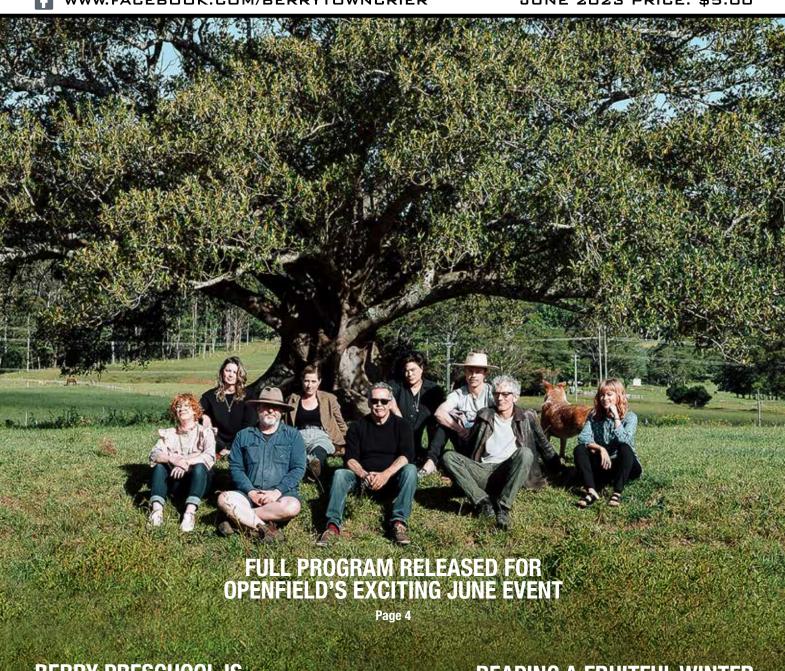


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### **BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION**



The Town Crier is produced by the Berry Alliance Inc.

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

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

The opinions expressed in the **Town Crier are not necessarily** those of the Berry Alliance or of the Editors.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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The closing date for our July issue will be Wednesday 14th June 2023 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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Helen Moody is our speaker on Wednesday 28th June at 10am. For many years Helen led walks and kayak trips around the 61 islands off the NSW South Coast. She researched their history and biodiversity and has published a beautiful book about these islands. She will tell us how her passion for the ocean and the marine environment developed and help us explore this amazing area. Everyone is welcome at the Uniting Church Main Hall (77 Albert Street) at 10am on Wednesday 28th June.

#### **Berry Community Library**

If you are a Geraldine Brooks or Chris Hammer fan, we have just put newly donated books by these authors on the shelves. Also some beautiful children's picture books and chapter books have been donated and are ready to borrow. Always something new to borrow! Everyone welcome.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

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#### The Berry Alliance Town Crier are proud to support **OpenField Arts Festival**

Their vision, planning and delivery has been excellent and to hold their festival in winter will be welcomed by both our community and our business community as this is not on an already busy weekend or a public holiday weekend.

And the program looks fantastic. (link here) www. openfield.org.au and explore the full program.

There is such a wide range of events and programs - something for everyone and of all ages.

#### Sponsorships and support

The Berry Alliance and Town Crier sponsor several things – groups, events, education opportunities. Despite recently dealing with a tougher than usual time financially we have continued with as much sponsorship as we can afford.

Other sponsorship program include:

Shoalhaven Education Fund (\$2,000 per annum) Annual grants for Berry Public School students (\$1,000 per annum) A Taste of Paradise

Berry Farmers Market

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And in the past financial grants to: Berry Landcare Berry Forum (start up funding)

Footpaths and cycleways around Berry.

Sustainable Bags (re-usable cloth bags) and cool bags as well as re-usable coffee cups.

All this as well as providing regular space for our Berry Community Groups to place articles and notices in the Town Crier to keep our community informed and involved.

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# Fire and Rescue NSW Station 224 Berry



I visited our Berry Fire and Rescue Station on Saturday 13th May on their Open Day and I am really glad that I did.

This was at the beginning of Volun-teers Week and there were some very happy and en-gaged kids there, as well as their parents and families.

It was great to catch up with our local firies, and I also met Rick, their Inspector who was visiting for the event and was warmly welcomed, thank you all.

Visitors were treated to sausage sandwiches and drinks as well as a display that was even more interesting to the kids as the sausage sandwiches.

Demonstrations such as cooking fires, using the fire hose, cutting open cars and more.

But the favourite event appeared to be the climbing into, on and through the Fire Truck and turning on the siren.

There were also some excellent messages there for the adults as well, the importance of fire alarms, battery replacement, the need to test them, where they should be placed in the home and that the local Station in Berry can assist in checking all this and in assisting you with your home fire safety. Just contact Station 224, Berry.

My thanks as well as my congratulations and our community's gratitude go to Captain Jim Abbot and all the team, (I am going to miss some so my apologies) Luke, Ash, Owen, Nathan, Wayne, Ian who were all there during my visit, and everyone else who were there at some time that day. For everything that you do and your commitment to our community. Here are some photos of the day.

#### Rick, for the Berry Town Crier





# Courthouse hosts OpenField Arts Festival 22-25 June 2023

We are proud to sponsor OpenField Arts Festival at the historic Berry Courthouse. We will be open each day of the festival with the fabulous Glenn Barkley exhibiting here. Glenn is an artist, writer, curator and gardener. Glenn was also the senior curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia from 2008 – 2014. He will be presenting an ambitious installation of ceramic topiary inside the Berry Courthouse. We cannot wait to see it. See the program on Facebook OpenField or website: www.openfield.org.au

#### Works

Historic buildings such as this are always requiring work, protecting them from damp, re-painting, restoring timbers etc. This is a regular job. As is the maintenance of the beautiful gardens. We plan ahead for this to happen during the winter months when we are quieter.

We have just recently repainted some of the rooms and some of the main hall after treating them for mould issues following the large rain events we have had recently.

We also replaced some of the window furniture and locks and will now be able to dead lock windows open a little to allow air movement which will be beneficial for the building.

An updated security and monitoring system as well as a WiFi system is also in the process of being installed

In the gardens we have restored the rose garden beds and mulched them heavily with the annual rose pruning due in a month or so. This should set the roses up for their usual fantastic display. We have also cleared a lot of the garden on the Police station side and this will be heavily mulched and re-planted where needed. We are shortly to prune some of the trees overhanging the gutters and roof as well as under pruning the manchurian pears in the front (so people can walk under them and our hedges survive) prior to thinning them a little during winter. Hedges are due to be pruned soon as well.

