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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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MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Berry Alliance costs \$15 per annum and is open to Berry community groups registered with the Berry Alliance as well as individuals. To join please write to Berry Alliance, PO Box 202 Berry NSW 2535 or email: info@berryalliance.org.au

Editor's Note



The closing date for our JULY issue will be Wednesday 15th June 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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PINK UP BERRY

Pink up Berry Committee are very excited to begin organising fund raising for this year. All money raised is donated to the McGrath Foundation who currently have 185 Specialised Breast care nurses that support those experiencing Breast Cancer and their families for free all over Australia- Last week the foundation launched a new programme to have 250 nurses by the year 2025 so that no one misses out on care. Over the past 3 years Pink up Berry have raised over \$106 thousand dollars and we thank everyone that has supported our cause.

Dates for your dairy so far are: **Sat Oct 8th** - Trivia Night at Berry Bowling Club. **Sun Oct 16th** - Shoalhaven City Race Club Mollymook Cup Day will be supporting Pink up Berry. **Sat Oct 22nd** - Street Stall at Broughton Court. **Sat Oct 29th** - Barefoot Bowls Day at Berry Bowling Club. **Tues Nov 1** - Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon at Berry Bowling Club. More details will be published over the next few months.

The Town will be turning pink for the month of October with some exciting new ideas.

Currently we have over 70 volunteers that do a variety of different Jobs including - sewing - crocheting - knitting and cooking- Home made Jams & Condiments are on sale at the Berry Barnlet Thursday to Sunday every week so pop in and stock up your pantry.

If you would like to become a volunteer or would like any information of how you can become involved in Pink Up Berry please contact Deb on 0428005910 or email us at pinkupberry@gmail.com

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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COFFEE AND Friends

Our speaker for the June Coffee and Friends on Wednesday 22nd June at 10am is Berry local, Craig Green. Craig worked for many years in Information Technology but was always interested in photography. He loved photographing nature and the bush and over time this hobby developed and led Craig to becoming a professional photographer Everyone is welcome.

The venue is the Main Hall at Berry Uniting Church, 77 Albert Street.

Berry Community Library

We've been hearing whispers of the Inaugural Berry Writer's Festival which will take place from Friday 21st-23rd October 2022. There will be panels and conversations with a wonderful variety of authors including Julia Baird, Jane Caro, Ceridwen Dovey, Tim Flannery, Rick Morton and Scott Ludlum to name just a few. Check out the berrywritersfestival.com.au We will have copies of these authors' books available to borrow very soon.

Library Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday 1-4pm

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Aluminium Foil Recycling Competition

Winners Announced

Thank you to all the people who entered our competition to collect aluminium foil so it could be recycled.

Congratulations to our winners who are:

Up to 9 years old category:

Winner is **Harley Garvan** who wins \$100.

Encouragement Award to **Patrick Ball** - \$30

10 to 17 years old category:

Winner is **Indiana Garvan** who wins \$100.

Encouragement Awards to **Amelia Phillips** - \$30

Encouragement Award to **Dakota Warr** - \$30

Look for other competitions you can enter in the future.

We were so pleased to have the very helpful and popular Wade Cawley from

Rekindle Me here in Berry assist us in this competition as well as his assistance in the education of our community on how we can better care for our environment.

Here is the detail on how to best recycle aluminium foil can be recycled / reused as well as further details of what all the different aluminium products there are. Written by Wade as a flow chart for the competition just run.

Aluminium Foil Scrap – what Happens to it?

Once collected from the entrants of the competition I will be transporting the aluminium foil in my van to a scrap metal yard. These scrap yards can recycle a wide range of metals like iron, copper, brass, stainless steel, aluminium, lead and many more. **Scrap metal should never go in the yellow recycling bin** as although metal is recyclable, scrap metal should be taken to a scrap yard or your local tip for free metal recycling. You can only place items like aluminum and steel cans, aerosol cans, aluminum foil (golf ball sized), aluminum drink cans and large metal jar lids in the yellow bin. Small jar and bottle lids Just like small pieces of aluminum will fall through the machinery and will go to landfill. Also, all of these items that go in the yellow bin need to be empty of their contents.

Sorted into grade

Once at the scrap yard, they will sort it by its metal type and grade of metal. In the case of the foil, it will be recycled with aluminium. Then it will be sorted into what grade of aluminium it is. There are 4 grades:

1. Irony Aluminium: This is aluminium that contains steel contaminates like screws, bolts, rivets etc.
2. Domestic: This includes aluminium items like aluminium foil, sheet aluminium, drink/food cans, venetian blinds, outdoor seating, aluminium wire etc.
3. Cast: This is aluminium that has been poured into a mould and cast to a particular shape. Cast aluminium will usually crack and break like ceramic. This includes engine parts, car rims, cast pots/pans, cast outdoor settings, brackets/mounts, decorative garden pieces etc.
4. Extruded: This is aluminium that has been pushed through a mould and extruded and has the same pattern running through it. A good example of this is window frames.

Shredded: Once the aluminium has been sorted it will be shredded with large equipment breaking down the aluminium into smaller pieces.

Contaminates taken out: The shredded aluminium will go through many sorting processes. Since Aluminium is non-ferrous (non-magnetic) a magnet will pass over the top of a conveyor belt and remove any steel which is ferrous (magnetic). Then it will go through various screening processes that will eject contaminates like plastics, glass, wood, cloth etc.

