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Wishing you a Happy Christmas

from the Editorial Board at the Berry Town Crier

If you're interested in advertising and supporting your local paper at the same time, get in touch with the Editor, Nancy at towncrier@berryalliance.org.au.

Our deadline for the February issue is 17 January 2024.

TOWN CRIER UPDATE & Seasons Greetings

The Management Committee of the Berry Alliance Town Crier takes this opportunity to wish our wonderful community and all our readers a very happy Christmas, holiday season and New Year. Celebrate, travel and party safely.

If you would like to contribute to our community during this time there are many ways to do that.

As very proud Sponsors and supporters of some of the charities and Community groups in our area we would like to recommend that you consider helping one or more of these charities and good causes.

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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

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

Editor's Note



The closing date for our February issue will be Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to:

towncrier@berryalliance.org.au

Phone 0428 037 572

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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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BERRY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



The end of a busy year for Berry Community Preschool

As the year draws to a close, we have reflected on what a fun, action-packed year we have had at Berry Community Preschool. Some of the highlights include the special occasions we have celebrated together, including Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, Winter Solstice, Father's Night, Dress Up Days, being a part of Pink Up Berry, and the many educational and fun excursions and incursions.

The Preschool has enjoyed some excursions to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and Shoalhaven Zoo, visits to the Berry Butchers, Berry Town Fire Brigade and Berry Museum, and our lovely spontaneous walks to the nature reserve around the corner. This year the Preschool has been fortunate enough to be able to provide several extra-curricular activities including weekly AFL, Dance, Yoga and Music by specialist educators at no cost to our families.

Thank you to our volunteer Parent Committee for your amazing fundraising efforts and helping us to manage the Preschool so well.

We were fortunate to have very supportive families that donated amazing raffle prizes, including the St George Dragons Game Experience and the Bathurst 12 Hour Race Experience. We have received so much support from our local community that we love being a special part of. A special thank you to the Berry Junior Touch Association for their donation, and the Berry Garden Festival for letting us be part of that event with our cake stall. We value your support!

Lastly, we would like to farewell our children who will be graduating from preschool and heading off to 'big school' next year. We will miss them and wish them well in their new adventures. We're eagerly anticipating farewelling them at our annual Christmas party to be held on the 8th of December at the Berry Showground. Everyone will enjoy the BBQ, jumping castle, Bop till you Drop Disco – as well as a special visit from Santa! We look forward to welcoming our returning children and new children and families in the new year.



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A Taste of Paradise – Hope for kids in need - Farm-based youth mentoring since 1999. Supporting disadvantaged and at-risk young people.

0490 060 251 admin@atasteofparadise.org.au - www.atasteofparadise.org.au

Tim & Andie and the team do a fantastic job and we thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

SALT Care Ministries Salt Care is a local, registered, not-for-profit, volunteer based Charity that provides benevolent relief to the homeless, the poor, the socially disadvantaged, those who suffer from mental health issues, the disabled, indigenous, elderly, and young people at risk.

SALT's many charitable works include: **SALT care; Safe Shelter; Wellness Farm; Women's Coffee & Connect.**

4480 5028 - Supporting those in need - 5-19 Birley St. Bomaderry - info@salt.org.au

Peter & Megan and the team do a fantastic job and we thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

Shoalhaven Education Fund – Sophie Ray and her team raise funds to provide education grants to young people in the Shoalhaven to continue or pursue their education.

0414 379 059 chair@sef.org.au

www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven

Sophie and the entire team do a fantastic job and we thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

And some of our registered community groups as well, including:

Zonta Club of Berry Inc. - Zonta stands for women's rights. They advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence. They build awareness of Domestic Violence and hold awareness campaigns engaging the community in their fundraising and service events.

0402 394 211 berry@zontadistrict24.org https://www.zontaberry.com.au Facebook – Zonta Berry The team do a fantastic job and we thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

Berry Evening VIEW Club Sponsor and raise funds for the Smith family who are currently supporting over 620 children in Nowra through there Learning Through Life Program.

Berry VIEW Club raises funds for this and advocates for community members to sponsor a child through the Smith Family, visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622.

Berry Evening VIEW Club 0490 054 574 janchambers49@hotmail.com

The team do a fantastic job and we thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

Special congratulations go to the wonderful efforts of the **Pink Up Berry** group who did another fantastic effort this year. Raising funds for the **McGrath Foundation** to fight breast cancer. To Deb and all the crew, congratulations and thank you!

0428 005 258 pinkupberry@gmail.com

Deb and the team do a fantastic job and established this as one of the most important charity fundraising events on the Berry calendar. We thank them and wish them all the compliments of the season.

It is always difficult to provide a list because there are so many wonderful community groups doing so much. These are but a few of them and others can be sourced in the **Community Groups page** and in their regular articles in each Town Crier.

Our thanks and our compliments of the season go to all of our community groups as well as our Sponsored groups.

This is a wonderful and inclusive community, but some of the businesses and some of our community members are struggling because of the economic downturn over the last 2 years or so.

Can we suggest that you Shop Local and Employ Local as much as you can to try to improve the economic position. And please, especially, support the advertisers in the Town Crier, they provide the advertising income that helps the Town Crier to be produced and distributed each edition.

Berry Community Group Leaders Get Together

Look for our report on our annual Berry Community Group Leader's Get Together which is scheduled for 27 November at the Berry Courthouse in our next issue (February 2024 edition) and in our Friends Newsletter.

