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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.

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## BERRY COURTHOUSE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Courthouse gardens are looking stunning and we are looking forward to later in autumn when the leaves on the Manchurian Pears in the front yard turn and then drop. It is usually a great flush of colour.

Then we get to prune the roses, shrubs and larger trees ready for Spring.

We have a new team looking after the gardens and lawns as well as our hedges. They are doing a great job. It is always difficult when you change contractors and having had Bent do it for so long it was difficult to replace him.

We are pleased to announce that following our Sponsorship of OpenFields Art Event going so well in 2024 we have agreed to sponsor a couple of other, new events for us.

**The Zonta Club of Berry** had approached us as a possible venue to jazz up their annual fundraiser – 2nd hand clothes sale on Saturday 31/8/2024 and 1/9/2024. The plan is to have an event as well this year with a function on the Saturday afternoon. All proceeds will be going to Zonta projects and this is a very sustainable event. We are now sponsoring this terrific event and are really looking forward to it being another great success.

**The Berry Writers' Festival** had approached us to use the Courthouse as one of their venues and we have agreed to sponsor this event by way of contributing the usual hire charge. This event is in October 2024.

If you or your family are looking for a great location or venue for an event, wedding etc. please email us. Our rates are very

*Glenn Barkley with his fantastic ceramics artwork presentation at the Berry Courthouse for the OpenFields event in June 2023.*

competitive, and it is a great venue but it is limited to numbers because of the size of the venue.

We limit the number and style of our events as well as the times held out of respect for our neighbours and the wear and tear on the venue.

We hold a limited number of events for these reasons and the fact that we need to raise a certain amount each year to cover our maintenance and repair costs for the building and the gardens whilst retaining an emergency fund for major repairs and painting.

Please email us and the options, rates and details are all on our website as well as an enquiry form (under bookings).

**Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**





# Growing in faith, hope and love

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## Update on DA SF10965 – Hitchcocks Lane & Princes Highway Land & Environment Court Case for the staged residential subdivision to create 119 Torrens title allotments.

The applicants / owners of this development application which was refused by Council on 9 October 2023 have appealed this refusal to the Land & Environment Court.

Case number 2023/00343952.

The applicants and Council had been negotiating and Council requiring a variety of details on their original application and some headway was being made. But back in the second half of 2023 the applicants, having agreed to make some changes to their original application, decided that they wanted Council to make their determination on the application in its original form. Council unanimously voted to refuse the application following the professional staff's recommendation.

The Court have commenced proceedings, Council have engaged Marsdens Law Group to represent Council.

The Court are holding a conciliation conference on 26th April 2024 on site.

Those who have made a submission to the council to this development application have the opportunity to attend and speak and should have received a letter from Marsdens to this effect.

Stating, in part: "Residents who objected to the development application may have the opportunity to inform the court orally of their concerns in relation to the proposed application."

"The presiding Commissioner will have discretion as to whether the residents may speak at the conciliation conference."

There are a lot of procedural guidelines to do with these cases.

Members of the Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group have received a much more detailed summary of this next stage in this case.

For a little more information of the proceedings here is a partial extract from **THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT'S "CONCILIATION CONFERENCE POLICY" DATED 27 MARCH 2017**

### **Nature of the site inspection process**

*Although a site inspection as part of a conciliation conference is carried out in a less formal manner than proceedings in court, it is nevertheless carried out as part of the court's statutory functions. As a consequence, usual forms of address and conduct to a court member in court should be followed.*

### **The introductory role of the Court**

*The Commissioner will make an introductory statement to the parties and other attendees explaining:*

- who constitutes the Court to conduct the conciliation conference;
- the reason for the site inspection;
- the nature of the conciliation process involved (whether under s 34 or s 34AA of the Court Act);
- the manner in which the conciliation conference, including the site inspection, will be conducted (including the limits and forms of participation by residents or other observers); and
- the future conduct of the matter after the site inspection.

*For s 34 conciliation conferences, the Commissioner will explain the options that are available for determining the matter if conciliation is unsuccessful (including that the parties consent to the Commissioner disposing of the matter with or without a hearing or that there might a further hearing before another Commissioner where there will be an opportunity for non-expert evidence to be given on site).*

*For s 34AA conciliation conferences, the Commissioner will explain that, if conciliation is unsuccessful, that Commissioner will be determining the matter.*

*The areas to be visited and the order in which the areas are to be visited on the site inspection should be discussed with the parties prior to the start of the site inspection.*

**Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group**



## Berry ANZAC Day Commemoration Service

Thursday 25th April - 10.30 am



March assemble in the Berry CBD in Queen Street – 10.15 am.

Parade marshal, WO2 Alex Mearns will call the marchers into position once the area has been secured and traffic control is in place.

Those in uniform are requested to wear medals and families attending can also wear their kinfolk medals (on the right-hand side of a jacket or shirt)

The inclement weather plan is to utilise the Berry School of Arts.

The sub-Branch is still seeking volunteers for qualified local traffic controllers to assist. If able, could you please contact the Secretary, Stuart Christmas 0421 672 416 or to email [BerrySB@rslnsw.org.au](mailto:BerrySB@rslnsw.org.au)

### **ANZAC Badge selling**

Prior to ANZAC Day, sub-Branch members will be selling ANZAC Badges, funds raised are used to assist veterans and their families. Over \$8,000 was sent to various veteran organisations in the past 12 months, thanks to the generous support of the Berry community

We are looking forward to a fine day and our usual Berry Community support.

**Stuart Christmas, Hon.Sec.**



# Safe Shelter

**Salt Care are currently seeking volunteers who can help with shifts at the shelter and meal preparations.** If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out to us at [info@salt.org.au](mailto:info@salt.org.au).

