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WILL BE WEDNESDAY  
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AT 5PM.**

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# BERRY PROBUS

**Another wonderful meeting with our new president Graeme Cord taking the helm for the April meeting which saw 40 members present and six visitors who all enjoyed a very insightful talk by our guest speaker from a very successful Berry business. Next month we are going to learn about fall prevention and awareness.**

Our outings are always enjoyed with an upcoming lunch at the Pelican Rocks and a Christmas in July at Vons Vintage Café, there is also another Bingo and Barbecue day in May. Our trip to Mayfield gardens was truly beautiful with the many coloured leaves and the sheer size of the garden. There is always Happy hour on trips away but sitting around an outdoor fire with friends was extra special.

Our Probus club is made up of men and women who value friendship, the meetings are always casual and friendly and are held once a month, where you get the benefit to hear some of the most interesting guest speakers.

The monthly morning tea which is held in separate cafes for Men and Women is becoming very popular where talking is the main object, this is very popular especially with the men.

Another trip away in October to Cowra to see the Japanese gardens and landra Castle along with a visit to a sheep station, this is filling fast,

so there is always something to look forward to. Probus is a not-for-profit club so there is no fundraising so no pressure, the only dilemma when joining a Probus club is trying to keep up with your new social life.

Retirement does not have to mean, you will get lonely or bored especially when you join a social group like Probus in the local area, talking and interacting with people is a very healthy pastime.

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. Except January (parking in North Street)

If you would like to attend a Probus meeting please ring our President, Graeme Cord on, 0422 793 717 or email [berryprobus@outlook.com](mailto:berryprobus@outlook.com) to let us know you are coming, we welcome likeminded people to visit, it is a great way to meet friends you didn't know before.



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

Zonta Berry is preparing for its much-anticipated annual fundraising trivia night on Saturday, 16 May. Promising an evening of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit, the event is a perfect opportunity to gather friends, grab a table and form a team. Tickets will be available from 1 April, with further details provided in the flyer below.

Preparations are also underway for Zonta Berry’s annual second-hand clothing sale, scheduled for the first weekend in October. We warmly welcome donations of good-quality women’s clothing and accessories. Contributions can be dropped off at Raine & Horne Berry, whose continued support plays an important role in the success of this and many other local initiatives. Zonta Berry would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of the Berry Community Activities Centre (BCAC) which has allowed us to rent storage space to assist with our annual sale and other fundraising activities.

Zonta Berry is always looking to welcome new members to our group of women. Meeting venue has changed and meetings are now held from 6:30 pm, last Tuesday 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.

**Dr Fiona Mackie**  
Advocacy Director



**Pop-Up Flicks presents**  
**OCEAN**  
WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Join us on Sunday 31st May 4pm  
at Uniting Church Hall  
71-77 Albert Street  
**Free Screening**  
&  
Discussion with celebrated marine ecologist Dr Pia Winberg

**BERRY UNITING CHURCH**

Facilitated by co-producer **REVIVE IOCEAN**

“Sir David Attenborough’s “Ocean” sings elegy and uprising in the same breath, tracing coral cathedrals and kelp meadows, but also the cruel rake of trawl net chains across living seafloors. He lets the sea speak, and when we listen, something inside loosens.”  
(eco-activist John Seed)

Ocean with David Attenborough is a 2025 British documentary film which explores the importance of the Earth’s oceans and the threats they face. The film shows us there are many things we can do to help. Join us for this free screening at Berry Uniting Church Hall on 31st May at 4pm.

After the film, marine ecologist Dr Pia Winberg will take part in our discussions about our local coastline and things that we can do to make a difference to our oceans.



# BERRY COURTHOUSE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Committee has recently started our regular off season maintenance and repairs schedule.

Starting with a full restoration and painting of the fountain and pond in the Hedged Garden.

We are currently repairing and re-swinging the main gates into that garden. This allows access bigger and easier access for events and caterers.

The rose garden has had a pre-winter prune and is due for the full hard, winter prune in a couple of months.

Winter will also see a pruning schedule for the trees and shrubs to keep them looking at their best.

The lawns are looking good, except under the Manchurian pear trees in the front of the Courthouse - most likely to do with the lack of light as the trees are much bigger than they should be and are shading the grass underneath them as well as parts of the hedge. We are consulting specialists on these issues prior to embarking on the work.

The building has a few repairs lined up that will be addressed shortly and we are looking at a major re-painting in the future and when that can be achieved to continue to protect the building fabric.

We were very pleased to be part of the recent Community Group Leader's Get



Together. And to once again to host that event. We joined in the congratulations to Irene Birks for her NSW Award for her outstanding contribution as a volunteer in the Kiama Electorate. Thank you Irene, and thank you to all our community volunteers for all that you do.

If you would like to be a volunteer here or any of our local community groups, we encourage you to do that, it is very rewarding and makes a big difference in our community.

**Rick for the Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee**

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## Notice of Berry Show Society AGM 2026

**The Berry Show Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th of May at the Presbyterian Church Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm Supper will be provided**

All current financial members have the opportunity to attend and vote at this meeting. If you are unsure if your membership is current, please email the secretary at [office@berryshow.org.au](mailto:office@berryshow.org.au)

Notice of a SPECIAL MEETING of Berry Show Society Members

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, a Special Meeting of Berry Show Society members will be held.

All members are encouraged to attend this brief meeting to vote on a **special resolution to amend the Berry Show Inc. Constitution** in order for this amendment to be legally incorporated into the Constitution. **Please note that you must be a financial member to attend and vote at this meeting.**



# Growing in faith, hope and love

**Senior Minister Rev. Simon Chaplin**

### Worship Services

#### Sundays

- Traditional: 8:00 am.
- Contemporary: 9:30 am with Kids' Church. Great for families.

