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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.**

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## Editor's Note



The closing date for our April issue will be Wednesday 20th MARCH 2024 at 5pm. Please submit prior to this date if it is your first submission. Material can be submitted via e-mail to:

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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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# BERRY MEN'S SHED

## GOOD RESPONSE TO WOODWORK SECTION AT THE BERRY SHOW

Selection of entries at this year's Berry Show from several local residents

This year's entries in the woodwork section was again encouraging with entries from a number of local community people. The judge commended the very high quality of exhibits which made her decision making very difficult. Her only disappointment was the lack of school children's entries being exhibited. Her feeling was that we need to go out to some of the local schools both primary and secondary and encourage students to enter the Show.

The major prize was entered by local resident Keith Houston.

The Shed is back in full swing and accepting a wide variety of jobs from the local community. One of the projects being undertaken at the moment is the use of special cedar timber sourced locally for the replacement oars for the flood boat located at the Berry Museum. Our Scholarship programme for 2024 is underway and the first presentation will be to the Shoalhaven Education Fund where students who have left school and are taking on tertiary studies, have the opportunity to be nominated for the Scholarship.

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

**Richard Wiseman - Publicity Officer**



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The Berry Town Crier is a proud donor to, and supporter of the Shoalhaven Education Fund and we were privileged again this year to attend the Awards night.



We joined many other Berry based groups and people who also sponsor and support the SEF in the audience.

It is probably the most uplifting event to attend. To hear all the stories and backgrounds and aspirations of the recipients is very inspiring and encourages us to do more.

We also give 3 annual Scholarships to students at Berry Public School and that awards event is just as inspiring.

The President of the SEF is Sophie Ray and this is what she said on a social media post about the night that was very relevant to the Berry community.

*"A huge thank you to the Berry community from the Shoalhaven Education Fund.*

*( <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=shoalhaven%20education%20fund> )*

*"Last night (31/1/2024) we awarded \$99,000 to 59 Shoalhaven young people for their studies in 2024. This brings the total over the last 12 years to almost \$750,000, received by over 400 recipients.*

*"The SEF receives huge support from our local Berry Community: through fundraising by many local Berry Community groups, in kind support, donations from individuals and support of our bookstalls. This support is, literally, changing lives, and having a huge positive impact on the future of the Shoalhaven. We are very grateful!"*

Thank you to Sophie and the entire SEF Committee for what you do.

Photo shows many of the SEF Award recipients for 2024.



## DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

### NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL

If you require further up to date information regarding this matter, please contact Irene Birks on 0408 096 109 or by email at [dbhvoice@gmail.com](mailto:dbhvoice@gmail.com).

The auxiliary will be holding their annual Easter chicken stall on Wednesday 27th March in Broughton Court – hand knitted chickens containing an Easter egg. These are always very popular with young and old alike.

The UHA Regional Conference is being held in March, and will be attended by two of our auxiliary. These conferences are vitally important events and an opportunity to raise matters pertaining to our local hospitals. This is even more important this year with the imminent closure of David Berry Hospital at the end of 2025, early 2026.

The Voice of David Berry committee will be meeting with Margot Mains, CEO of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in early March. 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 44 642612. New members are always welcome.



## Berry Medical Centre welcomes Dr Sarah Park

Dr Sarah graduated with an MD from the University of Sydney and completed her 2 years of hospital training at Royal North Shore Hospital. During her general practice rotation as a medical student in Shoalhaven Heads, she found her lifelong partner, Liam, her dream of living down the beautiful South Coast and her calling to be a GP. To that end, she focused her hospital training in areas such as Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatric Emergency and Emergency Medicine. Sarah enjoys getting to know her community and providing care for patients at all stages of life.



**APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE WITH SARAH ON A TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.**





## Getting Back to Serious Riding

February saw Berry Riding Club (BRC) get started back to some serious riding, a great start to 2024's exciting calendar of events. During January a huge number of keen show jumpers, many more than previous years, participated in our Twilight Jumping Training evenings. All agreed that twilight was the best time of day to be training horses during our hot summer weather.

Congratulations to all those riders and drivers who entered into Berry Agricultural Show. The riders and horses looked spectacularly good, bathed in the wonderful sunlight that helped make the show a real success.

