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Seasons Greetings from the Berry Alliance! As the year draws to a close, we reflect on the many stories and events that have shaped our community over the year. Thank you to all our community groups for sharing your achievements with us and thank you also to our advertisers who support the paper.

From the Berry Alliance Editorial Board

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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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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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Redberry Quilters have been enjoying both sewing day get-togethers and wonderful guest speakers at the monthly meetings. These events take place at St Luke's Church Hall in Princess St, starting at 9.30 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Visitors are welcome to both Fridays.

Lately the group has enjoyed another weekend workshop with well-known quilter Wendy Williams in October. They also welcomed local Kiama artist Jen Wulff, as the November guest speaker. Jen shared her quilt and book, 'Towns and Trailblazers' as well as showing her new latest projects.

Redberry will resume meeting in 2026 with a sewing day on the 23rd January, which will be dedicated to producing items for their bi-annual quilt show, to be held Friday May 1st to Sunday May 3rd 2026. Put the dates in your diary now!



WHAT A YEAR!!



We have laughed, we have cried, we have sat in silence.

Here we are almost at the end of another year. On behalf of A Taste of Paradise, a BIG THANK YOU to all our Mentors, Farm Workers, Volunteers and Members of the board, who all helped in their own way to support the young people attending our program.

We appreciate the amazing support from the local community. Whether that be at the Berry Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons, making a donation, or giving their time to volunteer at the farm. This year we held our first ever Street Stall in Broughton Court. It was a huge success, thanks to those you cooked, sewed, helped out on the stall, and of course, those who purchased the goods.

If you have some spare time (a few hours a week) and love gardening, why not join us at THE FARM. It is a friendly, welcoming place, where you would be greatly appreciated.

Contact admin@atasteofparadise.org.au or call 0490 060 251.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEA.

Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement

How easy is it to judge another person? It's so easy to catch oneself in the very act of assessing and judging someone and in the process determining who is worthy of our time, attention, kindness and love.

At Salt we are on a journey of unlearning judgement of others, as a way of life. In the context of community, we are constantly faced with people so different to ourselves. There are people who have a firm grip on life and people who do not. People who dress and present well and people that have no means, energy, nor ability to do so. People who make decisions we approve of and understand and people who don't. Life is not an even playing field. We often expect people to pull up their socks, but more often than not, they don't have a pair of socks to pull up.

When we look at people vastly different to ourselves, it is so easy to judge and discard. What is invisible to the untrained eye is the trauma, abuse and life history that has placed unbearable loads upon the shoulders of people. Who are we to pass judgement up on how they carry that load? This is where mercy comes in.

Mercy is compassion, kindness and forgiveness when we have the power to punish or harm instead. It is patience, second and third chances, the building of bridges. Once we get in touch with our own woundings, imperfections, and need for mercy, it becomes an easier road to offer mercy to others.

Mercy triumphs over judgement every time!



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Red and Green – the colours of Christmas

Some local plants with decorative features especially at Christmas time, for you to enjoy.

The traditional **NSW Christmas bush** - *Ceratopetalum gummiferum* is familiar to us all and grows so well in gardens in Berry. The creamy white flowers have all but disappeared by December, leaving the red sepals or bracts which last all through the holiday season. The colour of the sepals darkens as they age.



Christmas bush sepals

NSW Christmas bush is related to the much taller **Coachwood** - *Ceratopetalum apetalum* which can be seen as a flush of red on the escarpment.



The Illawarra Plum Pine (*Podocarpus elatus*) is a slow growing tree which can grow for several years as a potted plant. It has glossy dark green leaves and a dense habit with horizontal branches that are strong enough to support Christmas decorations. Being evergreen, it does not drop its leaves if you bring it inside.



Lush green leaves of Illawarra plum pine



There are a few mature trees at the rear of Berry Show Ground and opposite the entrance to Berry Railway Station.

Hairy Clerodendrum - *Clerodendron tomentosum* - is a small rainforest tree with soft hairy leaves. The spring flowers are white with prominent stamens. The fruits develop in December, when ripe, they turn a deep

Hairy Clerodendrum fruits



purple colour. The dark round fruits are held in the green sepals and look striking. Although it is sometimes called a Lolly bush, the fruits are not edible for humans.