Sent To Refinery: After the aluminium has been cleaned, it will then go to a smelting refinery to be melted into bars ready for resale.

Smelting: At the refinery, the aluminium scraps will go into big furnaces and the aluminium will melt into a liquid state. To achieve this these large furnaces will reach temperatures close to 700°C.

Cast: It will then be cast into bars and various other shapes for ease of transport to the end buyer.

End product: From the refinery, a manufacturer will buy the aluminium and then remelt it again into the shape or form of the desired product they want to make. Ranging from parts on an aeroplane down to your drink cans.

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Through rain, hail and shine, the meals must get through!

Wow, what a challenging year it has been for our terrific team of local Volunteers at Meals on Wheels. Navigating the roads out of town and making alternative arrangements when we just couldn't get through were just some of those challenges. But despite the rain, hail, shine and potholes, we continued to deliver the meals together with a friendly check and chat to our local community.

Unfortunately, we believe we'll be dodging the potholes for some time to come, but hopefully we've seen the last of the floods.

So, to say a 'thankyou' for the job well done, we recently hosted a Volunteers Appreciation Lunch at the Berry Hotel, delicious food in front of a warm log fire. Well received by all who attended.

However, moving forward, we will need more help and your help! That's why we're now calling on members of the Berry community to volunteer for our local team.

Our packing and delivery teams need a boost in numbers and we're also seeking new Committee members as some of our long-term Volunteers will be ready to hand over the reins in the not-too- distant future.

Rest assured that you will have the full support of the Committee as you learn the ropes and prepare for future roles.

If you can spare some time and you'd like to help support Berry Meals on Wheels in providing this essential service to our senior community, please contact Di Hill, our Volunteer Coordinator – 0432 415 745 or dihill777@hotmail.com.



BERRY MEN'S SHED

ATTENDING ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



Members of the Shed who attended the Anzac Day march and service in Berry

Members of the Shed attended the Anzac Day memorial service on 25th April. One of our members Rob Hunter is a returned veteran from the Vietnam conflict and he was inspirational in encouraging the Shed to participate on the day. Rob served in the National Service 5th intake in 1966 and was involved in the Survey troop contingent which involved surveying and mapping the road systems around Nui Dat in South Vietnam. Rob spent 321 days overseas returning to Australia in June 1968. This was the first time

that the Berry Men's Shed has laid a wreath at the Memorial Park.

Work is continuing on the construction of numerous items for our annual what we have for offer.

If you are interested in joining the Shed, please feel free to visit our Shed on any Tuesday or Thursday and we will be happy to show you around. We are located at 146 North Street Berry.

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Land for Wildlife

As part of Berry Landcare's objectives of creating and maintaining local wildlife habitats and their connectivity, we recommend that owners of bushland and other wildlife habitats consider joining Land for Wildlife. Like many districts which enjoy the benefits of natural ecosystems the continued survival of Berry's wildlife is dependent on effective management by, and the awareness of property owners. The integration of healthy and interconnected native habitats within agricultural lands has many benefits including the provision of shelter, erosion and pest control, water quality, and better crop pollination.

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme that aims to assist landholders in maintaining wildlife habitats on their land. Registration is free, non-binding and does not affect the land title or legal status of the land. The program provides: individual consultations on sustainability and management issues; site reports on how to manage issues such as erosion, weed control and habitat values; site specific native and exotic plant lists; newsletters, workshop participation, a LFW property sign and advice on integrating wildlife conservation with usual property and farming practices. Registration also provides opportunities to apply for grants supporting biodiversity such as: weed and feral animal control, fencing and native vegetation regeneration.

The program is available to landholdings ranging from small bush blocks to large farming and grazing operations. Minimum requirements are the inclusion of at least half a hectare (1.2 acres) of native habitat and a willingness to manage all or part of a property in an environmentally sustainable way.

Applications for registration are via an easy on-line Expression of Interest form at: <https://www.cen.org.au/projects/land-for-wildlife/landholder-expression-of-interest-form>
Further information can be accessed at:
<https://www.cen.org.au/projects/land-for-wildlife/land-holders-land-for-wildlife-230>
or by contacting David Rush on achievesolutions@gmail.com.



PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

And you thought we were over QR CODES as a point of entry

The success of the school program relies on the good will and generosity of the school and town community. The backbone of Natural Studies and Plant Propagation Centre at Berry Public School comes from volunteers.

The latest volunteer contributions to the school program have resulted in the design, mapping and labelling for the garden beds.

The garden beds are themed according to various aspects of the Living World Science Program. The new labelling includes botanical and vernacular names of plants and a QR code that can be read using a mobile phone. The codes connect to **Growing Illawarra Natives** and **Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens** websites giving comprehensive descriptions and photos of the plants.

The labelling allows for students to revisit the garden beds and share their nursery experience with their families at any time before or after school.

Garden Bed 7 provides an example: Crinum lily and Sea berry salt bush are growing in this bed. These plants grow in free draining sandy soils and are adapted to harsh coastal conditions.

The labels look like this:

Crinum pedunculatum

Crinum lily



Rhagodia candolleana

Sea berry salt bush



QR codes are certainly no substitute for positively identifying plants through scientific observation of flowers, leaves, roots etc, but provide a great tool and a point of entry into enquiring into the world of local plants that might otherwise be overlooked.