March has a great line up of fun events to test any rider. March kicks off with the ever popular **Clear Round Show Jumping Sunday 3rd March**. Riders come from as far as Sydney to enjoy our courses. The same goes for **Working Equitation (WE) Play and Ribbon Days, planned for Saturday 9th March**. One keen rider travelled two and a half hours to check out our WE obstacles last month. Word is out that BRC has some terrific activities and friendly riders.

Our riders who appear fearless, will be happy to see another **Clear Round Show Jumping event, Sunday 17th March**.

**Saturday 30th March has Dressage Practice and Protocol Day.** These days are really valuable and provide all sorts of information to help riders improve their skills and test scores for the following day's **Dressage Competition, Sunday 31st March**.

For more info about our club check our Facebook page, website or Instagram site.



## ARTSNATIONAL Shoalhaven (formerly ADFAS Shoalhaven)

We look different, but we are the same. ADFAS Shoalhaven is now known as ARTSNATIONAL Shoalhaven. Together as one community around Australia, we contribute to wider engagement in and enjoyment of the arts, by inspiring the interest of all generations. The monthly meetings are a wonderful and informal way to make friends and to get to know others in the community. For more information on joining ANShoalhaven go to [www.artsnational.au](http://www.artsnational.au) and look under the Societies tab for Shoalhaven or go to Trybooking to join today <https://www.trybooking.com/CNISV>. Follow us on our Facebook page and Instagram: ArtsNational Shoalhaven

### DAMIEN HIRST AND CONTEMPORARY ART – Lecturer David Worthington

21 March 2024 - 7.30pm

Berry Uniting Church Hall, 71-77 Alfred Street, Berry.

Damien Hirst is the most famous British artist since Henry Moore. Not even Francis Bacon had such a huge international presence. And yet in his home country he is often seen as a practical joker, pulling the wool over the eyes of the public, and not making proper art at all. This lecture aims to dispel this and show that he is a deeply serious artist making work that is significant and influential.

**David Worthington** has been drawn to abstract sculpture since seeing a Barbara Hepworth in a school book. He graduated in Philosophy and Theology from Oxford in 1984, then studied fine art in London, Barcelona and New York. A sculptor with many international commissions, he also curates and writes about art. He was shortlisted for the Jerwood Sculpture Prize in 2009. David is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Sculptors and was Vice President in 2010-13.

**Visitors are welcome. Visitors \$25 and Student Visitors \$15**



## 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](http://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/boongaree)**

# The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

## Council's Response to questions about its finances

On 19 January, all Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs) were asked by Council to share its Response with the community. Having complied with this request, we discovered serious anomalies with Council's response on employee costs.

The staff numbers quoted were very different to those Council had provided to the Office of Local Government (OLG), and total employee costs of \$90 million for 2022/23 had been inexplicably adjusted down to \$85 million after the end of the financial year.

Answers to the basic questions we asked should have been readily available, but the answers provided by Council have been inconsistent and misleading and there is no consistent recording of staff positions.

For example, the Response states total staff positions in 2022 was 1050, not 1134 as reported to the OLG, and that the variance of 84 FTE positions is just a matter of timing as *"the number changes frequently"*.

It is of great concern that employee costs, Council's largest expense item, appears to be out of control.

## Berry Hotel Redevelopment

On Friday 9 February, the Southern Regional Panel held a briefing meeting at which residents made submissions. The Panel will eventually review Council's assessment of the application and make a determination. Submissions were made on behalf of the Berry Forum, the Berry Historical Society, St Luke's Church and neighbours in Prince Alfred Street and Princess Street.

In October, 122 people attended the information meeting held by the Forum and it was clear that the plans needed to be amended to address significant issues of scale, height, lack of parking, noise and detrimental impacts on nearby heritage listed buildings, the Queen Street Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) and the proposed Princess Street HCA.

At the meeting, the Hotel owners said the project was in the early phase of design and they were willing to engage with the community. However, they did not do so and instead emailed members of their hotels in Sydney and the Shire asking them to send supportive submissions quoting a list of 'community benefits'.

The benefits were capable of being achieved by a far more modest development, based on a design more sympathetic to Berry's country town historic character that drives tourism and creates jobs.