This is always a great event where so many of our community groups send representatives to meet the others, talk a little about what they are doing and or planning, offer and seek assistance.

These regular Get Togethers always help to build understanding, trust and respect for each other and each group.

Respect for others and their views is very important in keeping our community happy and together. We don't always agree with someone's view, but we need to respect them, and respect their view.

Not like some Social Media at all.

Probably the most popular person who attends this event is our wonderful Editor, Nancy Davies. We are celebrating her 10th year as Editor and on our Management Committee. That was 4 babies ago. We all love you Nancy! Congratulations on your 10th Town Crier Anniversary.

Town Crier information - As the printers are closed around Christmas and the new year, as always our next edition will be the February 2024 edition.

Those of you who like to follow the Development Applications and Determinations can do so by subscribing to the Town Crier Friends Newsletter. We will provide updates on these in our emailed Friends Newsletters along with any late breaking or urgent news for our community.

Rick Gainford, Secretary on behalf of the Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee



Update on Future Stages at Boongaree

Boongaree is a flagship regional destination park for the Shoalhaven and much-loved by locals and visitors alike.

Future stages to be delivered at Boongaree are:

- Junior and senior sporting fields
- Formalised parking
- A fenced dog off-leash area
- Reconciliation garden

Council is engaging with the Touch Football Club, Cricket Club, Soccer Club, and Rugby League Club to better understand the needs of these sporting groups in relation to the delivery of junior and senior sporting fields.

The Boongaree project team is reviewing the outcomes of investigations into the need for long-vehicle parking in Berry. This includes reviewing data collected over a 4-week period in October to determine the number of long-vehicles parking at Boongaree, Berry village centre, and within the Berry Showground precinct (excluding overnight camping).

For more information visit getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/boongaree

Bundewallah Rainforest Inspiration

By Will Armitage

Would you like to sit under a 400 year old fig tree and imagine the landscape thousands of years ago? Bundewallah Reserve Rainforest is a place that makes this possible and inspires such moments.

Just 5km from the centre of Berry, Bundewallah Reserve contains a patch of Illawarra Sub-tropical rainforest which was left undisturbed by the 19th century timber getters and the settlers who followed them. As well as the giant figs it contains old growth red cedars, coachwoods, sassafras, kodas, native tamarinds, pencil cedars, Illawarra flame trees, muttonwoods, lillypilly and numerous other species. There are also lyrebirds playing beside the access track, a healthy unpolluted creek including waterfalls and spectacular vistas of the coastline. The access track to the rainforest from Bundewallah Road is steep but well worth the effort for those so inclined.

The reserve is owned by Shoalhaven City Council. Council supports Bundewallah Reserve Bushcare, a group of volunteers, which was formed in 2005 with the objective of protecting the wonderful rainforest remnants from invasive weeds. The Bushcare group meets once a month for working bees, spending two hours removing weeds such as privet, lantana, tobacco bush and moth vine. A highlight of these working bees is the after work social gathering for tea and a delicious cake.



The work of the Bushcare group has been supported over the years by grants from the NSW and Australian governments. Council has also provided much needed support and resources including bush regeneration contractors working on some of the steeper sections of the reserve.

The Bushcare group meets at 3pm on the last Sunday of the month (not December) at the beginning of the Bundewallah Reserve access track on Bundewallah Road. Please contact Will Armitage on 0402060501 for more information. Come along and be inspired!



LOOK UP

WOW, we are in December!!! This is the time where we 'look up' people we haven't seen or heard from, maybe since last December? We might also 'look up' the gifts for Christmas we gave last year and wonder what we will give this year? We 'look up' and read the Bible, to teach our children about Christmas, in Scripture, in Kid's church, Kid's club and in our families.

What about before the first Christmas? In the Bible in Luke 1, an angel visits Mary who **looked up** to listen to what he said. *The angel said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."* When it was nearly time for Jesus to be born, Mary and her husband Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted in the first census. There were many people there too because of the Passover, so Joseph, **looked up** many places to stay but there was no room anywhere, except in a stable.

After Jesus was born, angels came to shepherds. The Shepherds **looked up** and were at first terrified, ¹⁰ *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

There were Wise men who were astronomers and saw a star that they knew a special King had been born. They travelled far, **looking up** to the star that guided them to where Jesus was. They were overjoyed when they saw Jesus.

Jesus grew up, began His ministry and many people **looked up** to Him for comfort, healing, teaching, guidance and learning how to live God's way, which would lead to true and everlasting belief in God. Christians have **looked up** to God in the past, now and will in the future. This Christmas **look up** and take in the wonder, the joy and the love surrounding the birth of Jesus. As the Christmas carol says "Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let Earth receive her King."

May your Christmas this year be a blessing to you all.

Berry Presbyterian Church - Sue Skinner



Wishing you and your loved ones

Merry Christmas

AND A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE 2024



FIONA PHILLIPS MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

Authorised by Fiona Phillips MP, Nowra.



Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

Service Time
Worship Service 10am
Jesus And Me (JAM)
& High School Bible Study 10am

Bible Fellowship Groups
Monday 2pm • Thursday 9.30am • Friday 10am

Activities
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www.berrypresbyterianchurch.net.au
02 4464 1020
Cnr Alexandra Street & Victoria Street, Berry



PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

Native currant and Plum wood

Rain forest trees can be tricky to propagate. it is not a case of plant and forget. The seeds of different species have different preparation requirements before germination will occur.

Some seeds need to be sown as soon as possible after collecting, others germinate more reliably if stored for several months before sowing.

