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# BERRY ALLIANCE INFORMATION



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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.

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## Council review of the D C P for Berry is underway – have your say in the Town's future.

**Editorial:** There have been some suggestions and discussion in parts of the Berry community on the look of Berry going into the future. All residents of Berry now have an opportunity to advise Council of what it is that you cherish and what you envision for Berry's future.

This is part of the usual process of a planned review of the DCP (Development Control Plan) for Berry. Many in our community have participated in such reviews previously.

Along with other instruments and controls a DCP is one of the important documents that guides and assists future planning and will affect Council's ability as to what can and cannot be built, changed etc. in the area that is covered by that DCP.

Find out from Council what it is, how it works and how to have your say.

From Shoalhaven City Council:

## Help shape future development in Berry

22 December 2023

Council is embarking on an exciting journey to shape the future development of Berry and is calling on the community to share its ideas and views to produce a new Development Control Plan (DCP) for the area.

Input from residents, business operators and visitors will guide the evolution of the new DCP that sets the parameters for the design, appearance and siting of new buildings in the town. Development controls set the rules for new development and provide criteria for Council to assess development proposals.

"Berry is an iconic heritage town where people love to live and has a unique physical characteristic and rural, boutique character that attracts visitors, which underpins its identity and economy," said Director City Futures, Coralie McCarthy.

"We want to know what you cherish about Berry's current charm and what you envision for its future. Your thoughts can influence the planning controls that will define the character of this beloved town," Ms McCarthy said.

The first stage of the community engagement asks for the community's views and ideas about Berry's characteristic values. Council will consider this feedback to guide the next stage of community consultation and future planning documents for Berry.

An online survey is now open and future face-to-face engagement activities are planned for March 2024.

Visit Council's Get Involved webpage to learn more about this work, complete the Online Survey and subscribe to receive updates on the work.

Paper survey forms are also available from Council's offices and the Berry Village Pool. The survey will be **open until 5pm, 16 February 2024.**



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## Update on Stage Sequencing at Boongaree

Council endorsed a report on the sequencing of future stages at Boongaree at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2023 (MIN23.750).

Next steps will include renegotiating with the grant funding body to secure approval for

Stage 5 (Junior Sports Fields) while indefinitely deferring Stage 7 (Senior Sports Fields) until additional funding becomes available.

Upon completion of successful renegotiations, Stage 5 will proceed to tender, marking the commencement of the delivery phase.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information, please visit the Boongaree Get Involved web page.

*Community Engagement Team,  
Shoalhaven City Council*

## Shoalhaven adopts new policy for dogs in public spaces

22 December 2023

**Council has adopted a new Access Areas for Dogs Policy that establishes a responsive framework for managing dog access to public places such as reserves, parks, and beaches.**

Under the policy, Council commits to adaptive management practices tailored to each site to effectively respond to changing conditions in off-leash or dog prohibited areas. These conditions may include shorebird nesting, biodiversity loss, Indigenous heritage, and potential conflicts arising from high usage by the community.

A crucial aspect of shaping this policy has been the extensive feedback received from the 1,362 responses received from community and stakeholders during the public exhibition of the draft policy from 30 April to 12 June.

This feedback played a vital role in refining the policy and ensuring that it resonates with the varied perspectives of both regular dog walkers and those who aren't.

Council will progressively implement a color-coded classification system on dog access area signage. This user-friendly system, inspired by

the familiar traffic light approach (red, orange, green), will clearly communicate the three types of dog access areas in public places. Red signifies dog prohibited areas, orange designates dog on-leash areas, and green marks dog off-leash areas.

During the year, Council will run an education campaign once the new signage is installed, to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy.

**For more information, please visit the Access Areas for Dogs Policy Get Involved web page.**

## Kerbside Bin collection and other options return to normal after the holiday period

**FREE recycling at your local Recycling & Waste Depots**

Waste Depots still do a lot of recycling.

**Electronic Waste (E-Waste)** is any item that runs on a power cord or battery and includes computers, mobile phones, kitchen appliances, power tools and more.

**Polystyrene.** The clean white sheets are what we accept. Please keep polystyrene out of your yellow bin.

**Household batteries** can also be taken to our Waste Depots, plus Officeworks and most supermarkets. Keep batteries out of both your kerbside bins.

**Cardboard** and all yellow bin recyclables can be taken to the Waste Depots for free.

Find out what can be recycled here:

<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/For->

Residents/Recycling-Waste/Recycling-Waste-Depots#section-3

**Depot Hours:** Extended holiday hours ceased on 31 January

**Kerbside recycling:** Your **yellow kerbside recycling bin** is collected fortnightly again from Friday 26 January. **Kerbside collections (red or yellow) are not affected by public holidays.**



## Update on Future Stages at Boongaree

Boongaree was a popular destination for families and young people during the school holidays. February marks the end of another peak season at Boongaree, which has played host to play dates, family gatherings, and other holiday activities this summer.

During this time, we have been working to progress the delivery of future stages at Boongaree. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2023, a decision was made to investigate options for the sequencing of future stages, including junior and senior sports fields.

Ward 1 councillors and council officers met with sporting groups in December 2023 to discuss options for the delivery of future stages.

Next steps include negotiating with the grant funding body to secure approval to deliver Stage 5 (Junior Sports Fields) while indefinitely deferring Stage 7 (Senior Sports Fields) until additional funding becomes available. Stage 5 will proceed to tender upon successful completion of these negotiations.

**For more information visit [getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/boongaree](https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/boongaree)**



## Berry Community Library

The Community Library re-opened on the 22nd January and it's been great to welcome borrowers back for what we hope will be a great New Year. Our outdoor shelves were well used over the Christmas period and will be re-stocked regularly this year for people to borrow when the Library is closed. Many more books were donated over the holiday period and we have been working hard to get them onto the shelves ready to borrow.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

### Library Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday 1pm-4pm  
Tuesday Thursday and Friday 10am-1pm  
77 Albert Street, opposite the IGA carpark.  
For more information contact Janet on 0425 220 258.



Coffee and Friends is set to start up again on the 4th Wednesday in February (28/2). Our aim is to provide a space and time for community members to relax and catch up with old friends or meet new friends, enjoy a delicious morning tea and listen to interesting speakers. Everyone is welcome on Wednesday 28th February at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert Street.