Council received a total of 335 objections to the proposed development and of the 43 submissions supporting the Feros Group proposal, only 11 were from Berry residents. The majority were from Sydney residents.

The highest number of individual submissions received by Council previously was 220 for the initial assessment of the Rockfield Park proposed development.

The vast majority of the objections were supportive of a redevelopment of the Hotel, but major concerns were raised with the changes proposed.



## Berry Community Library

Some of the great titles that have been donated to the Community Library include *Limberlost* by Robbie Arnott, *Wifedom* by Anna Funder, Charlotte Wood's new book *Stone Yard Devotional* and *Seven* by popular Australian author, Chris Hammer. Also new Harlan Coban and Lee Child books. So little time and so many books to read!

### 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.



Our next Coffee and Friends will take place on Wednesday March 27th. We are very excited to have as our speaker Kelvin Officer. Kelvin is the Project Director for Berry Landcare and we will learn how he became interested in the Landcare movement. Kelvin will also tell us about some of the past projects he has been involved in and future projects in and around Berry, that will benefit and protect our natural environment.

Everyone is welcome on Wednesday 27th March at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall.



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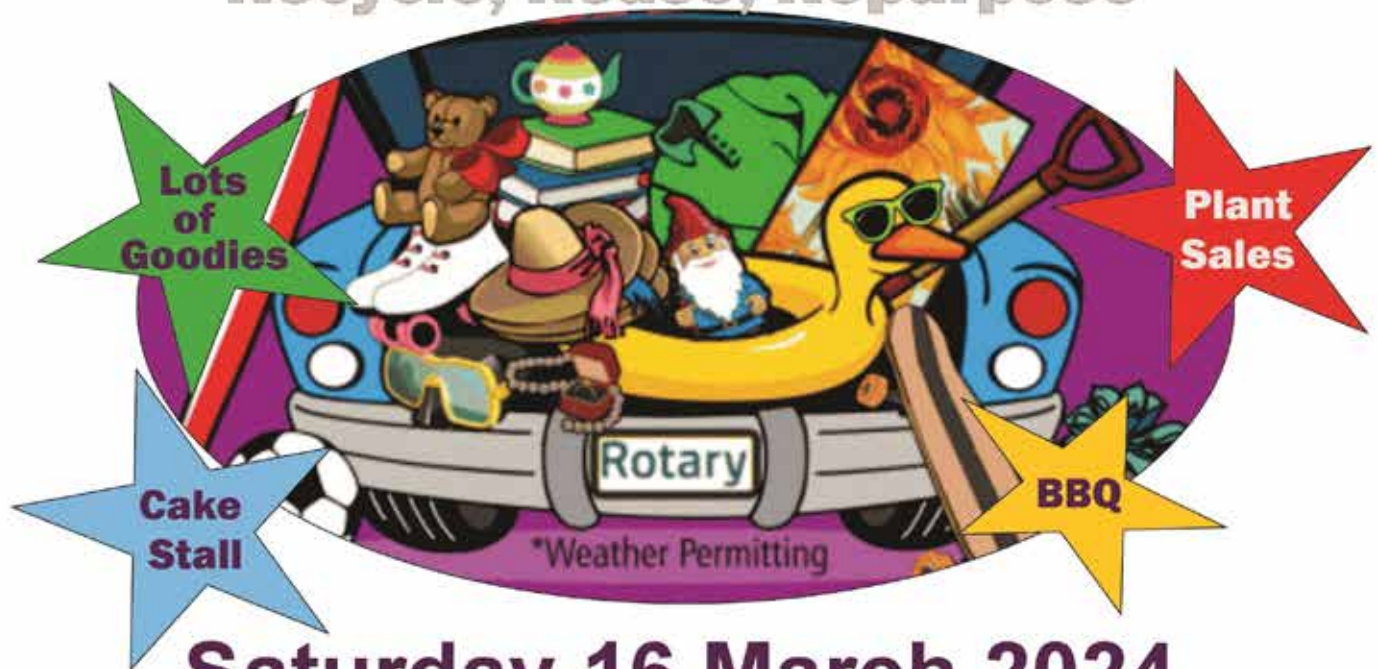
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## Let's continue to think big on a Taste of Paradise Farm