### **What is it like being a volunteer at our Safe Shelter?**

We strive to create a warm and welcoming environment, where volunteers are the backbone. From small cleaning duties to serving meals and providing a supportive ear, being a volunteer is like running a household

filled with love and compassion. Our volunteers always bring joy, kindness, and support to our guests in their time of need.

So come join us and experience the rewarding feeling of making a difference, one smile at a time.

Since 1st January 2024, we have been able to provide somewhere safe to sleep for over 30 people - thank you to all our amazing volunteers who make this possible.



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

If you would like to donate to Salt Care BSB: 062 585 ACC: 10949687

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# The Berry Forum

www.berryforum.org.au

**Forum Meeting held on 7 March** - 50 people attended the meeting, including Mayor Amanda Findley, new CEO Robyn Stevens, and Councillors Serena Copley, Matthew Norris and Patricia White. Presentations made on The Future of the Station Master's Residence by Andrew Killingsworth, and Handheld Defibrillators by David Arakie can be viewed on the Forum website.

**Berry Hotel DA** - There are now two processes working in parallel:

- Land & Environment Court - the applicant lodged an appeal with the Court based on a claim of deemed refusal, and a conciliation conference has been scheduled for 22 July.
  - The Regional Planning Panel Chairman informed residents who made oral submissions in February that the Panel would consider Council's assessment when it is completed and then make a decision to either approve the DA, to approve it subject to conditions, or to refuse it.
  - If the decision is refusal, the applicant may continue pursuing the case in Court.
- Council has engaged Alyce Kliese of Shaw Reynolds Lawyers to handle the Court case and liaise with residents wishing to make oral submissions in July. Alyce has asked the Forum Committee to assist with coordinating the oral submission process. She has also advised, that at this stage there is no benefit in residents sending additional written submissions.

**24/7 Convenience Store/ Service Station** - In December, the ACCC approved Viva Energy's takeover of the OTR network. Once the transaction is completed, we are aiming to meet with representatives of Viva Energy to discuss their plans.

**New Development Control Plan (DCP) for 'Old' Berry** - Locale Consulting have completed the initial community survey, workshops, and a community drop-in session with representatives from Council's Strategic Planning Department in attendance.

**Council's Financial Crisis** - A detailed analysis of Council's recent financial accounts, and the content of the AEC independent report, has elicited the following observations -

- Inadequate financial systems and inaccurate reporting
- Substantial growth in personnel costs and staff numbers
- Insufficient cashflow to fund road repairs and projects
- Inadequate processes for management and maintenance of roads and other assets
- Lack of financial acumen across management

#### Cost drivers

- Employee costs grew by 52% from \$59 million in 2018 to \$89 million in 2023.
- NSW public service capped salary increases account for only \$6.5 million of the overall \$30 million increase.
- Total staff positions grew by 180 in just three years to 1134 in 2022.
- Total headcount (including casuals) in November 2023 was 1556.

Despite these serious cost issues, Council continues to hire staff, and a Forum recommendation that a staff hiring freeze be implemented was rejected by both the Mayor and CEO. Council's is pausing 14 community facility projects, including stages 5 to 7 of the Boongaree Recreation Precinct.



**BERRY MEN'S SHED**

## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

When our customers come into the Shed for advice, we are only too happy to talk to them about what we can do to assist



them. This customer needed new slats for their outdoor chair as the original timber was rotten. We happily took the project on board and this is the result. We were able to source the right timber for the job and make sure our drill holes were in the right place. The customer was delighted. If you have a timber job that requires work, the Shed is where to bring it.

We are starting to rebuild our stock levels after a very successful annual sale in December and although sometime away, have, booked the Broughton Mall for Saturday 7th October. In the meantime, please feel free to come into the Shed on any Tuesday or Thursday to see what we have for sale.

On a very sad note, we recently attended the funeral of past President Grahame Hepper who was an outstanding member of the Shed. The service was attended by several Shed members who will really miss his loud laugh and his desire to get things done.

Our committee has once again agreed to support our local High Schools in the Nowra area including Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven and letters to the Schools advising of our intention to continue our Scholarship programme have been sent to school Principals.

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## Flying High!

A group of nearly 30 CWA members along with partners recently visited the local HARS air museum at Albion Park. This outing was our monthly fellowship event and what an interesting and enjoyable visit, it was appreciated by all who attended. Accompanied by very knowledgeable volunteers, we learned so much about all the different planes on view, from planes that fly at the speed of sound to the jumbos that travel the world today. Some planes were accessible to us, we climbed aboard the passenger plane that is able to carry 400 passengers (how do they get that plane off the ground?), we used the very same steps that the renowned Beatles used when they were in their heyday and we boarded the small plane that flew royalty, we even sat in the seat used by the Queen on one of her journeys in 1964, we also saw the Southern Cross take off. It is fortuitous to have this facility within our reach & to see the passion & expertise of the volunteers who work there is amazing.

Irene & Margaret from the Berry Hospital Auxiliary came to our last meeting to talk to us and bring us up to date with news of what is happening with the Berry Hospital. The hospital has been a real asset to this community, so we follow any news with great interest.

Under the "umbrella" of Agriculture & Environment, the CWA studies 4 different subjects each year. This year the subjects for study are Micro bats, Fungi & Fiery Red Ants together with the primary product of seaweed. There is much to learn about all of these topics, so it is a bonus to find local specialists who are able and willing to share their knowledge with us. Seaweed is used to manufacture many products, with that in mind, our members are hoping to visit a seaweed factory to see for themselves the processes.

For further information of the Berry Branch of CWA please contact us -email [berrycwasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:berrycwasecretary@gmail.com) or Facebook Berry Branch of CWA of NSW.