The same QR code system will be used in the School Tree Orchard and has been introduced at Boongaree Bushcare Site.

**Nursery hours -
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The Plants look like this:
Left: *Crinum pedunculatum*
Below: *Rhagodia candolleana*



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Berry Rotary to Commence Walk 'n' Talk for Life Group

The Rotary Club of Berry are joining the **Walk 'n' Talk for Life** campaign to commence a regular monthly walk around Berry.

The **Walk 'n' Talk For Life** campaign started in 2016 with 200 people walking from Queenscliff Lagoon to Shelly Beach and back, each wearing yellow t-shirts.

There are now numerous **Walk 'n' Talk For Life** events happening on a regular basis around Australia.



How To Participate:

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WHEN: Commence 9AM 12 JUNE 2022

(Berry Rotary is to make this a regular event on the 2nd Sunday of every month)

WHERE: Rotary BBQ & Grill in the Berry Showground

AFTER THE WALK: Meet back at the Rotary BBQ & Grill for free coffee, tea and sausage sandwich.



When you first come to the BBQ & Grill you will receive a free **Walk 'n' Talk for Life** t-shirt and then join with a friendly group of people to take a stroll around Berry. The goal is simply to get some exercise and make some new acquaintances. You are welcome to bring your dog with you if you have one.

When participating in a walk people often find we all experience similar things in our lives. The aim is to bring people and communities together to make connections, to maybe lend an ear, and to encourage new friendships.

Help make a difference - support ROTARY

Last month's meeting saw 6 new visitors welcomed to the meeting where they were treated to a very informative talk by one of our members who gave a 10-minute chat on the history of Shoalhaven Heads having been a third-generation family member growing up in the area. Shoalhaven Heads was once known as Jerry Bailey, it was intriguing to know the area was once a paddock belonging to the Coolangatta Estate where a horse known as Jerry Bailey was kept.

We were then entertained by our main speaker Dr Michael Davey who thoroughly entertained us with his escapades through life good and bad and how he was on a crusade to ride around Australia to raise money for the returned service members suffering from PTSD. He had previously done the same thing raising \$51,000 for Children with cancer.

Our speaker for the next meeting will be from Fulton and Hogan which will be very interesting getting an overall perspective of the road and bridge work being carried out in the Bomaderry and Nowra area.

We are also looking forward to the bus trip planned for September to Floriade and a planned barbecue.

If you would like to visit our club of friendly like-minded people, please phone President Lindsay McNamara on 44641868, 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. A great way to meet friends you didn't know before.



ADFAS Shoalhaven enjoyed a double treat on 28 April, and an exhilarating Morning After Tea on 29 April. From the amazing violin recital of Albert Au to the outstanding lecture on *Hilda Rix Nicholas* by Richard Travers, many members commented it was a fantastic evening and are looking forward to next lecture.

Also, a big thank you to our members Dr Ian and Anne Cole for hosting the Morning After Tea, with speaker Stan Keogh (our own ADFAS Raffle Man and committee member). His talk on his first fleet ancestors amused and delighted all.

We still have four more lectures and the ½ day special interest lecture left of the 2022 season. The monthly meetings are held at the Berry Uniting Church Hall and is a wonderful and informal way to make friends and to get to know others in the community. It's still not too late to join!

Visitors are always welcome to the monthly lectures:
\$25 Visitors Fee

For more information on the Society, 2022 Program, or membership contact Richard at:

**richardcwiseman@hotmail.com or visit our website:
www.adfas.org.au/societies/shoalhaven/**

28 JULY – 7:30PM

Art & Revolution – Russian Art of the Revolutionary Period

LIVE lecture by Sasha Grishin

Berry Uniting Church Hall 71-77 Alfred Street Berry

This lecture examines Russian art of the revolutionary period. It focuses on the idea that art is not only for aesthetic purposes, but it can also be powerful and carry a political message. We will glance at the art of the people, including important artists such as Marc Chagall, Wassily Kandinsky and Kazimir Malevich.

Emeritus Professor Sasha Grishin AM, FAHA established the academic discipline of Art History at ANU and until December 2013 was the Sir William Dobell Professor of Art History and Head of Art History at the ANU in Canberra. He works internationally as an art historian, art critic and curator and has published over 25 books and over 2,000 articles regarding various aspects of art.



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BERRY RIDING CLUB

Berry Riding Club was awarded a generous grant from Veolia Mulwaree Trust last month. Judy Sweeney (Club Secretary) and Sue Litster were presented with a cheque to co-fund the purchase of a much needed steel round yard. Berry Riding Club was one of fourteen lucky community groups to receive a grant. It was great to see these community groups being recognised and rewarded. Thank you Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

What a great asset this round yard will be to our club. Not everyone has access to a round yard so it's exciting to think of all the riding and training opportunities it will offer our riding community.

Many thanks to Veolia Mulwaree Trust from everyone in Berry Riding Club for this fabulous contribution.

Berry Riding Club's calendar is looking good for June once the rain stops:

Sunday 5th June, Dressage competition.

Sunday 19th June, Clear Round Show Jumping.

Saturday 25th June, Working Equitation play & practice day.

RIDING FUN FOR EVERYONE.



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BERRY *Spinners & Weavers*



Carrie Becker has channelled her artistic passion to create a special coastal scene, by using fibre and yarn as a collage for a spectacular event coming up in July at the Berry School of Arts.