One of the challenges of running a charity based on a working farm is having the time or headspace to think big and bring fresh ideas. These ideas need to provide a richer experience for the young people, referred to us, who have had a tough start in life. Many years ago, it was suggested we might consider building an outdoor kitchen. It seemed beyond reach, but passionate mentors have brought it to the fore again and moved the idea forward. We went about sourcing funds to be able to bring it to reality. We were fortunate to receive a small grant from Stocklands in Nowra to put towards a quality BBQ, which kicked off the commencement of the project. The next contribution came from The Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. A third generous donation came from the Kidzfix Foundation. Construction commenced early in 2023 with the support of Boral, who contributed to the concrete slab, and a local community member donated the wall blocks left over from her house construction. These have been gradually laid since. The hope

was always to involve the young people under the tutelage of our mentor Mark, who is a carpenter/builder. The blocks have now been successfully laid. Bruce, a retired local builder, also assisted with the kitchen, and continues to generously contribute to many projects on the farm, for which we are very grateful.

We are now at roof level and the frame is ready for the roof sheets. We look forward to having a facility which will enable our young people to engage in cooking and preparing produce from our vegetable garden. The young people have actively been involved in growing the produce so it will be good for them to taste the benefits. It will be valuable in catering for our Community Open Mornings in the future as well.

The deadline is June 2024 for completion, which is fast approaching!!

We could not achieve many projects on the farm without our generous community's support, and our team of faithful and valued volunteers and staff.



## Stormy Weather

**It's been a stormy summer up in Sassafras where the Salt Wellness Farm is, and everywhere we look we are surrounded by the green of copious growth! The trees, the grass, the weeds, they are all going gang busters. Lightening storms uniquely interact with our atmosphere creating nitrogen that falls to earth with the rain and causes the plants to grow! It's phenomenal.**

Storms can most definitely be wild and scary though and no one likes to find themselves stuck without shelter in the middle of one.

Figuratively speaking, we've all encountered our fair share of storms. The important things to grab a hold of in the middle of a storm is that if ever there was a time for personal growth it is right in the midst of it.

We walk beside people every day who have encountered unimaginable storms. Sometimes fear has crippled them, the damage has harmed them, but we also meet those who have taken the opportunity to grow strength, courage, capacity and enormous amounts of empathy for others. If we crawl

in under the huge wings of God and lean into Him as our shelter in the middle of the thunder and lightening, it is quite possible we will be directed and graced with a capacity to grow into the people that clear skies would never create.

Hold tight to Him if your season is a stormy one and watch what can be birthed on the inside in the atmosphere of growth.

**Much love Meg**

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**For more information or bookings call Council  
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# Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry



## Food Glorious Food!!!!

We are so lucky in this beautiful country, that we have fresh food and clean water. There is so much information about food on television, radio, social media, ads in magazines etc. We are bombarded with 'food facts' to make us lose weight, gain muscle, nutrients that help our bodies function better and also foods to avoid. However, that information is this week because next week everything you were told last week has changed and now you can do what you couldn't do last week!!!

Food has such a large impact in the Bible because food is a symbol of God's provision for people. Food is one of the best gifts that God has given to us; it fuels our bodies, brings people together, nourishes us, and gives us happiness. Food is not a problem, but our boundaries and issues revolving around food are the problem. Genesis 1:29 says: *"Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.'"* God provided food for everything in His perfect garden. Then, when sin entered the world, man had to work for survival and learn how to provide for himself and others.

There were many rules in regard to what could/couldn't be eaten in the Jewish laws. Once Jesus came, these rituals were no longer needed. John 4:34: *"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work."* Jesus came to help the poor and needy and save the lost.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* Just like anything good can become an idol, food can be a treat, but in excess can become a stumbling block. So, our sin around food can be the ingratitude we carry. There are people around the world who will not eat today, which is a major problem. This is not because God does not love them, but because of sin (greed, selfishness, pride) in the world. We can be a part of the solution in our giving, caring, helping and prayer.

Ultimately, we look forward to a future where God's original design is restored in His New Creation—when hunger and thirst are no longer part of the landscape of our broken world but where everyone's needs are met in God's heavenly kingdom.