Brachychiton acerifolius - *Illawarra flame trees* are prominent again this year in Queen Street and also in the grounds of the school at the intersection of Victoria and Clarence Streets. The spectacular fresh flowers are bell shaped and iridescent during Spring and Summer. The seed pods form about 3 months after flowering has finished.



THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED
FROM MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER AND
WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026 FROM 3.30-4.30
ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS



PINK UP BERRY TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Committee of Pink Up Berry would like to thank every single person that has helped in some way for us to raise an amazing amount of over \$108,000 this year for the McGrath Foundation who now provide specialised Cancer Care Nurses to those experiencing ALL types of cancer free of charge all over Australia.

This amazing amount raised would not of been possible without the support of the local community- businesses and our hard working volunteers.

The committee have taken a few months off to recharge but ideas are already being discussed of what we can do next year and some volunteers have already started to knit & crochet wraps so more trees can be decorated.

We as a town should be very proud of what has been achieved and feel proud that each one of you that supported Pink Up Berry in some way has put Berry on the map as a town that has a caring & generous community.

Many thanks to the Town Crier who allow us space each month to keep everyone up to date with our Fundraising - it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry christmas & a safe and Happy new year.

Lets make 2026 the pinkest year ever!

If you would like to be a part of Pink Up Berry please contact us on pinkupberry@gmail.com.au or phone 0428 005 910.

Deb Woolford, Pink Up Berry Committee Chair, 0428 005 910



Lets make 2026 the pinkest year ever!



Jesus and our Christmas Checklist

How's your Christmas checklist going?

I can't believe we're here again! Every year I tell myself: next year we'll be more organised, we'll catch up earlier, we'll make things less crazy. And yet here we are again and the list is just as long.

But there's a reason for that. We love to celebrate with people we love: our family, friends, and every community group we're a part of. We may hesitate before heading off to the next event, but we're always glad we went!

And if that's true of our social events, I'd like to think it's even more so of our church ones. And I'd love to invite you along. At St Luke's we not only celebrate the good things of the year, but also pause to thank God for those very blessings.

But Christmas can also have a wonderful way of acknowledging those for whom things didn't go to plan. After all, it is at Christmas that Jesus offers us a new hope and a fresh start.

Whatever kind of year you've had, I hope you can head along to a church this Christmas and celebrate with us the one who came to save us.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

7th December 5:30-7:30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE

8pm, Christmas Day 8am & 9:30am



The Berry Probus club has had a great 2025 with a new member joining each month, our club growth exemplifies the enjoyment everyone shares.

Sophie Ray from the Shoalhaven Education Foundation spoke at our last meeting sharing stories about the great work the foundation does in our community, a very special foundation for members of our community with funds raised in the community.

Outings have included an excellent barbecue with perfect weather and just in case everyone was relaxing too much a fun game of bingo was thrown in for some extra laughs. Many members enjoy lunch at the Queen Street Café after our meetings with men's and women's morning teas held at various cafes in Berry.

Next Years outings are looking interesting with a trip to Mayfield Gardens to see the Autumn colours, A croquet day, Theatre shows, Barbecues, A trip to the Cowra Japanese Gardens, Llandra Castle and a sheep station, these are just a few outings planned for 2026 with more to come.

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) Except January, 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.



Many thanks to all our wonderful speakers throughout the year. Thanks also to those who have come along and listened and supported our Coffee and Friends group. I think we've all enjoyed the entertaining speakers and catching up with friends, old and new. I must also thank all those who have helped with setting up, baking the morning tea and helping with the running of Coffee and Friends. It's a great team! See you all in 2026.

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

Berry Community Library

The last Community Library day for 2025 will be Friday 19th December so come along and stock up on your holiday reading. We will reopen on Monday 19th January 2026. The outside shelves will be stocked regularly and available while the Library is closed so that community members can continue to borrow. We've enjoyed discussing and recommending books to our borrowers throughout the year. Huge thanks must go to our great volunteer team who play such a vital part in keeping the Library up and running.