**The Third Wednesday Book Group** will also be starting in February on Wednesday 21st at 4pm. It is a friendly, relaxed group and instead of concentrating on a book a month, we have a monthly theme and each person can choose their own book to read based on the theme. If you are interested in joining, just let me know. (Janet 0425 220 258)



# Berry Community Group Leaders Get Together

The regular Berry Alliance and Town Crier Community Group Leaders Get Together was held in late November and was well attended.

These events provide an opportunity for our local community groups to have a couple of people from their leadership team to meet other groups and network.

The Alliance give an introduction and outline what we do and can do for the registered Community Groups. Things such as an up to date listing in the Town Crier each edition, free space for the group to publicise and advise the community what they are doing, how they can help and their events and fundraising efforts. We also outlined our costs to provide the Town Crier free to our community as well as how we raise these costs through selling advertising space. Plus some of our Sponsorships and support to other charities and Scholarships. Such as – Berry Public School annual scholarships, scholarships for the Shoalhaven Education Fund, sponsorship of a number of charities and groups (Pink Up Berry, Paradise Farm, SALT Ministries, Berry Farmers Market, Open Field Art Festival, Berry / Shoalhaven Heads Magpies for example).

The leaders were also advised of the best way to utilise the Town Crier and the space(s) that we can provide everyone as well as the listing of each registered group so our community can find you.

A lot of those attending on the night were the ones responsible for submitting articles and have been in contact with our Editor, Nancy Davies. Nancy was there and a number of people were able to put a face to the name

and the friendly helpful Editor. Nancy was appointed to the position of Editor 10 years ago. We are fortunate to have Nancy work with us and our Management Committee showed their appreciation to her. It was lovely to see the number of volunteers join in with the congratulations and celebration. Thank you Nancy!

Each Community group were given the opportunity to outline what they do and how they help our community. Also, to ask for assistance where needed and to offer assistance where it is needed.

We heard some wonderful stories and aims from a wonderful bunch of people representing their groups.

This is what community is about. Understanding assists respect for others and working together makes us, as a community, stronger.

Following a discussion on this event at our recent Management Committee meeting we decided that we would hold this event twice a year in future and vary the day so that we can bring in even more of our registered Community Groups. We are looking at Spring and Autumn.

**Please help us to keep details up to date** by sending in a renewal / update registration when someone or something changes so we can put it in the Town Crier.

To get a form sent out please email [info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto:info@berryalliance.org.au)



**Come and join us**  
**Sundays at 9.30**  
**in person or on Zoom**

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## BERRY COURTHOUSE

The last few years have been difficult for our Conservation Committee. Covid19, lockdowns, economic downturn have all meant a reduced income for many.

It has affected us as well.

Our weddings were nearly all unable to go ahead (refunds in full – no income)

Fewer weddings booked (reduced income)

Whilst at the same time we still have the usual, and unusual, costs to ensure the best maintenance of this National Trust listed building.

Gardening, patching damp areas, painting, small repairs, garden maintenance and repairs (water pipe burst, toilet cisterns repaired, light fittings required replacing).

The costs don't stop, and they have increased substantially.

Not complaining, just explaining.

We are slowly building our income again and will soon reach our maximum number of events to be held outside. (Outside events are limited because of our strong policy of not causing inconvenience, especially noise, to our neighbours).

Meetings, small events, meetings, lectures, shows, and presentations are also an important source of income.

We offer a discount hiring fee to local community members and groups.

So, if you are looking for a space (air conditioned, historic and attractive hall, beautiful gardens) check out our website and prices (bookings) and send us a message via the form and we may well be able to assist you.

**Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**



Private Garden and Fountain, Wedding front steps 2023, Community Group Leaders Meeting 2022.



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Zonta Berry is the local chapter of the international human rights organisation Zonta which advocates for women's equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

Zonta Berry will not be holding their International Women's Day Awards dinner this year but we will be back in 2025 with our popular event. This year we will be holding an **International Women's Day Afternoon Tea at Lulu restaurant at The Lodge, Jamberoo on Sunday 10th March** from 3pm-5pm.

Limited tickets will be available for \$45 for the public which include a donation to our many Zonta causes including the Birthing Kit project. Zonta Berry assemble these low cost birthing kits and send hundreds of them overseas annually. An estimated 385 000 women die every year in childbirth around the world, often from preventable infections and these kits have saved numerous lives of mothers and children. Our speaker for the event will be Associate Professor Fiona Mackie, children's kidney transplant specialist doctor and Zonta member. Please come and join us for an afternoon tea celebrating the achievements of women. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://www.trybooking.com/COOKZ> or via the QR code below.

Zonta Berry continues to provide breast cushions for people who have had surgery for breast cancer. In 2024 a sustainability initiative will be to provide these breast cushions in fabric bags instead of cellophane. If anyone has new fabric in either cotton or polycotton (library bag size), cord or ribbon they would be willing to donate please drop it off at the office of Raine and Horne, Queen St Berry made out to the attention of Bonnie. Because these will be used for people after surgery we can only accept new fabric.



**Zonta Berry is always looking to welcome new members to our group of women.**

Dinner meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month in Berry.

If you are interested in either joining or just trying out a dinner meeting please contact Barbara Davis, Zonta Berry President on 0402 394 211.

## On Your Side.

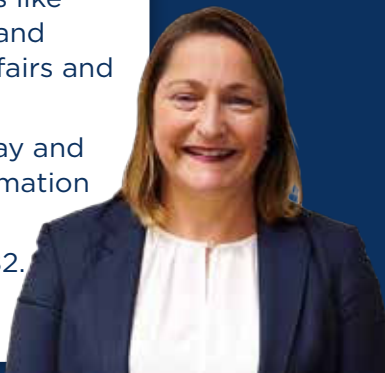
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*Fiona Phillips*



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# PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

## SATISFACTION OF GROWING PLANTS FROM SEEDS

*Thank you* TO OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR OF SEEDLINGS

**Late last year a donation of seedlings that were neatly wrapped in damp paper towel, and ready for potting up, was left outside the nursery door. There was no note to identify the donor, the plant species or from what location.**

The seedlings are growing well and it is becoming easier to identify the plant species as they develop, (there are a few possibilities). We would very much like to know who the donor is and where the seedlings were collected from. If you would like to visit the nursery on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon or leave that information, we would very much appreciate it.