Carrie's detail expression with colour and fibres are amazing and this has become our theme

“Focus on Fibre”

for the Biannual South Coast Fibre Muster. Carrie is an accomplished local artist in many mediums and the materials she has used in this beautiful collage include multi coloured silk, merino wool, cotton and alpaca fibres and yarns combines to reflect our beautiful South Coast environment of blue skies, green rolling hills, our unique rock formations, and fertile farmlands.

We look forward to many visitors coming to see the amazing creative talents of many artisans like Carrie on display at the South Coast Fibre Muster. They will be showcasing their talents in Spinning, Weaving, Felting and other associated fibre crafts.

Berry Spinners and Weavers are proud to be hosting the South Coast Fibre Muster in the “Berry School of Arts on Sat 2nd July and Sun 3rd July 2022 between 10am and 3pm.

Entry is Free and there will be instructive demonstrations from artisans at work, with raw materials, equipment, and unique handmade creations for sale, and a wonderful people's choice competition for you to judge.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

VOLUNTEERS WEEK At the time of writing this it is National Volunteers Week. This is a special time of recognition for all those who contribute to their communities. To all Berry volunteers – Well Done!

Our own Red Cross volunteers are always available to help out where and when needed. Not just in disasters and emergencies but also on a regular ongoing basis for those needing assistance in their daily lives. We thank them all.

BRANCH NEWS This month the branch raised \$879.30 for the Ukraine Appeal with our annual Anzac Biscuit Stall.

Also our Berry May Market Collection raised \$551.50. This is one of two fundraisers done each year, in May and October, to go into general Red Cross funds. A big thank you to all those who contributed.

CURRENT RED CROSS ACTIVITIES Currently Red Cross workers and volunteers are involved in supporting those in need in Ukraine, as well as in the Queensland and NSW flood areas and in the areas affected by the 2019-20 bushfires. Ongoing support will be needed for a long time on these appeals. Some of the other areas where ongoing support is currently being provided are:

- people affected by the Covid pandemic,
- people displaced due to war and famine
- those seeking asylum,
- those who have been in the justice system and need help to progress to productive lives
- older people
- young people needing help to lead independent lives

If you would like to know more about the work of Red Cross go to their website. It is a great deal more extensive than is commonly known.

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

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



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Living with integrity

Integrity is a bit of a buzz word at the moment. We've just had a Federal Election and the integrity of politicians was a key voting issue. Are our politicians honest and acting in an upright manner? Are we?

Integrity, according to the Oxford Dictionary means, "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles or the state of being whole and undivided." We like that. The state of being whole and undivided, being the same person wherever you are, whoever you're with. It's a great quality to aspire to.

So how do we live with integrity? At South Coast Life Church, we have been exploring living with integrity through a sermon series titled 'Gospel Intersections.' We have been looking at the teachings of Jesus and how they intersect with key issues of society. Some of the matters we have been exploring include division, the treatment of women, inequality, the treatment of refugees, freedom, sexuality, climate change and justice.

We have been looking at how our faith affects how we live in this world. Micah 6:8 says, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly[a] with your God." This is the core of the gospel, the good news. If we are serious about following Jesus, then we must care about his example in these areas. We must seek to live with integrity.

Now, no one is perfect and the Bible teaches that no one is beyond forgiveness. Living with integrity isn't about never making mistakes, but it is about recognising our mistakes, taking responsibility, apologising and trying again. It is a conscious choice to seek to do the right thing. CS Lewis said, "Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching." That is our desire for how to live life, to do the right thing even when no one is watching. May we be people who leave this earth better than when we found it.

If you would like to know what Jesus teaches about these key issues you can watch our sermons online at YouTube under South Coast Life Church, or even better, come along to one of our services at 10am & 5pm at 8 Schofields Lane, Berry.

Erica & Joel Noonan
Lead Pastors



DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Mother's Day stall in May was a very successful morning, with great support from the community, and all the boot scooting, cowboy hat wearing visitors in Berry for the County Music festival. Hand knitted items, including lap rugs and mittens, were snapped up for the very cold weather on the day. Thanks to all who baked, sewed, knitted and supplied saleable items.

Our guest at the May meeting was Bill Hamburger, Acting Deputy Director of Nursing and Acting NUM at the David Berry Hospital Rehab. Unit, a role he has filled since January. Bill expressed his support and admiration for our small branch, and the ongoing work we are doing to save the hospital site from future sale and/or development, once the two units are moved to Shoalhaven Hospital in 4-5 years' time. The peaceful and ambient atmosphere at the local hospital will be an impetus to preserve the facilities for ongoing health purposes.

Bill supplied a "wish list" of items for the Rehab. Unit, and we hope to provide the funds to enable the purchase of same. Our auxiliary has been most fortunate to receive substantial funds from the Bowral Hospital Auxiliary, who have closed due to the new Bowral Hospital no longer requiring support or funds from this branch. Moss Vale auxiliary have also closed for the same reason. Geographically we were the closest active auxiliary, hence this "windfall".

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall Berry, but hopefully back at David Berry Hospital when restrictions allow.

**FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT
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The Truth

Every day, we receive many messages that we read, hear, see and listen to. Often, we think, are they saying the truth? Can I trust this source? Many people express their opinions strongly through traditional and social media. It is hard to know who is telling the truth and who do we believe? Remember, opinion is not always the truth. The more we are influenced by others' opinions, the more they can drag us away from God's truth. How can we tell when something is true?

