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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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## Editor's Note



The closing date for our August issue will be Wednesday 19th July 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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This cost is around \$4,000 to \$5,000 each edition – depending on the number of pages.

During the COVID period our advertising revenue was down as a direct result of reduced economic activity in Berry during that period. We got through that period with the support of our wonderful advertisers, including some new ones who joined up primarily to support the Town Crier, and a reduced number of Community Group articles because of their limited activity. Hence, you might have noticed a smaller edition than usual during that period.

The Town Crier usually ranges in size from 24 pages right up to 36 or sometimes 40 pages and this does rely on advertising revenue for that edition. That then determines the available space for Berry registered Community Groups and information relevant to Berry. To address these issues we also started the "Town Crier Friends Newsletter" that is emailed out to our registered community members, advertisers and community groups, to keep people informed of news that cannot wait until the next Town Crier is printed and distributed.

We have also used the Friends Newsletter to provide longer and more detailed stories (often from Council) on some issues because there is no real restriction on size or pages.

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To address some of these issues we are implementing some changes. This is one of them.

We have avoided raising our advertising rates so far because of the drain on those advertising. But we would like to also thank and reward our advertisers.

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(we have not identified the correspondent). We also thank them for their support.

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Rick Gainford for the Berry Alliance Management Committee



## Draft Berry Showground Master Plan

Shoalhaven City Council has developed a draft master plan for Berry Showground based on feedback received from the community.

Council and the Berry Showground Management Committee would like to hear from you about the proposed draft master plan.

Feedback provided will be reviewed by the project team and used to determine if there is broad support for the Draft Master Plan, or if any changes are required.

All feedback is important.

The online survey can be found on Council's website, at

[shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/berry-showground-masterplan](http://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/berry-showground-masterplan)

**Survey opens Monday 17 July and closes on Sunday 13 August.**

# Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group update

## SF109665 – Proposed New Torrens Title Lots on Hitchcocks Lane Berry.

This is for over 300 housing lots. **Still time to make a submission on this – see details below.**

As at the date of writing this for the Berry Town Crier July 2023 edition (14-6-2023) **the applicant is still yet to submit a written response to Council's letter dated 18-1-2023.**

We understand that Council are expecting their written response in the next couple of weeks. (near the end of June).

Council's letter required a number of things and requested others, a lot of our issues raised with Council were included in this letter from Council.

Though we also note that there is already extensive marketing going on for this development.

Perhaps it might be a better strategy from the applicants to improve their position by agreeing to changing relevant parts of their application that council have written to them about. These are major issues of concern, particularly for the residents in and around Huntingdale Park Estate, as they will be for the Berry community and future owners. We await their response and changes.

Our HPRA group has had a briefing from senior council officers on this and they have heard our major objections in more detail to a number of issues pertaining to the application.

Issues including traffic (including traffic studies and assumptions made in some of these);

Access to the development that is inappropriate and will cause issues unnecessarily;

Landscaping and trees – removal and retention;  
confusing and contradictory maps in the application;  
lack of clarity on a number of issues including Council's request for a number of changes;  
clarification on the staging of the development and the primary access road.

Our group are continuing to pursue an improved application and result on this for our community.

If you live in the Huntingdale Park Estate area and would like to join our group please email [rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com](mailto:rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com) or post to PO Box 325 Berry 2535 with your name, address, telephone number and email and we can add you to our member list.

**There are now more submissions from residents on Council's DA Tracking System but if you are yet to make a submission you can**

**still do that now** (right up to the date that Council staff make their recommendation to Councillors.)

**You can view the documents on Councils DA Tracking system**

**Go to: [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)**

\* **click on DA Tracking,**

\* **you will need to accept their conditions then select / type in SF10965.**

\* **when it comes up press SELECT**

\* **it will then take you to that Application, click Show (there are many details here and consequently takes a little time to open. Please be patient.)**

\* **now run down the list of documents on the second half of the page and select each by clicking "view" it will appear on your screen offering to open it and warning some are large files.**

**Your submission can be as simple as saying something like:**

*I have serious concerns on the layout of this development and in particular the use of Hitchcocks Lane as one of the major access points to the development. This would result in a large increase in traffic on our local roads along with increased noise and inconvenience both during the development stage (excavators, road builders, water and waste water as well as all the other services to go in even before the house building stage). This traffic and noise issue would then continue when the houses are finished and occupied. I want a better solution such as access through Schofields Lane.*

**I submit that Council should require the applicants to**

- **use Schofields Lane as the main access point or one of the main access points**
- **remove the access from Hitchcocks Lane**
- **Insist (make it conditional) that the works be staged and that the main access point off Huntingdale Park Road (at the first roundabout) be built first and then be used exclusively for all work on the site. (along with Schofields Lane if this is achievable.**

**Our Resident Action Group will be taking further measures to get our very strongly held views heard and acted upon and to obtain a much better result.**

**We will be fair and polite and show due respect to Council staff and the applicants, but we will be strong, and we will not accept what is being offered up currently.**

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**Michael Pascoe** is one of Australia's most influential finance and economics commentators, as well as the author of *The Summertime of Our Dreams: A Memoir of Mateship and Mortality* published in 2022.