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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. Women of all ages celebrated International Women's Day at the Zonta Berry afternoon tea at Lulu's on 10/3. The challenges and benefits of women in STEMM careers were the topic of discussion. This month we are profiling Rita Sullivan, one of the original charter members (2001) of Zonta Berry and former Club Area Director. Rita is a living breathing example of rising above challenge to succeed. Not given the option of staying on at school after 15, she eventually went on to a Nursing Triple certificate.

Many in the local area would know her as the owner/manager of Knickerboxers (Berry, now Kiama) for the last 21 years, where she has particularly helped women recovering from breast cancer surgery with their specific lingerie needs. When asked her favourite aspects of being a Zonta member she cites attending international conventions, hearing from recipients of the educational scholarships we fundraise for and the privilege of inducting new members into Zonta. In Rita's words " **Zonta- friendship and fellowship. Absolutely making a difference in some women's lives whether they are local or at an international level... It is more than a service club. It is more than fundraising. It is more than friendship. It is a pathway into improving human rights for women.. One small step at a time. It doesn't get better than that"**

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.



Pic: Rita Sullivan (sitting far right)



Berry Probus Club is a friendly club with over 70 members, which was a testament during the AGM held in March with all positions on the committee being filled. The committee will be working together planning interesting outings and lunches for the coming year.

Our speakers are always varied with Clare from the Berry Pharmacy coming to give a talk at the April meeting and in May we have Retired Detective Damien Low (from the Dawson Case) coming for another interesting talk. We are also entertained by members who give ten minutes talks at each meeting. Members recently enjoyed a great day with a visit to the Bundanon Centre starting with a guided tour of the original homestead and Arthur Boyd's art gallery and then onto a lovely lunch at the Ramox Café before touring the exhibition at the Art Gallery.

If you would like to visit our club of friendly like-minded people, please feel free to join us, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street Berry (behind the Men's Shed) at 9.30am the meeting finishes at 12. Noon, for more inquiries please phone our President Peter Harding 0417 485 564.

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

## Announcing the Berry Quilt Show 2024!

Presented by RedBerry Quilters, the show will be held on the first weekend in May, Friday May 3rd to Sunday May 5th at the Berry School of Arts, 19 Alexandra St, Berry. Hours are Friday and Saturday 9.30-4.00 and Sunday 9.30-3.00.

All profits from the show will go to Salt Care, which supports the homeless and disadvantaged in the Shoalhaven area. Proceeds from the raffle will go to SAHSSI, which works to support women who are affected by homelessness and domestic violence in the Shoalhaven.

Quilts made by local quilters will be on display and all quilters in the local area are invited to enter.

There will be a wide variety of quilts on display and each day viewers can vote for their favourite quilts. Full details and the entry form are on our Facebook page: [redberries quilting group](https://www.facebook.com/redberriesquiltinggroup) and enquiries can be directed to our secretary at: [redberrysec@gmail.com](mailto:redberrysec@gmail.com)

The show will be holding a Small Quilt Challenge - Curves. Entrants may use any techniques and materials to create a three-layer, small work (12 x 12 inches) that expresses this theme. This year's show will feature an exhibition of the beautiful works of Jennifer Corkish, an award-winning quilter and textile artist.

Also on display will be a Suitcase Challenge from QuiltNSW and the beautiful raffle quilt 'Turkey Tracks', hand appliqued and machine pieced by a member of RedBerry Quilters (Maggie Froggatt) and custom quilted by Quilting Shoalhaven (Carol Tabone).

The Quilt Show will include a café with scones and sandwiches, a variety of stallholders, a silent auction and beautiful handmade goods and quilts for sale in the salesroom.

There is something for everyone, so put the dates in your diary and join us on the first weekend in May!



# Local Author Charmian Clift honoured

The Berry Branch are pleased to invite the community to a dinner celebrating a local social justice advocate – Charmian Clift.

*Kiama Electorate Annual Social Justice Dinner*  
celebrating  
**Charmian Clift**  
*Kiama's own Writer and Social Justice Pioneer*

**Special Guests**  
Suzie Eggins  
Dr Graham Tucker  
Katelin McInerney  
Saturday, 13th April, 2024  
6.30 for 7.00pm start  
Kiama Leagues Club Auditorium

Tickets \$90pp  
includes  
2 Course Meal, Cake  
& Lucky Door Prize Ticket

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Link for the dinner: [https://nswlabor.org.au/event\\_13042024](https://nswlabor.org.au/event_13042024)

Charmian Clift was born into a weatherboard workers cottage in Kiama in 1923. She was a talented lyrical writer well known for co-writing "My Brother Jack" with war journalist husband George Johnston.

She went on to write "Mermaid Singing" and "Peel me a Lotus", genre setting memoir-cum-travel books during her family's bohemian time living in the Greek Islands.

A definite rule breaker in terms of "women's fiction" of the 1940's-50's, she is arguably most well known for her weekly column in the women's pages of the Sydney Morning Herald and Melbourne Herald (over 240 essays).

Her column allowed her a voice (she called her "sneaky little revolutions") on important socio-political issues including feminist and Aboriginal rights.

Now considered one of Australia's leading writers and a social justice advocate ahead of her time, Kiama's own Charmian Clift is a worthy recipient of a NSW Blue Plaque 2023 announced by NSW Minister Hon. Penny Sharpe.

Please come and join our celebration dinner and hear our special speakers Suzie Eggins, member and currently President of the Kiama Historical Society, has written about local Kiama identities Orry-Kelly and Charmian Clift and Dr. Graham Tucker who wrote his thesis on Charmian Clift many years ago.



## DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

We held our annual Easter chicken sale on Wednesday 27th March in Broughton Court – hand knitted chickens containing an Easter egg. These were knitted by auxiliary members, and other talented and generous ladies in the community, for which we extend our grateful thanks.