The provenance of the plants is important for us to know.

Summer has given us an abundance of fruits and seeds which the volunteers have sown.

Some of the seeds are predictably quick to germinate, at all at once, while others can take 6 or more months, with germination

continuing over a period of several months or even years!

The appearance of the shoots of the 'slow starters' provides volunteers with a lot of satisfaction. There is something very special about seeing a 'recalcitrant' seed burst into life above the soil. Once the seedlings germinate, they can be slow to grow, but they are long living 'stayers'.

Usually these plants are less known by gardeners, but they are well worth the wait.

Pictured Left:

*White beech seedlings are slow to germinate*

Pictured Right:

*Native hydrangea seedlings are also slow to germinate*



NURSERY HOURS ARE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 3.30-4.30

Please note our new email address [berryplantprop@gmail.com](mailto:berryplantprop@gmail.com)



## Trad and Smut – back together

By Will Armitage

Trad and Smut grew up together in South America. They kept each other in check. Trad left Smut and came to Australia. In Smut's absence, Trad grew to be a bully and liked to dominate. It took CSIRO to realise Trad needed Smut, and to bring them back together.

Not a soapy, but a biocontrol story, one in which Berry Landcare recently played a small part.

Wandering Jew, or 'Trad,' *Tradescantia fluminensis*, is a familiar weed of our shady and moist places. Indigenous to Brazil, it probably came to Australia as a garden plant. A leaf-smut fungus *Koryana brasiliensis*, which effects Trad in Brazil was tested by CSIRO and found to be species-specific, with negligible risk to Australian plants.

From mid-2020 the fungus was introduced into NSW. More than 11,000 infected stems were distributed across 425 locations along the eastern seaboard. One of these was

the Berry Landcare site at Broughton Vale Common, which was monitored over the following three years. In a talk to our AGM last November, Dr Ben Gooden, CSIRO senior research scientist and coordinator of the NSW release, presented the results of the program. At Broughton Vale, after six months the fungus had spread into untreated areas and at 18 months disease incidence had peaked at 87-99%. After 2.5 years Trad had declined from 85-95% to around 35% and native species cover increased by 5-10%.

Across NSW disease severity was greatest and faster in the north where higher humidity and temperatures favoured the pathogen. On the South Coast, being relatively cool and dry, disease severity was lower and slower.

Now that Trad and Smut are back together, hopefully Smut will have a moderating impact on Trad's excesses into the future. Contact Berry Landcare on how you can use smut-fungus to manage Trad.



# The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

## Proposed 40% Increase in Rates

Comments on Councils Proposal

- The proposed insignificant efficiency target of just \$3m savings (1.2% of costs) over four years leaves ratepayers with the bill to fix the financial mess.
- Asking community members to choose which services should be reduced “to address financial sustainability” is an abdication of management’s responsibility.
- Proposing two equally unacceptable rate increase options of 40% or 44% over three years is not perceived as a viable choice or a realistic approach by the community.

## Forum Committee Recommendations

- Given Council’s annual staff attrition rate of 15%, a hiring freeze is essential, with justification for filling any vacant position to be critically assessed.
- A rigorous assessment of where Council allocates its spending is required, with pre-ventative maintenance on roads prioritised.
- The paucity of financial acumen identified by AEC, in contrast to the former CEO’s claimed “best practice financial management practices” must be acknowledged and addressed.
- The appalling state of Council’s asset management systems must be addressed.
- An increase in rates will be required, but it should be a reasonable amount aimed at maintaining financial viability whilst the above recommendations are implemented.

## Berry Hotel Redevelopment

The Forum has been informed that the Feros Group lodged an appeal at the Land & Environment Court (LEC) for its development proposal just before Xmas, based on a deemed refusal due to Council exceeding the 40-day response period.

On 1 November, at the Forum Information Meeting, David Stubbs for the Feros Group responded to residents’ requests for the developer to improve the design by stating the project is in the early phase of design and he is willing to engage with the community.

By going directly to the LEC, Feros would bypass assessments by Council and the Regional Review Panel. The LEC will be the determining authority and the Forum Committee believes this action by Feros constitutes a betrayal of community trust.

Residents who made submissions will have the opportunity to make representations /address the Court at either the conciliation conference and / or the Hearing. Details will be made available in due course.

## Proposed Development Control Plan for Berry

Council has launched a community survey as the first stage of community engagement activity. It provides residents with an opportunity to share what they value about Berry and their ideas about how to manage the contribution that development makes to its character.

Development controls provide criteria for Council to assess development applications. Input from residents and businesses will guide the evolution of the new DCP that sets the parameters for the design, appearance and siting of new buildings in town.

The survey can be found on Council’s Get Involved webpage and need to be completed by 16 February.



## SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

Here we are heading at full speed into 2024, looking forward to all that the New Year promises.

It is now a few weeks since we were celebrating ‘Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all’ but we do not need to think that the reason Jesus came and the amazing gift of Freedom that He brought for us are not still something to celebrate through the whole year ahead.

At South Coast Life Church, we look forward to sharing God’s Love with the Berry and South Coast Community through every opportunity that presents itself.

At the end of last year, we bid farewell to our friends Joel and Erica Noonan, and their family, who have been such a great blessing as our Lead Pastors for the last 8 years. We will miss them greatly, but God is faithful and has provided us with just the right person to fill this role as we move forward into 2024.

**We will be welcoming  
Rev. Josh Duncan,  
with his wife  
Deanna and their  
three children to  
be our Lead Pastor  
at the beginning  
of February.**



Josh has had a very productive ministry in the Greater Western Sydney area, and he shares the commitment that our church has for serving the local community and he is eager to apply his experience as we commence planning for the ministry outreach of the church in the year ahead.

The induction service to welcome Josh and his family will be held on Sunday February 4th at S.C.L.C. 8 Schofields Lane, at 10 am. and there will be a light lunch afterwards. Everyone is invited to join us for this celebration.

The regular activities of South Coast Life Church will be swinging back into action from February. These include Berry Kids, Youth Group, Berry Kids Club, Let’s Play, Mission Morning Tea and a range of Connect Groups. Details of activities can be found on our website [www.southcoastlife.org](http://www.southcoastlife.org) and we will be delighted to answer any questions you may have. Happy New Year to all!



## SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

Bringing **life through Jesus** to the south coast and beyond

8 Schofields Lane, Berry

Sunday Services

10am & 5pm

Everyone is welcome!

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southcoastlife.org





## ANOTHER SUPREME ADVENTURE SAIL ... CLIMB ... FLY ... TREK All for ShelterBox



Following his Everest and Loboche Peak expeditions in 2022 and 2023 for Polio eradication, Berry Rotarian Ken Hutt is planning another supreme adventure to support Rotary's efforts to assist families and communities across the world at their worst time ... having lost everything as a result of natural disaster or as a casualty of war, as currently seen in Ukraine and Gaza.

### SAIL:

Setting sail before the end of January 2024 in his 50' sloop Marnie, Ken will leave Port Hacking, Sydney for a solo circum-navigation of Tasmania.



### CLIMB:

On the way, making a stopover in the Southwest Wilderness Area of Tasmania - at Bathurst Harbour, in order to climb the summit of Mount Rugby (773 metres above sea level), being situated on the shores of the harbour.



### FLY:

From the summit of Mount Rugby, launch a paraglider and soar back to the anchored yacht.

Then, continue navigating the west coast of Tasmania passing King Island before sailing back across the Strait towards home.



### TREK:

Once home, Ken will prepare for one of the world's great treks, the Kokoda Trail, leading a group of Rotarians and friends in April 2024, who together, will be raising funds & awareness for ShelterBox.



### WHAT IS SHELTERBOX:

Shelterbox, a charity of Rotary International, provides emergency shelter and tools for families, following disasters and transforms despair into hope. It provides a place to feel safe after a time of fear.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Each trekker on the Kokoda Trek has a target of \$3500 to raise for ShelterBox. Every donation to Ken's Sail, Climb and Fly Adventure will be distributed to the trekkers to help them reach their target. 100% of funds donated will go to the Shelterbox appeal. Even the smallest donation helps.

**We would really appreciate your donation:-**

Direct transfer to Rotary Club of Berry  
NAB - BSB 082 435 Account No. 358187017

Or direct to the Kokoda challenge page  
<https://shelterbox-kokoda-2024.raisely.com/ken-hutt>







## BERRY MEN'S SHED

### JOE TAKES OUT SHED ANNUAL TARDIS AWARD

Last years winner of the converted Annual Tardis award was won by long-time member Joe Gallop. Joe has been a member of the Shed since 2008 and has worked in the woodwork section making cabinets and a variety of other wood items. More recently he has worked in the metal working room, sharpening customers' knives and assorted tools. The Tardis trophy origin goes back to 2008 when we were approached by a member of the local community to build a Tardis to the exact measurements of the one featured in Dr Who. The Tardis was to be used as a change room around the customer's swimming pool.

Members of the Shed have returned after the Christmas break and are working on items for the Berry Show. The Shed has been sponsoring the Woodwork section for many years. Our annual sale in December was once again very successful and some of the proceeds from the sale will go towards our Scholarships programme we have with Bomaderry, Shoalhaven, and Nowra High Schools along with Shoalhaven Education Fund. The prize



money awarded to each student is to assist them in the further education goals. A reminder that our "fix it free day" is held on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Richard Wiseman, Publicity Officer**

*Pictured:  
Joe Gallop with Shed President Steve Ford*



#### DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2024.

Our December Street Stall was a great success, with a wide array of items for sale, especially the delicious Xmas cakes cooked by Marilyn and Trish. Many thanks to all who cooked, sewed and contributed to this event, and thank you to all who purchased items. Our next street stall will be the Easter knitted chickens with eggs, in March, as Easter is early this year. The chickens always prove popular with young and old alike.

**Following our March auxiliary meeting, the Voice of David Berry committee will be meeting again with Margot Mains, CEO of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. These meetings are vitally important for our community, as we continue our wish to keep the David Berry Hospital site as an ongoing health facility.**

**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**



## BERRY PROBUS

**With many interesting guest speakers already organised for the coming year it looks like some very thought-provoking meetings ahead, there is always something interesting to learn about at every meeting.**

Members are also looking forward to our first outing in March at the homestead of Arthur Boyd and the Bundanon Art Museum with its new architect designed gallery and café. Along with the theatre events already booked, the year is already looking exciting. If you are new to this wonderful area of our country, the Berry Probus club is a great club to join and meet likeminded people, they are the members of our community who have retired and want to mix socially and enjoy their retirement.

Interesting outings are arranged throughout the year as well as special lunch functions and the usual lunch get together for members

**Berry Probus Club members are looking forward to another year of fun and friendship. We will be starting this year with a club Barbeque which is always enjoyed by members catching up after the holidays.**

who want to join in, usually held at the historic Berry hotel after the monthly meetings. If you would like to come along and join some friends, you may not have met before please ring our President, Joyce Kenny on 4464 1594.

**OUR MEETING VENUE IS THE UNITING CHURCH HALL, ALBERT STREET (BEHIND THE MEN'S SHED) AT 9.30AM, WITH THE MEETING FINISHING AT 12.00 NOON.**



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# Sustainable BERRY



**Back at the start of 2020 this column asked the question, “If not now, when?”. It suggested the possibility that the Berry community and businesses could lead the way as a community against single-use, take away coffee cups. That column was written in what now feels like simpler times, prior to the start of the Covid pandemic, lockdowns, and the subsequent increase in take away food and coffee.**

**Since the publication of that column, presuming that between them the various cafes and allied businesses in town that make coffee (that number hovers around fifteen) made fifteen take away cups of coffee each per day, in the past four years the total of single-use cups would be 82,125. That figure is likely an underestimation. Add to that total the single use plastic cups for cold drinks and our town could be consuming over 25,000 single use cups and 25,000 lids annually, the majority of which are ending up in landfill.**

In 2014 the Berry Alliance purchased five hundred KeepCups (reusable coffee cups) to donate to residents, to help make changing to a more sustainable habit a bit easier. One complaint we heard from people about a reusable cup is that they need to be washed out before reuse. Just as there were complaints about single use shopping bags being phased out, “But I always forget to bring a bag” using/washing/reusing a KeepCup or the like is a simple new habit to make.