Currently contributing editor of *The New Daily* and a regular commentator on radio and television, his career has ranged from *The Courier-Mail* and *South China Morning Post* to the *Australian Financial Review* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and has also included stints at Channels 9, 7, and Sky TV.

On Twitter he is @MichaelPascoe01.

**Bernard Keane** is political editor of *Crikey*.

Before that he was *Crikey's* Canberra press gallery correspondent, covering politics, national security and economics.

He is also the author of several books dealing with politics and related issues, including, *Lies and Falsehoods* (2021) *Surveillance* (2015), and, *A Short History Of Stupid* (2016; with Helen Razer).

Prior to joining *Crikey*, Keane studied history at the University of Sydney and then worked as a public servant and a speechwriter in transport and communications.

His Twitter handle is @BernardKeane





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**The pavilion has some wonderful classes for ceramics and pottery. Wheel thrown pots, hand-built sculpture or ornament, hand-built plates, wall tiles or any article made of clay.**

The classes are open for adults and high school students, and this year we have a brand new sponsor, Soul Clay Studios of Gerringong.



Thank you to the many people, both locals and visitors alike, who supported our recent stall at the Celtic Festival. Our baked goods, chutneys and jams and a myriad of handicrafts were very popular... our baked goods selling out by lunchtime! We appreciate the patronage as your support means we can continue our work in the community.

Our next fund-raising venture will be a stall in our rooms in Victoria Street on July 2, the same day as the Berry Markets. This is a great opportunity to stock up on knitted items such as beanies and scarves and our delicious chutneys and jams. We will also have Devonshire tea available and so why not drop by and enjoy a scone or two or three in our beautiful gardens! Our craft group meets each Wednesday morning at 9.00am in our rooms in Victoria Street. Even if you are not a 'crafter', it is a great opportunity to drop by for a cuppa and find out about all things CWA...everyone is welcome.

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 of the CWA of NSW) or email [berrycwasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:berrycwasecretary@gmail.com)



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**Membership 2023-2024**

As a committee & auxiliary, as a group of volunteers, a collective of sponsors, as a community and most importantly as a team we came together as one to organise, manage and host one of the most successful Berry Shows ever held, the 135th Berry Show.

I'd like to welcome all of our new members to the Committee and the Berry Show Society, we are looking forward to working with you and thank you for your future contribution to the Berry Show.

To Bill Seelis, for his 18 years as treasurer, from the whole Show Society, past and present, our congratulations and heartfelt thanks for a job so well done.

**John Miller, President**

We want to thank you for being a valued member of the Berry Show Society Inc. Without your loyalty and support we would not be able to continuously run our great agricultural show.

Memberships are due again and for current members you will have received an email outlining this.

Memberships are only taken from June until 31st December 2023. If you would like to become a new member of the Berry Show Society, membership entitles you to a two-day entry pass and to attend. In addition, you are provided the opportunity to attend and to have a voice at the annual general meeting held in May each year. To make payment, see instructions below.

1. Go to our website [www.berryshow.org.au](http://www.berryshow.org.au) for step by step instructions
2. Direct deposit: Berry Show Society BSB 082435; Account number 509512316. Please include your surname and initial as identification, and email [berryshow@virtualcity.com.au](mailto:berryshow@virtualcity.com.au) for an application form or complete a membership form at the showground office.
3. Pay in person at the Show Office on any Tuesday between 12.00 and 4:00 pm. Membership Adult \$20 Junior (under 16 years) \$5 Children under 5 years are free.



# PINK UP BERRY TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Only a few months to go till Berry turns Pink so it's time to start thinking what you can do to be involved through the month of October and help support the McGrath Foundation who do an amazing job caring for those that are experiencing breast cancer by providing a specialised Breast Care Nurse to support them through their treatment and supporting their families.



We will once again be holding a competition for best decorated home and also business which will be judged by a well-known personality that we will be announcing soon with great prizes to be won!

Shopping bags made from the Pink Cricket Test Bandanas are now available from Berry IGA, Claringbolds Jewellers & So Lovely who we thank for their support. And remember when you purchase a bag for \$10 you are helping someone that is going thru breast cancer.

Jams and condiments are available for sale from The Barnlet & Nic Ware Hair who are wonderful supporters of Pink Up Berry.

Plans for decorating the town are well underway and if you knit or crotchet, we appreciate any donations of crochet circles or knitted squares that will adorn the trees in town.

We are very pleased to announce that there will be free buses - very generously provided by Shoalhaven CityTurf Club for our Race Day on Sunday 15th October- more details soon!

For all enquires email [pinkupberry@gmail.com](mailto:pinkupberry@gmail.com) or phone 0428 005 910.

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## SERVICE STATION UPDATE

**This proposal for an updated application is still "Live" and awaiting Council decision.**

The community has been very much involved in this application with many submissions to Council on it.

There has been a resident's briefing on the application by Council back in April.

There was an opportunity for the community to make further submissions on the Application at that briefing.