C.S. Lewis wrote 'Chronicles of Narnia'. Lewis grew up in a loving and happy home. All his family loved books and reading. They were atheists, who is a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods. When Lewis was 9 years old, his mother died and that changed Lewis, who then thought that God was either cruel or didn't exist at all. Later in life at college, Lewis had many conversations with his Philosophy teacher whom, he admired and was a Christian. Lewis argued that people turned to religion after they found that magic and folklore failed. The teacher argued that Christianity was true. Lewis began to read Christian books, which slowly changed his heart and he started seeing the truth. He said aloud "I give in, and admit that God is God", then he prayed. After that he spoke with many Christian men, such as, J.R. Tolkien, who answered his many questions and encouraged him with the truth from the Bible. After a while, Lewis truly believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

In the Bible, Paul wrote to his friend Timothy and said *"13 Follow what you heard from me as the pattern of true teaching. Follow it with faith and love because you belong to Christ Jesus. 14 This teaching is a treasure that you were trusted with. Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."*

The world's opinions are no substitute for God's truth, which is important to equip us to make good decisions for another's sake and to reshape our thoughts to choose what is right for society. Getting to know Jesus, believing and living His truth, we gain His wisdom, love and grace that become like treasure for our souls. Trust in the Lord!!!

Kid's Club Friday 10th June 2022. We are so looking forward to seeing you!!

Sue Skinner - Presbyterian church Berry



VIEW

voice, interests and
education of women

By the time this report has come out, we should know the results of the Federal Election so let's hope whoever wins helps the homeless and hungry in Australia and not leave it to the charities to fill the gap. There will always be poverty, but we can help make it easier for a few families by supporting a school child in the Learning for Life program. At present, we look after 3 and hope to increase one day soon and make a difference. We have read some letters from the children which were helped, and their stories are amazing and when you get great results from your effort it makes it worthwhile. Join VIEW; we meet once a month on the third Wednesday 6pm for a 7pm start. We have guest speakers, and I am doing a demo in September. We have fun nights and coffee mornings on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10.30 at Café on Queen so come and join us.

If you want to come along to our meeting, ring Jan on 0490054574 by 12 noon on the Sunday before the Wednesday meeting. We are planning a picnic of sorts later on in the year for the Smith Families 100-year celebration so that's something to look forward to.

Bye for now! Yolande, Publicity



Scots' Presbyterian
Church, Berry

Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

Service Time

Worship Service 10am

Jesus And Me (JAM)

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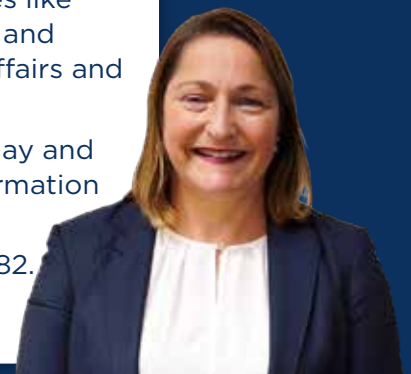
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Shoalhaven Heads Branch
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, 6.30 pm Hotel Berry
secretarybshlp@gmail.com PO Box 325 Berry 2535

Australian Red Cross 4464 1695
President Sue Speck. Mail: 6A Gwenda Ave., Berry 2535
Meetings 1st Wednesday each month at 2pm
Berry Uniting Church Hall

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

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President Irene Birks. Mail: 42 Albany Street Berry 2535
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Berry Meals on Wheels 4464 1774
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Berry Men's Shed 4464 3956
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Berry Library, 77 Albert St., Berry
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Conservation Committee for the Berry Railway Station Precinct
janetfingleton@bigpond.com 0418 651 787

Berry Community Library 0425 220 258
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Country Women's Association 0417 423 018
Berry Branch PO Box 321 Berry 2535 - 2nd Friday each
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Contact Emily Boorer

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President Irene Birks. Mail: PO Box 285 Berry 2535.
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LEAN Berry/Shoalhaven North 4464 2446
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Meetings Berry Hotel Email: bmfberry@bigpond.net.au

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Meeting 1st Monday monthly at the Emporium, Berry
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OpenField Arts Festival 0439 750 029
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Berry Spinners and Weavers
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berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com

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St Luke's Church Hall - 68A Princess Street
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South Coast Life Church 4464 2315
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Corner of Boxells Lane & Princes Hwy,
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Berry Community Pre-school 4464 1764
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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

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Deb Wooster Secretary www.berrygardens.org.au

Berry Landcare 4464 2241
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Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery
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Brogers Creek Landcare 4465 1482
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andrew.fitzsimons@det.nsw.edu.au

Gateway Community Garden 0423 267 957
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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

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PO Box 139 Berry NSW 2535 Club

Berry Tennis Club
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Berry Riding Club 0410 506 143
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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

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Pink Up Berry Pink Up Berry Committee 0428 005 910
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salt.org.au and facebook

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https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenEducationFund/

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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 JUNE 2022

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST OF COTTON TOTE BAGS: A 2011 study published by the UK Environmental agency found that a single new cotton bag produced 271.5 kg of CO₂. Another study, published in 2018 by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark found a bag would need to be used almost 20,000 times to offset the environmental cost of the bag. Cotton is a water-intensive crop, and conventional cotton is grown with heavy use of pesticides, which pollute waterways, aquifers and wetlands. A worn-out bag can often not be recycled or composted, as many logos are printed with PVC-based dyes, which are not recyclable.

