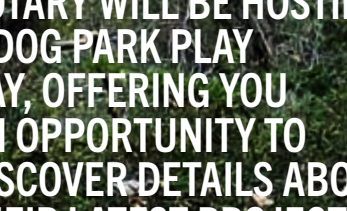


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The purpose of the publication is to communicate to the people of Berry about community activities and aims to share information amongst community groups, individuals and the community. A community that is well informed with a range of different opinions makes better decisions and that makes for an even better community that we can continue to be proud of.

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BERRY PROBUS

Members of the Berry Probus club celebrated their 38th year as a club with a beautiful lunch at the Noble restaurant in Gerringong, where we all enjoyed a lovely meal at a delightful venue.

A great speaker last month from the Simulated Patients Program with Shaun Tyler giving an insightful talk on what it means to upcoming doctors to train with volunteers who offer their time to become pretend patients.

A 3-hour Batemans Bay River cruise at the end of October, tickets to see Human Nature and The Mollymook Cup race at Nowra Racetrack run by the Pink up Berry Ladies are just a few outings members participated in during October.

November we are joining the Pink Up Berry Ladies again for their Melbourne Cup function held at the Berry Bowling Club which is always a fun time along with the Ladies and Men's separate coffee mornings held every third Thursday of the month. Some lucky members have tickets for the Nutcracker Ballet, while all members can enjoy the club barbecue.

Plans are already under way for an event filled calendar next year, with visits to Mayfield Gardens as well as a sheep station just two items on the list. The theme for Probus this year is **'Reinvent your Retirement'** this is a great incentive to join a Probus club.

Probus is for retired people who want to meet likeminded people, who just want to enjoy their retirement with social outings, some fun and friendship with no fundraising.

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church Hall, Albert Street (behind the Men's Shed) from 9.00 for 9.30 to 12.00noon. (parking in North Street)

If you would like to attend a Probus meeting please ring our President, Carol Orr on 0418 276 808, or email berryprobus@outlook.com to let us know you are coming, we welcome likeminded people to visit, a great way to meet friends you didn't know before.



BERRY REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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Draft Heritage Strategy on public exhibition



A document used by Council to help guide planning and management of local heritage projects and supports Council to apply for government funding, is now on public exhibition.

The draft Shoalhaven Heritage Strategy 2025 is a public policy that assists Council's applications to the NSW Government for funding opportunities to help deliver heritage projects and other heritage initiatives across the city.

The strategy is prepared with consideration for best practice advice from the NSW Government, including the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and the Heritage Council of NSW.

Since its initial adoption, the strategy has been updated numerous times to align with Council's contemporary priorities for heritage management. As a matter of standard practice, public policies must also be reaffirmed within 12 months of the election of a new Council.

The draft Shoalhaven Heritage Strategy 2025 introduces specific recognition of the foundational importance of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and the need for this to be reflected in planning and development decisions.

There is also a raft of minor changes to the document, including the removal of references to certain projects or undertakings that are not currently Council priorities, such as the appointment of a heritage advisor within Council.

While no community engagement is legislatively required as part of the review process, due to community interest, Council resolved on 12 August to publicly exhibit the draft strategy.

The draft document will be publicly exhibited on Council's Documents of Exhibition webpage for 28 days from Wednesday 24 September until 5pm, Friday 24 October 2025.

The period for responses may have just passed but often they will accept late submissions if they are submitted prior to the staff Report to Council being completed.

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Thank You

We are always reminded by events and causes such as the wonderful "Pink Up Berry" team what a remarkable community we have.

We should try to put aside any animosity and division that can sometimes arise in our community and concentrate and celebrate all the great things, the great people and volunteers who make such an effort and succeed so highly.

Pink Up Berry 2025 has been such a great success as usual.

At the time of writing this Deb Wooley and her team with the community's assistance had already "smashed their \$50,000 fundraising goal for 2025. What a result and still some days to go.

From Pinking Up the town, businesses, public spaces and the streets and homes to race days, lunches, street stalls, raffles and so many other events and fundraising opportunities their energy and focus is outstanding and an inspiration to so many of us.

The Berry Alliance Town Crier is proud to have assisted in a small way over the years and we too have rejoiced in their success.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Pink Up Berry group and our wonderful community.

Working together we have always been able to achieve great things.

On that note we would also like to thank our wonderful advertisers who make it possible for us to provide a truly community, not for profit, printed paper each month.

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The Town Crier affords a great opportunity for registered community Groups in Berry along with some additional "Sponsored" charities and groups to be able to inform our community about what they do, any events they are holding and if they need more volunteers or assistance.

We also provides some more detail on matters that affect our community and in particular from our local Council.

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LIFE FOR LOCAL WOMEN IN THE EARLY DAYS

Early European women settlers survived floods, fire, illness and childbearing – women bore their children at home, often with little help. Dorothy Edwards was one of six children and daughter to one of the earliest settlers. In the 1940s, when she was nearly 90 years old, wrote about her father who took up 50 acres in 1863:

"At first the land was very heavily timbered forest and brush land... Father's first job was to get a shelter put up for us to live in which consisted of slabs and a bark roof and earthen floor. The hut completed, we settled down to a life of hard struggle and toil."

