!

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 berrycwasecretary@gmail.com.



VIEW voice, interests and education of women

We are back from holidays to start a new VIEW Year and yes, the AGM has been and gone and we are looking forward to a fun year which the committee has been working on.

We have a media release titled "Create connections and make a difference by joining VIEW." Berry Evening VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community after a difficult two years and make new connections with women in the area.

VIEW, which stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, is a network to close to 300 clubs and over 14,000 women throughout Australia. It provides a place for women to connect in the community, enjoy social activities and develop last friendships – all while supporting the work of children's education charity, The Smith Family.

Berry Club President said this year is the perfect time to join VIEW.

"Many people have moved away from the city to the country and coming to a new place can be isolating – especially given the current

circumstances. For those who are new to the area VIEW provides the perfect place to meet like-minded women while doing something that makes a difference.

The Smith Family is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

Our Club has planned many things like a Cent Auction, Luncheons. Guest Speakers and even booked me for a painting Demo in September so if you want to know how to paint come to that meeting. While on the subject our Coffee Morning 10.30, first Thursday of the month will be at Café on Queen which is the 3rd March which is also World Wildlife day, in case anyone is interested. For those who would like to attend our meeting it is on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30 to 7 pm start and if you wish to book in or cancel, ring Jan at 0490054574 before 12pm on the Sunday preceding the Wednesday meeting at the Berry Bowling Club. Well, I think that's the news for now stay safe and see you all soon.

Yolande, Publicity



Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

Service Time

Worship Service 10am

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Boongaree Park Open

After a lot of planning, discussion, consultation and fundraising the Boongaree Park in Berry is open with the first Stages complete.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Berry and Shoalhaven Council for the vision and work to get the Park to this stage. Thanks also for the Federal and State Government funding to assist this project and all the support shown by so many people, including the local community.

The name Boongaree has a fascinating and important history (there is an article on the name in this Months Town Crier in the Berry Historical Society article.) The Welcome to Country and the Smoking Ceremony at the Official Opening informed those of us who attended some fascinating and important information and we will look to getting more of that background and important information out to our readers in the future. It is such an important part of this Park, our Town and the Region.

The next stages of the Park are on their way and if you wish to follow developments and get involved you can do so by going to this web site <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Projects-Engagement/Major-Projects-Works/Boongaree-Previously-Berry-District-Park> (or go to Shoalhaven City Council website <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Home> and search "Boongaree").

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



In 2022, ADFAS Shoalhaven will commence its 32nd year of offering members and guests informative and interesting lectures covering a range of subjects relating to fine, decorative, contemporary and creative art forms. We will host ten lectures, including the half interest day, with presenters from The Arts Society (U.K) and Australian lecturers who are art professionals chosen for their expert knowledge in their fields.

The monthly meetings, usually held at the Berry Uniting Church Hall, are a wonderful and informal way to make friends and to get to know others in the community.

Visitors are always welcome.

\$15 Digital lecture with champagne

\$25 Live lecture with champagne

Information on the Society, 2022 Program, membership and to RSVP to lectures can be found at: www.adfas.org.au/societies/shoalhaven/ or from Richard at richardcwiseman@hotmail.com

Please check the website for any changes, due to public health orders, closer to the lecture date. RSVP required for all lectures. **RSVP by 14 th March for this lecture.**

24 March – 7:30

VISUALISING AUSTRALIA

LIVE lecture by John Neylon
Berry Uniting Church Hall
71-77 Alfred Street Berry

Works of art and design, in all media, have played a significant and sometimes subversive role in shaping the way Australians see themselves. This lecture explores iconic works and art/design trends to trace the varied directions taken by this robust tradition, from colonial settlement to the present day.