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



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Christmas at St Luke's Anglican
Christmas on the Green

Sunday 7th December 5:30 - 7:30pm
Outdoor carols with a free BBQ & activities for kids

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: 8pm
Christmas Day: 8am & 9:30am

www.berryanglican.org | office@berryanglican.org
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Come and join us

Sundays at 9.30am

in person or on Zoom

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BERRY MEN'S SHED

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



Steve Ford and Rob Blissett changing over after the AGM

Following the Shed AGM in October, Steve Ford has handed over the Presidency to Rob Blissett after 3 years at the helm.

Steve will remain a member of the Shed Committee.

Our new Chair has had a long association with Berry as his grandparents once owned and operated a sawmill in Prince Alfred Street during the 1930's through to the late 40's. Rob joined the Shed 3 years ago and originally came from Nowra. During his work life he has worked with NSW Police Dept, Monash University and ANSTO Nuclear Science and News Limited.

Rob's sporting life has included competitive water skiing.

There are lots of activities happening at the Shed with many customers bringing in chairs and tables to be repaired. We have had a number of new members joining the Shed this year and our numbers are close to full, however we always welcome members of the community coming along to see what we are doing.

At the time of writing we are preparing to sell our remaining sale items at the Uniting Church car boot sale this coming week.

Richard Wiseman, Publicity Officer



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.

The Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women 16 days of activism public awareness campaign will be running again from 25th November (United Nations Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and finishes on 10th December (International Human Rights Day). Look out for our displays of women's shoes painted in orange and information at Nowra Library and Shoalhaven Hospital. These shoes are a poignant reminder of those women who are no longer with us in Australia, lost to the tragedy of intimate partner violence- a shocking 46 women in 2024. Domestic violence is also one of the major drivers of homelessness in this country. Zonta members and friends will be joining together in the 4th annual awareness march across the Sydney Harbour Bridge on December 7th at 10am starting at Bradfield Park, Milson's Point. Feel free to join us there with an orange scarf or hat.

Zonta Berry is always looking to welcome new members to our group of women. Meeting venue has changed and meetings are now held from 630 pm, last Wednesday of the month at the Raine and Horne Boardroom, 94 Queen St Berry. We usually meet for a drink and a light meal 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.



VIEW Club urges the Berry Community to get behind the Smith Family's Christmas Appeal Berry VIEW Club is calling on the community to help raise funds for The Smith Family's Christmas Appeal, to ensure thousands of students experiencing disadvantage can be supported with their education in 2026.

The funds raised will help children access critical learning and mentoring programs to help them stay engaged and motivated at school.

This includes programs like student2student, which pairs younger children students with young reading buddies, and after-school Learning Clubs, where students get support with their homework from trained volunteers- many of which are VIEW Club members.

For families doing it tough the rising cost of living means having to make tough choices, between paying everyday bills and being able to support their children's education.

All funds raised through donations to the Christmas Appeal will ensure students can take part in The Smith Family's evidence-based numeracy, literacy, tutoring, digital and mentoring programs to help them catch up and keep up at school.

We love hearing about how well our students are doing on the program. We are proud of the young people we support, and there's no better time than Christmas to show them our generosity.

For more information on the appeal, go to www.thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 024 069.

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit view.org.au or call Jan on 0490 054 574.

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Berry Computer for Seniors

Are you considering your calendar for 2026? Why not update your knowledge of our ever-changing technology.

Our tutors remain as enthusiastic as when we commenced in March 2009. David is our president and tutor for Microsoft and Android devices. Russell is our Apple tutor. We fulfil a need for help with a problem or knowledge.

Timetable the first and third Wednesday each month except December and January

9 am to 10.30 am. Two classes, one covering Apple devices and one covering android (i.e. those that are not Apple or Microsoft).

10.30am morning tea it's always a popular time to get together

11 am Microsoft devices.

Cost \$30 per year. Our venue is the Uniting Church Hall 77 Albert Street Berry opposite the IGA car park.

We provide a friendly and social atmosphere to help beginners or those who may be familiar with some aspects of their devices but who would like to know more.

For more information phone David 0414 982 010.