Alexander Berry, not long after he settled the area said:

"The district was almost completely barricaded with impassable brush".

Violet Glague, in about 1912, wrote of her childhood:

Mother had her own method of treating sick children. Sore throats were treated with a little Kerosene on Sugar. Tummy upsets, a good dose of Castor Oil. Cuts and abrasions were soaked in Condyl's Crystals. Once a week we were all given a drink of Senna Tea, and if we had pimples, Sulphur and Treacle were given".

Over time as conditions improved domestic life in the bush passed slowly for women. Gardening, music, needlework, books and social interaction with neighbours helped break the monotony.

'Miss Betsy' (Betsy Stewart) who lived in old "Mananga" where she and her brother ran the earliest Post Office liked to keep up appearances. She would write home about going visiting in her "carriage and four" without revealing that it was merely a dray drawn by four bullocks.

But without the support and sense of belonging to a local community, women found it difficult to survive the harsh conditions and isolation of rural and remote areas.



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Life's journey

For each one of us, life is a journey full of adventures and surprises- sometimes joyful and difficult- but never meant to be walked alone. We have all been uniquely created by God, with our own gifts, purpose and path. While the road and journey can be uncertain at times, the presence of faithful companions can make all the difference. Having a good person, to talk to or praying with others, can help to make the difficult parts less bumpy. It is good to know that in the middle of everyday struggles, doubts and questions, Jesus walks with us. In the Bible Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Struggles strengthen us. There is joy to be had in knowing that hard times won't last and we can come out of it stronger, wiser, and more mature. When difficult times hit, remember that God works ALL things for the good of those who love him. (Romans 8:28)

Finding Strength and Comfort in prayer and mindfulness activities, can be a way to seek guidance and find peace. Reading and reflecting on the Bible can offer help, inspiration, and a sense of hope. Connecting with community or finding support from family or others who share similar beliefs can provide a sense of belonging and encouragement, as well as, giving opportunities for growth and learning. Turning to God for help, can give a renewed sense of hope when facing life's inevitable struggles.

The story of the prophet Jonah, in the Bible tells of God telling Jonah to go to Ninevah and tell the people to turn back to God, as their lives are disobeying Him. Jonah tries to go the opposite way, because he knows the people are big, mean and angry, but God knows and gets Jonah to Ninevah anyway. Jonah tells the people to turn back to God, and they listen. Jonah thinks they should still be punished, but God shows him that He is in control.

Bible stories are the best way to teach us about how God wants us to live. Jesus came to teach and show us how to live and love others. We are never alone at any time. His love is promised and holds us fast.

Sue Skinner

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CAR BOOT SALE

Berry Branch of Red Cross will have a car space at the Uniting Church Car Boot Sale Day on Saturday 15th November from 8 am to 12.30 pm. Please come along and support Red Cross and the Uniting Church. You never know what you could find.

The proceeds from our last fundraising at Berry Public School on Election Day were donated to Red Cross Emergency Services.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND HUMANITARIAN WORKERS

October 8th is an important day for Red Cross. It marks the 60th Anniversary of the Fundamental Principles that guide the work of Red Cross. They allow us to build trust, gain safe access and help protect life, health and dignity. So we must ensure they are never compromised. They are: Humanity Neutrality; Independence; Unity; Voluntary Service and Universality.

2024 was the highest toll of aid workers being killed. So far, with 672 aid workers killed, 2025 is already shaping to be worse. Up until now the greatest risk was car accidents. Now it is drones, missiles and other weapons. These are people who will go where others will not, into conflict zones, disaster areas and communities in crisis. If they cannot operate safely, the consequences for millions of people caught in conflict will be devastating. From Gaza to Sudan, Ukraine to Myanmar humanitarian needs are surging. Each aid worker killed is an assault not just on a life but on our shared humanity. They are also violations of International Law.

In September, Australia's Foreign Minister, Penny Wong, alongside other leaders and Humanitarian Organisations, including Red Cross, announced the Declaration on the Protection of Humanitarian Personnel at the UN General Assembly. It is about keeping Aid Workers safe. However it will only matter if it is acted upon.

Please go to the Red Cross website to find out more about the Principles, the Declaration and the actions that will be taken to help make it work.

BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING

If you wish to find out about becoming involved with or volunteering with the Red Cross contact the Berry Branch of the Red Cross (see Community Groups page of Town Crier for contact details) or go onto the Red Cross website.

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COFFEE AND Friends



It will be our last Coffee and Friends for 2025 on Wednesday 26th November at 10am. We've had a great year with many wonderful speakers and we are very grateful for their contributions during the year. Our November speaker is Yolande Cozijn, publicity officer for Birdlife Shoalhaven. Glossy Black Cockatoos, Gang Gang Cockatoos and Powerful Owls are 3 threatened species of birds found in the Shoalhaven. Yolande will discuss how to identify these beautiful birds, the threats they face and some suggestions for ways we can help them. It will be an interesting and informative morning for our last Coffee and Friends of 2025.

Everyone is welcome.

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

Berry Community Library

It was great to see children, parents and grandparents borrowing during the school holidays. We had some sheets with a variety of activities for the children to take home and these proved very popular. Some of our book donations this month include – *Praiseworthy* by Alexis Wright, *100 years of Betty* by Debra Oswald and the *Unquiet Grave* by Dervla McTiernan. Always something interesting to read.