If you’re a coffee drinker that regularly buys coffee in a single-use, take away cup we would encourage you to consider buying a reusable cup. Even if you’re not able to use it every single time, you’re making

positive change every time you do. If you’re a business owner, consider buying reusable cups for your employees. A stylish reusable cup is also a practical gift for a coffee-loving family member or friend.

Moving onto another convenience drink; bottled water. In January of this year the National Academy of Sciences in the US published a research article on the presence of nanoplastics in a range of bottled waters. The study by researchers from Columbia and Rutgers Universities quantified the number of plastic fragments per litre as being around 240,000; made up of approximately 24,000 microplastic particles and 216,000 nanoplastics. Microplastics measure between 5 millimeters and 1 micrometer; with nanoplastics measuring less than 1 micrometer. A previous study in 2018 detected an average of 325 pieces of microplastics in a litre of bottled water; the researchers of the 2023 study developed a powerful optical imaging technique, a form of spectroscopy involving lasers, to make a more accurate study.

There is nothing to suggest that the results of that US study are any different from bottled water brands in Australia. Micro- and nanoplastics are becoming ubiquitous in our food chains and our bodies. Nanoplastics

can pass through cell walls. Very little is known about the effect of these particles in the body and further research needs to be undertaken. Regardless, avoiding bottled water is a sensible choice. Using a stainless-steel reusable bottle and tap water is a cheaper, more sustainable, and likely healthier option.



## PINK UP BERRY

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BERRY TOWN CRIER



**TOGETHER WE CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**BEST WISHES FOR 2024 AND HOPE THAT WE HAVE  
ANOTHER YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING - FUN AND COMPANIONSHIP**

Since the McGrath foundation was formed in 2005, they have supported over 127,000 families by providing a specialised Breast care nurse to support them while experiencing Breast Cancer free of charge all over Australia.

The Pink Cricket test that was held in Sydney in January was a huge success and 322,000 virtual seats were sold and an amazing amount of 6.44 million dollars was raised. After the test Glenn McGrath was very proud to announce that due to this incredible support that the Foundation will be able to reach its goal of having 250 Specialised Breast Care Nurses so that no one will miss out on care.

Our community should be very proud of the support given to Pink Up Berry and know that we have made a difference to those experiencing Breast Cancer.

A few years ago, an anonymous person gifted a large amount of costume jewellery to us which Selana from Claringbolds Jewellery has very kindly been selling for us free of charge and has sold \$930 worth so far and there are still more pieces left- We are very grateful.

The Berry Chocolatier have decided to keep their McGrath Foundation collection box on display all year and in the past month have collected close to \$300 in donations-Thank you very much. If any other businesses would

also like to display a collection box please contact Deb who will drop one to you.

A special Thanks to Sandy Bramley for giving us some space in the Berry Barnlet so that we can sell our home-made James & Condiments all year round- The Barnlet is open Thursday to Sunday so call in and purchase some yummy home made products.

Even though October is our busy month with all our activities there is a bit of Pink Fundraising happening all year.

If you would like to become a volunteer or would like any information please contact us by email at [pinkupberry@gmail.com.au](mailto:pinkupberry@gmail.com.au) or phone Deb on 0428 005 910.

# The 136<sup>th</sup> Berry Show

**FRIDAY  
PROGRAM**  
2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024



## SHOWJUMPING AND HORSE CLASSES

FROM 8.30am-5.30pm  
IN THE MAIN MCGOLDRICK ARENA



FROM 8.30am

## DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

ON THE CATTLE  
LAWN (SEE MAP  
IN PROGRAM)



FROM 10am

## POULTRY JUDGING

RARE BREEDS AND KIDS ACTIVITIES IN THE  
BELLE PROPERTY POULTRY PAVILION

## PAVILION

FROM 10am-7pm

IN WOODCHOP ARENA...

FROM 4.15pm

ANTHONY BENNETT  
MEMORIAL

## CHILDREN'S PET SHOW

& FROM 5pm

## WOODCHOPPING

UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR 2024!



## MCGOLDRICK MAIN ARENA

FROM 5.30pm

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT!

5.30pm-6pm AND 7pm-7.30pm

## LACHIE COSSOR'S OUTBACK STOCKMANS SHOW



## BERRY BUCK OFF

(MECHANICAL BULL RIDE)

NEW  
FOR  
2024

HEATS 6pm- 7pm

FINAL 7.30pm- 8pm



## RODEO

8pm-9.30pm

OPEN SADDLE BRONC,  
OPEN BULL RIDE  
AND OPEN STEER



OUTSIDE THE MAIN ARENA

FROM 10am

ANIMAL NURSERY AND REPTILE ENCOUNTERS

TRADE EXHIBITS AND FOOD TRUCKS

DEMONSTRATIONS - COW MILKING,

HAWKESBURY WORKING SHEEP DOGS,

BAA RAM EWE SHEEP SHEARING

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

SHOW BAGS AND SIDESHOW ALLEY

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OPPOSITE  
THE PAVILION

**"The Greatest Show in Town"**

**BERRYSHOW.ORG.AU**

**JOIN US AT BERRY SHOWGROUND 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**



# The 136<sup>th</sup> Berry Show



## SHOWJUMPING AND HORSE CLASSES

FROM 8.30am

## POULTRY PAVILION

JUDGING FROM 8.30AM

AND KIDS ACTIVITIES

8.30am-4pm



## BEEF CATTLE JUDGING

FROM 9am ON THE CATTLE LAWN

9am - 7pm

## PAVILION



FROM 10am

## ANGORA GOAT JUDGING

FROM 10am

## WOODCHOPPING

UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR 2024!



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## SATURDAY PROGRAM

3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

## MCGOLDRICK MAIN ARENA

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

3pm LACHIE COSSOR'S OUTBACK STOCKMAN  
SHOW - NEW FOR 2024

3.30pm RON MCKINNON'S BULLOCKS  
AND MARLIE DRAUGHT HORSE DISPLAY

4.45pm DOG HIGH JUMP - BACK FOR 2024

5.15pm LITTLE DOG LIMBO - NEW FOR 2024

5.30pm HAY STACKING

6pm BEAUT UTE COMPETITION

6.20pm AIRTIME FMX BIKES

6.45pm LACHIE COSSOR'S OUTBACK STOCKMAN

7.15pm BERRY SHOW YOUNG WOMAN COMP...