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NEW YEARS EVE BERRY SHOWGROUND

Family Fun Night

Free children's games,
Entertainment throughout the night,
Carnival rides and more

5pm to 10.00pm

Magnificent Fireworks at 9pm

- An alcohol free event -

ENTRY: \$15.00 per person
Children under 15 yrs FREE

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**Saturday
6 December**

**Peppergrove Farm
80 Albany St Berry
8.00am to 2pm**



Household goods, garage and garden items,
all in aid of raising funds for Rotary's
ongoing campaign to rid the World of Polio.
Bargains galore, and the good news is,
every dollar raised is matched
2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Enquiries: Ph Ken 0418 205 225



Berry Grand Christmas Street Parade



**Saturday 13 December
11.30am**

QUEEN ST BERRY

Commences from Berry Showground at 11.30am

Another Rotary Club of Berry community event.

Help make a difference - support ROTARY

December News from Berry Riding Club

It's nearly time for a club favourite, the Xmas Funkhana on Sunday 14th December. Horses, kids and adults arrive and compete, decorated in everything to do with Christmas. There are Santa Claus', elves riding on horses painted red & green, Christmas ribbon and tinsel galore.

Hacking rings are set up for riders of different ages and different levels of experience. The "best dressed" classes start the day off before the tinsel starts to fly off. Riders can compete seriously, or simply enjoy a friendly day out with their horse and friends. Show jumping is also available at various levels, from crossed rails to heights over a metre. This Xmas Funkhana has proven to be a fabulous way to enjoy the Christmas Spirit.

Looking back over the year, despite some prolonged periods of rain, there have been some terrific events and lots of improvements made to the grounds. As soon as the sun was out riders were there enjoying themselves competing, socialising and learning.

Christmas is the time we thank everyone for their support, dedication and outstanding contribution. Volunteers give their precious time throughout the year to ensure events are safe and successful. Some jobs are quite physically demanding while others are not. Volunteers just seamlessly "slot in" to where they fit and things get done! To everyone who contributes to the success of our club, from those who organise events, maintain the grounds, load and unload arenas and jumps, to the judges and their pencillers, digital designers of social media pages, compilers of competition draws, the caterers and anyone we may have missed, a big thank you!

We are also very grateful to the local businesses who generously sponsor events. Their support is shown in many ways from ribbons and rosettes, fabulous looking show jumps to the not so obvious sand needed to keep the surfaces of arenas safe and smooth. A big thanks to you too!

Riders from out of the area often compliment Berry Riding Club for its tidy, safe grounds and the fun, well organised events. We look forward to carrying on this tradition into 2026. Have fun and keep safe over the Christmas and New Year holiday break. We will see everyone refreshed and ready for another terrific year starting with Twilight Jumping on every Tuesday & Wednesday evening throughout January.

Berry Riding Club would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a happy healthy 2026.

The Berry & District Historical Society

THE JERRY BAILEY BURIAL GROUND

From the early 1800s a burial ground existed on the northern bank of the entrance to the Shoalhaven River at the township of "Jerry Bailey", known as Shoalhaven Heads since 1955. Previously, the area was used for Aboriginal burials. Initially established within the Coolangatta Estate, it is thought to have functioned as a burial ground until 1917. The anglicised name, "Jerry Bailey", is derived from the Aboriginal name for the place – Djerrabalay.

The burial ground, possibly one of the oldest in rural NSW, was used by both Aboriginal people with connections to the nearby sacred Mount Cullunghutti, as well as by non-Aboriginal people, mostly convict workers and their family members from Coolangatta Estate.

The site probably remained undisturbed until 1926, when it was subdivided by Alexander Hay into 30 residential blocks extending south eastwards from Hay Avenue, except for one narrower block clearly marked on the registered subdivision plan as "Reserve for Graves". All blocks were sold relatively quickly, except for the narrower block, which was sold in 1948. The title deed contained no reference to graves, which were still marked by headstones.

Two headstones are now housed in the Berry Museum, of Thomas Greer, and John Weeks, husband of Greer's widow. Greer's headstone is well known, having been lent twice to the National Museum of Australia.

The burial ground's general location can be identified from the local Jerrinja community's oral tradition and early subdivision records; however, its exact extents are unknown. There are currently four lists of approximately 80 names of those known or believed to be buried there.