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With your support we are building an **OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IN BERRY**

After completing the Rotary Nature Play Park and the Centenary of Trees along the pathway in North St Berry, the Rotary Club of Berry's next community project is the Rotary Dog Park - Off-Leash Area.



This is a community-led project and we need community sponsorship to help fund it.

**Come along
with your dog
to our**

**"Dog Park Play Day"
launch**

on site in North St
(next to the Centenary of Trees pathway)

11am Sunday 16 Nov

- * Hear about the Design Plans
- * Be the first to find out about the sponsorship options and get your name in the park
- * BBQ and other activities



GIVE NOW



Have your say on Council's strategy for a thriving Shoalhaven economy

15 September 2025

Shoalhaven residents and businesses are invited to provide feedback to help inform Council's new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2035.

It is intended that this 10-year strategic document will provide a roadmap for how Council will support, attract and advocate for businesses in the region and capitalise on the opportunities of the visitor economy.

"This is an important opportunity for residents and businesses to discuss areas they believe Council can support sustainable growth of jobs and business in our region," said Mayor Patricia White.

"Council plays many roles in supporting the local and visitor economy. It is important that residents have their say to ensure we develop a strategy that reflects and supports our community's aspirations for our local economy into the future," Cr White said.

Once finalised, the new strategy will be a combined replacement for the existing, Economic Development Strategy 2017 – 2026 and Destination Management Plan 2018 – 2023, both of which are due for renewal.

The community can provide initial and early feedback by completing an online survey on Council's Get Involved website by Friday 24 October 2025.

Industry leaders and business representatives will also be invited to participate in a separate, business survey and attend targeted workshops to discuss Shoalhaven's economic development and tourism priorities.

Business owners and managers who wish to attend a workshop are requested to register by Friday 3rd October by emailing business@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

The new strategy will support other key Council plans including the Community Strategic Plan 2032 and will provide direction for Council's annual Delivery Program Operational Plan (DPOP), Budget, and the setting of any fees and charges.

For more information and project updates, visit the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy Get Involved page.

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DEPUTY MAYOR AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTED

24 September 2025

Councillor Peter Wilkins has been re-elected as Deputy Mayor at last night's Council meeting.

The annual election of the mayoral support positions also included the appointment of Councillor Selena Clancy as Assistant Deputy Mayor.

The ward one councillors were elected through a ballot process of voting by councillors at the meeting.

A Walkley Award winning journalist, Cr Wilkins brings his passion for making a difference to his local community to the role. Cr Clancy is also a respected leader, having served in the Australian Army for more than two decades including a senior position in the Commando Regiment.

These roles assist with mayoral duties in the absence of the Mayor.

Council comprises a Mayor and 12 Councillors – four Councillors representing each of our three wards. The current list of Councillors can be found on Council's website.

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DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY



Our Treasurer, Marilyn Kellett, attended the United Hospitals State Conference in Orange in October. Marilyn gave an update to all state UHA branches on David Berry Hospital's history, the work done by the Voice of David Berry committee and possible outcomes from the government. This was a wonderful opportunity, as all branches had supported our resolution to the government to keep the hospital site as an ongoing health facility. In that regard, there has been no further information since the focus groups suggestions were forwarded to the NSW Health Minister. We appreciate that it will take time to work with interested parties, and we look forward, as indeed the community does, to hearing the final outcome for whatever health purpose eventually occupies the site.

Our auxiliary will be holding a Christmas Street Stall in Broughton Court in early December, on a date to be fixed. We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and visitors, and all funds raised go to purchasing equipment for the hospital.

For more information please contact Irene Birks – 0408 096 109 or email dbhvoice@gmail.com.

The auxiliary meet on the second Monday of the month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall Berry. New members are most welcome.



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If you want to be involved in fun and meaningful projects like this, Zonta Berry is always looking to welcome new members to our group. Meeting venue has changed and meetings are now held from 630 pm, 4th Wednesday of the month at the Raine and Horne Boardroom, 94 Queen St Berry. We usually meet for a drink and a light meal if desired just prior. If you are interested in either joining or just trying out a meeting please contact Barbara Davis, Zonta Berry President on 0402 394 211

**Dr Fiona Mackie
Advocacy Director, Zonta**



Making All Things Beautiful

Winter can be long and sometimes harsh. There are times when I forget what summer feels like, when for days the cold winds blow, and a vast range of viruses make their rounds. Then little by little, the sun lingers, the days stretch out, buds form on the naked, dormant branches and the birds begin to sing again. With the arrival of spring and summer, we all collectively sigh with relief as we embrace a fresh sense of warmth and hope. Forgetting the woes of winter we lift our arms wide to the sun.

We recently had the privilege of attending a wedding of two people who had merged their lives and families after previous years of pain and turmoil in their lives independently. The turning point for both was discovered in the love of family, connection to a community that believed in them, and some hard choices to make positive changes in their lives. The long and hard winter of their lives is emerging into spring for themselves and their children. The sun is so evidently shining upon them. The bonus is, that we all get to collectively sigh with relief and cheer them on.