The Annual United Hospitals Auxiliaries Regional Conference was held in March, at which two of our members attended. We took this opportunity to present a Resolution for the ongoing use of David Berry Hospital to be retained as a health facility.

President Irene spoke at a recent Berry CWA meeting to appraise members of the future of the hospital. We are happy to speak to any organisations once we have clarification from the state government concerning the interpretation of David Berry's Will.

The Voice of David Berry committee was to meet with Margot Mains in March, regarding the future of David Berry Hospital, however this has been postponed until early April, when she expects that the interpretation of David Berry's Will should have been finalised. That will then enable us to know whether the site can or can't be sold.

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).

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.

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## PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Discovery Day 2nd March was a day for Berry Public School families to enjoy a couple of hours together discussing science based subjects that are connected to the K-6 curriculum – The Living World and Earth and Space.

Displays of local rocks formed the core of the discoveries to answer questions such as:-

- Why does the Berry landscape look the way it does?
- How were the local soils formed?
- Why do the local plants thrive in the different soil types?
- Why can we find fossils in the soil and on our beaches?

Families also had opportunities to plant young trees in the Sensory Garden and in the Habitat Forest.

A prehistoric theme was enhanced by visiting a number of plants growing in the school grounds, e.g. Burrawang, Ginkgo, Hoop pine, Cabbage tree palm, Tree ferns, Bolwarra and various

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# Boongaree Bushcare

By Kelvin Officer

Known for its visiting platypus, this site includes ribbon of riparian vegetation along Bundewallah Creek, between Woodhill Mountain Road and the Berry Bypass. It is the closest Bushcare site to the Berry township and enjoys the attention of many residents and dog-walkers who like the adjacent leash-free area.

With the aim of rehabilitating the creek corridor to a more pre-European forest character, including the reintroduction of sub-tropical rainforest species, this site has been the subject of many National Tree Day(NTD) plantings since 2007.

Around the early 2000s, rampant Madeira Vine growth prompted the first on-site volunteer action and this group became one of three who came together to form Berry Landcare in 2002. The group came to be known as Camp Quality Parkcare after the adjacent memorial reserve for children lost to illness, and later became Boongaree Bushcare.

In recent years a revitalised group has had success in managing the Madeira Vine and now anticipate the transferral of land on the north side of the creek into public ownership. This area was the subject of NTD planting by Berry Landcare in 2022. It is now the proposed site of the Boongaree Reconciliation Garden, which aims to invite connection with local Indigenous culture and promote ideas surrounding reconciliation.

The lower reaches of Bundewallah Creek and Broughton Mill Creek are remembered as places of seasonal camping by local Aboriginal groups in the early twentieth century when there was employment on local farms during crop harvests.

Control of madeira vine, located both upstream and downstream of the site remains a pressing issue and new funding from Transport for NSW will focus action this year on upstream infestations on Bypass land.

Check out this beautiful place and its Bushcare community when it meets from 9:00-11:00am on the third Sunday of the month.



## April-May Art Show at Berry Uniting Church

Easter is here! The Berry Uniting Church will be hosting an art show inviting people to reflect on a change in perspective on life, death, suffering and struggles. It is called Stations of the Resurrection. Each piece of art (a 'station') has a reflection to go with it, accessible by QR code or hard copy. They will gradually appear through April and into May along the fence on our property as you walk between North St and Albert St. There will also be a show inside the main hall of the same pieces. A half-day retreat on Saturday 13 April (9am-1pm) will also be available to take time out to explore and dig a little deeper in response to these different and startling images.



The artist is Scott Erickson and these are some of his words introducing the show:

Did Jesus' resurrection do anything? I mean that's kind of a scandalous question. I'm not arguing that it didn't happen. I believe that it did. But my question is did it do anything? What does it do for us today? Did resurrection happen one time or is it still happening in our midst?

The most common response I hear is something about the afterlife. This art show is not about that... because what happens after this life is only something we can speculate, nothing we can really experience as we are alive. So lets side step resurrection as afterlife for now.

What does it mean to experience resurrection now?

The morning Jesus rose from the grave the first thing that happened was that Jesus changed. And then his resurrection encounters with his followers irrevocably changed them, and changed their communities, that changed the world.

The premise for these station meditations is that resurrection changes the way you see everything. Jesus invited his followers to undergo a complete 180 degree change of mind, heart, and perspective. And on the other side of his resurrection encounters, we see this about face change in his followers.

I believe we are still invited to a perspective change that changes the world. Each one of the stations draws from the story of the first Easter day onwards and invites us into a change of perspective: one that affected the followers back then, and one that invites us right now.

This Stations of the Resurrection art show is available for spiritual formation for all people.

Plant Propagation Nursery Continued...

### Growing Plants Growing Community

fig species which have survived many climate changes and/or extinction events.

The huge female cone of **Macrozamia communis - Burrawang** was a highlight. It weighed about 5 kilos.

**Macrozamia communis - Burrawang** - The name 'macro' refers to the large size and 'zamia' refers to the family of plants with pine cones; 'communis' means growing in groups.

**The plant** - Burrawang is a cycad, so ancient that it preceded dinosaurs by 20 million years. The large tufted plant with a palm-like appearance has a large woody underground stem which eventually can develop a trunk to 2 metres high and a diameter to 60 cm. Burrawangs respond quickly after bush fire.

**The leaves** - The long thick sharply spiked leaves can grow to 2 metres.

Mature female Burrawang fruit bursting apart to reveal the seeds.

**The fruit** - Male and female fruit form as cones on separate plants.

The male cones are 20-45 cm long and 8-12 cm in diameter.

The female cones are also 20-45 cm long but broader at 10-20 cm in diameter.