Community members have approached Council asking that steps be taken to better recognise and manage heritage at this important historical site.

On 15 September, Council formally commenced consultation with those most directly affected (descendants, landowners/residents and Aboriginal community members) to investigate what action could be taken. Broader community consultation will occur before Council makes final decisions. More information can be found at: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/jerry-bailey-burial-ground>. Family members with ancestors laid to rest at the burial ground are encouraged to contact Council so their input is considered.

Berry Museum

135 QUEEN STREET BERRY



OPEN HOURS: Saturdays, Sundays, School Holidays
and Public Holidays 11.00am-3.00pm

FREE ENTRY www.berryhistory.org.au

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or email us berrymuseum@bigpond.com - We look forward to meeting you.

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DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

We will be holding a Christmas Street Stall on Friday 12th December in Broughton Court, from 8.30am to 12 noon. Cakes, slices, preserves and craft items will be on sale.

Our Treasurer, Marilyn Kellet, spoke at the United Hospitals Auxiliary state conference in Orange last month. This was a wonderful opportunity where she was able to advise on the progress that the Voice of David Berry had made with regards to the future of David Berry Hospital. With many small state hospitals closing, our efforts were unanimously applauded and showed that small communities can be a voice for commonsense.

Our Voice committee is hoping for a meeting in the very near future with Kaitlin McNerney, State Member for Kiama, to ascertain any updates regarding future uses of our local hospital. We look forward to this meeting with great anticipation.

We take this opportunity to wish all in our community a very happy and blessed Christmas and a healthy 2026. Thanks also go to all who have supported our efforts this past year, and especially the Town Crier for allowing us to continue to provide updates regard David Berry 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.



Soft plastic drop off

Available at Berry Recycling and Waste Depot



Soft plastic is one of the most common materials used to package groceries — and now there's a better way to dispose of it!

Shoalhaven Council is offering a free soft plastic drop-off service at select Recycling and Waste Depots, including Berry.

To find out what types of soft plastics are accepted, visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or call Waste Services on 1300 293 111.

Let's keep soft plastics out of landfill and give them a second life!



Never place soft plastic in your yellow recycling bin



Christmas Recycling Schedule

Weekly collection of your yellow bin

starts Monday 22 December and continues to the end of January.

Berry Recycling and Waste Depot closed

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Extending holiday hours commence December 27 through to end of January.

Visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au for opening hours.



Come to the Berry Landcare's 2025 AGM and meet the Powerful Glossy Gang

Landcare is about taking action to prevent and repair degradation of our natural resources. Many people are familiar with the Berry Landcare working bees for natural resource management. These are held at a number of sites in and around Berry.

In addition to the working bees, Berry Landcare organises events, such as displays and talks to raise community awareness of environmental and ecology issues. The 2025 Berry Landcare AGM is one of these opportunities with a speaker at the meeting. The Berry Landcare AGM will be held on the 10th of December 2025 at the Uniting Church Hall, Berry. The AGM will begin at 4 pm and will be followed by our guest speaker, Yolande Cozijn, who will talk about threatened bird species in the Shoalhaven area.

Yolande is the publicity officer from Birdlife Shoalhaven and will be focussing her talk on three species: Glossy Black Cockatoo, Gang-Gang Cockatoo and the Powerful Owl. The presentation will focus on identifying these birds, the threats these species face, and some suggestions as to what we can do to help them.

I know there are many 'birders' within our Landcare community and I wonder if, like me, you have a special place in your heart for the Glossy Black. It is sometimes called the Casuarina Cockatoo because it feeds almost exclusively on casuarina seeds. The Glossy Black is often confused with the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo. The Glossy Black has been seen east of the dividing range from central-eastern Queensland to Victoria, with sightings also on Kangaroo Island. Please join us on the 10th December and hopefully together we will discover something new about these beautiful and threatened birds.