John Neylon is an Adelaide-based independent author, curator, former Head of Education, Art Gallery of South Australia, and one of Australia's most experienced art critics having worked continuously since the 1980s for The Advertiser, The Adelaide Review and currently InReview, and is a member of the International Association of Art Critics (AICA). In 2014 he won the national Scarlett Award for critical writing in the visual arts.



www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven E: shoalhaven@adfas.org.au

Berry Community Library

It's been great to see some pre-schoolers and their Mums coming to borrow. We have a lovely range of picture books, beginning chapter books and books for all ages. It's never too early to start your child on the reading journey. Turning pages and enjoying pictures in books are really important steps to take even before recognising words and sentences.

The Third Wednesday Book Club has started up again and we welcomed some new members to the group. There was lots of laughter as well as interesting discussions about books read over the holiday time.

We meet at the Library every 3rd Wednesday at 4pm – 5.30.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

Library Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday 1pm-4pm

Tuesday Thursday and Friday 10am-1pm

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For more information contact Janet on 0425 220 258

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BRANCH NEWS

We held our first meeting of the year on Wednesday 2nd February. The reports given included:

- Our stall at the Council Elections had raised \$326.50;
- The branch took part in the hugely popular Berry Christmas Parade in December;
- Members are continuing with the various activities we are still able to do, such as packing welcome home baskets of essentials for the Partners in Recovery Program, and making and distributing Trauma Teddies to local hospitals and medical clinics. There are still some things we are unable to do due to Covid restrictions.
- Our usual Christmas hampers for the Homeless Hub and Ambulance Station and books for Berry Public School were delivered.

YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM

We also heard from members who had attended the Recognition Ceremony in Nowra for the families of participants of the Young Parents Program in the local area. Members of Red Cross are also able to attend. This ceremony honours the young parents and the achievements they have made throughout the year.

We are unable to give you any individual stories as Red Cross protects the identities of the young parents and believes their stories, even with the names removed, would enable them to be identified.

The program works to improve their capacity to live and parent independently with the types of services aiming to address the factors that contribute to the cycle of abuse.

Next month I will give a fairly detailed description of this excellent program as it is very involved and tailored to the specific needs of each young person and it should be publicised more.

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

IF YOU WISH TO FIND OUT ABOUT BECOMING INVOLVED WITH OR VOLUNTEERING WITH THE RED CROSS CONTACT THE BERRY BRANCH OF THE RED CROSS (SEE COMMUNITY GROUPS PAGE OF TOWN CRIER FOR CONTACT DETAILS), THE NOWRA RED CROSS OFFICE (1800 621 433) IN GRAHAM ST NOWRA OR GO ONTO THE RED CROSS WEBSITE.

WWW.REDCROSS.ORG.AU

Slow Food Berry to JB

It is hard to believe we are now in March and heading towards a change in the weather. A challenging summer for growers with consistent rain, cloudy humid days and very little heat. Soils are being prepared for autumn and winter crops with fingers crossed for bountiful harvests.

Slow Food will be hosting 'Taking Tea in the Medina: An Ottoman Inspired Afternoon Tea' - Saturday afternoon March 19th, at 2.30, the Uniting Church Hall, Berry.

Enjoy a glass of bubbles, delicious food, tea or coffee. Always a wonderful afternoon. www.trybooking.com/BXGGMM

Upcoming events in April and May will include a gathering and presentation by Ellis Higgins on sustainable fish. Ellis is a font of information, a spear fisherman and passionate about a sustainable environment. New surveillance techniques being used in Sydney waters to locate illegal fishing supports Ellis' information in this area.

OUR MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW.

If you would like more information please contact Marilyn O'Dowd 0416 018 977, email info@slowfoodberry2jb.com.au or visit -



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BERRY MEN'S SHED

ROTARY SPONSORED HEALTH CHECKS AT THE BERRY MEN'S SHED

Berry Rotary President Phil Crocker recently approached the Berry Men's Shed about the launch of the Men's Health Education Rural Van. The van recently set out from Warners Bay on route around a number of key country locations where Men's Sheds are located. We were more than happy to accommodate the van and as part of the programme we took the opportunity to have the registered nurse, Bill Powers, talk to our members about health issues. We then invited our members to attend check-ups in the van. With blood pressure and high cholesterol levels a serious problem for men the talk encouraged our members to take up the challenge and get tested. Members of the MHERV were very pleased with the support offered by our Shed.