Many rainforest seeds need to be soaked in water for at least 2 days to drown tiny larvae that are feeding on the seeds. If this process is omitted, the larvae will continue to eat out the seed and germination will not occur.

Volunteers have been successful in propagating 2 species that are new to us at the nursery.

Native currant – *Coprosma quadrifida* grows as a shrub to 2 metres. The small finely textured leaves and the tiny red fruits provide protection and food for small birds. Native currant can be pruned to shape and adds more diversity to local gardens.



Pink wood – Simple white flowers with fluffy stamens

Pink wood / Plum wood - *Eucryphia moorei*,

is a small attractive tree or large shrub with large white open flowers attracting insect and bird nectar feeders. It requires a sheltered position, semi shade. It does not cope in harsh exposed sites.

The compound leaves have a soft delicate appearance. Pink wood can be grown as an interesting feature plant and can be pruned to shape if desired.

BERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY IS OPEN on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30 - 4.30pm

You are most welcome to come and browse the variety of local plants available.

Berry & District Garden Club News



November's club meeting was the feel-good event of the year, with proceeds from the Berry Gardens Festival distributed to local charities and not-for-profit groups. To everyone who came along and enjoyed the beautiful open gardens, thank you once again, and be assured your support is going to make a big difference to some very worthy causes.

Haven't the Jacarandas and Illawarra Flame Trees have been stunning this year? As we head towards December 25 and these trees' blooms fade, the many Christmas bushes of Berry will step up and put on their seasonal show. If you're lucky, a neighbour may gift you a sprig or two to decorate the table and bring festive cheer, Australian style!

Our club activities will wrap up for 2023 after December 5th's Christmas Party. We'll welcome back members, old and new, in February 2024.

Until then, hopefully there'll be time for everybody over the summer holidays to get their hands in the dirt and reconnect with nature. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE ALSO

Our motto: Friendship through Gardening.

Secretary, Deb Wooster, welcomes enquiries at secretary@berrygardens.org.au



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BERRY MEN'S SHED

FIX IT FREE DAY TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

On Tuesday 12TH December we are holding our monthly 'fix it free day'. Members of the Berry Community can bring in small jobs (non electrical) and we will try and fix it for free. Have a look around your house and see what needs repairs. Dining room chairs that are a little wobbly are a popular repair job for the Shed.

Our final Scholarship award celebration will be with Nowra High School this month and we are looking forward to having the two students visit us within the next 2 weeks. Our Shed along with The Berry Uniting Church have donated nearly \$5,000 to the schools this year. These funds are largely donated from the sale of items at our annual sale.

We are gearing up for that sale on Saturday 9th December (see our separate ad in this month's Town Crier). There will be a wide variety of quality items for sale at very competitive prices so please come along and support us.

The sale will commence at 8.00am and we will have eftpos facilities.



Richard Wiseman
Publicity Officer - Berry Men's Shed

The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

Berry Hotel - Information Meeting held 1 November

122 people attended the meeting, including Gareth Ward and Cllrs Serena Copley, Tonia Gray and Matthew Norris. Cllrs John Wells and Patricia White sent apologies.

David Stubbs for the Feros Group showed a 'walk through virtual video' of the proposed development and emphasised there would be no change to the existing facade.

Judith Ball spoke on behalf of the Berry Historical Society and stressed that, although change is inevitable, it needs to leave Berry a better place. The community needs to ensure that future developments respect Berry's past history sympathetically.

Affected neighbours from Prince Alfred Street, Megan Pikett and Narelle Barry, spoke to their concerns about the impacts of the development, and Stuart Coughlan provided a summary of the parking demand/supply figures.

A Q&A session demonstrated that although there was broad support for a redevelopment of the Hotel, almost all attendees had serious concerns about the following aspects of the proposal -

- the contemporary style pavilion building extending across the driveway with a separation of just 1.2m to the former CBC Bank on the corner of Pr Alfred St.
- the three-storey modern and bulky accommodation building in Princess St, (with a rooftop bar and pool and non-compliant height of 9.3m) that overwhelms a streetscape characterised predominantly by single storey dwellings

and the heritage listed St Lukes Church directly opposite

- the grossly inadequate parking provision, forcing cars to park on nearby streets where there are significant parking issues
- noise from rubbish removal and delivery trucks, the rooftop bar and pool, and functions
- the need to retain the Queen St entrance for access
- the risk to pedestrians in Princess St where there are no footpaths

Record number of submissions

Council received 360 submissions, of which 320 were objections to the proposed development.

Of the 40 submissions in support, only 10 were from Berry residents, with most from Sydney residents responding to the Feros Group's request for support.

Shoalhaven rates to increase

Council is considering a 32% rate rise in 2024/25, followed by smaller rises, equating to an increase of 40% over three years. Two other options discussed included rates increasing by 18% next financial year and rising by 44 per cent over three years.

Plans for the rate increases follow an independent financial sustainability review and the need for cash reserves of around \$15m to ensure Council can respond to any future emergency.

Council will release its resourcing strategy for public comment and engage with the community to obtain input on the service areas that Council will target for cost efficiencies.

Next Forum Meeting is on 7 December 7.30pm at Uniting Church.