David Kraus



BERRY CWA

For the Berry CWA our activities continue to be creative and exciting. The very last day of October was our celebration of the CWA/Combined Choir's 45th Year. We were led by our Choir Mistress Marie De La Torre accompanied by Merrin Ross OAM with members of the Arbour Choir joining us for two songs. Following the performance was a display of costumes and pictures from the past and a delightful lunch courtesy of the Choir. Friday November 7, once again saw the choir perform with some non-singing branch members also attending the Jean Ross Nursing Home to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Berry Henderson who joined the CWA in 1985. Sunday November 9, we had the pleasure of providing tea and scones to 100 guests of the Albatross Musical Theatre Company for their 50th Year celebration "Penzance to Present". Next came our successful stall at the Berry Men's Shed. **Be sure to look out for our Christmas Stall in Broughton Court on Sunday December 7.** As we are in the enviable



position of maintaining our CWA Hall through rentals, all the proceeds from our stalls and catering returns to the community via events and donations. The Shoalhaven Education Fund, Shoalhaven Public School, AMTC, Berry Public School, CanAssist, SALT, SAHSSI and several others in need have all been recipients this past year. Our sincere thanks to the generous people of Berry for their continued support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Nancy Wilson-Ghosh, Honorary Secretary



Like a lot of other businesses the Town Crier has faced a lot of challenges lately, mostly financial. With rising costs and pressure on advertising income from businesses who also have these financial challenges we remain a not for profit, genuine community based and run paper that is produced and delivered at no charge to our community and further afield (via "E" copies of the Town Crier). We rely on our advertisers for our income. Exclusively. Other community papers have had to make some big changes such as charging for copies of their paper, to make ends meet. We will have to keep addressing this issue and have been looking at the income / costs for some time now. We do have some good ideas and will progress these when required to. On that note, we have absorbed a lot of cost increases but we now have to make some changes to our advertising charges.

These will come into effect from our next edition (February 2026). Our new rates will be publicised on our web page and sent to our much cherished advertisers as well as potential advertisers shortly.

Some charges will need to be increased but we have found room to offer special reduced rates as well as keeping some as they are to encourage new advertisers.

We are also looking to run some events and opportunities for our Friends of the Berry Town Crier next year.

You can join Friends by emailing us at info@berryalliance.org.au with your name, telephone number and email address.

Friends also receive an "E" copy of each Town Crier as well as updates and more detailed information on some topics through our Friends Newsletter.

**Rick Ganford, Secretary,
Berry Alliance Town Crier**



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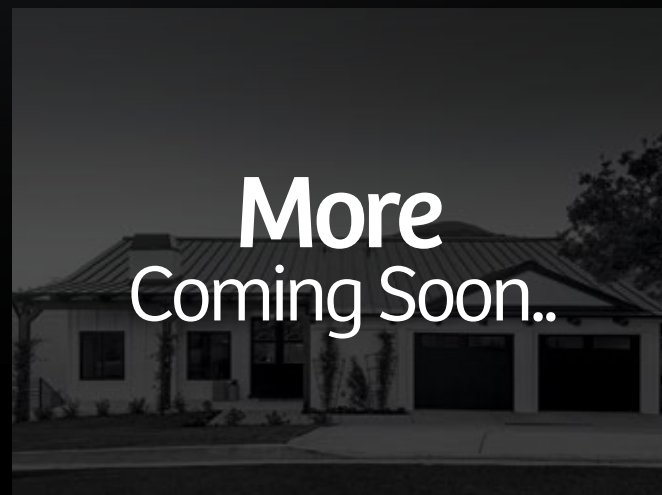
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285a Bryces Road, Far Meadow
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28 Albert Street, Berry
Light-Filled Family Haven in Central Berry



68 Queen Street, Berry
1900s Character Home in the Heart of Town



146 Edward Wollstonecraft Lane, Coolangatta
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36 St Andrews Way, Coolangatta
1,575sqm Location Between Berry & the Coast



6 Craig Place, Gerringong
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6 Banool Circuit, Bomaderry
Family Home in Desirable Banool Circuit



2 Princess Street, Berry
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32 Tanang Street, Bomaderry
Street Record in Tanang Street!



36 Parker Crescent, Berry
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140 Albatross Road, Nowra Hill
All Time Opportunity on Albatross Road



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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.