If the days are short and cold right now, and it feels like winter has settled around you, like it does for many of us, hold tight. Find a safe community that will see the beauty in you, even on the days when you cannot see it for yourself. Be bold and ask for help, and with all you've got look for connection to God who will lift you out of darkness into His light as He fulfils His promise to make all things beautiful.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart." Ecc 3:11a



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BERRY CWA

The Berry Branch Annual meeting was held Friday, October 10 with the Wollondilly Group President Jennifer Woodwell acting as the Returning Officer and Guest Speaker. It was a time to reflect on the past year's activities and to plan and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you to outgoing publicity officer Wendy Hayes for keeping the community informed of our many activities at both branch and state level for the past 3 years.

The election of officers saw a change of positions with Joan Cooper elected as President and Nancy Wilson Ghosh as Secretary. Nancy's contact details are: email nghosh10@gmail.com & mobile 0412 144 865.

Providing refreshments at Garden 3 during the Garden Festival was the first of our fundraising activities with thanks to the owners for their support in meeting our needs.

Fundraising is just one aspect of the CWA with advocacy, representation on significant committees and the opportunity to voice concerns affecting families in rural, regional, and urban areas, being an important part of our way of serving the country. At branch level the local community is not forgotten which was reflected this year by way of recent generous donations. Weekly branch activities include the Handicraft morning each Wednesday from 9am & Choir practices each Friday from 9.30am. The Book Club meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 12noon. All are welcome.

Marie De La Torre
Publicity Officer – 0408 585 522

BROUGHTON VALE/BERRY BRIGADE YOUR LOCAL RFS

SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF BERRY



This month we want to introduce you to Mel. She joined the Brigade in July and is excited to be part of a dedicated, community-focused team. She and her family moved from Sydney a year ago, and Mel is new to emergency services and firefighting, and is eager to gain experience and help where she can. Inspired by her son, who participates in the Illawarra Cadet Program and is a Junior Member of BVB Brigade, Mel appreciates how much he has grown in supportive surroundings.

She finds the mentorship offered to new members and cadets to be invaluable, noting that the Brigade and the RFS are welcoming and encourage women to join, offering diverse opportunities.

Mel appreciates the sense of teamwork and shared commitment within the brigade, and she enjoys the culture of support and mutual respect.

She is completing her initial Bush Fire training. One of the things that appeals to her is that within the RFS the training and development opportunities are diverse. There is the opportunity to gain qualifications which are vital and transferable to life generally.

Her Bush Fire advice is that preparation is key - not just a slogan. Don't wait until summer to think about bush fire safety. Have a clear, well-practised plan in place, and make sure your property is maintained and ready especially if you are more rural. Please adhere to and respect the fire bans and fire permit rules in place.

Outside brigade life Mel works as a Practice Manager in Allied Health, She says it keeps her busy during the week but also let her stay connected to the Brigade and attend training sessions and contribute when she can.

In her downtime she enjoys spending time outdoors exploring more of our beautiful surroundings and time with family.

Please note all pile burns need a permit from the start of September until the end of the fire season, and these permits can be suspended if weather conditions are adverse. You must also give your neighbours 24 hours' notice and let the local brigade know a day ahead.

If you too would like to make a difference to your local community or if you are already thinking about becoming a volunteer, all enquiries can be directed to Leadership-BroughtonVale-Berry-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au or check out the RFS Volunteer page at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/join-the-nsw-rfs>



Forum Organises Urgent Fundraising for Berry Public School Appeal - When asked to assist with raising \$7,000 to fund expenses to send a team of amazing students to compete at the International Tournament of Minds in Sydney, the Forum Committee established a dedicated web page and newsletter and tapped into the amazing generosity of the Berry community.

The funds were raised within 24 hours..

Forum Meeting held on 16 October - 60 people attended the meeting on Thursday, including Mayor Patricia White, new CEO Andrew Constance and Councillors Selena Clancy and Matthew Norris. Many attendees have commented since the meeting that they felt the meeting content had been very informative and well run.

Mayor and CEO presentations - Mayor White provided updates on several areas, ranging from improving the schedule of mowing to the proposals received for three luxury hotels in the Vincentia and Huskisson areas. She also referred to the Office of Local Government changes to Council meetings that will be implemented in January.

CEO Andrew Constance spoke about the financial challenges faced by Council and how he would approach the role, emphasising the need for transparency, and encouraging investment in the Shoalhaven, whilst protecting the environment. He committed to attend future Forum meetings, when possible, to answer questions from Forum members.

Council Finances - Stuart Coughlan summarised Council's 2024/25 financial results compared to the 2026 Budget.

Berry Hotel DA - Stuart advised the Feros CEO had assumed all non-heritage issues were resolved at the Court hearing, but he was reminded that will need to be re-addressed with a new DA. Parking requirements for the Berry Hotel proposal are a major issue. Feros have proposed a total of 26 parking spaces for a pub capacity of 389 patrons compared to the 142 required based on their own survey results.

Rotary Dog Park - David Brawn showed the location of the dog park in Council's original plans and advised that Rotary will be holding a community fund-raising event on Sunday 16 November at the site of the dog park. Stage one is fencing of areas with an estimated cost of \$70,000.