The female cone contains many seeds surrounded by very attractive shiny scarlet coloured flesh which is poisonous.

The female cones have a spiral arrangement of the individual segments which may appear similar to a pineapple. However, Burrawangs are not related to the bromeliad family.

**The seeds** - The seeds are very slow to germinate; they may take years!



### Stations of the Resurrection Art Show April-May



Change perspectives on life, death, suffering and struggles

Art works available to view anytime  
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Explore deeper in a half-day retreat  
Saturday 13 April  
9am-1pm

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I love growing a passionfruit vine, my last passionfruit vine was amazing, the vine was healthy, strong, green and the fruit each season was abundant and delicious. I have grown passionfruit vines for years, but not every vine has been successful. Some vines just didn't grow, others never flowered. The success of any plant is having good healthy soil. The health of the soil influences the health of the plant and what it produces. The same is true with our lives, have you ever considered your heart being like soil? It sounds like a strange thought, but when we listen to what Jesus taught about hearing his Gospel message it makes more sense. One parable Jesus taught went like this..



*"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."* Matthew 13:3-9, NIV

The parable tells us a simple story about God's truths being spoken to our lives, there are times when our lives reflect the different soils Jesus mentioned, hard, rocky, thorns and good soil. Some soil conditions makes hearing good news of Jesus hard to hear. Our fears, worries or hurts from life can be like the hard, rocky and thorny soils. But there is hope.

The message of Jesus is one of Good News, his message to humanity is one of forgiveness, grace freedom and love, this message is for all people of all nations to hear and receive. This is the good news we have just celebrated at Easter. In this parable Jesus teaches us that the Jesus is the farmer, the seed is his good news and we are the soil. The condition of our soil influences how we receive God's message of love, hope and forgiveness. The parable reminds us that Jesus is always seeking to share his message of love and grace to humanity, and the condition of our heart can be changed and made healthy to receive his love afresh today. As you read this, may it spur you to pause and ask yourself, what is the condition of my spiritual soil today? Seek Jesus afresh today, he desires to see your life be like a healthy passionfruit vine, full of life, green leaves and a fruitful life of joy in him.



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Our animals play a big role at A Taste of Paradise Farm. They are often the bridge between a young person, who may be experiencing complex trauma, and their mentor. When the animals greet the young people, they are excited to see them, they rush to the fence, and for a young person this may be their first experience of feeling cared for or loved.



Some of the young people who come to a Taste of Paradise Farm don't trust people anymore. Their lack of trust is for very good reasons, as they have had their trust broken by adults who should have been trustworthy. Understandably the young people don't want to be hurt again.

Initially this can make it hard to trust their mentor, as they just see another adult who is only going to hurt them and let them down again. They want to trust, but it is too hard. Slowly, over time, the young person begins to build a relationship with the animals, and as they do, they can begin to see that their mentor, like the animals, is happy to see them, is patient with them, gives them time to adjust to how they are feeling, and wants to spend time with them. This happens because the mentor is part of this very positive experience in the young person's life.

Once trust is developed, this provides opportunities to build a safe and reliable friendship with their mentor, which can give the young people hope for safe and reliable friendships with other people, away from the farm. Then they start to build skills and strengths from activities at the farm, skills like animal husbandry, gardening, and maintenance skills. All of which gives them hope, and with hope comes opportunities to do new things, which in turn builds strength and resilience.

For any enquiries, please call Lyn on 0490 060 251, email [admin@atasteofparadise.org.au](mailto:admin@atasteofparadise.org.au) or see our website [www.atasteofparadise.org.au](http://www.atasteofparadise.org.au)



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## COTTAGE MEDICAL WELCOMES NEW DOCTORS TO BERRY

Cottage Medical are very excited to welcome some new faces to Berry as well as welcoming one back! Dr Hanne Friis-O'Toole (2nd from left) is returning after leave, and we are happy to have her back as part of the Berry team.

Also moving over to Berry is Dr Juliana Prick (left) who was at Nowra until the end of last year.

Drs Emma Lake (2nd from right) and Dr Oliver Morgan (right) will also be available for appointments at Berry starting from the beginning of February.

These new faces join practice principal, Dr Jenny Woods (middle) as well as Dr Carmel Mason, Dr Solange Duveaux and Dr Chris Darragh already consulting at Cottage Medical.



**Dr Hanne Friis-O'Toole** has been with us at Heritage Medical since 2019. Hanne is at the end of her medical training and completed her medical degree in 2016 from the University of Wollongong. Prior to this Hanne completed an exercise science degree. Hanne trained as a junior doctor in Sydney before relocating to the Shoalhaven to live and undertake general practice training. Hanne has a love of sport and a special interest in Sports Medicine (all things bones, muscles and joints!) and lifestyle medicine.

**Dr Juliana Prick** has been with Heritage Medical since 2023. Juliana completed her medical degree in The Netherlands before moving to Australia in 2018. Prior to starting her GP training, she also worked in the Emergency Departments of Wollongong and Shellharbour hospital, where she gained experience in paediatrics and more acute patient presentations. In her free time, she loves spending time with her family and cooking, as well as going on bush walks and cycling along the beach.

**Dr Emma Lake** has lived in Nowra and Wollongong her whole life and completed her degrees through the University of Wollongong. Dr Lake has special interests in emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology and procedural work. She enjoys event medical work and provides medical support for high-risk music festivals and sporting events. Emma enjoys time with her family and friends and keeping active through walking in nature and cycling.

**Dr Oliver Morgan** trained as a junior doctor at Royal North Shore Hospital, Ryde Hospital, and Port Macquarie Hospital. More recently he has been working in regional healthcare settings across the state to further his understanding of the challenges of rural healthcare. Dr Morgan grew up on the South Coast of NSW and is eager to bring the skills he has learned as a junior doctor back to his community as he undertakes GP training. Outside of work, he is a keen surfer and enjoys spending time with his family, including the most recent addition of a new puppy.