**Sue Skinner, Berry Presbyterian Church**



## SOUTH COAST LIFE CHURCH

In the years following the First World War, the community of Berry was reeling. After seeing dozens of their men never return home again, the community embarked on a fundraising journey to forever acknowledge their sacrifice.

In the summer of 1922, the Berry Soldier's Memorial was unveiled just off Alexandra Street, paying tribute to the selfless sacrifice of so many young men.

On the right pillar, which you might have noticed, is written a beautiful summary of their service:

*"Sons of this place, let this of you be said, that you who live are worthy of your dead. These died that you who live may reap a richer harvest ere you fall asleep."*

What beautiful words to sum up such a selfless attitude towards serving one's fellow human!

Humans, as selfish as we often act, are fundamentally hardwired for service and sacrifice. We Aussies love helping our mates in times of fire, flood, or devastation. Our paramedics, nurses, doctors, police officers, teachers and so many around us serve others day in, day out. Complete strangers come running in the event of accidents where help is needed.

We at South Coast Life Church believe this is planted inside us all by our Maker, the God who loves us. And not only is sacrificial service implanted in us all, it is modeled by Jesus.

Jesus was a man on a mission: to save every one of God's children from the law of sin and death. He battled against the power of evil, defeated it through sacrificing His own life, and then rose from the dead.

This Easter we as a church will be remembering Jesus and His ultimate sacrifice for us all at 10am Good Friday and 10am Easter Sunday. All are very welcome to join us.

As the memorial says, "these died that you who live may reap a richer harvest". We stand on their shoulders. And we stand upon the shoulders of Jesus, our soldier, protector, guardian, and friend.



## Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

**Minister: Rev Isaac Jung**

### Service Time

Worship Service 10am

Jesus And Me (JAM)

& High School Bible Study 10am

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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.

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# 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 AUTUMN 2024

**COUNCIL RECYCLING:** 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.

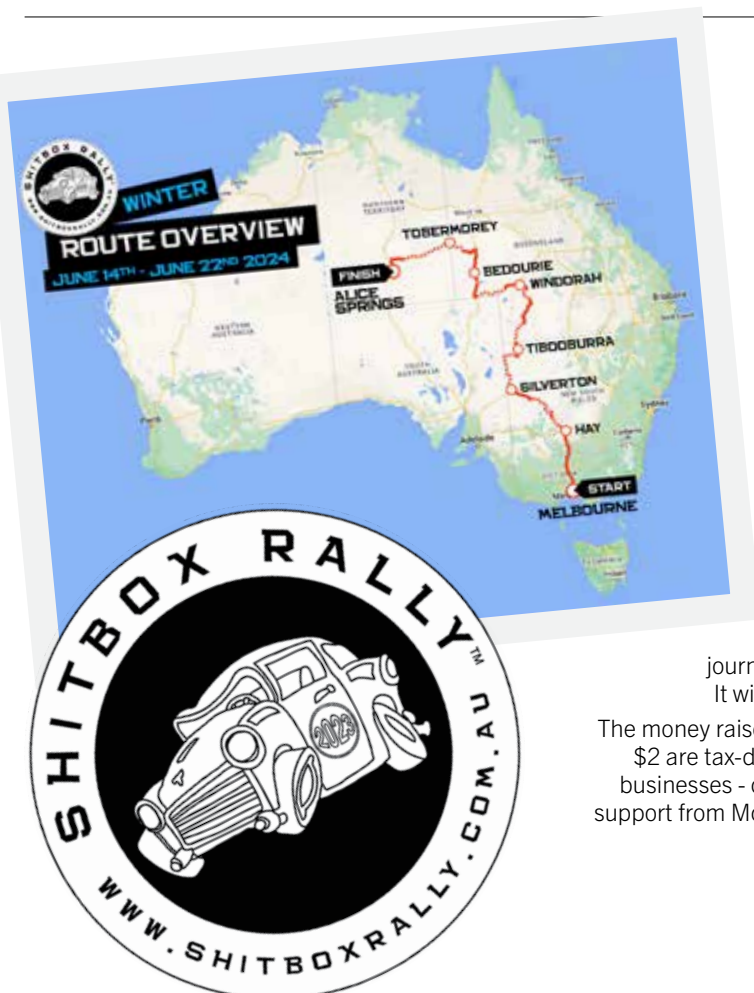
**OTHER RECYCLING:** Officeworks will take pens and markers, CDs and DVDs. The Berry Pharmacy will take any unused medication as well as needles and syringes. X-Rays may be recycled by South East Radiology, Nowra. Items that may be recycled at Berry Recycling Centre include aerosol cans, car and household 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.