General Business - A resident representing a group of neighbouring property owners, voiced concerns about an application (MA24/1411) to expand small cooking classes and lunches twice a week at 450B Coolangatta Road, to a restaurant operating 7-days a week 7am-11pm with three sittings of 60 people.

AGM - Laurie Watson provided a summary of the income and payments for 2024/25, which can be found on the Forum website.

No applications had been received for Committee membership in response to invitations included in the newsletter and the Town Crier. Eleven members of the Committee were re-appointed.

NEXT FORUM MEETING - 4 DECEMBER



VIEW
voice, interests and
education of women

In 1960, George Forbes, then General Secretary of The Smith Family, saw the potential for an organisation which allowed women from all walks of life to develop interests outside the home, providing friendship, education and mental stimulation. At the same time he hoped to offer these women the means to assist others less fortunate through The Smith Family.

And so VIEW was born in Australia and this year celebrates 65 years of supporting The Smith Family supporting families in need of help with their children's education.

The Berry Evening Club decided to have a little fun with our celebrations. We enjoyed a baked dinner, pavlova and birthday cake. Some of our guests dressed as they did in 1965... we had schoolgirls, housewives and pregnant mums!

Lorna and Chrissie did some research and nudged our memories of world leaders, wars, music, fashion, movies that contributed to a huge social shift in the 1960's.

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

The next BERRY VIEW Club dinner meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at the Berry Bowling Club @ 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Please call Jan on 0490 054 574 to make a booking.



Berry Men's Bowling Club

The importance of the Bowling Club to the Berry community has again been confirmed by the effective use on a number of occasions to aid the active PINK UP BERRY group.

On Saturday 4th October bowling members vacated the greens to allow the Barefoot bowls day to which Nathan Bezant rendered his assistance and this successful day saw 90 players take to the greens. This was followed on 11th October with a successful Trivia Night which was to be followed by a Melbourne Cup Luncheon on 4th November.

Despite Club Championships in Mixed Fours, Challenge Singles and Major Singles being played, social bowls will continue to be played on a Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

Should you wish to give the popular game a try you are welcome with bookings by 12 noon to the Club phone 4464 2995 or 0467 592 762. A set of bowls can be made available. Lawn bowls is suitable for all ages and is an excellent way to put in a friendly afternoon and gain some exercise.

The Berry Men's Club has had four of our members selected to play in the Interzone trials and Australia now has 10 Inducted into the World Bowls Hall of Fame.



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Sundays

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BERRY MEN'S SHED

ANNUAL SALE AT BROUGHTON MALL



The annual Men's Shed sale was held on 4th October with part of the proceeds going towards our Scholarships with Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven High Schools.

The large variety of items for sale was the main attraction with our larger items being held back until we hold our final sale of the year on Saturday morning 15th November. One of the real bonuses for the Shed was the air time afforded to us by WIN Illawarra who invited the writer and other members of the Shed to talk about the benefits of Shed membership and members of the public spoke about the items they had just bought. The programme aired on the following Monday evening for nearly two minutes.

Last month we also held our 20th anniversary lunch in the Berry Uniting Church Hall with 50 people attending including our 3 life members, Tom Darby, John Hudson and Peter Johnstone. AMSA representative Beth Gow congratulated the Shed on its 20th Anniversary acknowledging it was one of the first Sheds in Australia and the first to have women members.

Don't forget our final sale of the year on Saturday 15th November at the Shed 146 North Street Berry.

Richard Wiseman
Publicity Officer



Berry & District Garden Club

The 35th annual Berry Gardens Festival last weekend was another successful four days with seven varied and interesting gardens around Berry. There were two town gardens including our first in Huntingdale Park which demonstrated the possibilities of a smaller urban site while the garden in Princess Street was a more traditional cottage garden. The rural gardens were very varied from the very ordered to the unusual adaption of a turpentine plantation.

There were about a thousand plus individual visitors to some gardens with the Plant Propagation Group stall in Strongs Road doing very brisk business. The Club Committee would like to thank the Festival Committee organisers and all the volunteers who assisted setting up, taking down and on the gates. It's a year long exercise to mount the Gardens Festival with planning already beginning for next year's Festival.

Thank you to all the Berry residents who supported us and were kind in allowing their streets to be visited by so many.

Stephen Buzacott
sbuzacott@me.com

Our motto:
Friendship through Gardening.

Secretary, Margaret Street,
welcomes enquiries at
secretary@berrygardens.org.au



Jill Farrar with our tree

Landcare BERRY A TREE FOR JIM

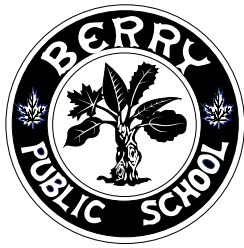
By Kelvin Officer

In January of 2022, after a brief and one-sided conversation with cancer, our then chairperson, Jim Jefferis died, aged 72. Jim had been a member of Berry Landcare since 2008, vice-chair since 2014 and chair from 2016 onward.