8pm YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE

8.30pm LACHIE COSSOR'S OUTBACK STOCKMAN

9pm AIRTIME FMX BIKES

9.30pm FIREWORKS FROM MR BOOM BOOM

# Community Groups

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

<b>Berry Alliance Inc.</b> PO Box 202 Berry info@berryalliance.org.au www.facebook.com/berrytowncrier	0449 569 059
<b>Berry Town Crier</b> PO Box 202 Berry towncrier@berryalliance.org.au towncrier@berryalliance.org.au	0428 037 572
<b>Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch</b> PO Box 325 Berry secreatrybshalp@gmail.com	4464 2446
<b>Australian Red Cross Berry Branch</b> kate@sommer.net.au	0418 604 004
<b>Berry Community Activities Centre (BCAC)</b> valhaz@bigpond.com www.facebook.com comberymarkets	4464 2500
<b>Berry Community Library</b> At Berry Uniting Church berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com	0425 220 258
<b>Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee</b> PO Box 218 Berry 2535 functions@berrycourthouse.org.au www.berrycourthouse.org.au www.facebook.com/ berrycourthouse	0458 369266
<b>Berry &amp; District Historical Society</b> www.berryhistory.org.au berrymuseum@bigpond.com	0413 893 508
<b>Berry Evening VIEW Club</b> janchambers49@hotmail.com	0490 054 574
<b>Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary</b> icbsle@bigpond.com	0411 120 034
<b>Berry Meals on Wheels</b> alisonmack@hotmail.com www.northshoalhavenmeals.org.au	0418 422 088
<b>Berry Men's Shed</b> berrymensshed@telstra.com	0448 712 131
<b>Berry Probus Club</b> berryprobust@gmail.com	4464 1868
<b>Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Brigade</b> broughtonvalerfs@gmail.com	0414 897 227
<b>Country Women's Association Berry Branch</b> 76 Victoria St., Berry berrycwassecretary@gmail.com	0417423 018
<b>David Berry Hospital Auxiliary</b> ibscile@bigpond.com Irene Birks	0411 120 034
<b>Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group</b> PO Box 325 Berry 2535 rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com	4464 2446
<b>Masonic Lodge Broughton 131</b> Agricultural Hall, Berry Showgrounds kevinwant@gmail.com	0401 395 401
<b>Red Cross</b> kate@sommer.net.au	0418 604 004
<b>Rotary Club of Berry</b> berryyrotary@gmail.com www.berryrotary.org.au	0409 318 171
<b>Slow Food Berry Berry2JB</b> info@slowfoodberry2jb.com.au www.slowfoodberry2jb.com.au	0416 018 977

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS - CONTINUED...

<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> Vinnies Shop 1117B Queen St. Berry	HELPLINE 4421 0390 4464 3940
<b>Voice of David Berry Hospital</b> margaret.walsh21@bigpond.com www.voiceofdavidberryhospital.org	0415 887 308
<b>Zonta Club of Berry Inc.</b> berry@zontadistrict24.org zontaberry.com.au Facebook – Zonta Berry	0402 394 211
<b>ARTS</b>	
<b>ADFAS</b> (Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society) www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven richardcwiseman@hotmail.com	4464 2619
<b>Berry Silver Band</b> Kaye – kayecj@westnet.com.au Meet at Masonic Hall	0490 037 619
<b>Berry Spinners &amp; Weavers</b> berryspinnersandweavers@gmail.com Meetings: Berry School of Arts on Wednesdays 6-9pm, & Thursdays 9.30-12.30.	0411 040 976
<b>Knit With Love</b> St. Lukes Church Hall – 68A Princess St. Berry Lyn Oades – terryandlyn@gmail.com	0404 562 772
<b>OpenField Arts Festival</b> PO Box 5, Berry 2535 www.openfield.org.au info@openfield.org.au	0439 750 029
<b>Red Berry Quilters</b> redberrysec@gmail.com www.facebook.com/redberriesquiltinggroup	0432 603 484
<b>CHURCHES</b>	
<b>Berry Uniting Church</b> berryuniting@gmail.com 71 Albert St., Berry	0466 717 254
<b>Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry</b> Rev. Isaac Jung colin@daydesign.com.au www.berrypresbyterianchurch.net.au	4464 1903
<b>South Coast Life Church</b> erica@southcoastlife.org Erica Noonan, Lead Pastor www.southcoastlife.org F: South Coast Life Church	0402 699 732
<b>St. Luke's Anglican Church</b> 87 Victoria Street Berry www.berryanglican.org office@berryanglican.org	4464 1058
<b>St. Patrick's Catholic Church Berry</b> nowra@dow.org.au PO Box 304 Berry www.nowraparish.org.au	4423 1712
<b>EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS</b>	
<b>Berry Computers for Seniors</b> Uniting Church Hall, 77 Albert St, Berry berrycfs@gmail.com	0414 982 010
<b>Berry Community Pre-school</b> bigpond.com www.berrypreschool.org.au	4464 1764
<b>South Coast Life Church –</b> Let's Play (Playgroup) Sharayah Lardner 04073 791 886 sharayah@southcoastlife.org www.southcoastlife.org/lets-play	

## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS - CONTINUED...

<b>South Coast Kid's Club</b> Sharayah Lardner 04073 791 886 sharayah@southcoastlife.org www.southcoastlife.org/kids-club	
<b>Berry Youth Group</b> kateweakley74@gmail.com www.southcoastlife.org/berry-youth.html	Kate Weakley 0403 915 728
<b>GARDENING &amp; LANDCARE</b>	
<b>Berry Landcare</b> www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare/ www.facebook.com/Southerners2535/	0427 255 417
<b>Berry &amp; District Garden Club</b> secretary@berrygardens.org.au www.berrygardens.org.au	0411 477 997
<b>Berry Public School Plant Propagation</b> berryplantprop@outlook.com https://www.facebook.com/ BerryPlantProp Natural Studies and Plant Propagation Centre BPS	4464 3911
<b>RECREATION</b>	
<b>Berry Bridge Club Inc.</b> ceciliemlewis@gmail.com www.bridgewebs.com/berry	0417 207 130
<b>SPORT</b>	
<b>Berry Men's Bowling Club</b> draym@bigpond.com	4464 2995
<b>Berry Riding Club</b> jasiy@bigpond.net.au www.berryridingclub.com	0410 506 143
<b>Berry Tennis Club</b> PO Box 133 Berry NSW 2535 berrytennis@hotmail.com	
<b>SPONSORED</b>	
<b>A Taste of Paradise</b> admin@atasteofparadise.org.au www.atasteofparadise.org.au	0490 060 251
<b>Berry Community Library</b> 77 Albert St (Berry Uniting Church Hall) berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com	0425 220 258
<b>Berry Farmers Market</b> Berry Showgrounds, Thu 2pm – 5pm www.berryfarmersmarket.com.au and Facebook	0431 823 078
<b>Bundanon Trust</b> www.bundanon.com.au	4422 2100
<b>Pink Up Berry</b> Raises Money for the McGrath Foundation pinkupberry@gmail.com	0428 005 910
<b>SALT Ministries</b> Supporting those in need 5-19 Birley St. Bomaderry info@salt.org.au or Facebook	4480 5028
<b>Shoalhaven Education Fund</b> chair@sef.org.au www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven	0414 379 059
<b>Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving Club</b> secretary@headssurf.com.au	