**Given that Council have yet to make a decision on it, it is still possible to make a submission on this application.**

**DS22/1239**

**75 Queen St Berry - Lot B DP 328649**

**79 Queen St Berry - Lot 6 Sec 10 DP 8058**

**Application for Modification of existing development consent - DA11/1386.**

The main delay now continues to be the legal question over this application to modify an existing approved application.

This approved application could be viewed as having expired or exhausted so the application to modify it could fail.

The owner may well withdraw the current application to modify and they could then submit a new application entirely.



*This article was first published in the Friends of the Berry Town Crier Newsletter on 11-6-2023. It is accurate at the time of writing - 13-6-2023.*

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## Rotary Scholarship Available to Support Rural Students

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The Scholarship is targeted at strengthening the base of the agricultural industry in the region with the principal focus being on assisting candidates who are involved, or are studying to be involved, in careers on the land.

Eligible candidates must be actively engaged in the operation of a dairy or other farming pursuit in the Shoalhaven or the Illawarra.

Candidates for the Scholarship can be of any age and enrolled, or planning to enrol, in any agricultural or farming related course.

The Scholarship is also available to assist eligible candidates with the costs and expenses of attending conferences or seminars in Australia or overseas.

Persons interested are invited to send a written expression of interest to:

Dr. Artis Medenis Rural Education Scholarship  
Rotary Club of Berry, Inc.  
P.O. Box 81, Berry NSW 2535  
or talk to Rotarian Bill Seelis: Ph 0412 424 738



**Dr Artis Medenis OAM** provided over 50 years of outstanding service to local agriculture and the wider veterinary community.

Artis was also a member of the Rotary Club of Berry for 50 years, and on his 85th birthday he commenced an endowment to establish a Rural Education Scholarship Fund held in trust by the Rotary Club.

He continued to add to the Fund on subsequent birthdays until his passing in 2015, aged 94 years.

## Celtic Festival Success



## Rotary - the bigger picture

Rotary is a network of 1.4 million members in over 46,000 Clubs around the World where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**Rotary has several links: our Clubs, Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation ... and in Australia, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)** which was formed to enable Australian Rotarians and Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects.

A great example of how Rotary is geared to respond to tragedies wherever they occur is the immediate response with the Hunter Valley (NSW) Bus Tragedy Fund which was coordinated through RAWCS to provide benevolent relief and support to survivors, victims, and their immediate families from the events of the fatal bus accident which occurred near Greta on Sunday 11 June 2023.

Should you wish to support families and the injured, of the Greta bus tragedy, you can donate by visiting:-  
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/78-2022-23>



# Purpose and Calling

“The two most important days in life are the day you born and the day you find out why.”

MARK TWAIN

Have you ever wondered what your purpose is? Do you think that we have a purpose in life? I know these are quite deep and existential questions. They're not necessarily questions that require answers for survival or even success in our world. They are, however, questions that I think are necessary to ask if we want to thrive in this life. It's when we understand who we are and why we are here that we will have a better understanding of the kinds of things we should invest ourselves into. It will also allow us to experience success in the things that really matter.

If you believe that you have a purpose in life, then it is important to work out what that purpose is. For Christians this question of purpose, I believe, is at the core of who we are and how we are called to live. Jesus was once asked what the greatest commandment was (Matt 22:36-40). His reply was essentially to love God and to love others. This is the collective purpose that every Christian has. I do, however, believe that each one of us has unique callings or purposes in this life. Earlier this year our church did a series called SHAPE. It was all about how God has designed each one of us uniquely to fulfil the purposes he has for us. This may relate to your vocation, the way that you relate to others, your ability to support and encourage or care for others. It can also speak to your ability to lead, influence, or serve others.

Right now, we are doing a sermon series on what it means to understand the call of God. We will be looking at several biblical characters who were called by God to do something amazing. Things like leading His people out of slavery, saving His people from genocide, or taking the gospel to the known world. As we look at these biblical characters, we believe that God will help us to better understand how He has shaped us to live and serve our community.

If it's a question you would like to explore with us, we would welcome you to join us at one of our services at 10 am or 5 pm at South Coast Life Church, 8 Schofields Lane, Berry. You can find out all the details at southcoastlife.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch at joel@southcoastlife.org.

Joel Noonan 0403 193 945



Our speaker on Wednesday 26th July at 10am is, Sonja Van Hoof. Born in Holland but educated in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra regions, Sonja has had a varied and interesting career involving many aspects of environmental care. She has worked for National Parks and Wildlife Service, National Botanic Gardens, Environment Australia and in Landcare Co-ordination. In 2000, she was involved in setting up the National Oceans Office in Hobart. Come and listen as Sonja shares her interesting journey.

Everyone is welcome.

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

## Berry Community Library

The Third Wednesday Book Group meets again on Wednesday 19th July from 4-5.30pm. We don't study a particular book each month but we focus on a monthly theme and this guides our choice of book and the discussions. It's a friendly group with a shared interest and love of books so if that sounds like you, come along and check it out.

### Library Opening Hours

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# The Berry Pharmacy

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## It's Time To Say Goodbye!!!

Forty-four years as a practicing pharmacist - 37 of those caring for the community of Berry, but all good things must come to an end!