In September of this year, his partner, Jill Farrar and Berry Landcare invited Jim's colleagues and fellow members to celebrate his life by planting a tree in Mark Radium Park. His tree joins an arcade of existing memorial trees which celebrate the founding mothers and fathers of the Landcare movement: Joan Kirner and Heather Mitchell, in Victoria 1986, and Rick Farley, Philip Tyne, and Bob Hawke, for establishing the national movement in 1989. These memorial trees were planted in partnership with the Berry Alliance and Shoalhaven City Council with funds from the National Landcare Program through the Shoalhaven Landcare Association.

Using skills honed during his professional life at IBM and as a financial institution CEO, Jim, as a volunteer, guided Berry Landcare through programs such as the Berry 'Bush Links' Corridor project, a half a million dollar project (2016–2023) funded by the NSW Environment Trust, the methods and objectives of which continue to motivate the group's activities.

After Jim's retirement, Jim and Jill opted for life in Broughton Vale. The first local species they learnt to identify was the Red Ash, *Alphitonia excelsa*, and appropriately this is the identity of his memorial tree. The plant was wild-sewn in a local and privately owned regenerating forest and selected for transplanting into the park as a memorial tree. No longer competing in a forest for sunlight and space, it is now pitted against park vandals and overzealous whipper snippers. The members of the Mark Radium Parkcare group will continue to keep a watchful eye on our memoriam.



PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

REPLACEMENT PLANTS FOR WEEDY PRIVET SPECIES

Spring blossom is all around us and a walk along any country lane is a great place to start for identifying our local native trees as well as some of our major weed species, specifically privets.

Small leaved privet - *Ligustrum sinensis* is a large shrub and matures and flowers at an early stage. The flowers have a distinctive odour. Even when only 1 metre tall, shrubs produce a prolific number of fruits that are eaten and spread by birds into gardens and bush where they will germinate easily.

Replacement plant - *Breynia oblongifolia* - Little breynia



Little breynia



Broad leaved Privet - *Ligustrum lucidum* becomes a large tree and has the capacity to spread and grow in gardens and bushland.

Both privet species grow rapidly and become invasive, suppressing and outcompeting native vegetation by reducing water, nutrients and light.

Replacement plant - *Backhousia myrtifolia* - Grey myrtle



Grey myrtle in full bloom in summer



Grey myrtle grows in full sun or semi-shade, as a bushy dense shrub, very suitable as a screening plant to provide protective habitat for small birds.

Plenty of water, mulch and native fertilizer will overcome the tendency to slow growth in the early stages. It is drought hardy when mature.

Privet thrives in a climate like Berry and because of the invasive characteristics, both small and large leaved privet need to be managed and controlled.

Breynia and Grey myrtle could be mistaken for privets, so, **if in doubt, don't pull out.**

The QR codes refer to Growing Illawarra Natives website and Plantnet.

If you are new to the area and would like assistance with identifying and controlling weed species or revegetating with local native species on your property, Local Land Services will be holding a free one-day Property Planning Workshop in Berry 21st November from 9.00am-3.00pm.

Contact: Marlee Clayton on 0448 549 398 or via email marlee.clayton@lls.nsw.gov.au for more information.

At Berry Public School Native Nursery, local shrubs and trees suitable for small or large properties are available to replace weed species.

PLANT SALES

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Feedback on Berry flood investigation to inform next steps

13 October 2025



Residents in the township of Berry and its surrounds are invited to view a recent flood study of the area to learn more about their flood risk and inform how it will be managed in the future.

The technical investigation was undertaken by Council to improve its understanding of flood behaviour within the Broughton Creek catchment, which encompasses Berry and its surrounds.

Mayor Patricia White said the study took into consideration land use changes, ongoing urban development and infrastructure upgrades, and the findings may be used to inform future flood risk management strategies.

"It was necessary to undertake this investigation as there have been significant changes to the landscape in the catchment area due in part to new infrastructure and residential developments which can impact flood behaviour," Cr White said.

"In April 2024, residents in the Berry area experienced the most severe flood on record, making the findings of this study and the way we use that information, even more pertinent," she said.

"I'd strongly encourage residents to view the study's findings and have your say about

how the findings of the study should be used by Council to inform management of flood risk in the area," she said.

The study is now on public exhibition until Sunday 9 November and the community is invited to view the documents to better understand their flood risk.

Residents also have the opportunity to provide feedback about what steps they would like Council to take to help manage the flood risk by completing an online survey.

As part of this consultation, Council is interested in hearing whether the community would like to pursue the implementation a Flood Warning System for the Berry area, particularly following significant flooding in the area in April 2024.

A community information drop-in session will be held at the Berry School of Arts on Wednesday 29 October from 3pm to 6.30pm for residents who would like more information about the study and how their feedback will be used.

The Broughton Creek Flood Study found the primary source of flooding in the area was due to several major creek systems within the catchment, particularly within urbanised areas of Berry and the locality of Bundewallah.

The study identified that these areas were also prone to flash flooding, when heavy rainfall occurred over a short period of time.

The Broughton Creek Flood Study was undertaken in accordance with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy, the NSW Flood Risk Management Manual (2023) and in close collaboration with the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

To view the Broughton Creek Flood Study and to complete the survey, head to Council's Broughton Creek Flood Study Get Involved webpage.