The rear gate has been re-hung to allow easier access to the private garden as well as a few other minor improvements.

Hope to see you for the OpenFields events.

Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee www.berrycourthouse.org.au https://www.facebook.com/berrycourthouse\_E









# Full program unveiled and ticketed events now on sale for OpenField Arts Festival!

OpenField Arts Festival, the highly anticipated celebration of contemporary art in Berry, NSW, is thrilled to announce that the full program is now available for its inaugural edition. While the festival is largely free, a range of exciting ticketed events are also on offer. From June 23 to 25, 2023, this extraordinary festival will transform the picturesque South Coast town into a vibrant artistic hub and immersive art experience, featuring over 20 talented artists presenting their works at 11 unique venues.

"OpenField Arts Festival is a culmination of creativity and imagination, bringing together artists from diverse backgrounds to showcase their exceptional talents," said Lenka Kripac, festival Co-Director. "We are excited to invite everyone to experience this fusion of art, music, and cinema in the beautiful town of Berry."

#### Highlights of the ticketed events include:

**OpenField Acoustic:** Hosted by ABC radio's Josh Szeps, this event features heartfelt music by ARIA award-winning artist Josh Pyke, indie-pop melodies by Lenka, humorous folk songs by Kay Proudlove, blues and roots sounds by Shaun Wessel, and alternative rock tunes by JJJ Unearthed High Indigenous winner Aodhan. Don't miss this chance to experience the magic of live music and connect with these exceptional artists.











**OpenField Electric:** Prepare to dance the night away at OpenField Electric, a high-energy Saturday night event featuring an all-star lineup of talented musicians and performers. Local disco hero Electric Ginger will bring his signature high-voltage style and a full live band to get you moving, while Wollongong-based drag artist Roxee Horror will MC the show and dazzle the crowd with a mesmerizing performance. Joining them on stage are the WE ARE HERE dance company, known for their quirky club acts, and award-winning composer and musician Jared Underwood's BATTERIE project, featuring live drums, synthesisers, sampling, looping, and electronics. Groove Society DJs will keep the party going with beats and tunes into the night.









**OpenField Film:** An event showcasing bold and experimental Australian films. The program includes Soda Jerk's film TERROR NULLIUS (2018), a ground-breaking remix constructed entirely from hundreds of pirated samples, offering a subversive deconstruction of Australian national mythologies. Also featured is the powerful short film HEALING TRUTH, a collaboration between Kaitlen Wellington, Laurens Tan, Damien Lane, and Russell Webster, exploring themes of country, healing, and language. Join us for an unforgettable night of cinema at OpenField Film.

The OpenField x SocialLife Bar will provide refreshments at the School of Arts and delicious food will be available from Bumpy Road Catering.

OpenField Arts Festival offers captivating workshops for children and adults. Kids aged 8-14 can join the 'Intersections' workshop with Judy Voltz, exploring local intersections through drawing and painting. Adults can unleash their creativity in the 'Open Netting' and 'Jewellery from Natural Materials' workshops.

Nic Nac Theatre Company will present 'LUMINESCENCE,' a transformative installation for children and families. Using recycled items, luminescent paint, and black-lighting, they create glowing worlds from the forest and sea. Adults and children play together, immersing in unique, interactive sessions with puppets and performers.

The festival also features enlightening panel discussions. Delve into the creative minds of festival artists, explore 'Art outside the City' with industry leaders, and experience the intersection of art, culture, and history with First Nations artists.

Organised by a group of local creatives, OpenField Arts Festival aims to ignite a spark of inspiration and solidify the Shoalhaven region as a thriving artistic destination. With the support of local businesses, patrons, and sponsors, including the Australia Council for the Arts, Create NSW, Shoalhaven City Council, the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal, Regional Arts NSW, and Creative Partnerships Australia, OpenField Arts Festival is set to become a must-see event.

Tickets for the highly anticipated OpenField Arts Festival are now on sale. Secure your spot by visiting www.openfield.org.au and explore the full program to plan your extraordinary experience.



# Meals On Wheels to the rescue

While it may sound a little melodramatic, Meals on Wheels can be a real lifesaver. If you're out of action for a while, going into hospital, having surgery or you've suffered an injury Meals on Wheels can be a godsend! Particularly if you're caring for loved ones.

Simply make contact, share you situation and we'll take care of the rest. You can choose your meals; decide how often you'd want them delivered, when you'd like to opt in and out (without paying any penalties).

There's every chance that once you've experienced the quality of the meals and the friendly smiles of our delivery volunteers, you will choose to stay. Win! Win!

It's also worth noting that our meals are as nutritious as they are delicious because they're prepared according to the nutritional guidelines for older Australians.

And as we age, the right nutrition becomes more important to help maintain a good quality of life and your independence.

So, if you'd just like a break from cooking chores, if you're recovering from an illness, injury, or surgery. If you're caring for someone living with a disability; or just concerned that mum, or dad, are eating well, Meals on Wheels can come to the rescue.

Just visit the website, northshoalhavenmeals. org.au, where you'll find an application form and you can review the variety of meals available, from scrumptious soups to tasty mains and delicious desserts.

If you prefer a phone chat, simply call North Shoalhaven Regional Meals on Wheels on 4422 5111.

# Berry Community Preschool

Berry Community Preschool has had a terrific start to the year. The children have settled into Preschool beautifully, and the educators have enjoyed getting to know all the children and families. Our activities are often inspired by the children's interests, conversations, and skills they want to perfect as active learners. We believe that a child must be given opportunities to explore, discover, experiment, and 'learn through play'.

We are very grateful for the supportive community we are in. At the end of last term, the children were invited by Raine & Horne Berry to participate in an Easter colouring in competition. The children were very excited to be awarded prizes, Easter eggs and certificates. The Preschool was also very grateful to receive a \$250 donation from Jacqui and her team from Raine & Horne Berry, and we are excited to purchase some new books with the donation for the Preschool.

Berry Community Preschool hosted a wonderful Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, with a high tea, craft and dress ups to celebrate the special mothers and grandmothers in our Preschool community. Thank you very much to That Corner Store, Berry for the generous donation of the most beautiful hamper, given away in a lucky door prize. Congratulations to Aaliyah and Zayne's great grandma who was the lucky winner. One of our interesting projects at Berry Community Preschool this year is the Butterfly Project. We have given our children the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly. We watched the development of a chrysalis to the stage where the butterflies emerged from the chrysalis. The children loved watching this process and having the butterflies in our butterfly enclosure for a few weeks





to care for. To end our project, we had a ceremony to release them into our playground. It was a beautiful experience that led to many interesting discussions. This project was a great opportunity to interact, observe and learn about insects. Experiences like this are a valuable part of a child's education, developing knowledge and passion for nature, ecology, and relationships.