**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.



## TWO BERRY LOCALS, WAYNE BARRETT AND STEPHEN LEAD, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CANCER COUNCIL'S SHITBOX RALLY DURING JUNE 2024

They'll be driving 5,000km from Berry to Melbourne, then on to Alice Springs via a big loop through the outback, all in a bid to raise funds for cancer research.

You can follow along with Wayne and Steve's adventures via their page at <https://www.facebook.com/SparkNotFound>

The "shitbox" part of the rally relates to the car, which must cost no more than \$1,500 - and the boys have found a real banger for the journey, being an old Peugeot station wagon with 300,000km on the clock. It will test all of Wayne's skills as a mobile mechanic to keep it on the road.

The money raised from donations goes to the Cancer Council, and any donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Steve and Wayne are also calling for sponsorship from local businesses - donate over \$200 to put a sticker on the car! So far they have received support from McGoldrick real estate, Work Life, On The Ball Plumbing, Meroo Kennels and the Town Crier - plus many generous locals.

They'd love to feature more local businesses.

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# 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 member 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:

DA2023/302	–	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
DA2023/3181	–	22/1/2024	–	Dissolution of strata subdivision and Torrens Title subdivision resulting in two (2) lots – 122 Queen St, Berry
DA2024/1033	–	24/1/2024	–	Proposed 2 storey Dwelling and associated landscaping – 67 Emerald Drive, Fairy Meadow
MA2024/1009	–	23/1/2024	–	Modifying Conditions and Deleting conditions – 61A Priddles Lane, Wattamolla
DA2023/4158	–	30/1/2024	–	Construction of New Residential Attached Dual Occupancy – 8 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2023/3216	–	31/1/2024	–	Boundary Adjustment – 115 Harley Hill Road, Berry
DA2024/1000	–	2/2/2024	–	Construction of Single Storey Dwelling including swimming pool and related landscape – 28 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2023/3235	–	29/1/2024	–	Proposed 2 Storey Dwelling and associated structures – 391 Kangaroo Valley Rd, Berry Mountain
DA2023/3229	–	5/2/2024	–	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new single dwelling and pool – 10 Mount Vista Close, Berry
DA2023/3230	–	5/2/2024	–	Construction of single storey dwelling, swimming pool and related landscaping – 14 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2024/1023	–	5/2/2024	–	Temporary car park for the Red Hot Summer Concert at Berry Showground – 23 Wharf Road, Berry
DA2024/1032	–	5/2/2024	–	Inground Pool – 31 Connors View, Berry
DA2024/1074	–	9/2/2024	–	Demolition of existing stable & construction of Single Storey Secondary Dwelling – 88 Kangaroo alley Rd, Berry

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:

MA2023/3070 – Approved	–	19/1/2024	–	Alterations to dual occupancy (attached), pool and garage – 64 O’Keeffes Lane, Jaspers Brush
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*More updates (between issues of the Town Crier) can be found in the Friends of the Berry Town Crier Newsletters which are emailed out. Subscribe to be a Friend by emailing [info@berryalliance.org.au](mailto: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 a number of issues.*

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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.



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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.**





Berry Probus Club members enjoyed the first meeting of the year with a wonderful talk by a representative from the Manildra Group. It was a real eye opener learning what is happening at Manildra and how many local people are employed there. We now know that we could not go through a day without encountering something from Manildra from our breakfast cereal to the bread we eat then there is the ethanol in the petrol we use, the bases for alcohol drinks to animal pellets, the list goes on, 100% of the wheat is used, nothing is wasted. Recycling 10 million litres of water daily along with their own power plant, packaging facilities and the import side of things, there was so much to learn about. The import side of things was so informative. We were also treated to a short talk on ARTSNATIONAL Shoalhaven which has been in Berry for 30 years, with nine lectures scheduled for the coming year on many different subjects of art there is plenty to entertain and educate likeminded people throughout the year. A barbeque was once again enjoyed by 40 members who all enjoyed the wonderful food cooked by our favourite chefs with some fun and games thrown in as well. Our March meeting will also be our AGM with Nominations received for all roles; it is set to be a very productive year ahead. Members are also looking forward to the first club 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 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 We meet on the second Tuesday of each month; it is always great to see many familiar faces and some new ones too.