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- **Plastic pet food bags**

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Ensure your plastics are **clean, empty, and dry** before bringing them to the event. *Dates and times will be added as they are confirmed.*

Details on event locations and times.

- **Saturday 8th November, 8am - 12pm**
@ Kiama waste and recycling depot,
Riverside Dr, Minnamurra
- **Monday - Thursday 4:15pm - 4:45pm**
and **Saturdays 8am - 10:45am** @
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No access outside these times, material must be **CLEAN, DRY, EMPTY**





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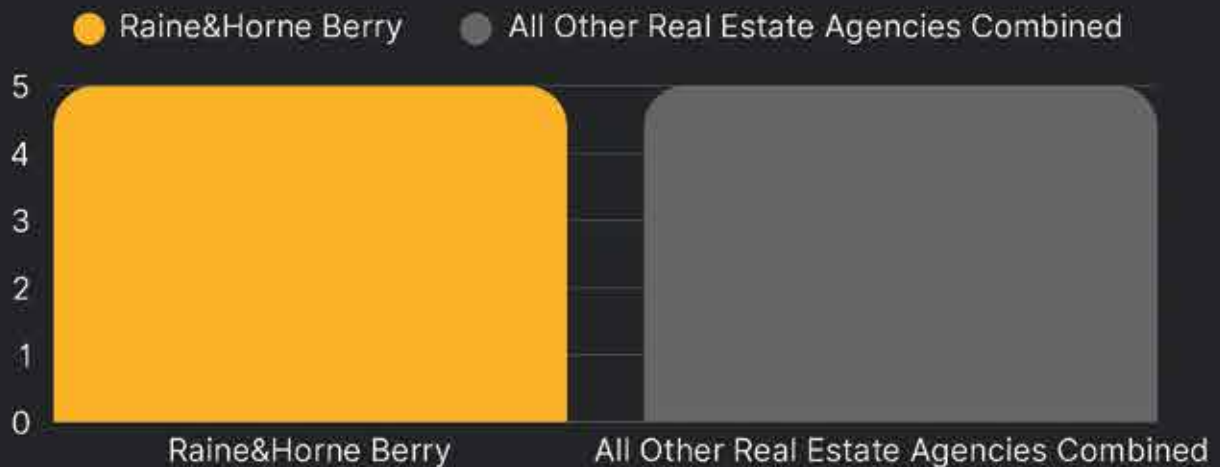
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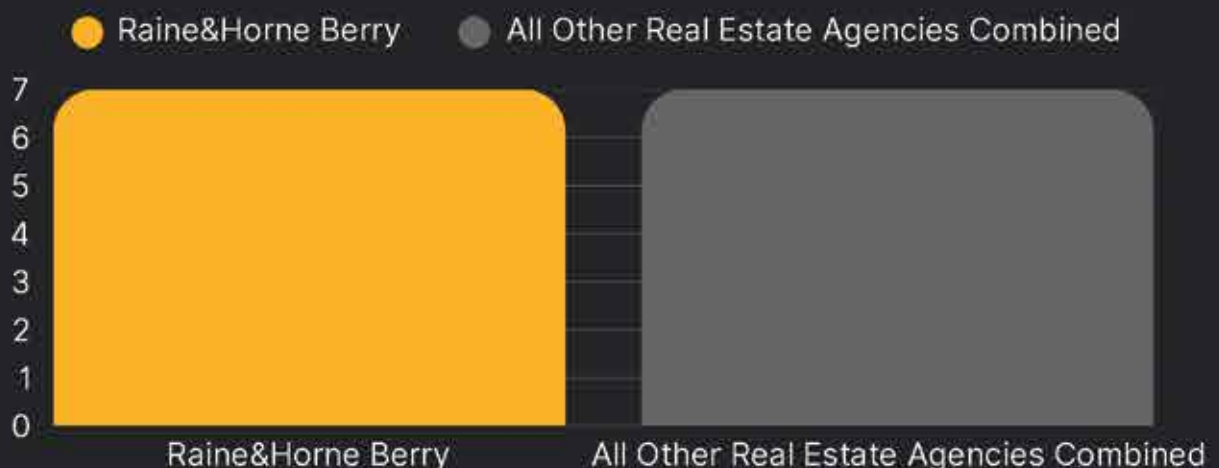
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Bundanon Trust www.bundanon.com.au	4422 2100
Pink Up Berry Raises Money for the McGrath Foundation pinkupberry@gmail.com	0428 005 910
SALT Ministries Supporting those in need 5-19 Birley St. Bomaderry info@salt.org.au or Facebook	4480 5028
Shoalhaven Education Fund chair@sef.org.au www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven	0414 379 059

Any Berry Community group who are yet to provide their updated details (after your AGM elections for example) please email them to info@berryalliance.org.au. If you need a form please email us for that. Please ensure that we always receive any updates or changes.

Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee

EMERGENCY 000

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Berry Police 4464 2175
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Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

Here is a list of the most recent Shoalhaven City Council Development Applications and Determinations since the list was produced in the last Berry Town Crier. The information on how you can see details and follow these applications, 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: <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.

"DA" is Development Application and is still currently the standard application.

"PCD" is Private Complying Development an application being submitted and approved by a private Assessor. These are usually signed off and approved in a couple of days.