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**Attendance at our monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at St Luke's Church Hall, Princess St, has been boosted by the change to daytime hours. The meeting time has been tweaked to 1pm for a 1:30pm start, to allow parents and grandparents to make school pick-up in time.**

Each month we have guest speakers covering a diverse range of topics from soil health, regenerative farming, bugs, nature photography, historic gardens and so much more.

Attending our meetings is also a great way to stay up to date with all the club has to offer, including tours (most recently a bus trip to the Collector's Plant Fair), private garden visits (held on the third Wednesday of the month) and volunteer opportunities, including working bees in the George St Park, helping out with the Plant Prop Group, and lending a hand during the Berry Camellia and Floral Show and The Berry Gardens Festival. And, of course, the meetings also provide an opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. Guests are always welcome, so please come along.

Autumn is spectacular in Berry, with the many deciduous trees lining our streets putting on a colourful show. In the flower gardens, Japanese windflowers are at their pretty best, and annuals such as violas and pansies provide a welcome burst of brightness. Now is the time to be planting spring bulbs and thinking about the bare root roses you'd like to plant. In the vegetable patch, it's time to plant garlic and asparagus crowns, and seedlings of broccoli, cauliflower and cabbages. Beet-root, carrot and spinach seeds can all go in and will thrive over the cooler months.

Happy gardening, everyone!

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

## Embracing summer and new beginnings: Berry Community Preschool update



It's been a busy start to the school year at Berry Community Preschool, and with it comes a new cohort of children eagerly settling into their routines. Our preschoolers are diving into a world of learning and exploration, filled with enriching activities and community support.

This year kicked off with an array of exciting experiences, from delightful baking sessions to calming yoga sessions and dance classes. Our aim is to provide a diverse range of activities that cater to each child's interests and developmental needs, fostering a love for learning in a nurturing environment.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. We recently hosted an Easter Fundraiser and BBQ – events designed to bring our community together but also raised much-needed funds for our beloved preschool.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Turfco for their generous donation and installation of new grass in our outdoor learning space. Thanks to their support, our children now have a soft and inviting area to play and explore.

Community support has always been the cornerstone of our preschool, and we are immensely grateful for the generosity we've received. Ray White Berry's \$500 donation at the end of last year has been instrumental in supporting our educational initiatives, ensuring that we can continue to provide high-quality early childhood education to our children.

Furthermore, we were thrilled to receive a \$100 book voucher from The Berry Masonic Village as a token of appreciation for our participation in the Christmas card design competition.

With the unwavering support of our community partners and dedicated educators, we're excited to see what wonders await our young learners at Berry Community Preschool over the coming months.

Berry Preschool is a not-for-profit organisation that greatly appreciates contributions from the community to enhance our learning environment. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

**Warm regards, Berry Community Preschool**



## Meals on Wheels Berry

### March 11 to 24 this year saw a special celebration of Seniors

The NSW Government assigned March 11 to 24 for the NSW Senior's Festival this year. With the theme of 'Reach Beyond', it encouraged older Australians to try new experiences; and at Berry Meals on Wheels, we want to do the same.

We would encourage you to consider the healthy, nutritious, and delicious menu of meal options available with Meals on Wheels. The menu extends from scrumptious soups and delicious mains through to a range of tasty and tempting desserts.

Your meals are delivered on the same day every week, not by couriers, but by dedicated Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers who can take the time to say 'g'day' and check on your welfare. But perhaps the most notable benefit of Meals on Wheels is the fact that all meals are prepared according to the Guidelines for Senior Australians.

This ensures you're eating a variety of nutritious foods with adequate protein to help sustain good muscle strength and build immunity. And as research tells us, they're both key ingredients in keeping you strong so you can live an independent and enjoyable life. Just select your meals each week according to your tastes and preferences.

It's easy to explore the benefits of getting Meals on Wheels today. Go to the website [northshoalhavenmeals.org.au](http://northshoalhavenmeals.org.au), where you'll find an application form and the full menu. Or, if you prefer – just give us a call on 44225111 and our knowledgeable, helpful staff will take you through the details.

If you qualify, before you know it, you'll be sitting down to enjoy the benefits of one of Australia's longest running senior's support services and wondering what took you so long!

# Community Groups

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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<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 comberrymarkets	4464 2500
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<b>Berry Evening VIEW Club</b> janchambers49@hotmail.com	0490 054 574
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<b>Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Brigade</b> broughtonvalerfs@gmail.com	0414 897 227
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<b>Huntingdale Park Resident Action Group</b> PO Box 325 Berry 2535 rick.bmfberry@bigpond.com	4464 2446
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<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
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## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS - CONTINUED...

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<b>Zonta Club of Berry Inc.</b> berry@zontadistrict24.org zontaberry.com.au Facebook – Zonta Berry	0402 394 211
<b>ARTS</b>	
<b>Arts National Shoalhaven</b> www.adfas.org.au/shoalhaven artsnationalshoalhaven@gmail.com	4464 2619
<b>Berry Silver Band</b> Kaye – kayecj@westnet.com.au adrian@fewwordsphotography.com.au or 0427 775 100 meet at Masonic Hall Berry on Mondays at 7:00pm	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 – terryllyn@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/redberriesquiltinggroup	0432 603 484
<b>CHURCHES</b>	
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<b>St. Patrick's Catholic Church Berry</b> nowra@dow.org.au PO Box 304 Berry www.nowraparish.org.au	4423 1712
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## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS - CONTINUED...