Yes, Ross has finally decided to hang up his white coat and leave the pharmacy in the very capable hands of Clare, Edd and their amazing team.

Ross has seen the town grow from a village servicing the local farming community with one doctor and no decent coffee to be found, into the thriving community it is today with its many doctors and plenty of great coffee.

A manual typewriter and handwritten repeats were how Ross started as a pharmacist. He has seen the introduction of computers, the size of a suitcase to the recent innovation of a dispensing robot!!

During Ross' time two major renovations of the pharmacy were undertaken and as the town has grown Ross has worked with the Berry Pharmacy team to expand services to ensure the community always had the highest level of care.

Ross always demonstrated his passion for Pharmacy; he loved being with the staff but more than that he loved the community and being of service to them. He will be missed, there is no doubt - but watch out for the odd guest appearance when Clare needs a break.

We wish Ross many happy years of retirement, more time with his wife Sue, and his family and somewhat more importantly time to enjoy golf and bringing that handicap down.

*Ross's last day will be Tuesday the 25th July, so be sure to drop in and say 'good bye'.*

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# Wharf Road

Have you ever wondered why Prince Alfred Street, on the east side of our village, turns into Wharf Road? Wharf Road was the original name. It was only in 1858 that the South Coast Road was established from Sydney to Eden. Other roads were little more than tracks, and produce was carried mainly by packhorses. Due to safety and maintenance issues, transport by water remained the main access to Sydney for many years, at least until 1893 when the railway was built.

The first settlers, seven free sawyers employed by Alexander Berry, made camp in 1825 at the junction of Broughton Creek and Broughton Mill Creek, where a wharf was established. It was known as the Double Wharf sometimes referred to as the Crooked S.

Farmers from Broughton Vale, Broughton Village, Jaspers Brush, Brogers Creek, Woodhill and even Kangaroo Valley, took their butter and other produce via Wharf Road to the wharf at Broughton Creek. From the wharf it was taken to the ocean steamer at Greenwell Point by drogher (river steamer), until 1871, when Berry provided the flat-bottomed steamer, s.s. *Coolangatta*.

In 1871, the *Town and Country Journal* reported that on steamer day, after the butter and produce had been despatched, the farmers crowded into Mr James Wilson's store (now Cottage Medical on Pulman) to purchase their week's necessities.

*"The proprietor and his assistant are fairly rushed with demands for store goods".* When Wilson's success became known, other businesses and services were encouraged to follow.

Other premises in Wharf Road/Prince Alfred Street included a sales yard, a butcher, a bootmaker, saddler, produce store, tailor, Blow's sawmill and a general store.

By 1873, the Shoalhaven became the fourth port in New South Wales, being exceeded in trade only by Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

In December 1885, a Special Lease for a Wharf was granted to David Berry. This second wharf being situated where the present Wharf Road bridge crosses Broughton Creek, was known as the Hardwood Wharf, later Berry Wharf. (The last coastal boat to call here on a regular basis was in the late 1920s.)



*The "Coomonderry" at Hardwood/Berry Wharf by Samuel Cocks. 1896*

## Berry Museum

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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](mailto:berrymuseum@bigpond.com) - We look forward to meeting you.

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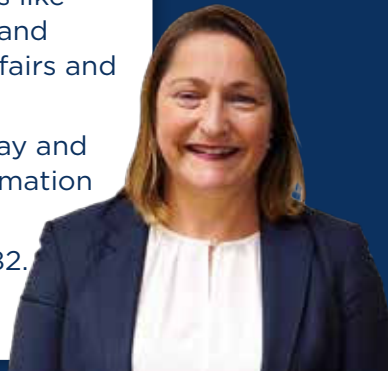
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## Overdevelopment? Parker Crescent, Huntingdale Park

DA 23/1352 -

23 Parker Crescent, Berry.

This DA is for a Two Storey Multi Dwelling Development.

Submitted: 12/05/2023

This DA is still active, Council have not made a determination on it yet which means Council will continue to take into consideration any submissions right up until they write their report.

We have spoken to 3 of the Councillors in mid-June and they are going to "call the DA in" which means the Councillors will make the final decision after receiving the Staff report and recommendation.

As explained to us by neighbours: "Multi Dwelling" in this application consists of 3 dwellings, all three are two storey and with very little open space (virtually no open space if you don't count their side driveway).

They sit very close to the boundary on one side and the overshadowing of neighbours is particularly bad.

The development is not in keeping with the area and is overdevelopment on this site.

There was a very similar (nearly identical) DA for this site by the same applicant previously.

This DA was refused by a unanimous vote of the Development and Environment Committee where they received a staff report that described the application as Overdevelopment and noted a number of non compliance issues.

This DA could be determined shortly but it is not too late to make a submission to Council on it and how you feel about it.

Please do this urgently due to the possibility of a determination shortly.

To make a submission Go to: <http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx> Development Application Tracking.

Follow the prompts and enter: DA 23/1352 and it will take you to the details of the DA and all the paperwork including a large number of submissions. You can make your submission from this page.



# PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

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## Climbing plants

If you are looking to brighten up an indoor space with a plant suitable for a hanging basket, rainforest plants such as *Deeringia - Deeringia amaranthoides*, Sweet morinda - *Gynochthodes jasminoides* or Pepper vine - *Piper hederaceum* thrive in moist low light conditions both indoors and out. They climb or trail gracefully are easy to grow and respond well to pruning.

Deeringia needs pruning after it has finished fruiting, Morinda and Pepper vine can be pruned any time.

Planted indoors with plenty of moisture, they are very attractive and manageable.

The leaves of Sweet morinda and Pepper vine are attractive all year round. Sweet morinda has bright yellow fruits and Deeringia fruits are cerise at this time of the year. All three plants have a graceful habit as indoor plants.

In their natural bush setting, these plants climb towards the light. Sweet morinda and Deeringia can have a shrub like appearance.

Pepper vine becomes a giant climber and smothers trees that they use as support.



Yellow berries of Sweet morinda

Cerise coloured berries of Deeringia

The heart shaped leaves of Pepper vine climb or trail in a hanging basket

The nursery is located in Berry Public School in Clarence Street, just down the hill from the staff car park.

Plants are available for sale on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30-4.30.



## Seven years of action in four minutes

As part of World Environment Day on the 5 June, Berry Landcare released a four minute video exploring seven years of action in the Berry Wildlife Corridor as the Berry Bush Links project. The video was created by Wedge-Tail Pictures and features a number of landowners, specialists and researchers as they create, rehabilitate and support local corridor habitats and their biodiversity. The video presents a range of achievements which are testament to the project's community partnerships (involving 18 organisations), and co-ordinated local action including 23,000 volunteer hours.

You can watch the video at: <https://youtu.be/EQqED-t5Caw>

The video marks the end of funding for the project from the NSW Environment Trust. The project continues as an active program for a further three years. Berry Landcare is currently seeking sponsors and partners for the continued resourcing of its wildlife corridor actions.

The video will be screened as a pre-feature short by Pics and Flicks at their screening of 'The Giants', a documentary about Bob Brown, at the Gerringong Town Hall 28 July 2023, 7:30pm. Proceeds raised from this screening will go towards the Bob Brown Foundation. Bookings can be made at: <https://defendthegiants.org/event/the-giants-screening-gerringong/>.

The better management of habitat values across the Berry Wildlife Corridor, is a core objective of Berry Landcare and is manifest both in its 13 local member communities which regularly meet as Landcare, Bushcare and Parkcare groups, and in regionally focused programs such as Berry Bush Links. Both human and wildlife habitats converge in this objective and will continue to be a priority into the future as our habitats evolve with climate change and populations are forced to move and adapt.



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The Shoalhaven Education Fund has had a busy couple of months with fundraising and planning activities. In May, we held a very successful second hand bookstall at the Rotary Club of Berry Celtic Festival, and were joined by some of our current SEF recipients. Thanks to all at Rotary for allowing us to have a stall. In June, the University of Wollongong Shoalhaven Campus held a Clothes Swap, raising funds for the SEF. The evening was a great success and may be repeated later in the year. Watch this space! We've also received some significant donations, particularly from The Berry Alliance, Freemasons Nowra Lodge and several local Berry individuals. We are enormously grateful for all the support. We are always keen to partner with other organisations in running events to fundraise for the SEF: if you're interested in this, contact our Chair Sophie Ray at [chair@sef.org.au](mailto:chair@sef.org.au)

The SEF Committee also spent a morning planning for the next 12 months, with a focus on encouraging more people to volunteer. Later this year we will run a series of information sessions about how you can volunteer for the SEF: further details to come.

Applications for grants for 2024 will open online in late July. If you know a young person aged 16 - 25 who is planning to study at University, TAFE or another tertiary institution, or do vocational training or an apprenticeship next year, please encourage them to apply. More information can be found at our website: [www.shoalhaven.ccf.org.au](http://www.shoalhaven.ccf.org.au) Finally, the SEF would like to acknowledge the contribution of Susie Young, who passed away recently, and unexpectedly. Susie was transitioning from a distinguished corporate career in the USA and Sydney, and had, for the last two years, joined the SEF panel which interviews our annual grant applicants, through her long-standing friendship with a member of our Committee, Anne Weinert. Susie's passion for education was instilled in her by her mother, and throughout her career, she always took time to mentor and coach younger women, in particular. We extend our sincere condolences to Susie's partner, her two daughters, and their extended families.



Shoalhaven Education Fund – Proudly Sponsored by Berry Alliance

# The Berry Camellia and Floral Show

**Mark down Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th in your calendar and come along to the 59th Berry Camellia and Floral Show.**

The School of Arts Hall, filled to the brim with colourful blooms, is always a sight to behold. Open 12noon - 4pm Saturday, and 10am - 2pm Sunday, entry is just \$5.

As is tradition, volunteers from David Berry Hospital Auxiliary will be serving light refreshments to raise funds for the hospital. And if you're inspired by what you see, camellia plants will also be on sale.