"MA" means Modified Application – sometimes previously described as a variation. But it is an application for a modification to an existing approval.

DAS, MODIFICATIONS, REVIEWS & PRIVATE CERTIFIERS COMPLYING DEVELOPMENTS – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

DA2025/1984 – 16/8/2025 – Change of use to an existing cafe and shop to a small bar including demolition of internal wall and fit out works and signage to replace existing - 102 Queen Street Berry
PCD2025/1495 – 14/8/2025 – Change of use & commercial alterations & additions - 78 Albert Street Berry
PCD2025/1561 – 8/9/2025 – Secondary dwelling & swimming pool - 21 King Street Berry
PCD2025/1567 – 10/9/2025 – 2 storey dual occupancy attached - 57 Victoria Street Berry
MA2025/1290 S4.55(1A) to DA2024/1837 - 10/9/2025 – Increasing the height of the masonry wall behind the BBQ. Installation of windows to part of the open side the covered patio -the eastern end - 2 Ashworth Place Berry
PCD2025/1580 – 15/9/2025 – Residential care facility alterations & additions - 10 Victoria Street Berry
PCD2025/1596 – 16/9/2025 – Detached shed - 100 O'Keeffes Lane Jaspers Brush
PCD2025/1290 – 19/9/2025 – Single storey secondary dwelling - 21 King Street Berry
DA2025/2152 – 20/9/2025 – Alterations and additions to dwelling house and part use as a bed and breakfast accommodation - 15 Agars Lane Berry
PCD2025/1623 – 23/9/2025 – Dwelling alterations & additions - 8 Alexandra Street Berry
DA2025/2199 – 06/10/2025 – Single storey dwelling house, secondary dwelling, garage and swimming pool – 46 Connors View, Berry
PCD2025/1661 – 09/10/2025 – Dwelling alterations and Additions & studio – 8 Alexandra St., Berry
PCD2025/1659 – 7/10/2025 – Detached shed – 140C Bryces Rd; Far Meadow
DA2025/2259 – 10/10/2025 – Dwelling house, associated site works, landscaping and amenities – 9 Foremans Rd., Woodhill

DAS, MODIFICATIONS, REVIEWS & PRIVATE CERTIFIERS COMPLYING DEVELOPMENTS – APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

DA2025/1865 – 12/9/2025 – Approved - Private horse arena and detached shed - 7 Schofields Lane Berry
DA2025/1548 – 22/9/2025 – Approved - Single storey dwelling house - 33 Bong Bong Street Berry
DA2024/2388 – 26/9/2025 – Approved - Lot 2 DPI 111012 and consideration of Lot A DP185785 to create 2 lots, Lot 11 of 12HA with dwelling entitlement and Lot 12 of 301, 8ha across both Shoalhaven and Kiama LGA's - Beach Road, Berry
DA2025/1291 – 1/10/2025 – Approved - Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling house and an awning roof connecting the dwelling house and the garage - 450 Agars Lane, Berry
DA2025/1290 – Approved – 3/10/2025 - S4.55(1A) to DA2024/1837 - Increasing the height of the masonry wall behind the BBQ. Installation of windows to part of the open side the covered patio -the eastern end - 2 Ashworth Place Berry
MA2025/1265 – 08/10/2025 – Approved – S4.55(1A) to DA23/1020 – Continued use of installed tennis court lighting and adjustment to location of pool house – 12 Serenity Ridge, Berry
DA2025/1461 – Approved – 08/10/2025 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including elevated car parking platform – 2 Ford St., Berry

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Council works with industry to improve DA assessment times

16 October 2025

Organisations and individuals lodging development proposals with Council are being reminded to include all required documentation to ensure timely assessment under NSW Government timeframes.

Under the Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order, Shoalhaven Council is required to assess development applications (DAs) within 105 calendar days following lodgement.

Mayor Patricia White said while Council is well positioned to meet the new target, the ability of staff to finalise assessments also hinges on applications being lodged with all the necessary supporting material.

"Council is continuing to work closely with applicants to ensure all required documentation is submitted to help ensure staff are able to assess proposals efficiently and within the timeframes set by the NSW Government," Cr White said.

"By working with industry to improve the quality and completeness of applications, Council's performance targets can be met, and vital infrastructure funding will be unlocked, ensuring we can contribute meaningfully to the delivery of new homes across the city," she said.

"As we enter this new phase of planning reform, it's important that we all adapt to the evolving expectations set by the NSW Government to achieve the best results," she said.

During the 2024-25 financial year, Council successfully achieved the NSW Government's previous target of 110 calendar days for DA assessment times.

The Department of Planning's league table also shows that in 2024-25 Shoalhaven Council received 929 DAs, putting Council in the top 10 for the number of applications lodged.

The result ensures Council is eligible for a share of \$67 million in grant funding under round one of the Faster Assessments Incentive Program, to deliver local infrastructure such as roads, open spaces, and community facilities.

Eligible councils will be scored and ranked based on their average assessment timeframes in 2024-25 and their improvement against their average over the previous three years.

The NSW Government is due to announce the successful councils to receive funding, this month.

Successful councils will be contacted by the Department of Planning following completion of the assessment process and asked to nominate an eligible local infrastructure project.

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