To receive our newsletters, enter your name & street address at www.berryforum.org.au

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Grand Christmas Street Parade

**Saturday
9 December**



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CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES IN THE ROTARY NATURE PLAY PARK AFTER THE PARADE

- * Selfie Photos with Santa
- * Sausage sizzle & drinks



*Merry
Christmas*

Another community event by the Rotary Club of Berry

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'Tis the season... to gather with family and friends to celebrate Christmas. As 2023 races to a close, many of us are looking forward to time to stop, breathe, and enjoy time with the people who are precious to us. Let's take a moment to reflect on the reason for the season. At this time of year, Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus, who entered into time and space in the midst of poverty and conflict. His arrival represented an invitation for humanity to find peace with God and demonstrated God's good will towards all people. This age-old message seems particularly important in our current context.

If you'd like to celebrate Christmas with a peace-filled community, or would just like to join us for a sanger and some soft-serve, we invite you to Carols on the Lawn at South Coast Life Church on Sunday 17th December. We will kick off at 4.30pm in the grassy area behind the church building. Leave your car in the carpark and bring your picnic rug or folding chairs around the back. A free sausage sizzle will be available, or you can bring a picnic! Mr Whippy and the SALT coffee van will be on site for you to purchase ice cream or a cuppa. Carols singing will start around 5pm and will conclude by 6pm so little ones can get to bed on time! Need more info? Contact us at hello@southcoastlife.org. We wish you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas season.



BERRY BRIDES OF YESTERYEAR

Berry Museum has recently curated a new exhibition of wedding dresses and trousseau items dating from 1875 to the 1950s.

On display are a number of wedding dresses of local women, including that of Iris Agar (nee Walker) who married Athol Agar in 1951. Iris and Athol lived all their married lives on the family farm in Agars Lane, Berry.

Another is a recently restored 1875 gown of Robina Wilson (nee Tait). Robina was born in Scotland in 1849 and travelled with her parents Robert and Mary on the ship 'Bloomer' to Sydney arriving in 1853 at the young age of 4 years. She resided with her family at Broughton Creek, later called Berry, until her marriage to James Wilson in 1875. James born in Northern Ireland in 1834 arrived in Australia in 1856 aged 21 years, making his way to Broughton Creek soon after his arrival.

He became a very successful businessman and was elected the first Mayor of Broughton Creek in 1869.

However, another wedding dress is a mystery. An oyster satin dress from the 1930s was recently found by volunteers at the Museum. It was packed in a box in storage with no information of where it had come from. We do not know who donated it to the Museum or who wore it.

Over the holidays you may have a chance to visit the Museum to see this new exhibition, and perhaps the 'mystery' dress mentioned above might look familiar to you, and you could help us discover its origins.



Oyster Satin Wedding dress. C1930s. Owner unknown.

Berry Museum

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PINK UP BERRY We Did It!!!

Pink Up Berry smashed our target by raising \$54,500 this could not have happened without the support of so many!

Each year the support given by our town has grown and the committee members thank each and everyone one of you that played some part in such a successful fundraising year. All monies raised by Pink Up Berry is donated to the McGrath Foundation who are well on their way to achieving their aim of having 250 specialised Breast Care Nurses by the year 2025 so that no one misses out on care.

If you would like to be involved in Pink Up Berry 2024 or would like any information, please contact us on pinkupberry@gmail.com or phone 0428 005 910.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas!

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DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

On Saturday 16th December we will be holding our Christmas stall in Broughton Court. There will be cooking, craft and other items for sale. Christmas gifts will also be purchased by the auxiliary for patients at DBH, a tradition of many years standing. As mentioned last month, our 50th Anniversary lunch was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Auxiliary. Special thanks to the Berry Museum for lending us the items for display, which created great interest.

In November, committee members of the Voice of David Berry met with Margot Mains, CEO of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, at David Berry Hospital. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the future use of David Berry Hospital after the units move to Shoalhaven Hospital in late 2025/early 2026. Once this happens, the land then reverts to the State government for a decision. Our ideas were imparted to Ms Mains, and she will take this back to Ryan Park MP NSW Minister for Health. She did note that the government are seeking land for "social housing", however until government solicitors interpret the original Act, when David Berry bequeathed the land for a hospital, no decision has been made to date.

There will be community consultation at a later date, and that is when you, the community, can support our wish for the land to remain a health facility in some capacity.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall Berry. For any enquiries, please contact Irene Birks on 4464 2612. New members are always welcome.



2023 ADFAS Shoalhaven Christmas Concert & Tea

Sunday, 3 December from 10am to 1pm at Berry Uniting Church Hall & Garden, 71-77 Alfred Street, Berry.

ADFAS Shoalhaven has a new name. We shall be known as ArtsNational Shoalhaven from now onwards! It is the initiative of the ADFAS Association to clarify its role to encourage more people to become part of this unique arts-oriented and community-building society. Spread the word, share the joy and bring your family and friends to our lectures in 2024!

"Celebrate endings - for they precede new beginnings" - Jonathan Lockwood Huie

We have learned together, we have laughed together, we have enjoyed the performances of the young singers together, and we have savoured delicious delights together! Come with bells and whistles to the Christmas Concert and Tea, and we shall celebrate the end of a fabulous 2023, and usher in 2024 with panache!

Nicholas & Rosalind Drake
Co-Chairs
ArtsNational Shoalhaven

Maebehe Garcia - Publicity Officer
ADFAS Shoalhaven



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

FIRE (AND OTHER EMERGENCIES) PREPAREDNESS

Unfortunately we are now in Fire Season. Red Cross has many resources on its website to help you prepare so you can protect what matters to you. It is hard to decide what you will need to take when you have to get ready to leave in a hurry in a stressful situation.