Single use plastic bags will be banned in NSW from July 1. Cotton bags will be an obvious alternative, and are already the preferred option for many households. Just remember to use what you have, and if you've got any Berry Boomerang Bags tucked away in your cupboard, now's the time to get them out. Boomerang bags are generally made from old sheets, doona covers, etc, so they've already had a lot of use before being reinvented as a shopping bag.

ORGANIC SWITCH: Organic farming encourages biodiversity and avoids the risk of pesticides leaching into waterways. Farmers that take stewardship of the land seriously deserve to be supported. Consider switching one of your staple purchases such as dairy, eggs, rice or flour to an organic alternative. Cotton farming is particularly damaging to the environment; look for alternatives such as organic cotton, recycled cotton made from post manufacture / production scrap, or bamboo. Give your support to farmers who support the land.

GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS: Berry Rural Store in Old Creamery Land sells a 1 kg premixed seed variety for \$17.95, selected for plants that invite more bees and butterflies into your garden. A 10% increase in bee-friendly habitat increases bee numbers and their diversity by a third. In turn, encouraging bees and other pollinators will increase the yield of any fruit or vegetable crops you are growing. Bees need both pollen and nectar. Nectar feeds the adult bees, while pollen is taken back to the hive to feed young bees. Plant a variety of year-round flowering species and plant in clumps; clustered flowers and swathes attract more pollinators than scattered plants. In the veggie garden leave lettuces, basil, coriander, rocket and other plants that are flowering and going to seed at the end of the season. Leave a section of lawn un-mown, bees love dandelions, and are especially attracted to yellow, white, purple and blue flowers.

- Spring flowers: lavender, sage, salvia, scented geranium, wisteria, poppies, marigolds, tansy.
- Summer flowers: basil, mint, verbena, calendula, cosmos, pumpkin, squash, zucchini, thyme, catnip, lamb's ear, sea holly, penstemon.
- Autumn flowers: rosemary, verbena, sunflowers, toadflax.
- Natives: kangaroo paw, grevillea, hakea, callistemon, banksia, tea tree, lilly pilli.
- To build a Bee Hotel, have a look at www.aussiebee.com.au for comprehensive information.

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. 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.

REKINDLE ME You may have seen Wade Cawley's red electric van around town. Not only does Wade's business take e-waste to be broken down into its component parts, he will also take electrical goods such as small appliances that no longer work. Wade's business helps keep items out of landfill, and recycles materials for reuse in new items. Check rekindleme.net for more information. Ewing Electrical, a small business in Nowra, repairs small appliances; it may be worth checking to see if your item can be repaired rather than getting rid of it. Their number is 4421 8412.

COUNCIL RECYCLING DATES: Yellow bins are emptied this month on 8 and 22 June.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING: Used batteries in the drop-off bin near the front door of the IGA.

USED RAT TESTS AND DISPOSABLE MASKS: Used test kits are considered contaminated medical waste and must be disposed of in landfill, not your yellow recycling bin. Likewise, disposable masks are not recyclable, and have to go into landfill. While mask wearing rules have been relaxed it is likely we will still be required to wear a mask in some higher risk locations.

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 (Gerrigong) has two Porsche destination ports. Bomaderry Woolworths has four destination charging ports.

RETURN AND EARN: Closest recycling facilities are at Gerrigong (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.

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.



BERRY CWA

Members of Berry CWA celebrated International Day in April with a wonderful presentation on Malaysia and a delicious meal cooked by Angela, our International Officer. Part of the CWA Charter is to have a country of study each year and this year we have learnt many interesting facts about our country of study, Malaysia. Latvia will be our country of study next, and we are looking forward to learning about this most interesting European country. Our Community Workshops have continued to be very popular with locals and visitors alike. Our most recent workshop, the contemporary craft of felting was run by local artisan, Margaret Connor. It was well attended and proved to be an interesting and informative way to spend the day. We would like to thank the local community for the support of these workshops and acknowledge the support of the Foundation for Rural and Regional

Renewal. Further information on upcoming Community Workshops can be found on our fb page.

Several members recently attended the CWA Centenary Conference at Royal Randwick, Sydney. It was truly wonderful to be part of the Centenary Conference and to celebrate 100 years of CWA advocacy across New South Wales. The discussions on various motions was robust and informative. This year there was a particular focus on health services in regional areas and the issue of homelessness across the state. CWA will be advocating in these areas in the coming year.



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.



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 – May 2022 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

DA22/1431 – 19-4-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 6 Gwenda Avenue, Berry.

DA22/1439 – 20-4-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 36 Queen Street, Berry.

DA22/1466 – 27-4-2022 – Use of Property as Temporary Car Park for Big Country on

7-5-2022 & Similar Times in 2023 & 2024 – Wharf Rd, Berry.

CD22/1262 – 4-5-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 83 Agars Lane, Berry.

DA22/1499 – 5-5-2022 – Demolition of Existing Shed & Construction of New Shed – 309B Kangaroo Valley Rd., Berry Mountain.