In addition, Beth Gow from the AMSA visited our Shed and spoke with our members and afterwards sat down with our executive team to talk about what was happening with other Sheds around Australia.

We are already looking ahead to our Christmas Sale and we are planning what items we will be making for the annual Sale in December this year. The committee has already sat down and established which items sold quickly and which did not, and we are now focusing on good quality items that have appeal with the public.

Our Shed has become a scholarship supporter of the Shoalhaven Education Fund for the first time this year and Richard Wiseman sat with other sponsors to interview a wide range of potential candidates for scholarships. These

are students who have left school and have a different need for funding assistance. Already we have taken in two new members this year and welcome anyone interested in learning more about how the Shed operates to call in and have a chat on any Tuesday or Thursday at 146 North Street Berry.

Richard Wiseman
Publicity Officer

Members of Aust Men's Shed Assoc and Rotary who played a part in Health Check programme



Bolong Road Fishing Platform Interpretive Memorial Sign

Shoalhaven City Council is working in partnership with Shoalhaven Riverwatch, a prominent public interest group, to improve the health of the Shoalhaven River.

In 2021, Riverwatch's patriarch and life member Charlie Weir passed away, leaving an amazing legacy. This includes a forest of Casuarinas and Mangroves along the banks of the river and Numbaa Island.

Riverwatch have approached NSW Lands Registry Services to officially name the revegetated area at Numbaa "Charlie's Forest" in recognition of his incredible contribution to the Shoalhaven River.

The Council managed Bolong Road fishing platform is located almost directly across the river from "Charlie's Forest". It is a highly visited site on the Shoalhaven River, for families, recreational fishers and tourists.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor, Amanda Findley said, "I was pleased to join Riverwatch volunteers today to install the sign, planted some native grasses and cleaned up around the vicinity."



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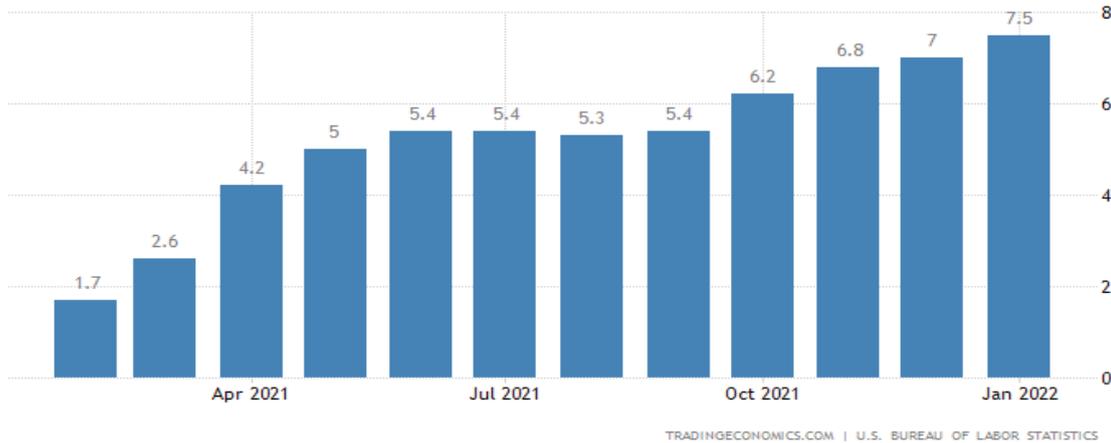
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Property Market & Inflation

There are many factors that drive the property market. Interest rates, supply & demand, global markets and Covid19 to name a few. However, you can sum them all up in one word: confidence.