Packing:

There is a guide to packing what you need to take with you. For example, things such as medicines, batteries, toiletries, essential and protective clothing, important documents, food, water, important photos and documents. Also, talk to your children to find out what is important to them. The guide gives suggestions so you can make your own list.

Emergency Plan (Rediplan):

This is a plan where you list all your important contacts and identification details such as for medical needs, insurance, registrations and next of kin.

Get Prepared App:

Download this App and put your plans and lists on it so it is close at hand.

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BERRY REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION 2023

In beautiful weather at the Berry Memorial Park, the Berry RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Commemoration Service was observed on Saturday 11 November

Alan Mulley as MC introduced Clyde Poulton, President of the sub-Branch to deliver the opening address that on this day 105 years ago WWI had finally concluded; a focus of Clyde's address was the historical aspects of the Trench Mortar in the Memorial Park that was captured by the 33rd Battalion during WWI.

Rev Joel Noonan of the South Coast Life Church, led the service in prayer; that lessons of 1914-1918 in seeking peace in the World are still important and relevant particularly given the current events in the Middle East and other parts of the globe.

Berry Public School Captain Julian Stack recited the poem "The Guns Went Silent". Berry RSL Hon.Sec. Stuart Christmas read the tribute to PTE Andrew Tressider who joined with the Waratah March in Berry and served on the Western Front being wounded in the leg on his first day in combat and succumbing 4 days later. Sub Lieutenant Rupert Anisimoff of HMAS Albatross delivered the Commemoration Address.

The Ode was recited, followed by the "Sounding of The Last Post", the time being 11.00 am One Minutes Silence was observed for the cessation of hostilities of WWI followed by "The Rouse".

Wreaths were laid by the Sub-Branch, and local community organisations,

and at completion, Piper John Morrison played "The Lament"

MC Alan Mulley recorded the RSL Sub-Branch's' appreciation for the efforts of those whose assistance had been invaluable for the Commemoration Service; RAN HMAS Albatross for providing the Cenotaph Catafalque Guard, Shoalhaven City Council, the Women's Auxiliary for their loyal and sustained work throughout this year, Berry Rotary (chairs), Berry Rugby League members (canopies) and Piper John Morrison. Special mention goes to Miss Harper Broad a Year 5 Berry Public School student for playing The Last Post and Rouse; this being Harper's first appearance for Berry Commemoration services.

The service concluded with the Australian National Anthem.




At the function conducted afterwards at the Berry RSL sub-Branch Hall, a special "Sands of Gallipoli" plaque was presented to Rev Joel Noonan for his long, and dedicated service to the sub-Branch as Joel will shortly be moving to Newcastle.

Berry RSL Donation to Veteran's Health Services

At the November sub-Branch meeting, \$5,000 raised by the sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary including donations by the Berry community from ANZAC Badges and recent Poppy sales have been forwarded to the RSL NSW Veteran Support Funds; this being the 3rd major donation this year

This is an integral part of our RSL core values and objectives to assist Veterans, current serving Australian Defence Force members and their families in times of need – a matter highlighted by the ongoing Royal Commission into Veteran suicide. The sub-Branch extend an open invitation through our camaraderie to vets, current service personnel and families to contact the sub-Branch via BerrySB@rslsw.org.au – we are here waiting to hear from you.

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*Christmas at
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Christmas on the Green:
Sunday 10th December 6-7:30pm
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68a Princess Street, Berry - (Parking off Victoria Street)

Christmas on the Green

St Luke's Anglican is once again hosting its Christmas on the Green, and we'd love to invite you along. It was a wonderful event last year with special performances, a puppet show and best of all, singing carols. While we always sing a couple of modern songs, there is something about the traditional ones that seem to resonate with all who come. In a world that seems to be changing so rapidly, familiar things take on a new importance.

But it's not just the familiarity of the carols that can make them special, but what they are about. Take the final verse of O Come All Ye Faithful - "Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing, O Come let us Adore Him..." Apart for the yea's and thee's, we might also wonder why Jesus is called the Word? This is a quote from the Gospel of John - "The word became flesh and dwelt among us". Jesus is called the Word because he is the one who shows us who God is, and what life is about. The Word from God is this: Jesus brings a message of hope. Jesus is a message of hope.

We'd love you to come along, sing your favourite carols, and hear God's word to us this Christmas.

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| SALT Ministries Supporting those in need 5-19 Birley St. Bomaderry info@salt.org.au or Facebook | 4480 5028 |
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Any Berry Community group who are yet to provide their updated details (after your AGM elections for example) please email them to info@berryalliance.org.au. If you need a form please email us for that. Please ensure that we always receive any updates or changes.

Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee

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Many thanks to all our great speakers throughout the year. Also many thanks to those who have come along and listened and supported our Coffee and Friends group. I think we've all enjoyed meeting old friends and getting to know new ones. We are already planning for next year and looking forward to returning in February 2024.

Thank you to Nancy and the Town Crier team for their help throughout the year. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas. Take time to enjoy and value family and friends.

See you in the New Year!



Berry Community Library

The last Community Library day for 2023 will be Friday 15th December so come along and stock up on your holiday reading. We will reopen on Monday 22nd January 2024. The outside shelves will be stocked regularly and available while the Library is closed so community members can continue to borrow. We've had an amazing year and thanks must go to our great volunteer team who play such a vital part in keeping the Library up and running.