Berry Community Preschool is a community owned and run, not for profit Preschool educating children three to five years of age with an Exceeding the National Quality Standard rating by ACEQCA. We are very grateful for the support from our wonderful community.

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There are many reports on TV, the internet, in prominent research journals stating a good education in the foundation years of life, set up a child's future. The VIEW club's mission recognises this as we offer support to disadvantaged Australian children through the Learning for Life education program (reading and life support). It should therefore make sense that the ladies of the Berry VIEW Club are proud of our efforts over the past 40 years to support students with their education and life skills. The coins we put in to buy raffle tickets accumulate over the months, enabling us to help three children with their education. We hear in the letters from these children that they are aiming to do well in high school, and have dreams to play professional sport, work in construction and work with horses.Ladies, join the Berry Evening VIEW club. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Berry Bowling Club at 6.30 p.m. We enjoy dinner, good company and listening to guest speakers. Ring Jan Chambers (0418

544 533) for more information to book for

the evening. We welcome new members and

Lorna, Publicity



#### SPECIAL MID-WEEK SERVICE

Thursday 29 June 11am St Luke's Anglican Church

I'd like to invite you to a special service we are holding at St Luke's. Not everyone is available on a Sunday morning for a church service, and we'd like to offer something to the community for those who would still like to come along. We used to run regular Thursday services but these stopped during COVID. We accidently ran an old ad last edition which still had the details of this service (apologies for our mistake). But this prompted us to see if we might be able to offer something in this space again, at least as a couple of one-off events.

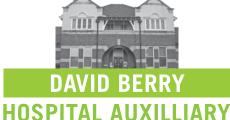
The first of these will be on Thursday 29 June at 11am.

This will be an opportunity to hear good news of what Jesus has done for each of us, and to connect to others in our community.

Anyone and everyone is welcome along to this service (and all our services!).

We promise a warm welcome and there will be morning tea served afterwards.

Simon Chaplin simon@berryanglican.org



We held our Mother's Day stall in May, and once again were wonderfully supported by the local community and visitors. A big thank you to all who provided cooking, craft, etc. Special mention to Jan Monaghan for her amazing sponges, Evelyn Strong for pickles, Kevin for plants and Mrs Fischer for her gourmet cakes.

Some of our ladies attended the DBH Volunteer Morning Tea at David Berry Hospital in May, which was organised by the staff in recognition of all that we do for our local Palliative and Rehabilitation units. A big thank you for this lovely morning.

One of our former members, Ruth Wheatley, has recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and we send our very best wishes to her on this momentous occasion.

The Voice of David Berry committee is continuing to meet regularly and discuss the future use of the site when the units move to Shoalhaven Hospital. More information will be forthcoming in a few months, but the most important outcome is that we ensure that David Berry Hospital has a health based future, be that palliative, PTSD or sub-acute mental health, etc.

We meet on the second 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 Irene Birks on 44 4 2612. New members are always welcome.



guests.

# Growing in faith, hope and love

Senior Minister Rev. Simon Chaplin

#### Worship Services

#### Sundays

- Traditional: 8:00 am.
- Contemporary: 9:30 am with Kids' Church. Great for families.

#### Bible Study Groups

• Women, men, and mixed groups.

#### Activities

- Knit with Love: 1:00 pm, Fridays.
- · Card Making.
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# Making a difference in child trafficking!

When I was 23, I spent four weeks in Thailand with some friends. One day we went down to Pattaya (a beachside suburb two hours south of Bangkok). While swimming in the water I met a 15-year-old Thai girl who spoke English. I asked if she was there with her family? "No", she said, and pointed to a western man in his fifties whom she was travelling with. This was my first introduction to the child sex labour, a practice so common in Thailand, it doesn't raise eyebrows. However, it did raise my eyebrow, and at the time I just didn't know what I could do.

Now, twenty years later, child trafficking seems so removed from my life in the lovely, friendly community of Berry. Out of sight, out of mind, right? However, for the 1 million children exploited by sex trafficking is very, very real.

Unlike 'Pretty Woman' sex trafficking often has no happy ending. Destiny Rescue International Director, Mike (name changed for anonymity) says, "Ninety-nine percent of the girls never want to be in this situation." Destiny Rescue, an Australian and international charity, has been working for the last 20 years in South East Asia, South America and Africa. Their mission is to rescue

children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and help them stay free.

So why does it happen? It happens because there is demand. Greed, lust and the brokenness of this world create a demand for the sale and purchase human bodies. It happens because socio-economic, psychological and physical factors create vulnerabilities for women and children. It happens because traffickers take advantage of these vulnerabilities to meet the demand and profit from them.

The Bible teaches us that every human is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Therefore, every person is intrinsically valuable, and worthy of freedom. Paul Summers from Destiny Rescue is coming to our services at South Coast Life Church on Sunday 25th June to speak about this issue, and what we can do about it. At 11:30am we will be having lunch and a 'deep dive' into these issues. If you would like to come just turn up to one of our services at 10am and 5pm at 8 Schofields Lane or if you'd like to come to the 'deep dive' please email me at erica@southcoastlife.org for catering purposes.

The Bible teaches us that one person can and does make a difference, just look at Jesus! And when a lot of people do a lot of small things, it can and does add up to make a big difference!

Erica Noonan - South Coast Life Church



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# BERRY SHED GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER SALE



The Berry Men's Shed is starting to make items for our next sale. This year we are looking at several options including the annual sale at the Shed in December, a sale at Broughton Mall or a sale day at the Sunday Berry markets. Regardless of where we hold this year's sale part of the proceeds from the sale will go towards our scholarships programme with Bomaderry, Nowra, and Shoalhaven High schools along with the Shoalhaven Education fund. Our scholarships funding in conjunction with the Berry Uniting Church has been increased this year. Some schools may choose to award Scholarships to 3 students this year.

Our next Health Talk is to take place on Tuesday 13th June and our guest speaker will be local Pharmacist, Ross Hobson, all members of the Shed and BUC are welcome to attend and hear Ross speak about how we should be looking after ourselves as we head into older age. The talk will take place at 10.30am.

Richard Wiseman was a guest speaker at Rotary in May and spoke to their members about how the Shed was operating and telling Rotary members that if they have any items that need repairing or would like us to make to call in and have a chat with us over a cup of tea. In May, we supported the Rotary mobile health van which parked in the BUC carpark and many members of the Shed took the opportunity to call in and have their blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked.