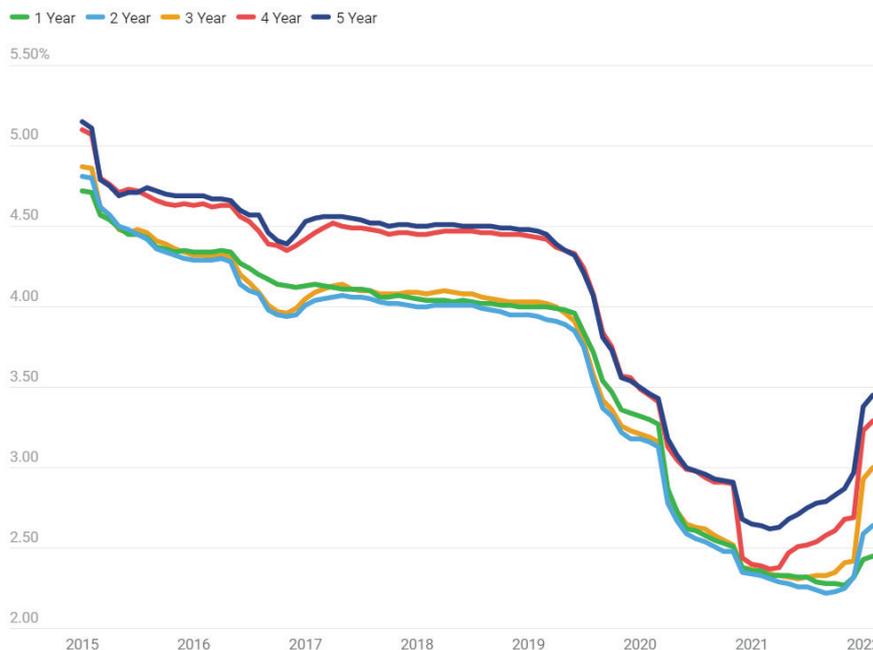
Until now the market in Australia has enjoyed record low interest rates. More importantly the predictions have been, "there will not be any increases in the near future". So, the market in return says, "we don't have to worry about that for a while so let's buy!" This equals confidence.

There is always something that turns up to potentially start the swing in the other direction. Recent inflation figures in the U.S are nothing short of shocking.



Simply put the US government will be doing something about this with a matter of urgency. And guess what, this will almost certainly follow through to Australia. Any prolonging interest rate rises must surely change and in turn will slow down confidence, or is this already happening? Look at the below graph which shows the change of mortgage holders from variable to fixed rates.

Interesting times ahead. The next quarter will be telling! Watch this space!!



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Tim is a licensed real estate agent specialising in the South Coast real estate market. Since 2005, he has been helping his clients to buy, sell, and rent properties – managing every aspect of the real estate process.

Tim began his career in Berry (where he is based), selling everything from quaint homes in town to sprawling beachfront residences, commercial properties, lifestyle acreages, and working farms.

He has also operated in Sydney's lower north shore and inner-city markets, working across everything from resale properties to brand new off-the-plan building developments of up to 200+ apartments.

Personally

Tim is a lifetime local to the Berry region. Born in Foxground, he moved to Jaspers Brush at the age of four, where he grew up on his family's Murray Grey beef cattle stud. He attended St Michaels and St Johns schools in Nowra, before joining the family business (Elders Berry) alongside his father, Brian McGoldrick.

Owned and operate by the McGoldrick family since 1987, Elders Berry is highly respected among the business community. Over the decades, the personalised service the business has always delivered, has seen many client relationships naturally develop into lasting friendships.

Tim and his wife are raising their young family in the area they both grew up in. They understand the importance of having a good community and love having the South Coast's pristine natural environment on their doorstep to nurture their little ones.

Outside of work, you'll find Tim casting lures in one of the area's many fishing hotspots, or off on a camping road trip with family and friends.

Tim is an active supporter of many local organisations, including the Berry Show Society, Rotary Club, and Garden Club.



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