Library Opening Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1-4pm / Tuesday Thursday and Friday 10-1pm - 77 Albert Street, opposite the IGA carpark, behind the Uniting Church. For more information contact Janet on 0425 220 258

SUSTAINABLE BERRY SUMMER 2023

COUNCIL RECYCLING DATES: Yellow bins will be emptied 6 December, then every Wednesday morning from 20 December to 24 January 2024. Bins go out the night prior to collection. Sales receipts are printed on paper with a plastic film and cannot be recycled and must go in the red bin. Other paper that can't go in the yellows bin includes shredded paper and paper towel / serviettes. Only beverage glass can be recycled; mirrors, drinking glasses, cosmetic bottles and plate glass go in the red bin. Plastic tubes such as toothpaste can't be recycled by council.

OTHER RECYCLING: Officeworks will take pens and markers, CDs and DVDs. The Berry Pharmacy will take any unused medication as well as needles and syringes. X-Rays may be recycled by South East Radiology, Nowra. Items that may be recycled at Berry Recycling Centre include aerosol cans, car and household batteries, Christmas lights, power cords, selected textiles, silage wrap, smoke detectors, metal coat hangers, fire extinguishers and USB thumb drives.

TERRACYCLE: Terracycle runs free recycling programs for items like bottle lids, razors, coffee capsules, cosmetic containers, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes etc. Schools, businesses, and households can register to participate. Have a look at the Terracycle website to check out which programs are currently available; some have waitlists. A household or office All-In-One Zero Waste Box (medium size 28 cm x 28 cm x 95 cm) costs \$495, but Terracycle regularly have promotions offering a discount on this price. Our two-person household takes about a year to fill a box, and our office box takes about eighteen months to fill. If you can afford this service, it is a great way to know you are keeping items from landfill, instead sending them to various recycling programs.

REKINDLE ME: In 2022 Wade Cawley's business Rekindle Me saved seventeen tonnes of e-waste from landfill, by either repairing items for reuse, or disassembling items for component recycling. Rekindle Me has a community drop off for electrical items on Saturday 16 December in Kiama on the corner of South Kiama Drive and Saddleback Mountain Road opposite the high school from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. Dates for 2024 are to be announced but will include a regular community drop off location in Berry at the Berry Showgrounds near the Albany Street entrance. Items accepted include televisions and monitors, computers, printers, game consoles, tablets, calculators, irons, radios, coffee machines, steam mops, microwave ovens and sewing machines.

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.

CHRISTMAS: Plastic Christmas trees inevitably end up in landfill. A real tree may be recycled at the Berry Waste Depot with other green waste (for free with a Council voucher). Choosing solar or energy efficient LED Christmas lights means lower electricity use. Encourage your kids to make decorations, a low-cost, personal alternative to mass produced decorations. Setting a budget and choosing quality over quantity for gifts will help avoid overconsumption. And where possible, support our local businesses. Furoshiki (wrapping gifts Japanese-style in fabric), means the gift wrap can be used (such as a tea towel or scarf) or reused; avoid foil embossed papers for gift wrapping as it can't be recycled.

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

We are very pleased to announce that we are now sponsors of the Berry Shoalhaven Heads Junior Rugby League Football Club in the 2024 season.

Under 6 combined team and Under 14 years Girls team

We look forward to bringing reports and updates of all the Magpies games and events throughout the season.

The new rules for junior rugby league have a number of changes including some teams:

Are combined girls and boys, some are single gender

Use the "League Tag" a non contact version of the game where participants grab tags attached with Velcro to a players shorts which indicates they have been "tackled".

Use the "Tackleready" which teaches correct and safe tackle techniques, preparing participants for tackle versions of rugby league. The program aims to provide participants with a systematic introduction to tackling and being tackled, leading to a greater level of enjoyment. TackleReady is based on research, trials and feedback, the results of which found 85 per cent reported increased confidence and 86 per cent increased competence. "It also provides entry-level club coaches with the necessary skills and gives parents peace of mind by highlighting the game's commitment to offering a safe, inclusive environment.



Play Non Competition matches. A staged phase-out of competitive matches for children prior to their teenage years. As it stands in NSW, teams in the under 6s, 7s and 8s do not play for competition points and do not have a finals series.

We are very proud to once again sponsor a team (or 2) in 2024.

We are "Silver Sponsors of each of the above teams. This helps the Club pay for team shirts or jumpers and all the other costs associated with team sports with many participants.

We receive in return:

- Business logo on back of a new set of jerseys
- Business logo on new banner which will be displayed at every home game for the 2024 season and seasons to come.
- Business Logo shared on social media pages, presentation days, social events.
- Sponsors appreciation certificate

We will also encourage regular articles and notices from the club in the Town Crier as well as notices advising of sign on days or weeks, upcoming games and events, calling for sponsorships from the community of Berry. Some other things that you can do at any time is:

If you want to help in another way

Club Fundraisers – Donations to raffle off as prizes for our annual raffle. Your business will be advertised on our social media pages and fundraising promotions.

Club contributions – This will help our local junior club continue to provide a successful club for the children in our area.

Whilst the club have these sponsorship packages, they are open to sponsorship ideas that suit your business.

Please email berrjuniorleague@gmail.com to confirm your sponsorship for the 2024 season now! Due to ordering deadlines, jersey sponsorship will need to be finalised by 20.11.2023.

Taken from the club email to us.

We were enthusiastically welcomed and assisted in our decision by the Club and it was a pleasure to deal with them and a pleasure to assist our local youth.