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<b>Berry Public School Plant Propagation</b> Berryplantpropagation@gmail.com	4464 3911
<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
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<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.

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# Sustainable BERRY

With a worsening climate crisis, many individuals are making choices to limit their impact on the environment. Some may choose to limit their air travel or swap our diets to be more plant based. Others join in Clean up Australia events or turn off lights and appliances for Earth Hour. We want to feel our choices are having a positive effect. While our actions may make us feel better about the state of the planet, the possibility for real change is primarily with large corporations, and governments that are prepared to introduce legislation to make polluting businesses accountable for their actions.

Twenty years ago, British Petroleum (BP) hired public relations company Ogilvy & Mather to formulate a campaign, to take pressure off the company as a large emitter of greenhouse gases and instead encourage the public to take responsibility for their own, individual actions. The term “carbon footprint” was introduced. Online calculators enabled consumers to measure their own CO2 impact. The success of this marketing campaign was that the responsibility for CO2 emissions was pushed onto individuals and away from the fossil fuel industry.

The problem with this model is that virtuous actions by individuals can never have the same impact on the environment as that of the fossil fuel industry. Greenhouse gas

emissions continue to rise at a time when they should be falling. An article on Our World in Data published in 2020 shows the energy sector is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, accounting for 73% of emissions. The top four greenhouse emitting industries are electricity and heating; manufacturing and construction; transport; and agriculture. The fashion industry (in particular fast fashion) accounts for another 8 to 10% of emissions. It should not be forgotten that in 2010 BP was responsible for the largest oil disaster in modern history, with the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig. Despite the knowledge that fossil fuels are extremely polluting, and add to greenhouse gases, governments continue to approve new projects. In 2022 Exxon invested 9 billion euros in a new offshore oil project in Guyana. New gas and oil drilling projects were licenced in the North Sea after approval by the UK government, as part of its transition to “clean energy”, which includes nuclear power. Also in 2022, the Canadian government approved the Bay du Nord offshore oil project. In 2023 Australia had 116 new projects awaiting approval or approved, including the Northern Territory government consenting to fracking in the Beetaloo Basin.

The shortcoming with individual actions is that there is only ever an addition effect, where a multiplier effect is required for

meaningful change. Even if 10% of the global population committed to reducing their carbon footprint, the impact on greenhouse gases would be negligible.

What can we do to bring about real change? Lobbying governments is effective, as polluting and fossil fuel industries know. We should challenge our leaders about how they formulate policy. Writing to local, state, and federal politicians takes time, but is more effective than signing a petition. Let them know what issues are important to you, such as banning fracking or the logging of old growth forests, and how you intend to vote based on their policies. We have the power to vote in or out politicians and political parties who continue with inaction on climate change.

All this is not to say that our personal efforts should be tossed aside. The choices we make in our everyday lives should be based on caring for our fragile planet. Positive choices are avoiding fast fashion; learning to repair clothing and other items, keeping items out of landfill; eating seasonally and cutting food waste; switching to renewable energy; carpooling; walking and/or cycling where possible; making ethical investments; and donating to environmental groups. We are extremely fortunate to live in a truly beautiful part of the world and we should ensure that it remains that way for future generations.

## Sustainable BERRY



### 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.

# 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:

DA2024/1061	– 12/2/2024	– Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of detached three storey dwellings with subdivision – 2 Kangaroo Valley Road, Berry.
MA2024/1043	– 22/2/2024	– Bring Dwelling forward 3.5M to a minimum 8.7M front setback. In line with dwellings in the street – 59 Connors View Berry
DA2024/1103	– 23/2/2024	– Single Storey dwelling with swimming pool, shed and two storey cabin with pool – 9 Serenity Ridge, Berry
PCD2024/1073	– 28/2/2024	– Swimming Pool – 15 Queen Street, Berry
DA2024/1127	– 28/2/2024	– Dwelling with Retaining Wall – 11 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2024/1116	– 28/2/2024	– Alterations and Additions to existing rural dwelling, including new deck and minor landscape works – 21 Wattamolla Road, Woodhill
MA2024/1060	– 8/3/2024	– Modification to Pool Ara – 59 Tindalls Lane, Broughton.
DA2024/ 1062	– 5/3/2024	– Swimming Pool, Decking and Associated Safety Barriers – 309 Bryces Road, Far Meadow

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED:

DA2023/3035	– Approved	– 14/2/2024	– Dwelling alterations and additions including a new carport – 3 Albert Street, Berry
DA2023/1540	– Approved	– 22/2/2024	– Change of use of existing Storage Room to Habitable Room with External Deck – 11 Thomas Close, Berry
DA2024/1023	– Approved	– 28/2/2024	– Temporary Use of Land (Car Park for the Red Hot Summer Festival) – Wharf Road, Berry

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## COFFEE AND Friends

Coffee and Friends won't be held in April due to Anzac Day and the School Holidays but we'll be back again in May on Wednesday 22nd May at 10am. Looking forward to seeing you then at Berry Uniting Church Hall.

## Berry Community Library

The school holidays are coming up and we have a great range of kids books for all ages to borrow. There are lots of beautiful picture books for the younger children. Some of the book series for primary aged children include Dog Man, Weirdo, Friday Barnes, Tom Gates, Kensy and Max and many others. David Walliams is also a favourite author of our younger borrowers.

### 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.

The Third Wednesday Book Club has started up again and we would welcome new members to the group. We meet in the Community Library at 4pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is a different theme each month and members choose their own books based on that theme to discuss. There are drinks and nibbles, relaxed conversations and lots of laughter.



## Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

# The Hats of Easter

Have you ever worn an Easter hat? Was it for a hat parade or to go to church? What message can we learn from Easter? The Easter Bible story has a number of Characters, who interact to show us to God's plan of forgiveness for the world. Sin, (that is disobedience or rebellion against God) entered the world in the beginning of creation and so the relationship between man and God was broken. Then, many years later, Jesus entered the world as the Son of God, to save all that were and are lost. Jesus grew up and started to teach, heal and show His power and authority to people. What are Easter hats?:

Hat 1- The Pharisees, were the chief priests, religious leaders and teachers. They were dominant and had a lot of power over the people. They disagreed with Jesus' teaching and continually challenged Him. Hat 2- King Herod, was king of the region. When the Pharisees brought Jesus to him to have him killed, Herod said that he could find no guilt in Jesus, but because he was afraid of the people and wanted to please them all, he sent Jesus to be crucified. Hat 3- The Soldiers, who carried out orders, were also cruel and mocked Jesus, by putting a crown of thorns on his head, then beat him and nailed him to a cross. Hat 4- Jesus, is God's only Son. He came to save the lost and fulfil God's plan to take all the world's sin on Himself and nail it to the cross, to defeat death and restore a right relationship with God. *John 3:16 says*

*'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life'* Hat 5- the Easter Bonnet. Worn at school Hat Parades and at Easter. Many people see Easter as Easter eggs and chocolate, but it can also be seen in Jesus. From an egg, hatches a new life, which Jesus has given us by dying on the cross and rising again. Chocolate eggs can be hollow which is where we see the empty tomb and know that Jesus has risen to free us from sin, show forgiveness and for all believers to belong once again to God's family.

Hoping and praying you have all had a happy and blessed Easter, remembering Jesus' sacrifice for us all.

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Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

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**BERRY VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area.**

VIEW, which stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, is a network of close to 300 clubs and over 14,000 women throughout Australia. It provides a place for women to connect in the community, enjoy social activities, and develop lasting friendships – all while supporting the work of children’s education charity, The Smith Family. This year is the perfect time to join VIEW as social events are truly back on the calendar including e.g. fashion parade, theatre parties etc. Our events and activities are a way that we raise funds to support the education of children and young people experiencing disadvantage through The Smith Family.

VIEW is the largest community sponsor of The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program, which provides students with financial, educational and personal support. This is crucial, particularly in the current economic climate.

We have all been hit by the rising cost of living, be it power prices, food or petrol. But these rises have had an even greater impact on those already doing it tough.

Parents shouldn’t have to choose between putting dinner on the table or buying their child a uniform for school. This is why it is so important that we help children experiencing disadvantage with their education. VIEW nationally supports the education of over 1720 students through the Learning for Life program, ensuring that they have educational support and what they need for the school year. BERRY VIEW Club currently supports 4 students.

We are always looking for women of all backgrounds and ages to join us and look forward to welcoming new faces at our next monthly meeting.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call JAN on 0490 054 574 or visit [www.view.org.au](http://www.view.org.au) for further information.

The next BERRY VIEW Club dinner meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at the Berry Bowling Club @ 6.30 for 7.00pm. Please call Jan on 0490 054 574 to make a booking.



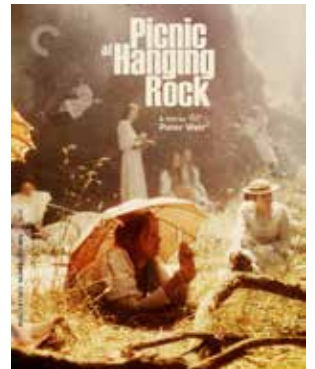
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Last month, historian Richard Travers delivered an insightful lecture on a range of Australian artists overseas during and immediately after WW1 – Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton and Hilda Rix, just to name a few of the most widely known. Richard has undertaken extensive research on this topic for his relevant books – ‘Above the Mists of Ages: the ANZAC Legend in Historical Practice’ and ‘Hilda, the Life of Hilda Rix Nicholas’ – which included travel to England and France, and this was well-evident in his talk and images. Richard brought a wide variety of artworks to life for us as he recounted the historical context of each – how it fitted into the life and work of the artist at that time, and into the broader historical context of the war and the schemes that existed for artists. Fascinating! Thank you, Richard!

There are eight more lectures in 2024. We look forward to seeing you at our next lecture, which is focusing on film. For more information on future lectures or joining ANShoalhaven go to [www.artsnational.au](http://www.artsnational.au). Follow us on our Facebook page and Instagram: ArtsNational Shoalhaven.

**TELLING OUR STORIES –  
Lecturer Karen Pearlman  
11 APRIL 2024 - 7.30pm**

Australian cinema gained international recognition in the 1970s and 80s with period dramas like “Picnic at Hanging Rock,” “My Brilliant Career,” and “Breaker Morant,” portraying a lyrical and bittersweet image of Australia. In the 1990s, “The Glitter Cycle” brought a contrasting image, featuring films like “Strictly Ballroom,” “Muriel’s Wedding,” and “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert,” showcasing a vibrant and rebellious Australia. While box office success waned in the 90s, a new wave emerged with attention on Indigenous filmmakers. Films like “Samson and Delilah,” “The Sapphires,” and “Mystery Road” offer complex, poetic perspectives, reflecting a diverse narrative in Australian cinema. This lecture explores the evolution of storytelling and the portrayal of Australia across these cinematic waves.



**Karen Pearlman** is a filmmaker, researcher, and author known for her trilogy of award-winning short films on historical women editors. Her works have garnered 32 national and international awards, including recognition for editing, directing, and documentary categories. Her 2020 film, ‘I Want to Make a Film About Women,’ received an Oscar longlisting and an Australian Academy Award nomination. Pearlman authored the widely used textbook ‘Cutting Rhythms’ and has reached over a million viewers through collaborative research communication videos titled ‘The Science of Editing’ on YouTube.

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