Visiting is wonderful, but it's even more

fun to contribute to the exhibits. Many Berry residents have glorious camellias growing in their gardens. If you've never shown before, there's a section for novices, and our stewards will be on hand to help you. We also love to celebrate the other flowers that brighten our winter days. Categories include containers of flowering bulbs, variegated and colourful foliage, flowering trees and shrubs and selections of favourite flowers from your garden.

Simply bring your entries along between 7am-9am Saturday July 29th to take part in this much loved community event.

**Go to [www.berrygardens.org.au](http://www.berrygardens.org.au) for more information and we'll see you there!**



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www.slowfoodberry2jb.com.au

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berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com

**Knit With Love** 0404 562 772  
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**Berry Farmers Market** 0431 823 078  
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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.

**Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee**

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# Lots of fun times at Preschool this month!



**We have been exploring the olden days with the children and have our indoor learning environment set up as a museum. The children were invited to bring in objects of interest for our museum and we have had a very old box camera, the original Berry Catholic School hand bell, some beautiful old photos and a lovely aerial photo of a very different looking countryside on a farm just out of Berry. Some great conversation starters. As part of our interest, we visited the Berry Museum. We would like to thank the Berry Museum for allowing us to visit. We felt very welcome and there were so many interesting things to look at and to talk and learn about.**

The children were also invited to bring in a baby photo and we have enjoyed "guessing who the baby is!!" In some cases, this wasn't too hard at all.

Dress up days are a lot of fun and this Term we sure did have a lot of fun! The children were able to spend the week wearing their

Pyjamas to Preschool and having a "camp out". We also have enjoyed picnics and Autumn Walks to play in the leaves and look at the beautiful Autumn trees around us.

This week is our Fire Safety Education Week and the Tuesday Group were very fortunate to have a visit from the Berry Town Fire Brigade and listen to a very important safety talk from the Firemen. We were able to look at all of the equipment they have on the Fire Truck. The highlight was of course, the chance to have a turn at using the fire hose. So much fun!

The Wednesday Group were able to go on an Excursion to visit the Fire Station for their Fire Safety Education. On our way to the Station, we made a stop at the Berry Butchers - Mountain Side Meats to watch sausages getting made for us to take to the Fire Station to enjoy a sausage sizzle with the Firemen. What a great Community we live in. We are very grateful to the Berry Museum, Berry Butchers and the Town Fire Brigade for allowing us to visit. The children have loved all of their adventures.



Berry VIEW Club is urging the local community to give generously to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal this year, to support thousands of children and young people with their education.

The education charity is aiming to raise \$6.2 million nationally to give over 14,000 children across Australia access to its proven learning and mentoring programs.

It comes as a survey released by the charity found Australians believe the cost-of-living crisis is having a greater impact on education than the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey also found that more people believe child poverty has worsened because of the crisis. CEO of The Smith Family, Doug Taylor, said while inflation is affecting all Australians, the most vulnerable members of our community are faring the worst.

"It's been a particularly challenging time for the students and families we support, with the cost-of-living crisis affecting the price of housing, food and power."

"Families are having to make impossible decisions about where they spend their limited funds. This could mean paying for school essentials like digital devices or paying for a meal on the table."

"By donating to the Winter Appeal, Australians can help young people most in need by giving them access to extra learning tools, so they can get the most out of their education and create better futures for themselves." VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a national women's organisation and support network, bringing together women to enjoy social activities, develop skills, and make connections – all while supporting Australian children experiencing disadvantage.

VIEW is also largest community sponsor of students on The Smith Family's Learning for Life program, with Berry club supporting four students through its fundraising activities.

Members of the Berry club also help students with [learning clubs, itrack, etc].

For those who are interested to find out more about VIEW or who would like to join visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) or call Jan on 0490 054 574.

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 listen to guest speakers.

Ring Jan Chambers (0490 054 574) for more information to book for the evening. We welcome new members and guests.

**Lorna, Publicity**

# 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 last Berry Town Crier.

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/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx> Development Application Tracking.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

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

CD23/1293 – 19-5-2023 – Small Bank Fitout – 115 Queen St, Berry

DA23/1357 – 15-5-2023 – Alterations & Additions to Single Level Dwelling – 180 Tindalls Lane, Broughton

CD23/1327 – 30-5-2023 – Swimming Pool & Spa – 391 Agars Lane, Berry

DA23/1396 – 31-5-2023 – Proposed cut & fill; Farm Shed (18m x 42m) max 8.46 high of colourbond construction – B535 Princes Highway, Jaspers Brush

DA23/1401 – 31-5-2023 – Conversion of Shed to Dwelling with the addition of Deck & Roof. Decommissioning of existing Dwelling due to Landslip – 163A Wattamolla Rd., Woodhill

DA23/1429 – 8-6-2023 – Dwelling Additions & Alterations, Detached Garage with Studio & Front Line Building Variation Request – 9 North St, Berry

DA23/1421 – 7-6-2023 – Boundary Adjustment, Access & Relocation of an Approved Building Envelope – 47 Bryces Rd, Far Meadow

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:

DA23/1290 – Approved – 19-5-2023 – Dwelling Alterations and Additions – 9 Pulman St, Berry