DA22/1484 – 3-5-2022 – Swimming Pool & Retaining Wall – 89C Mount Hay Rd (Priv), Broughton Vale.

DA22/1478 – 2-5-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 15 Bryces Rd, Far Meadow.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

DA21/2370 – Approved – 21-4-2022 – Commercial Alterations & Additions for Use as Pharmacy.

DA22/1214 – Withdrawn – 29-4-2022 – Tourist Cabin – 35 Bryan Close, Broughton Vale.

CD22/1262 – Approved – 2-5-2022 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 83 Agars Lane, Berry.

CD22/1276 – Approved – 2-5-2022 – Modified Plans – Split Level Dwelling with Garage and Swimming Pool – 83 Agars Lane, Berry.

DA22/1466 – Approved – 22-4-2022 – Temporary Car Park for Big Country Festival 2022- 2024 – Wharf Rd., Berry.

Brought to the Berry community by the Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee



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

BROUGHTON VALE / BERRY - RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



The Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Brigade had twelve of our members take part in the annual Anzac Day March through Berry township and then attended the following service at the Berry War Memorial Gardens. It was pleasing to see the younger and very young members of the community taking an interest in that event.

Yet again due to weather conditions May was another quiet month for our brigade in terms of callouts. We had three callouts, two to assist at pile burns and one to assist at a power line down situation.

Our training program is now well underway. Members of the community may see our Cat 2 and Cat 9 tankers (not in emergency mode) on the roads leading to their properties. The purpose of those excursions is to make volunteers familiar with the area. Mapping of water sources and other items that may be of interest / concern under bushfire conditions is also carried out at that time. Also, in the month a First Aid CPR training and refresher course was provided by Scott Styles, All Events Medical.

The Berry Hotspots Project held in late May was well attended by members of the community interested in gaining a greater understanding of the local environment with emphasis on the effect of fire. The event held over two days was run by Inspector Phil Paterson, Environment Coordinator Hotspots ably assisted by Dr. Hannah Etchells, Hotspots Fire Project Ecologist. The Broughton Vale / Berry RFB provided equipment and assistance with the practical demonstrations.

The brigade is pleased to announce applications from three community members to join our brigade. This is in response to our callout to interested members of our community to investigate the possibility of joining our brigade.

The brigade will welcome further applicants and as previously advised there is no restriction on age or gender as the tasks undertaken by the Rural Fire Service volunteers are many and varied. Further information can be obtained by contacting either broughtonvalerfb@gmail.com or 0414 897 227.

We repeat our advice that even though we are outside the bushfire danger period it is still a requirement to give 24 hours notice to the Rural Fire Service of any planned burn as well as similar notice to your neighbours. Further information can be obtained at rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications.

As the weather clears there will be a demand for small pile burns as a result of debris from the local flooding and also general clearance works in preparation for the coming fire season.

Our brigade is available to provide assistance and advice with those burns. Again further information can be obtained by contacting either broughtonvalerfb@gmail.com or 0414 897 227.

THE DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL

One of the greatest gifts that David Berry bestowed upon the town of Berry was the hospital which bears his name.

In his will he had made bequests to St Andrews University in Scotland, the Presbyterian Church, and for a public hospital to be established for the inhabitants of Broughton Creek (Berry) and generally for all persons to whom it might be accessible.

To meet these huge bequests David's cousin Sir John Hay began breaking up the estate until only the Coolangatta homestead and a few hundred acres surrounding it, remained. Then in 1906 negotiations resulted in the 'Berry Hospital Enabling Act' by which the Government was to receive the hospital site plus all the water frontages and certain land belonging to the Berry Estate in North Sydney, in return for the building and maintenance of the David Berry Hospital. There is no doubt that the Government got the better part of this deal.

Until the new building was completed, the State Government was to maintain a temporary Cottage Hospital which opened in 1894 in the former store of James Wilson, on the corner of Pulman Street. This is the recently restored Cottage Medical building.

In September 1909 the new hospital was opened. Designed by the architects Joseland and Vernon, it was the most up-to-date hospital in the State at the time. Dr Thomas Lewers was the first medical superintendent and Nurse Metcalf was appointed as the first matron.

The hospital had a small staff of nursing sisters and aides, an indoor and outdoor attendant, a

David Berry Hospital Under Construction, 1907

Berry Museum

135 QUEEN STREET BERRY

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cleaner and cook. It was divided into men's and ladies' wards, with 30 beds, an operating theatre, a nurses' home and a staff cottage. A stained glass memorial to Sir John Hay was unveiled, plus a memorial which marks themunificent bequest... left by... David Berry'.

Fibro buildings erected during WW11 were refurbished in 1986 as a day activity centre for disabled adults and in 1986/87 the nurses' home became a palliative care unit.

Today the David Berry Hospital provides rehabilitation and specialist palliative care for the Shoalhaven. A munificent bequest indeed.



The Berry Forum

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Forum Meeting Held on 12 May 76 people attended the meeting, including councillors Serena Copley, Tonia Gray, Matthew Norris Patricia White and Liza Butler.