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

# EMERGENCY 000

Police Assistance Line (Non-Urgent Police Reports) 131 444  
Berry Police 4464 2175  
Fire & Rescue NSW 02 4478 4924

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

# Calendar

MENS SHED'S "FIX IT FREE DAY" is held on the second Tuesday of each month

BERRY MARKETS FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ Berry Showground 8:30am – 2:30pm

BERRY COMMUNITY LIBRARY Open Mon and Wed 1-4pm / Tues, Thurs & Fri 10-1pm Located at 77 Albert Street behind the Uniting Church opposite IGA Carpark

CWA CRAFT GROUP Wednesday mornings in the CWA rooms at 9am

PROBUS Meets every second Tuesday of the month



## 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/](http://local.berry.org.au/berrycare/) for updated news, as well as facebook groups Berry Town Crier, Berry Community Facebook Group, and Berry Community Noticeboard.

## BERRY TOWN CRIER ADVERTISING RATES

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS AND KEEPING BERRY INFORMED



### Display ads

#### 1 Column

Single rate = \$110 or  
Repeat rate = \$297 (\$99 x 3 issues)  
Dimensions: 10cm high x 6cm wide

#### 2 Column

Single rate = \$143 or  
Repeat rate = \$363 (\$121 x 3 issues)  
Dimensions: 10cm high x 12cm wide

#### 3 Column

Single rate = \$176 or  
Repeat rate = \$495 (\$165 x 3 issues)  
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#### Full Page

Single rate = \$363 or  
Repeat rate = \$900 (\$300 x 3 issues)  
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### Trades & services

1 issue = \$60  
6 issues = \$252 (\$42 each issue)  
12 issues = \$432 (\$36 each issue)  
Dimensions are 6cm wide x 5cm high

\*One box, no changes, one invoice paid up front.

### Full length column advertorials

Advertorial can be used for local business owners and/or community groups not registered with the Berry Alliance to promote their fundraising event. Advertorials must be of interest to the Berry community in the opinion of the Editor and Board, not just an advertisement. This could be information on a new business or a special event or similar.

1 full column = \$195 (max 400 words, less words when a logo or photo is used)

2 full columns = \$265 (max 800 words, less words when a logo or photo is used)

### Why advertise in the Berry Town Crier?

The Town Crier is a community newspaper produced monthly by the Berry Alliance. Our current circulation is 2400 copies. The Town Crier is distributed around Berry and its outer lying areas. Additional copies are given to shops, cafes, hairdressing salons, doctors and restaurants within the township to alert tourists as to what's happening in Berry. The Berry Alliance would like to thank advertisers for their support. It is only through advertising fees, subscriptions and sponsorships that our community paper can continue to provide such communication. The Town Crier is not funded from any other source. We receive no grants or public funding.



# DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS CHANGES

Here is a list of the most recent Shoalhaven City Council Development Applications since the list was produced in the last Berry Town Crier (December edition).

The information on how you can see details and follow these applications, to make submissions and to follow an application 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.

**CHANGES** – You will note that we are no longer listing Determinations unless it is a significant application and in particular if a DA is Rejected. If a community members has an interest in any DA then all details are provided on the Council Web Site:

Go to: <http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx> Development Application Tracking. Also, you may note that there are an increased range of DA, PCD, MA titles to their number. These will be explained in future Town Criers but MA stands for Modification Application which is an application

to Modify an existing approved application or a condition on that Approval. This can happen under a number of circumstances and those are sometimes listed in the summary we provide.

NB – Where the letters "CD" used to appear in a number or next to a number for a DA this means it is being treated as a "Complying Development" (NOW KNOWN AS PCD replacing CD. Private Complying Development) and has been submitted and approved by a private Assessor.

This is a rule that the State Government brought in some years ago 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 often hear nothing about these Applications until they have been determined by the private assessors.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

DA2023/1859	– 30/10/2023	– Swimming Pool & Deck – 97 Toolijooa Rd, Berry
DA2023/3004	– 1/11/2023	– Swimming Pool, Cabana & Associated works – 11 Bundewallah Berry
PCD2023/3004	– 3/11/2023	– Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 45 Turners Lane, Jaspers Brush
DA2023/3005	– 6/11/2023	– Demolition of Existing 2 story Dwelling etc. – 80 Agars Lane, Berry
DA2023/3017	– 7/11/2023	– Construction of new single storey tourist cottage located on an existing title – 80 Albany St, Berry
DA2023/3035	– 13/11/2023	– Dwelling alterations and additions including new carport – 3 Albert St, Berry
DA2023/3063	– 13/11/2023	– Proposed New Church Building (Place of Public Worship) and associated works – 8 Schofields Lane, Berry
PCD2023/3033	– 16/11/2023	– In Ground Swimming Pool – 20 Womack Close, Berry
DA2023/3080	– 17/11/2023	– Alterations and additions to existing dwelling – 66 Prince Alfred St., Berry
PCD2023/3048	– 27/11/2023	– Swimming Pool – 70 Cedarvale Lane, Jaspers Brush
DA2023/3152	– 7/12/2023	– Proposed Construction of Single Storey Dwelling & Shed – 18 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2023/3111	– 13/12/2023	– New Shed (Demolition of Existing Shed) – 30 Pulman St., Berry
MA2023/3070	– 13/12/2023	– Section 4.55 Modification to the DA18/1722 / as modified – 64 O'Keeffes Lane, Jaspers Brush
PCD2023/3087	– 19/12/2023	– Dwelling Additions & Alterations – 21 Beach Rd., Berry
PCD2023/3102	– 21/12/2023	– Dwelling Alterations & Additions – 25 Parker Crescent, Berry
DA2023/3029	– 4/1/2024	– Subdivision into four lots – 55 Wire Lane, Berry
MA2023/3068	– 10/1/2024	– Proposed Modification of condition 24 in relating to the conversion of existing dwelling to Farmstay Accommodation – 628 Andersons Lane, Jaspers Brush

*More updates (between issues of the Town Crier) can be found in the Friends of the Berry Town Crier Newsletters which are emailed out.*

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# 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.