If you have items that you would like to have repaired, please call in and have a chat with us on any Tuesday or Thursday at 146 North Street, Berry, Ph. 4464 3956.

Richard Wiseman Publicity Officer

## **ROTARY CLUB OF BERRY**



#### What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs across 200 countries who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives around the world.

Rotary was founded on principles that remain at the heart of the organisation today. These principles reflect our core values - *integrity, diversity, service, leadership, and friendship.* 

Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, reflects our belief in unselfish volunteer service.

#### **Our Causes**

Apart from projects in their local communities, globally Rotary promotes peace; fights disease; provides clean water, sanitation and hygiene; helps save mothers and children; supports education; grows local economies; and protects the environment.

#### **Ending Polio Forever**

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 40 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight, with nearly 3 billion children already having received the oral polio vaccine.

When it is finally eradicated it may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen, and every Rotary member can take pride in this achievement.

#### **Disaster Relief**

The Rotary Club of Berry devotes a minimum of 10% of all funds raised to disaster relief, wherever it occurs.

Our recent donations include funds to Shelterbox to provide aid to the Ukraine, the purchase of land to build a new school to replace one devastated by the earthquake in Nepal, providing laptops to a school in Nepal for advanced learning, and funding the installation of a number of clean water wells in Uganda.

#### **Programs for Young Leaders**

Rotary provides the younger generation with opportunities for self-development through a number of programs and scholarships.

#### Get Involved and Make a Difference

The top two reasons people join Rotary are:- to connect with and give back to their communities.

These are the same reasons members stay in Rotary year after year. When you get involved in ways that align with your passions, you'll get much more from your experience.

If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Berry, just contact our President Haseena Tweddle on 0409 381 171.





#### 40km/h Speed Limit and Pedestrian Crossings for Queen St

In August 2021, Council sought feedback from the Forum on the preferred option for location of the proposed raised traffic calming thresholds (speed tables) and the site of the western start of the 40km/h speed limit.

Two options were presented, and residents were asked to choose so that we could inform Council. 52 emails were received, with 34 voting for Option 2 and 16 for Option 1.

#### Option 2 included -

- Crossings by the pharmacy and by This Old House shop
- Raised speed tables located in Queen St east of Edward St and east of Prince Alfred St
- 40km/h zone extended westward to Edward Street

The feedback was passed to Council, but the project did not commence as responsibility for its implementation moved between different managers within Council. Eventually the grant funding from Transport for NSW was withdrawn.



In July last year however, Council advised works to improve the serious drainage problem at the site of the proposed crossing by This Old House shop could be included in future grant funding if the crossing was raised.

On 15 March this year, the Forum was informed by Council that TfNSW had identified an issue with the distance between the two speed tables being too great but had now indicated that the concern could be addressed by siting speed cushions between the speed tables. Council was awaiting further advice from TfNSW on the location of the speed cushions.

On 4 May, Council advised that TfNSW required the speed cushions to be separated by a maximum of approximately 90m. This meant 4 speed cushions would be required to make Option 2 conform with TfNSW funding requirements, as

depicted with the red dots below –

At an onsite meeting on 12 May with Council, Forum Committee members expressed concerns that the TfNSW requirement, resulting in a total of 7 raised speed tables and cushions in Queen Street between Edward Street and Prince Alfred



Street, would have an excessive cumulative impact.

To ameliorate this concern, Council and TfNSW have been asked whether it would be feasible to move the western start of the 40km/h zone to the proposed raised platform at the existing site by This Old House. This would still cover the main pedestrian area in Queen Street but would require one less raised platform and two less cushions.





## NEW OUTDOOR KITCHEN FOR A TASTE OF PARADISE

Thanks to the generous support of our community, we are excited to be introducing a new project for our young people at A Taste of Paradise Farm. We are building an outdoor kitchen and the young people are watching with eagerness and anticipation.

This idea was suggested by our mentors as another way of increasing the life skills of the young people who are in our programs. It will give us the opportunity to integrate our garden produce with teaching nutrition as well as teaching cooking skills. There will also be the potential to include building skills in our programs as much of the kitchen will be completed by our staff, young people and volunteers.

We are very grateful to several donors who have made this possible. Stocklands initially donated the funds for a bar-b-cue and then Nutrient manager, Shaun Sprouster and Kidzfix came on board with donations to enable us to build an outdoor area to house the bar-b-cue, as well as benches, cupboards and ultimately a pizza oven. All these organisations value our mentoring program's input into the mental well-being of at-risk and disadvantaged young people.

We have already prepared the site for the kitchen, next to the training room which will eventually have a door leading straight into the kitchen area. We would also like to thank our friends, Bill and Judy for the loan of their excavator and Boral concrete for also supporting us.

We can envision many other ways we can use this outdoor kitchen space including staff development days, volunteer thank you lunches, donor thank you bar-b-cues and other special functions.

Thank you everyone involved for the vision and support for this project.

# KING OF KINGS



King Charles III was coronated in May. This means he was officially made King of the Commonwealth. He was born into a royal family and brought up as a Prince, to follow in his Royal families work all over most of the world. The coronation ceremony included the King taking an oath of faith, being anointed with holy oil and receiving the coronation regalia, emphasising his spiritual role and non-religious responsibilities. He was presented with 2 sceptres, representing his spiritual role, worldly power and good governance and an orb representing religious and moral authority. The enthroning that followed had a command: "stand firm and hold fast from henceforth this seat of royal dignity, which is yours by the authority of God. May that same God, whose throne endures forever, establish your throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore." This is asking God to help King Charles rule with truth throughout his reign.

Jesus was born in a stable and grew up with loving faithful parents. When he was about 30, he was baptised by John the Baptist, who told people "one more powerful than I will come to baptise you with the Holy Spirit". During Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus and God spoke saying "you are my Son, whom I love: with you I am pleased".

> "King of Kings and Lord of Lords Glory, Hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of peace, Glory, Hallelujah!"

This song celebrates and acknowledges God's anointed King, Jesus. In the Bible Jesus is often referred to as Jesus Christ. Christ means anointed by God or God's chosen King, so His name is Jesus God's chosen King. Jesus was given God's authority on earth to do the work he came to do, which was to serve, not to be served, to seek and save the lost, the broken, the needy and sinners.

Today, we read and hear God's words in the Bible, for our guide, comfort, source of spiritual nourishment and to point us to the person of Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven. The word of God is given to us to build our faith, enlighten us towards salvation, help us to endure through darkness and reveal heaven's truths. We stand with an army of believers, generation after generation, as we are the body of Christ on earth.