Update on Natural Disaster Road Works

Council's presentation (on Forum website) included -

- Numbers of potholes repaired, damage sites logged and indicative costs
- Major landslips
- Natural Disaster declared to access government funding

Questions and comments from attendees referred to -

- The lack of drainage on the sides of roads was a major contributor to damage
- Potholes filled with cold mix or not rolled would soon need repairing again
- Wattamolla residents are working on a privately funded road as a bypass

DA for Tourist Facility in Bong Bong Road The proponent's architect gave a presentation on the proposed DA and a resident asked why the function centre and subdivision had been omitted from the DA. The function centre would be 50% larger than the main hall of the School of Arts.

The owners of two adjoining properties highlighted the beauty and current peaceful nature of the proposed site and Bong Bong Road. They described the significant adverse impacts the development would have on the amenity and safety of residents and the walkers and cyclists who regularly use Bong Bong Road.

Forum Planning Priorities Update The following proposals have been sent to Council, with a request that planning staff resources be assigned to work on them as a high priority -

- Requested Amendment to SLEP - Managing the Impacts of Tourist Development in Berry & Kangaroo Valley
- An additional Heritage Conservation Area (HCA)
- Development Control Plan (DCP) for Berry

Council's Strategic Planning Manager, Gordon Clark, acknowledged the effort that had gone into the requests and advised that they are being carefully reviewed and considered prior to providing a fuller response and next steps.

An update was provided on Councillors' unanimous rejection of the DPE's Agritourism proposals, which would have made function centres permissible in rural areas, without the need for Council approval.

The rejection was based on information and recommendations provided by the Forum Committee, and bodes well for the relationship with the new Council.

Berry Parking Dilemma A response from Council's CEO to the Forum's letter of concern was received the day before the meeting and can be viewed on the Forum's website.

The Forum Committee remains concerned that some Council staff are still unaware that there has been no communication about the Boongaree project with the community via the Forum since October 2018, including the changes made to the staging plan that moved the bulk of parking to the end of the project. Notwithstanding these concerns, the Committee is resolved to achieve a productive outcome by working together with Council to seek practical cost-effective solutions.

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Berry ANZAC Commemoration Monday 25th April

This year under overcast and showery weather, Berry was able to conduct our full ANZAC Day Commemoration Service. The Kiama Pipe Band led the March from the CBD to the Memorial Park.

President Clyde Poulton in his opening address spoke for all to remember the sacrifice of those lost in all conflicts by quoting "They gave their tomorrows so that we could enjoy our todays", and to gave thanks to the selfless service of the men and women of the Berry District.

Prayers were led by Mrs Fiona Phillips MP, Evelyn Strong (President Berry RSL Women's Auxiliary) and Nate Barnett (Berry School Captain), followed by the school singing their rendition of "Lest We Forget". A special mention here to the children who sat through the entire service huddled together under umbrellas.

LCDR John Sime RAN recalled the deeds of Seargent Donald Forrester Brown VC of the NZ Expeditionary Force in WWI who was awarded the VC on the Western Front assaulting and capturing machine gun nests but lost his life 2 weeks later attempting the same feat, and local soldier PTE Arthur Lloyd who fought in the Malayan campaign with distinction, however lost his life when his transport ship was torpedoed and sunk.

Commodore Darren Rae RAN gave the Commemoration Address, noting that 2022 marked the 80th anniversary of when war came perilously close to Australia with the Japanese onslaught through SE Asia and the Australian defence of our homeland particularly on land in New Guinea, the Battle of the Coral Sea, and the bombing of Darwin. Rev Joel Noonan then gave the Commemoration to the Fallen, which was followed by the Laying of Wreaths, piper John Morrison piped The Lament, and President Clyde Poulton recited The Ode which was followed by The Last Post, Silence and The Rouse.

Clr John Wells as MC, again led the Commemoration Service conducted with full dignity, and thanked all for attending given the weather and acknowledged all those whose assistance had helped with the service.

The ceremony was completed with the singing of the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems.

The Berry RSL sub-Branch wish to thank the community for their commitment to stay the course given the rain and for their generous donations both for the ANZAC Badge Appeal prior to ANZAC Day and to Legacy at the completion of the Service

Stuart Christmas
Hon.Sec. Berry RSL Sub-Branch



Berry Mens Bowling

The Men's Club's Fours team that won the Zone Senior State Fours at Bega last year have in late May represented our Zone in the State Championships held at Ettalong. These important Championships have been delayed due to Covid restrictions. The team consisting of Russell Tulloch, Deborah Folkard, David Badger and Terry Hayes have been practising, which has included playing against neighboring club Huskisson who will also have played at Ettalong in the President's Reserve Fours. Merimbula were representing our Zone in the Open Fours. Results of these

matches will be reported in the next issue of this publication.

The Ladies Club were in early May represented in the 2022 Women's State Carnival by a team consisting of Irene Dunn, Gillian Portener, Deborah Folkard and Jane Haddon. This Carnival which attracted 174 teams and 696 players was based on Bomaderry Club and 5 other Shoalhaven Clubs. This team performed very well considering they were drawn in their section against 4 Composite teams and 2 Club teams, by winning 3 of their 6 matches. The Carnival was won by a

Composite team consisting of representatives of 3 Sydney Clubs and one from St Georges Basin club and the runner ups were the South Tamworth Club.

Whilst play in competitions is encouraged the main aim of the Club is to provide player members with social contact and exercise in relaxing surroundings. Those interested in trying out the game are invited to contact the Club on 44642995 or contact any member of the Ladies or Men's Club, The ladies play social bowls on Tuesday and Thursday and the men play Wednesday and Saturday.



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