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

S4.55(1A) to DA25/1459 – 15/10/2025 – Amendment to the rainwater tank to be underground – 38 Serenity Ridge Berry

PCD2025/1678 – 15/10/2025 – Swimming pool – 10 Parker Crescent Berry

PCD2025/1681 – 16/10/2025 – Swimming Pool – 16 Womack Close Berry

PCD2025/1677 – 15/10/2025 – Dwelling alterations and additions – 226 Tindalls Lane Broughton

DA2025/2284 – 15/10/2025 – Single storey dwelling house, swimming pool and cabana, tennis court, pavilion and shed – Bundewallah Rd. Bundewallah

MA2025/1343 – 23/10/2025 – S4.55(1A) to DA19/1466 – expand the approved use of the pottery studio to include "home industry" and "home business" as permissible activities within the pottery studio use – 476 Woodhill Mountain Rd., Woodhill

PCD2025/1706 – 27/10/2025 – Swimming pool – 640 Princes Highway, Jaspers Brush

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

MA2025/1324 – Rejected – 13/10/2025 -S4.55(1A) to DA18/1386 – Internal replanning & window amendments, rear deck & awning re-sized, pool relocated & terrace added, revised external finishes, minor landscaping changes; tree removed – 130 Kangaroo Valley Rd. Berry

DA2025/1570 – Approved – 13/10/2025 – Environmental protection works of creek and pedestrian bridge replacements – 246 Bundewallah Rd., Bundewallah

DA2025/2202 – Approved – 23/10/2025 – Inground swimming pool – 29 Princess Street Berry

Brought to you by the Management Committee of the Berry Alliance Town Crier

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

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Deadlines and extended article on a number of issues.



Berry & District Garden Club

Our motto:
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The Berry & District Garden Club has had a good year and will celebrate with a Christmas gathering on the 2nd of December at 6.00pm at St Lukes Church Hall. It's BYO food and drinks event.

Our last meeting on the 18th of November for 2025 was a great occasion as we distributed the funds raised over the Berry Gardens Festival to eight Shoalhaven organisations including Salt Care Ministry, SAHSSI, Shoalhaven Education Fund, Can Assist, A Taste of Paradise, Shoalhaven Kids in Need, Broughton Vale/Berry RFS and the Berry Silver Band. We try to give to a range of services that assist the local community from children through to adults in need.

We look forward to the 2026 year and restarting our club meetings again in February on the third Tuesday of the month.

Next year there will be a change in meeting time to 4.30 for 5.00pm start.

We are hoping the new time will be more attractive to those who work and be less disruptive to the day. Everyone is welcome to attend as a visitor and hopefully join a thriving local club.

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



The Berry Town Crier Committee would like to wish every one of our many readers and advertisers as well as all our many contributing community groups a very happy and safe holiday season.

As a community we have a lot to be grateful for and proud of over the year.

A great example is the huge success of the Pink Up Berry campaign that has raised over \$108,000! What an extraordinary result and contribution from Deb and the rest of the Committee and helpers. And our community who have really got behind this initiative and embrace it every year.

What a great community.

**Rick Ganford, Secretary
Berry Alliance Town Crier
For the Management Committee**

What does Giving mean?

On Friday afternoons, many local children come along to Berry Kids' Club. A great part of the afternoons are the conversations we have hearing how has the week has been, events at school and/or at home and what they might do on the weekend or holidays? In October, Berry community celebrated Pink Up Berry, where money was raised and pink was everywhere for the awareness of Breast cancer. At Kids' Club, we talked about this to be aware of others needs and what it means to care about and help others. There are many people who struggle at this time of year. Many organisations, schools, individuals and groups, collect cans, food items, toys and gifts to give to organisations who help those in need. For the Berry Christmas Parade, Kids' Club walk with the combined churches, proudly sharing information from all the churches, inviting all, to all the Christmas events and services, as well as, the various groups that each church runs throughout the year.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and a safe, restful holiday season. Berry Kids' Club resumes in February 2026.

Berry Presbyterian Church, Sue Skinner



Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

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From our family to yours, we wish you a joyful, safe holiday season filled with love, laughter, and special moments.

May the new year bring health, happiness, and exciting opportunities for all.

Warm regards, Tim McGoldrick and the Team

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