Berry Presbyterian Kids' club is on Fridays June 9th & 23rd. Family Service is Sunday June 25th.

### **Berry Riding Club** June Round Up



Berry Riding Club's June calendar is action packed for everyone. To kick the month off, Pink Ribbon Funkhana 4th June is planned after being postponed due to wet and windy conditions. It did give everyone more time to put into finding some new pink adornments for themselves and their horse.

Our very popular Working Equitation Play / Obstacle Day, Saturday 17th June, is coming around.

A Show Jumping Coaching Clinic will be conducted by Matt Ryan, three times gold medallist Olympian, on **Sunday 18th June.** 

Dressage enthusiasts will have their turn next with **Dressage Practice** Saturday 24th and Dressage Competition Sunday 25th June.

A heartening example of community inter-club friendship and thoughtfulness led to Berry Riding Club being gifted a large trailer, from Reedy Creek Equestrian Club last month. Members of both clubs, Anne & Vanessa Seaton saw the great value of the trailer for Berry Riding Club. They swung into action organised and transported it to our grounds within the week. It's huge & fabulous. Even more fabulous after Anne and Vanessa took time out of their precious weekend to scrub it into its gleaming best.

Originally built to carry wind turbines, it's made of fibreglass with a

very solid chassis but no heavier than a horse

Setting out and packing away the equipment for our WE events will be so much easier. No more double shuffling using 3 trailers, we can now fit all our gear into the one trailer.

Welcome to BRC, "The Rocket." and thank you Reedy Creek Equestrian

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# ANZAC Commemoration Service Tuesday 25th April 2023



This year's Commemoration of ANZAC Day was conducted in perfect conditions with the parade being led by the Kiama Pipe Band. Of note was the Cleary Bros. truck with the mural, "Their Spirit Lives On", on the back of the cabin.

President Mr Clyde Poulton delivered the opening address and prologue. President Clyde, himself a Vietnam veteran, spoke on 50th anniversary of Australia's withdrawal from Vietnam, and the recently launched book "Berry Remembers WWII" written by local historian Robyn Florance which is available for purchase. Our MC Mrs Sophie Ray who is Chair of the Board of directors of RSL NSW, called upon Mrs Evelyn Strong (Berry RSL Auxiliary President), Mr Gareth Ward (State Member of Kama) and Miss Eva Chalker (Berry Public School Captain) to read the Prayers.

Sub-Branch Secretary Stuart Christmas narrated the bibliography of the two men lost in conflict — LT Ngarimu VC of the 28th Māori Battalion of New Zealand who was killed in the North African campaign in 1943 and was the first Māori to be awarded the Victoria Cross and PTE Norman Crawford of Berry of the 2/18th Battalion who was captured with the fall of Singapore but was lost as at sea with a 1,160 other POWs when his ship the Rakuyo Maru was torpedoed en-route to Taiwan.

Commodore Darren Rae OAM, RAN, gave the Commemoration Address, citing Australia's historical involvement in the Korean War which ended in 1953 and the Vietnam conflict when Australian Forces were withdrawn 50 years ago. He made an appeal to the younger generation to commit to serve Australia in general and in the Defence Force of Australia, as an honorable career.

Rev Joel Noonan gave the Commemoration to the Fallen, which was followed by the Laying of Wreaths, Pipe Major James Johnson piped The Lament, with President Clyde Poulton reciting The Ode followed by The Last Post, Silence and The Rouse.

The ceremony was completed with the singing of the New



Zealand and Australian National Anthems.

Special thank you and acknowledgement is extended to Berry Rotary, Kiama Pipe and Berry Silver Bands, piper James Johnson, Lee Saunders of Berry IGA, Gavin Rodgers of Turfco, the Shoalhaven City Council, Berry Fishing Club, Berry Fire Brigade and Rural Fire Brigade, Berry Rugby League Club, Berry RSL Women's Auxiliary, Mrs Sophie Ray as MC and photographer Richard Miller (who has provided the accompanying photos for this article), all of whom contributed to an outstanding commemoration service.

On the following Friday morning, RSL members and members of the RAN HMAS Albatross attended the Berry Public School service, once again the children excelled with a dignified service.

Finally, the Berry RSL Sub-Branch wishes to thank the Berry Community for their generous support of the ANZAC Badge selling carried out in Berry prior to ANZAC Day as well as the Legacy collection following the Commemoration Service. This will fund veteran health services.

Stuart Christmas, Hon.Sec. Berry RSL Sub-Branch



### **Berry Probus Club**

At our last meeting we were updated on the new Horizon Bank coming to Berry by the Marketing Manager Kim Morrison and Julie who will be the front person in Berry. They were extremely helpful explaining what the bank will be doing and I am sure the opening in June will be well supported.

We were also entertained and enlightened by Senior Research Scientist Nicholas Carlile who spoke at length on the seabirds of NSW, we learned of the extensive work which has been done on the outlying islands along the coast of NSW to re-establish bird colonies with the eradication of feral animals which were put there in the 1800's in case of shipwrecks so there would be something to eat, and to the complete eradication of the kikuyu grass which the birds and penguins become entrapped in eventually strangling themselves. We did learn so much about the work being done to bring the birds back with some birds re appearing on islands they haven't been seen on for decades.

With interesting speakers at every meeting, we are always learning something new.

Members enjoyed another lunch at the Farmgate restaurant in Nowra to celebrate the yearly changeover of committee members.

The Christmas in July outing is something we are looking froward too along with a tour of the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, a winter BBQ, and a trip to Canberra. A lot of members enjoy the usual lunch at the Historic Berry Pub after the meeting to catch up. There is always something to be a part of if you want.

If you would like to visit our club of friendly like-minded people, please feel free to join us, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry (behind the Men's Shed) at 9.30am the meeting finishes at 12. Noon, for more inquires please phone our President Joyce Kenny on 4464 1594.

A great way to meet friends you didn't know before.



Shirley Kershaw, Peter Harding, Robert Cochrane, Rob Hall, Rose Curtis, Joyce Kenny, Russell Field, Margaret, & Ross Lamb



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Shoalhaven Education Fund 0414 379 059 chair@sef.org.au www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven

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Any Berry Community groups who are yet to provide their updated / renewal registrations please email them to info@berryalliance.org.au. If you need another form email us please. We will add groups as their current details are provided to us. Our apologies if this list does not include your group. Please ensure that we have received your renewal.