The club has 16 or more teams in the competition so we thank all the volunteers for their hard work.

Rick Gainford for the Berry Alliance Town Crier

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

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

CD23/1582 – 5-10-2023 – Demolition of Building – 1A North St, Berry

DA23/1839 – 19-10-2023 – Alterations & Additions – Conversion of an Outbuilding to Habitable Rooms –
140B Bryces Rd., Far Meadow

CD23/1634 – 25-10-2023 – 10 Lot Strata Subdivision – Hitchcocks Lane Berry (Corner of Huntingdale Park Rd)

CD23/1639 – 27-10-2023 – Demolition of Shed – 83 Princes St., Berry

DA23/1857 – 27-10-2023 – Demolition of Building; Construction of Single Storey Dwelling – 49 Prince Alfred St., Berry

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:

DA23/1620 – Approved – 25-9-2023 – Swimming Pool, Deck & Retaining Wall – 57 Connors View, Berry

DA23/1650 – Approved – 25-9-2023 – Single Storey Dwelling – 80 Agars Lane, Berry

DA23/1668 – Approved – 25-9-2023 – Split Level Dwelling, Retaining Wall & Swimming Pool – 8 Tressider Cl, Berry

SF 10986 – Approved – 9-10-2023 – Two Lot Boundary Adjustment & Vegetation Clearing for the Purpose of Dwelling Envelope –
61A & 61C Priddles Lane, Wattamolla

DA23/1020 – Approved – 12-10-2023 – Dwelling, Studio, Pool & Tennis Court – Beach Rd, Berry

CD23/1639 – Approved – 26-10-2023 – Demolition of a Shed – 83 Princess St., Berry

DA23/1741 – Approved – 24-10-2023 – Dwelling Alterations & Additions & Attached Shed -321 Kangaroo Valley Rd., Berry Mountain

DA23/3017 – Approved – 7-11-2023 – Proposed new 2 Bedroom tourist cabin – 80 Albany St., 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. Thank you for the feedback we have received on this issue from our readers. We are still working on it.

More updates (between issues of the Town Crier) can be found in the Friends of the Berry Town Crier in the Newsletters

As our next Town Crier is due at the end of January 2024 we suggest that you subscribe to our Friends Newsletter to receive any over that period.

Subscribe to be a Friend by emailing info@berryalliance.org.au with your name, email address and telephone number with your request "Subscribe to Friends Newsletter"
Friends also receive an "E" version of each Town Crier (most often prior to delivery) plus reminders of Deadlines and extended article on some issues.

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



Bush Fire Danger Period and Fire Permits

A Fire Permit is required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period in Rural Fire districts and at all times in Fire and Rescue districts around the state. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community. If you're planning to burn on your property, you need to let us know before you light up.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period. Permits help ensure fire is used safely.
- Getting a permit is free and easy. Contact your local Fire Control Centre or for FRNSW fire permits go to the FRNSW website.
- There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.



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IF YOU'RE USING FIRE, REMEMBER OTHER RULES MAY APPLY INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON BACKYARD BURNING OR LOCAL CONDITIONS. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL.

I wrote earlier in the year saying that there are over 620 children in Nowra being supported by the Smith Family. I explained that the VIEW Club of Berry builds funds to support these children through The Smith Family Learning for Life program.

We would hold with the attitude that "from little things big things grow" and that foundation skills give children hope that will empower them as they strive for a full life - with choices.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the ladies of Berry, and their loved ones, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful 2024.

In the absence of our regular dinner meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, on the 17th January 2024 the members of the VIEW Club will be getting together for a casual dinner, around 7.00pm at the Great Southern Hotel. Ladies, we issue an open invitation to please join us without obligation, for a fun evening.

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit view.org.au or call 1800 805 366.

To sponsor a child through The Smith Family, visit thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622

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

Lorna, Publicity



At our last meeting we heard from Lyn Orburn of the Wisdom Wombat Refuge in Kangaroo Valley, Lyn gave a comprehensive talk on the lives of wombats and how they are cared for and treated for the fox mange, it was very enlightening and gave everyone a better understanding of their habits. We also heard a humorous story by a wedding celebrant about the funny side of a wedding on the harbour in very windy conditions.

The club has had a very busy time with some great outings, we were all especially engrossed in the Phyco Health tour at Huskisson recently, it is amazing what benefits come from seaweed and how it is being studied further for future benefits, lunch after at the Jervis Bay Club was a great way to finish the day. Some members also enjoyed a pottery demonstration with David Collins at Woodhill.

Christmas is nearly upon us so sixty members will be celebrating with a special lunch at the Mercure Resort Gerringong, a lovely way to finish off a year of fun and friendship.

Our club will begin meeting again in the New Year with our first meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 beginning at 9.30 until 12.00 noon.

We meet at the Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry (behind the Men's Shed) for more inquiries please phone our President Joyce Kenny on 4464 1594.

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

Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club has had a strong start to the season with First grade sitting in third position and our stage 2 and stage 1 teams leading both competitions!

Third grade are having a great time with their blend of youthfulness and experience while the stage 3 team are right in the mix in a close competition.

The Milo crickets kids are enjoying the start of their cricketing journeys

on a Wednesday afternoon under the guidance of Glen Brandon and look to be having a great time.

BSHCC is very proud of the players who have been selected to representative teams this season including juniors Leo Fletcher u/12's, Will Fletcher u/14's, Tom Fletcher and Max Carr-McCarron u/18's.