SF10981 – Approved – 17-5-2023 – Boundary Adjustment – Subdivision of Lots 1 & 2 DP 1081549 – 268A & 268B Beach Rd, Berry

CD23/1327 – Approved – 25-5-2023 – Swimming Pool and Spa – 391 Agars Lane, Berry

DA23/1091 – Approved – 21-5-2023 – Remediation Works, Removal of 5 Tress & Installation of Fencing – 34 Station St, Berry

DA23/1287 – Approved – 24-5-2023 – Bike Skills Track for Berry Sport & Recreation Centre – 660 Coolangatta Rd, Berry

SF10976 – Approved – 22-5-2023 – Three Lot Boundary Adjustment – 35 & 36 Old Pioneer Crst (Priv), & 64 Cedargrove Lane (Priv), Broughton Vale

DA23/1335 – Approved – 29-5-2023 – Attached Carport – 38 Albert St, Berry

DA23/1161 – Approved – 7-6-2023 – Three Storey Dwelling – 46 Parker Crescent, Berry

DA23/1261 – Approved – 9-6-2023 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 391 Agars Lane, Berry

DA21/2479 – Withdrawn – 6-6-2023 – Detached Habitable Room – 535B Back Forest Rd, Far Meadow

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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## BERRY PROBUS CLUB

Our last meeting saw 9 visitors who with members all enjoyed a talk from the Shoalhaven Corrective Services, everyone came away a lot more knowledgeable, we also heard from one of our members with a talk on "Talking Right Proper" tales from her English upbringings to the cultural changes living in Canada and then Australia, very interesting tales.

Another great speaker next month Keith Pepper will talk about the establishment of the western end of Berry Park.

Members enjoyed another winter BBQ at the Beach Road picnic area with some fun and games, it is always a great way to catch up with each other. Outings are filling up fast with Numbers growing for the Christmas in July at the Grand Robertson Hotel, A tour of the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and a Bus tour with other Probus clubs to view the Badgerys Creek Airport just to name a few.

Nowra Players shows, and the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre will see many members attending shows like 'When Dad married Fury' 'Menopause', "Sound of Music" and 'Murder at Checkmate Manor'.

We are also planning a 36th Anniversary lunch at the Silos restaurant in August along with a Christmas Lunch at the Mercure Hotel in Gerringong in December.

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.



Thanks to all who attended the Zonta Berry Breast Cushion Workshop in June! What a great turnout we had! We were able to finish and package over twenty cushions. Some pretty colours too - pink (of course), blue and silver.



It is with great pride that Zonta Berry sponsors the remarkable endeavours of Elyssa Sykes-Smith, whose work illuminates the realms of sustainability, innovation, and the unyielding strength of the human spirit.

The European Cultural Centre Biennial Architecture Exhibition offers a captivating journey through time, space, and existence. Among the mesmerizing installations, Elyssa Sykes-Smith's 'A Canopy of Thoughts' stands out as a profound testament to resilience.

This talented artist skilfully weaves together reclaimed materials and heartfelt stories from Shoalhaven residents who endured the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020.

Through her artistic vision, Elyssa Sykes-Smith creates a powerful narrative that not only highlights the destructive forces of nature but also celebrates the strength and unity of a community.



For Zonta enquiries contact Barbara Davis on 0402 394 211 or [berry@zontadistrict24.org.au](mailto:berry@zontadistrict24.org.au)

## Berry Riding Club July Round Up

After a very busy June for Working Equitation and Dressage riders, July is shaping up to be a big month for jumping enthusiasts.

**Working Equitation Play and Practice date, Saturday 1st July** will get the month rolling. Tiny ponies with tiny riders in the saddle to majestic Clydesdales on long driving reins come along to learn that strange obstacles are harmless and to trust their handlers. Fluttering ribbons, dangling pool noodles and open umbrellas, like a field of mushrooms are all there to contend with. A confident, non-spooky horse is gold!

A **Show Jumping Competition** is set for **15 & 16 July**. This is always a fun event watching young "up and coming" riders starting out, learning how to negotiate a course jumping with small jumps. The smiles on their faces after a round says it all, they are hooked. It isn't just our young riders who respond this way either. Mature riders who have come to

the sport later in life show just as much pride and pleasure in achieving a clear round and challenge themselves to try higher jumps. The more experienced jumpers "up the ante", as they attempt much higher jumps. It doesn't take much to tip a rail out of the shallow cups that hold them in place.

**X-Country Derby on Sunday 23rd July** is a date to remember. This popular event is quite exciting to watch. Timing, balance, and pace are of paramount importance to be successful in this discipline. Riders negotiate jumps scattered around the property, usually travelling between them at the gallop. Spectators are always welcome. You can drive in, shut the gate behind you and watch from some great vantage points. Bring a rug or chair. We look forward to seeing you.

PS: And no-one was better dressed than Nathan & his horse Rudi at our Funkhana in Pink last month. Had to share this beautiful photo.



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# Sing or make a noise?