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#### **SUSTAINABLE BERRY WINTER 2023**

**TERRACYCLE UPDATE:** With Terracycle offering 30% for Earth Day last month, I jumped at the chance to buy a Zero Waste Box for home. Having for some time stored difficult to recycle items that I refuse to put in landfull, it was extremely satisfying to finally dispose of all the toothbrushes, medicine blister packs, makeup and cosmetic containers, razors, toothpaste tubes, disposable masks, pens, etc. I also added all the soft plastics I've been storing since the end of the REDCycle program, which stopped in November. While it is not a cheap service and not affordable for everyone, if you are able to participate in any of Terracycle's programs it's a way of supporting initiatives that help our environment. Terracycle also offer some free recycling programs, but there are generally waiting lists to participate. Following Terracycle on social media will alert you when a sale is happening. For more information, visit the website teracycle.com.au

MICROPLASTICS IN TEABAGS: You have likely seen pyramid shaped tea bags; they look stylish, but they're made from fine plastic mesh, and they are problematic. They have been shown to release micro- and nanoplastics into that cup of tea you're about to have. A 2019 study by the American Chemical Society found that a single plastic teabag at brewing temperature released about 11.6 billion micoplastic and 3.1 billion nanoplastic particles. Those numbers are difficult to quantify; suffice to say that's not something you should be drinking. Some traditional "paper" teabags also contain plastics if they are made with thermoplastic or synthetic fibres, or heat sealed with a string and tag. Some popular brands that contain plastic: Lipton Green Decaf, Chai and Herbal; Bushells; Nerada; Madura; Tetley; and Twinings. Switch to loose leaf tea or choose brands that don't contain plastic: Lipton Quality Black and Intense; T2's new teabags (changed from plastic mesh, due to customer demand); Pukka; and Tielka.

**TEXTILE RECYCLING NEWS:** Clothing waste, in particular fast fashion, is a huge and growing problem. The EU has set in place principals for separate textile collection starting in 2025, for a minimum 55% by weight for recycling or reuse. Massachusetts has banned old mattresses, clothing, towels, bedding, and other textiles from landfill. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates that 75% of mattress and 85% of other textile components can be reused or recycled. We are way behind those initiatives; for now, there is a textile recycling bin at the Berry Waste Depot. If you have items that can't be donated (clean and in good condition) you can dispose of all clothing, small bags, shoes, hats, belts, bedding, table linen, towels and bathmats, cushion covers, curtains, small rugs and car seat covers. No plastic items such as cooler bags, shopping bags shower curtains etc.

**COUNCIL RECYCLING DATES:** Yellow bins are emptied this month on 7 and 1 June. Bins go out the night prior to collection. Used test kits and masks are considered contaminated medical waste and must be disposed of in landfill, not your yellow recycling bin. Disposable masks can go in your Terracycle box.

**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.

#### **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS:**

- Park Ridge Retreat, Gerringong: 3 Mennekes (Type 2)s
- Berry Bowling Club: NRMA Network CHAdeMO DCFC, CCS DCFC
- The Silos Estate, Jaspers Brush: 6 Tesla Superchargers, 2 Tesla Model S / Modle Xs, Wall Outlet (3112)
- Woolworths, Bomaderry: 4 Mennekes (Type 2)s
- Mountain Ridge Wines, Coolangatta: 2 Tesla Model S / Model Xs, 2 Mennekes (Type 2)s
- Bangalay Luxury Villas, Shoalhaven Heads: 4 Tesla Model S / Model Xs
- The Haven at Berry: 1 Tesla destination charger
- Dovecote, Gerringong: 2 Porsche Destination chargers, Type 2

**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.

#### AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

**BRANCH NEWS** - April has been a busy month for the branch. We sent off \$950 to Red Cross calling which was the result of two collections, one at the Berry Markets and the other on Election Day. Then there was Anzac where we achieved our goal of selling more packets of Anzac Biscuits than last year. We also marched on Anzac Day and laid a wreath at the Memorial Service.

Thank you once again for your donations.

**HOMELESS HUB** - At our meetings from now on we will be collecting items for the Homeless Hub in Nowra. This is so we can help them all year rather than just at Christmas when we give them a hamper. More and more people locally are in need of our support on a daily basis. If you wish to help with this you can contact the Homeless Hub in Nowra or get in touch with our branch.

**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.



#### 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 2023 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 It is also provided in the "Friends of the Berry Town Crier" Newsletters sent out regularly between editions of the Town Crier. Go to: http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUl/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default. aspx Development Application Tracking.

#### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:**

DA23/1290 – 19-4-2023 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 9 Pulman St., Berry

CD23/1230 - 24-4-2023 - Retaining Wall - 32 Parker Crescent, Berry

DA23/1297 - 24-4-2023 - Construction of Bike Skills Track with Associated Vegetation Removal - 660 Coolangatta Rd, Berry

CD23/1259 - 2-5-2023 - Demolition - 36 Albert St, Berry

DA23/1329 - 4-5-2023 - Dwelling Alterations & Additions - 30 Pulman St, Berry

DA23/1335 - 8-5-2023 - Attached Carport - 38 Albert St, Berry

DA23/1352 - 12-5-2023 - Two Storey Multi Dwelling Development - 23 Parker Cr., Berry

DA23/1346 - 10-5-2023 - Equine Facilities - Construction of Horse Stables & Ancillary Development - 119 Bong Bong Rd, Broughton Vale

#### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:**

SF10966 - Approved - 14-4-2023 - Two Lot Torrens Title Subdivision of a Detached Dual Occupancy - 9 Tilgman St, Berry

DA22/2354 — Approved — 13-4-2023 — Demolition of Dwelling, Construction of a Single Dwelling & Detached Garage — 271D Tindalls Lane, Broughton Vale

CD23/1230 – Approved – 17-4-2023 – Retaining Wall – 32 Parker Cr, Berry

DA23/1224 - Approved - 26-4-2023 - Dwelling Alterations & Additions - 50 Victoria St, Berry

DA23/1254 - Approved - 28-4-2023 - Dwelling Alterations & Additions - 74 Borrowdale CI, Berry

DA23/1193 - Approved - 1-5-2023 - Detached Shed - 30 Campbells Run, Berry

DA23/1201 – Approved – 4-5-2023 – Swimming Pool & Decking including a Variation Request to Locate the Swimming Pool Less Than 1200mm to 680mm From the Nearest Subfloor Wall – 27 Connors View. Berry

DA23/1227 – Approved – 1-5-2023 – Demolition of Garage & Extension, Renovation of Cottage, New Dwelling, Garage, Pool, Landscaping & Front Fence – 54 Princess St, Berry

DA23/1264 - Approved - 5-5-2023 - Single Storey Dwelling - 1A North St, Berry

DA22/1794 - Approved - 9-5-2023 - Dwelling Alterations & Additions - 181 Wire Lane, Berry

NB — Where the letters "CD" appear in a number or next to a number for a DA this means it is being treated as a "Complying Development" and has been submitted and approved by a private Assessor. This is a rule that the State Government have brought in and imposed on all Councils. State Government also listed a wide range of what they determined as a Complying Development. It was said that it was to speed up Development Applications but the result is that the community hear nothing about some applications until they have been approved. In fact, Council hear nothing about these Applications until they have been determined by the private assessors. This robs the community of an opportunity to scrutinise and have a direct input (ie lodge a Submission under the DA Tracking process) on what is happening in their neighbourhood or town. This has proven contentious and upsetting for many community members. We have taken to drawing attention to CD's in this way so our community understand why they may have heard nothing about the development previously.