We also had seniors Danny Troy, Tom Fletcher and James Milne selected to the Shoalhaven Men's team while Tom was also selected in NSW No2 CHS team. Congratulations to all.

Already this season has seen some notable performances from our youngest up and coming stars to our seasoned veterans.

William Porter scored 111 in a Stage 2 match recently after already hitting a half century this season. An absolutely amazing effort.

Mal Windley showed he still has some guile left by picking up 11 wickets in third grade including figures of 6/29 in one match.

Other performances worth mentioning include Tom Fletcher scoring 4 half centuries in first grade while James Milne, David Crapp, Danny Troy and Callum Collings all have picked up a half century each.

Callum Crapp and Lachlan Duggan lead the team in wickets with 11 and 9 respectively.

Aaron Coutts-Smith has 3 half centuries in third grade and Leo Fletcher has a half century in stage 2.

Emerson Boatwain is leading the run aggregate for stage one with an impressive 117 amassed so far this season while Mia Redlich is the leading wicket taker with 7. Well done girls!

BSHCC wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season and hopefully the club can continue to put in strong performances in the new year and reach the finals.



BERRY CWA

BERRY CWA CONGRATULATIONS! This month, one of our members, Mrs Judy Rigg, received an In House Life Membership for over 30 years continued service to the Berry Hospital Auxiliary. Judy did voluntary work at the hospital and undertook many jobs from washing sheets & patients to shopping & many of the other patient & hospital requirements. Judy taught & took over the craft group for 10years & has always been a very active member of the auxiliary. Judy is also a stalwart member of the Berry CWA, a quiet achiever working away at craft & helping whenever & however she is able - Judy told

me that she started volunteering for the Red Cross when she was 6 years old! Certainly a lifetime of giving & proving to be a wonderful member of the community. Congratulations Judy, we are proud of you & so happy that you are a member of our branch.

Berry CWA also took part in the Remembrance service at Berry Memorial Park Cenotaph. Pupils from the local school contributed to the service & the bugle was played by a young school girl. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Berry Branch both at Berry & at Shoalhaven Heads.

Our branch hold their meetings the second

Friday of the month at 1pm. The craft group meets every Wednesday at 9am so if you would like to drop in for craft or just a cuppa you would be very welcome. You might even have read a book that you would like to share with our book club, or like to sing with our choir, or, perhaps even be involved with our drama group?

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We wanted to take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your support and commitment in 2023.

Wishing all our clients, tradies & handymen past & future a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It allows us to give back to various community and sporting groups.

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December News Round Up for Berry Riding Club



Wow, this year seems to have passed so quickly. 2023 has provided magnificent weather for just about every event. The events have challenged and enthused riders and they'll be "champing at the bit" to see the events on next year's calendar. There is some talk of new events in the planning so, keep tuned.

Our last **Show Jumping Clear Round Training Day** will be held on **Saturday 9th December**.

It is a really popular event from cross rails to over a metre.

Finally, it will be a wrap for our calendar with the **Christmas Funkhana on 18th December** with fun for everyone. A full program of hacking is planned as well as jumping for all abilities, throughout the day. The highlight of course, besides having a day out riding with friends, is the dressing up in everything Christmas for riders and horses.

Before we know it, it will be 2024 and we start the year with Twilight Jumping. **Each Tuesday & Wednesday throughout January, Twilight Jumping** will take place between 5:00pm & 8:00pm. If you're keen on horses or have a horse mad child, come for a visit. Bring a picnic, a chair and be entertained by beautiful horses in the cool of a summer's evening. It's lots of fun.

We cannot finish 2023 without firstly, thanking all the volunteers who turn up to make the events happen. It is really what makes Berry riding Club so special, good will and generosity, and secondly, sincere thanks to our generous sponsors. Your support of our club is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

On behalf of everyone at Berry Riding Club have a safe and wonderful Christmas.



Zonta Club of Berry is delighted to announce we have been successfully awarded a grant from IMB Bank Community Foundation for our project "We Can Start again" to the value of \$16200. This project will allow us to expand our current work with SAHSSI providing baskets to women who have suffered homelessness and often domestic violence as they transition to more permanent accommodation. A starter basket of domestic goods, basic household appliances as well as school uniforms and backpacks for their children will be supplied with this grant. These baskets are a way for these women to know the community is right behind them, caring for them and supporting them in this difficult transition to a new safe hopeful future. We are grateful to IMB and it is wonderful to be involved with organisations making genuine change in our communities.

The 2023 Zonta Berry Preloved Clothing Sale held at the Berry Markets on Fathers' Day was a resounding success, largely thanks to the magnificent efforts by Zontian Maggie Lanham and former Zontian Mary Seelis. The profit of more than \$5,000 was donated to the Shoalhaven Education Fund, as well as an equal amount from 2023 International Women's Day fundraising. Zonta Club of Berry are proud to announce we have commenced preparations for our International Women's Day Gala Night coming in 2024 to be held, once again at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on 8th March 2024. Last year's inaugural event was a resounding success which superseded all expectations, becoming the sell-out event of the year across the Shoalhaven! The theme for next year's event is 'Cracking the Code' which highlights STEM - Science - Technology - Engineering - Mathematics. To join the Shoalhaven International Women's Day 2024 organising committee, contact Karla Major on 0422 746 374.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, nominating an amazing woman you know, or attending a Zonta dinner meeting please go to the website at <http://www.zontaberry.com.au>, or contact Jacqui Crapp jacqui.crapp@berry.rh.com.au or 0429 104 011



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