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024.**

**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.**



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 representatives were delighted to attend the annual Shoalhaven Education Fund awards evening. 59 young Shoalhaven people received awards totalling \$99000 to support their tertiary studies. It was an inspirational night hearing about their journeys to date and their future plans. Zonta Berry has been a long term sponsor of SEF with proceeds from a number of our fundraisers including the famous annual second hand clothing sale contributing to this very worthy local cause.

To celebrate International Women's Day 2024 Zonta 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.



*Legend: Barbara Davis, Zonta President; Dr Fiona Mackie Zonta Advocy Diretor; Sophie Ray, Chair SEF*

**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.



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# Landcare BERRY

## Care in Common

By Kelvin Officer

Nestled at the base of the Cambewarra Range and framed to the north by the escarpments of the Barren Ground Nature Reserve, the Broughton Vale Bushcare site is perhaps the most scenic of the Berry Landcare sites. This site began in 2007-8 with the removal of large creek-side Coral trees, followed by the planting of over 400 trees to restore native riparian vegetation.

A further 600+ trees were planted at the site on National Tree Day in 2019. Like many of the Berry streamlines, platypus frequent the creek and can be seen by those who haunt the dawn and dusk.

Originally a 75 acre farm, cleared by the late 1800's, all of this site's habitat is a consequence of native regrowth or human planting. Following rural subdivision in the late 1970s, 3.7 ha of left-over valley floor adjacent to Broughton Mill Creek was ceded to the local Council and became 'The Common'. Today the 2008 plantings form a closed canopy

riparian forest of rainforest species. On low-lying creek-flats, more recent plantings require special attention after each flooding event, to be re-straightened, re-staked, and re-soiled. A generous spread of Bangalow and Cabbage Fan palm plantings seeks to recreate Berry's once iconic, and now lost, nineteenth century valley-floor forest palms.

Like most Landcare sites, native habitat rehabilitation is an exercise in community, patience, repeating tasks, and a long-term vision that only our descendants will see. Our repetitive tasks include: clearing away the old pasture grasses from our future-forest plantings, removal of the usual suspects (Lantana, privet, moth vine, wild-tobacco

and Cape Ivy), and an end-of-working bee hot cuppa and chat.

Come and check us out. Be an active part of the scenery - second creek crossing on Broughton Vale Rd, fourth Sunday of the month, 9:00 till 11:00am.



## Berry & District Garden Club News



### The Berry and District Garden Club's activities are now in full swing for 2024

Club members helped fill the pavilion at the Berry Show in early February with flowers and produce from their gardens. Three of the garden owners who will be participating in the 2024 Berry Gardens Festival were amongst the winners. Mark down October 17 -20 in your diary if you'd like to see how they do it!

Our summer plant sale in Broughton Court was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came along to show their support. Proceeds from these plant sales go towards to beautification of Berry. One such example is the new shelter structure over the table in the George St Park, providing welcome shade over the summer months.

We will be holding pop-up plant stalls throughout the year, along with our sales at the annual Berry Camellia and Floral Show and the Berry Gardens Festival. Watch this space or follow us on social media for all the details.

Our monthly club meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month, have moved to daytime hours, 2:30-4:30pm, in line with the majority vote of club members. This month's guest speaker is Kirsty Hambrook from Terrewah Farm who will be talking all things soil microbiology.

We hope to see you March 19th at St Luke's Church Hall. Guests are most welcome.



Check out our Facebook page also

Our motto: *Friendship through Gardening.*

Secretary, Deb Wooster, welcomes enquiries at [secretary@berrygardens.org.au](mailto:secretary@berrygardens.org.au)

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