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# PINK UPBERRY TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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At the time of writing this- it is National Volunteer Week so what better time than to dedicate this article to our Volunteers.

This year will be the 5th year Pink Up Berry has been raising funds for the McGrath Foundation and we certainly would not have reached our targets without the support of so many Volunteers. Over the years the number of volunteers has grown, and we now have a total of 70 registered volunteers and many more that just want to help. After a very busy October and a few weeks into November we all take a well-deserved break and restart in March.

Our sewing team have been hard at it on their machines making Buntings-Aprons & Shopping bags that have been made out of Bandanas left over from the past few Pink Cricket Tests. The Bags will be on sale very soon! We are also very lucky to have some sewers that make beautiful quilts for us

to raffle each year.

The knitting girls have over the years made beanies, scarves, baby clothes and blankets that are always popular on our trading tables and they are all busy making goods now.

Then we have those that crotchet the pretty circles that adorned the trees along the street last year and will again this year-The Shoalhaven Heads craft group have contributed lots last year along with people from all over the state: Lawrence craft group on the North Coast sent some down, Friends from Tumut, Canberra and Victoria all enjoyed making these circles and we are looking forward to receiving more this year.

Our raffle ticket sellers all have fun selling tickets at the Farmers Market - Saturday Mornings downtown and at all our functions.

There are so many others that help by donating wool, material, jars and all this is much appreciated.

The Pink Up Berry Committee are a dedicated, hard working team and even though they all have busy lives they always have time for their Pink duties.

When Jane McGrath and her friend Tracy Bevan started the McGrath Foundation it was their aim to raise money for specialised Breast care Nurses to support those experiencing Breast Cancer but they also wanted all the volunteers to have fun while raising funds and I can assure you being part of the Pink Up berry Team is fun!

I am proud to be a member of Pink Up Berry and thank each and every one that is involved. It's heart-warming to know so many people in our community and further afield care about our commitment TO making a difference!! Thank You

Deb Woolford, 0428 005 910 pinkupberry@gmail.com

### The Berry & District Historical Society

# Ann boyd's dress and jacket - a beautiful piece of history on display at the museum

Ann Boyd was only 13 years old when she and her family - parents siblings - left Templecairn, County Mary and Adam and her eight Donegal, Ireland to emigrate to Australia. They boarded the ship "Australia" at Plymouth Docks, embarking on the 27th February,

'She was one of 330 emigrants on board, most of them Irish, including agricultural labourers, farm servants and mechanics. They were following a steady wave of Irish emigrants who left the extreme poverty of famine-stricken Ireland from the 1850s, in search of a better life in Australia'.

During the 100 days the ship spent at sea, Ann had sewn a little linen dress and jacket.

'Ann and her younger siblings may have attended the shipboard class, where 54 students were under the instruction of schoolmaster Mr. Pennington. As was common on emigrant ships there were probably also needlework materials and matrons on board, to help young women practice their sewing, and equip them with employable skills. Making the most of the materials and the months at sea, Ann used a Richelieu or 'cutwork' technique on the dress and jacket, cutting away parts of the linen, then ornamenting the surface with whitework embroidery. Its size suggests it might have been intended for Ann's seven year old sister'. After arrival at Dawes Point, Sydney Harbour on the 8th June, 1853 Ann's family first settled at Kiama, later buying land at Broughton Creek (Berry). After the Broughton Vale Municipality was formed in April, 1871 Ann's father Adam was elected to council and became first Mayor, serving from 1871-1873 and 1875-1876.

Ann married Alexander Hanlon in 1874 and lived at Woodhill all her life. The dress and jacket were donated to the Berry Museum in 2005 by Daphne Keevers, Ann's granddaughter.



Fiona Starr for Berry Museum 'Sewn at Sea". https://storyplace.org.au/sewn-at-sea/. (Accessioned on 11th May, 2023)

CORRECTION: In the May issue of the Town Crier we incorrectly stated that the Donut Van commenced operation in 1964. We have been advised that it in fact began in the early 1970s. We apologise for the error. Berry & District Historical Society

# Berry Museum 135 QUEEN STREET BERRY



OPEN HOURS: Saturdays, Sundays, School Holidays and Public Holidays 11.00am-3.00pm

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If you'd like to join us, please call in to the Museum and have a chat, call (4464 3097) or email us berrymuseum@bigpond.com - We look forward to meeting you.



### BERRY CWA 101st CWA of NSW State Conference in Bathurst



Delegates from across NSW attended the recent State Conference in Bathurst. The Conference was an opportunity for CWA members to discuss wide ranging topics effecting country women across the state and to join with other members in celebrating everything CWA. Motions of concern focused on the inland rail system, crime prevention in rural properties and the ever-present concerns of housing and health in the bush. Delegates paid particular attention to the lack of nurses and General Practitioners in Regional, Rural and Remote areas across the state. The CWA will continue to take every opportunity to lobby both the State and Federal governments to improve conditions for women in country areas.

In May, Berry CWA welcomed The Hon. Michelle Rowland MP, the Minister for Communications, Fiona Phillips, Federal Member for Gilmore and Gavin Williams, Chief Development Officer, Regional and Remote from NBN Australia to our rooms in Victoria Street. Suzanne Campbell, the CEO of Vennu was presented with the Innovate with NBN Grant Program Women in Regional Business Category. Vennu is an organisation dedicated to the short term hire of community spaces. Berry CWA has been a member of Vennu for approximately three years and has found this association to be financially beneficial. We were very happy to be chosen as the venue for the presentation and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Suzanne on receiving this very prestigious award.

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









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#### What's fruiting in BPS Habitat Forest in late autumn?