I wonder if like me, you walk into a store or shopping centre and after hearing the music playing, have started to hum or sing along? Music is an important part of the human spirit and a powerful way for us to express thoughts and feelings. Often times, we think only of singing when we're happy and times are good, but singing brings strength for times of trial as well. Singing is something we can do anytime, anywhere; in the car, in the shower, at home, school or at work, at church, in scripture, at Kid's Club, or at the park. Singing isn't just for worship leaders or church gatherings. Music can touch our hearts and connect us to memories, experiences, people, learning words, ideas and remember facts. In an age of distraction, singing grabs the attention of all our senses and can focus us on God.

In the Bible, many of the Psalms were sung and talk about singing. Psalm 98:4-9 *"Sing for joy to the LORD, all the earth; praise him with songs and shouts of joy! Sing praises to the LORD! Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the LORD, our king."*

Music and song are powerful tools for us to learn and memorize scripture, from the Bible. Singing can change our attitudes and can shape our hearts from an early age. As adults, we all want joy, peace, patience, and kindness, for our world. Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us that joy, peace, patience, and kindness are available to us in abundance through the Holy Spirit.

*Did God command us to sing?* God asks us to sing with thankfulness in our hearts to God (Colossians 3:16).

*Does the Bible say we have to sing?* The Bible does not say "You will Sing" but it does say that as we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs together, we are promised that the Word of Christ will dwell in us richly. Singing has such a unique way of bringing our heart, soul, mind, and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God. Having faith, praying, building up others, forgiving, persevering, finding joy in God: All these bring glory to God. Music and singing are a way to teach us that our heavenly Father loves us and wants good things for us, always.

Term 3 Kid's Club 28th July, 11th & 25th August, 8th & 22nd Sept. All children K-6 welcome.

Sue Skinner, Berry Presbyterian Church



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Ross Hobson, Steve Ford, Richard Wiseman, Allan Armstrong and Rob Hunter at the presentation.

Berry Pharmacist Ross Hobson took the opportunity to visit the Shed as part of International Health week. Members of the Shed were informed of a variety of measures they can take to improve their health and wellbeing. This included what to do regarding improvements to exercise, what food is best and what medication is best for people at various ages. Naturally there were many questions from members interested in their wellbeing.

This month we have 3 new members join the Shed, Ella Edwards, Denis Henry and Dean Thomas and we extend a warm welcome to them all and hope they enjoy the experience of making and designing products to be sold at our sales.

We still have some boxes of kindling available for those looking to get their fires started so call in and buy a box. We are looking to erect a table at Broughton Mall on Saturday 7th October as well as having a presence at the Berry Small Farm Field day in September.

Finally, we currently have several repairs on the go including dining chairs which require strengthening, a rocking horse that need its head resecured and a side table with broken legs. If you have anything that needs repairs, please bring it into the Shed and we will be able to fix the problem.

The Shed is open on Tuesday and Thursday at 146 North Street Berry.

Richard Wiseman, Publicity Officer



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**ADFAS SHOALHAVEN 27 JULY 2023 LECTURE**

We had another wonderful evening at our 1 June Lecture. Thank you, members and visitors, for again making the evening social and fun. Gaby Black, one of our Scholarship recipients looking like a Botticelli angel, started the meeting performing three songs. Leslie Primo gave us an overview of the representation of the body in art from ancient to modern times. He unravelled the riddles of symbols and iconography in paintings and sculpture. He was able to highlight some of the recurring themes through the centuries including, social class, power and sexism which, sadly, still resonate today. It seemed more like a friendly intimate chat than a lecture. It was exhilarating. It was too soon over. For more information visit our website: [www.adfas.org.au/societies/shoalhaven/](http://www.adfas.org.au/societies/shoalhaven/)



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In 18th century France a new style emerged which encompassed furniture, paintings, prints, décor, and fashionable dress. Light and airy decorations climbed up walls, and encircled mirrors, wound up and down chair legs and drove out the heavy symmetry of the Baroque style. Madame de Pompadour was a champion of the Rococo, which coincided with her reign as mistress of Louis XV. When and why did she (and the Rococo style) lose favour? Through the paintings of Hogarth, Boucher, Fragonard and others we will address this question, though close examination of Pompadour's elegant image and personal style.

Jacqui Ansell has a MA in History of Dress from the Courtauld Institute. She continues to lecture regularly on the public programmes of the National Gallery, Wallace Collection and the National Portrait Gallery and has published on court dress, Grand Tour portraiture and Welsh Costumes. Jacqui is a senior lecturer at Christie's Education, London where she writes, presents, and tutors online courses on Art History, the Art World, and the History of Jewellery.



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**News for the month of May: It is always special to share with those you care about the happy times in our lives, so we were honoured to start the month of May visiting the beautiful ladies in the village, giving them best wishes with a hug and a small gift to celebrate Mother's Day. The month moved on and we were then invited to attend a fantastic afternoon tea as a thank you to all those folk who volunteer with us at various times in the village.**

May was made complete with a very successful day at the Celtic festival. We would love to thank all who assisted on the day as well as all who came along and enjoyed the hot scones and coffee. It was so lovely to meet many folks from other areas and tell them about the work we do with the Masonic Village. We are more than happy to have more folk come along to our meetings; they are every third Wednesday of the month.

If you would like more information, please give me a ring 0401 151 820 Trish Nicholson.

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