## Beaumont

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





## How can we Love everybody????

The 14th of February is Valentines Day. A day associated with love. It is said that Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who performed weddings for soldiers forbidden to marry, because of a Roman emperor's edict decreeing married soldiers did not make good warriors. Saint Valentine wore a ring with a Cupid on it - a symbol of love - that helped soldiers recognize him. Prior to greeting cards, he handed out paper hearts to remind Christians of their love for God. Because of this legend, Saint Valentine became known as the patron saint of love. A Valentine prayer asks Saint Valentine to connect lovers together, so that two become one, and the couple remembers their devotion to God.

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandments are, He answered, **"Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, **'Love your neighbour as yourself.'**"

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul says 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

When we make a mistake or do something wrong, it is an opportunity to learn and ask for help or forgiveness to correct our wrongs or sins. When we look at the cross where Jesus died, how does the sacrifice He made affect us? Our Kids' Club children wrote this poem based on **remembering** Jesus love for us. He come to earth, teaching, preaching, healing, listening, caring, forgiving and loving all people. So how can we love everybody? We need to show the same love Jesus shared, with kindness, care, hope, encouragement, patience and forgiveness to all people we know and meet throughout our lives.

**R**eminding us about Jesus' life and death

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Love from Berry Presbyterian church. Kids' Club starts 9th Feb

Sue Skinner



## BERRY CWA

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

We had a very successful stall in Broughton Court in November, thank you to all who came along & bought our products, we do enjoy meeting you & appreciate your support.

What a pity that the day of the Christmas Parade was so hot, too hot for the participants & the spectators alike but the Berry CWA members climbed aboard the truck, sat on the straw bales & sang Xmas songs! Another fun day that brings our community together.

We ended our year in December with a very pleasant Xmas party in our rooms.

Now the New Year starts & the Berry CWA will be baking Anzac biscuits for distribution at the Lions Breakfast on Australia Day at the show grounds followed by a trivia quiz & morning coffee in our rooms. The Berry CWA will be helping to make sandwiches on both days for the Berry Show at the beginning of February & we will also have our own stall, selling our jams, pickles & a very varied range of hand made crafts, so please come along & say hello. Supporting us, you are also supporting our community, as we are then able to donate to local charities.

Our craft group is back, meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9.a.m. at our rooms in Victoria Street. We would like to welcome you there, even if you are not "into crafts" just come along & have a chat & cuppa.

For more information on our activities see

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## KNIT WITH LOVE UPDATE



Knit with Love restarts for the year on Friday 9th February at 1pm, meeting in St Luke's Hall (68A Princess Street). We work only for charities and either knit or crochet - squares for rugs, garments for the needy and soft toys for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. We have many patterns available, but we suggest you bring your own needles (size 4mm or no.8) We are also a community drop-off point for Wrap with Love and are happy to receive and deliver completed rugs for them. We meet every Friday and are a friendly group of knitters of varying abilities. ...some are extremely competent and others have basic skills. All are welcome.

### Learn to Knit Classes

It has come to our attention that there are people who would like to knit but have never learnt. With this in mind, we are offering **Learn to Knit classes free of charge**, at a time to suit participants. Register your interest: by phoning either Lyn on 0404 562 772 or Niesje (pronounced Neesha) on 4464 2558.



# THE RED HOT SUMMER CONCERT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2024 AT THE BERRY SHOWGROUND

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.REDHOTSUMMERTOUR.COM.AU](http://WWW.REDHOTSUMMERTOUR.COM.AU).**



## The Beautifully Preserved Berry Railway Station Master's Residence

The Berry Railway Station Group, which includes the Station Master's residence, was State Heritage listed in 1999. The residence dates from 1893 and is a rare example of the J2 type Station Master's residence design. In the 1970s the residence was used as a Scout Hall, but has been unused since 2009. During its use as a Scout Hall most of the internal walls of the residence were removed. In March 2012 a committee of local Berry residents was formed, who were interested in saving the building and coming up with a commercial use for it because it was under threat of demolition. Later on, a Conservation Committee for the Railway Precinct was formed by members of the Berry & District Historical Society, which escalated its demands to save the building, asking MPs Gareth Ward and Andrew Constance, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to assist in this matter. Then in 2018 the Committee decided to petition the town, asking for community support to save the residence. It was a very successful petition with 3,500 signatures, which was sent to Andrew Constance. As a result of this petition, our Committee was referred to Richard Wolfson,

Station Precinct Development Manager and Andrew Killingsworth, Heritage Manager from Sydney Trains. A meeting was held with them on 18 October 2018 to discuss the issue. The outcome was that they would look into restoring the residence as part of the Berry Railway Station Precinct, as had been done with the Bundanoon Station. A later meeting held in December confirmed that the residence would be conserved and that an appropriate community use would be sought for the building.

Now that the residence has been beautifully preserved and the garden landscaped, Sydney Trains is suggesting that it be opened in February or March for the community to view and get suggestions for its use. Andrew Killingsworth is going to address the Berry Forum about the residence on 7th March, 2024.

*Pictured:  
The Station Master's Residence 2024*



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**Richard Travers** practised as a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. He was a member of the New South Wales bar and a partner in national law firm, Clayton Utz. He taught administrative law at the UNSW Law School. As historian, Richard Travers is the author

several books including: Diggers in France: Australian Soldiers on the Western Front, and Above the Mists of Ages: The Anzac Legend in Historical Practice, to be published later this year.

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