Not all rainforest plants flower and fruit every year, however, a few of our favourites. White beech - *Gmelina leichhadtii*, Plum pine - *Podocarpus elatus* and Blue lilly pilly- *Syzygium oleosum* have produced a good amount of fruit for propagation this season.

#### Gmelina leichhardtii - White beech









This is a tall handsome rainforest tree with a straight trunk suitable as a feature tree for a large garden. It is long lived, but uncommon in the area

Masses of purple and white flowers appear every couple of years attracting Carpenter bees. The flowers are followed by purple berries.

#### Podocarpus elatus - Plum pine







This is a slow growing rainforest tree 5 - 8 metres. It can be grown in a pot until 2 metres tall. Female trees produce edible fruit. The seeds are outside the fruit.

Plum pine makes a lovely living Australian Christmas tree without the fuss and mess of dropping pine needles.

#### Syzygium oleosum - Blue lilly pilly







This rainforest tree grows to 5-7metres in clay soils. It is rare in the area. White fluffy flowers are followed by berries that turn from magenta to blue. The flowers and berries attract local birds and insects. White beech, Plum pine and Blue lilly pilly are available for sale in the nursery now.

Usual nursery hours are Wednesday and Thursday afternoons form 3.30-4.30pm.

# Berry & District Garden Club News



Work To Keep Warm In Your Garden This Winter. As the season draws to a close, we've been gifted another beautiful show of autumnal colour throughout the streets of Berry. Keen gardeners have been raking up these crunchy leaves with enthusiasm, either to add to their compost bins, or bagging to create leaf mould to nourish their garden soil in the months ahead. If you'd love to add more trees to your garden, look out for bare root stock in our local nurseries. These trees are less expensive than potted varieties, offer a great range, are easy to handle and, with care, will establish quickly. Choose from flowering plums, crabapples, maples, fruit trees and many more! Bare root roses are also becoming available. Be sure to get in early to select your favourite variety. They may look like very sad sticks when you first plant them in the ground, but, come spring, your faith in nature will be rewarded! And in the vegetable patch, we're heading into peak season for cauliflowers, broccoli, kale, spinach, cabbages and peas. Crowns of asparagus and rhubarb can also go in. Don't be mistaken; winter is a very busy time for gardeners. As Rumi wrote "And don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous. "Berry Garden Club's next big event is the Berry Camellia And Floral Show, July 29-30. We'll provide more details in next month's article and keep you updated on how to join in the fun on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Until then, happy gardening!



# Finding Community in a Road Verge A Landcare road trip

# Landcare BERRY

Julia Woinarski

The Bong Bong Road Bash started in 1988 – an Australia Day Picnic for all road residents – and has been happening ever since. Twenty years later the Bong Bong Road Landcare Group seemed a natural progression. We all had more time, with children grown-up, and/or were retired. So our first get-together was October 2008 and it too has been going ever since. We're all almost 15 years older and we have now decided the time has come to wind up our group. We all seem to have lost some of the enthusiasm, the energy and perhaps also the physical ability.

We feel we have achieved a lot over that time — the first kilometre or so of Bong Bong Road was treeless in those days — unsealed and so bad at certain times we called it Bong Bong Creek. There was lantana, blackberry, privet, camphor laurel, tobacco bush, you name it. We weeded and we planted trees endemic to this area. Over the years we have watched them grow, and also the self-sown trees that keep on popping up, the best kind of revegetation as long as they are the right ones and no-one mows them down. We have enjoyed helping the environment, creating our own local corridor for fauna and flora. But most of all we have become a community, getting to know each other, rather than just neighbours to wave to in passing.

We will still meet casually, once in a while as we see fit, to keep a check on the weeds and maybe plant the odd tree, but most importantly we'll still meet for morning tea!



The Bong Bong Rd Landcare group began as part of Berry Landcare which had formed four years previously in 2004



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#### ADFAS SHOALHAVEN 29 JUNE 2023 LECTURE

We had an outstanding lecture on May 4th: I WILL LIFT MINE EYES: The cathedrals of Britain and their Norman connections by John Swainston. It covered an enormous period of human history from prehistoric times through to the modern era explaining how civilisations have looked to the skies to find spiritual connections. The magnificent cathedrals of Britain and Europe had their genesis in simpler but not less evocative places. John Swainston shared his vast knowledge in a concise and entertaining, and at times emotional way. His rapport with the audience was palpable and his passion for his subject was beyond doubt. A highly regarded photographer he included exceptional visuals throughout the lecture culminating an achingly beautiful finale. While we may not have lifted our eyes, he certainly lifted our spirits. Information on the Society, 2023 Program, membership and lectures can be found at: www.adfas.org.au/societies/

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Lecture Information: 29 June — 7:30PM

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Michael Pembroke is a writer, historian and served as a Supreme Court judge from 2010 to 2020. He is the author of four books and has written for many worldwide publications.

He has had two books short-listed for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards: Arthur Phillip-Sailor, Mercenary, Governor, Spy (2013) and Korea-Where the American Century Began (2018). His latest book is Play by the Rules (2020) is published in the UK.





April has been a busy month for the Zonta Club of Berry. Early in the month, Bonnie Swane hosted a Breast Cushion workshop at her lovely home in Gerringong. Almost thirty cushions were completed to be distributed to local South Coast hospitals to give a little comfort to those who have experienced recent breast surgery.

It was a varied gathering of three Zonta Berry current members, an ex-member and her mother, and two sisters of a member, one of whom is from a Zonta Club in Northern NSW. If you would like to join in one of these regular breast cushion production workshops to help with pinning, cutting, machine-sewing, stuffing, hand-finishing or packaging, contact us at berry@zontadistrict24.org. We promise you lots of fun and laughter!

On a sad note, we lost one of our newest members recently, when Susie Young tragically passed away suddenly. Susie was inducted in October last and rapidly became a very active International Women's Day committee member, sharing her business expertise, considerable energy and experience in other charitable fundraising areas to help organise the inaugural Zonta Berry International Women's Day Awards Event. Susie had just helped organise her daughter's Hen's Night and was greatly looking forward to the upcoming wedding. We extend our sincere condolences to Susie's family.



1 - President Barbara Davis. 2 - L to R: Susie Young, Rosalie Fletcher, Rita Sullivan, Barbara Riddell. 3 - L to R: Karen Rice, Leonie Winlaw, Helen Ellison. 4 - Induction of members Susie Young and Barbara Riddell by Zonta Berry Past Presidents

Our club has the control of the venue for our meetings to Social Life in Albert St, Berry. Our dinner meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the control of the address above or contact Barbara Davis on 0402 394 211. You would be most welcome.

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