### Bible Study Groups

- Women, men, and mixed groups.

### Activities

- Knit with Love: 1:00 pm, Fridays.
- Card Making.
- Exercise Classes.

### Visit us

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## BERRY COURTHOUSE

Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee Inc.

### OFFICE SPACE / ROOM AVAILABLE

If you are looking for a prestigious address with easy parking and great history and air conditioned comfort we may have the space for you.

We have one of our offices now available for hire. Permanent not casual.

Space is approx. 5 metres by 4 metres, windows to the east and the west, air conditioned, fan, easy parking.

Includes a shared kitchen area, waiting area / space and seating in the hall outside the room. Used in the past for office, ancillary health workers (we have a great Osteopath as a long term tenant) and something that would suit a quiet and relaxed area would suit.

Available in March.

Please email your contact details to [functions@berrycourthouse.org.au](mailto:functions@berrycourthouse.org.au) and one of our volunteer committee members will get back to you to discuss your needs.

# INFLUENZA SEASON 2026

**Dear reader:** the Influenza season is upon us once more and it time once again to get immunized and immunize your children. Last year was the worst flu season on record. If you were immunized you were 60% less likely to need to attend hospital or your General Practice. It is sobering to remember that if you get the flu and your over 50, your rates of heart attack and stroke double for the 2 months after and any other chronic illness you might have gets much worse. 1,700 deaths were reported last year in Australia from Influenza, 8 of whom were children.

Its makes a pretty compelling case, especially if you add lost days of work or school.

And this is also where we have some exciting news.

We now have a nasal spray instead of a needle!

The government has funded this alternative for children aged 2,3 and 4 years. Its a simple spray, with no needles and less drama. Tried and true, having been used for many years overseas. In fact the FluMist can be given up to the age of 17, so siblings can have it also, its just not funded by the government. There is limited supply and must be given before June .

Again remember that children can pass on the influenza virus longer than adults once infected.

In fact, the influenza vaccine is recommended for ALL patients aged 6 months and older. It is only funded for children 6 months to under 5, those who are at risk with higher rates of hospitalisation with this infection ( that is other illnesses). It is, also funded for those who are over 65 , those patients who are immunocompromised, pregnant women and Aboriginal patients. This year the vaccine has only 3 strains (not 4 as before) to cover what we expect will

come to us from the Northern winter. (as it usually does)

If you have the vaccine every year there is a wonderful patchwork effect where you will develop a grid of memory cells B cells and antibodies, ready for pretty much any permutation.

As GP's, we recognise there is vaccine hesitancy. misinformation and fatigue out there.

However it is hard for us just to sit on our hands when we see vaccine preventable deaths and illness.

If you will indulge me a little more, there are some important messages about other vaccines .

Whooping cough : This is NOT only a disease of childhood. It is the "100 day cough" and it can be pretty miserable. Last year Australia recorded over 82,000 cases, the highest number since monitoring began in 1991. It remains a killer for newborns before immunisations kick in around 4-6 months. The government funds the vaccine for pregnant women but not adults. It comes combined with the tetanus and diphtheria vaccine and you should consider this vaccine from age 50 and every 5 years, especially if grandchildren are on the way.

In another alarming development, we

are seeing Measles again in Australia. We have been protected by our vigilance and herd immunity for more than 20 years and rarely did we see a case. Holes in the ship are popping up everywhere.

On a positive note : there is evidence the new Shingles vaccine offers some protection for dementia ! ( 20% over 7 years) This vaccine is funded for all those patient over 65 and available for those over 50 years of age.

: The COVID mRNA vaccines appear to boost your immune response to tumours and improve survival for patient with Melanoma and lung cancer. The vaccine at a "siren" alerting the immune system to attack tumour cells more effectively. So, if you are of a certain age, avail yourself of important protection again Pneumonia, Influenza, Shingles, COVID and RSV It is just wise insurance. Winter is coming.

Thanks for your time

Neil Donovan



## BERRY MEN'S SHED

### FAREWELL TO TOM DARBY

This month we farewelled our founding and life member Tom Darby who passed away in February this year.

A fitting celebration of his life was put together by his son Mark and daughter Kim and was held in the Berry Uniting Church Hall. Speakers at the memorial service included his children, Rick Gainsford and Richard Wiseman representing the Shed. It was a very fitting farewell to someone who dedicated so much time and expertise to the Berry Men's Shed. The service was very well attended by present and past members of the BMS along with friends from the Arbour and we were entertained by members of the Arbour Choir.

Tom, through his family has donated numerous pieces of beautifully crafted timber items which he made over the years, for auction with the proceeds going to the Shed's scholarship programme with Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven High Schools.

The Shed has many items being made for sale and at the same time repairing lots of items being brought in by members of the community.

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

**Richard Wiseman, Publicity Officer**



# To Every Mother,

## KIDS' CLUB IN MAY ARE DOING EVERYTHING FOR ALL MOTHERS.

We are encouraging the children to actively help their own mother or carer, their grandmother, next door neighbour or a friend's mother. At Kids' Club we will be cooking, making things to give away and looking at the many mothers in the Bible and how they showed their love to others, giving us an example to follow.



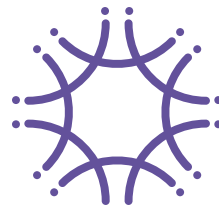
HAPPY  
**Mother's Day**

10TH MAY AND EVERY DAY

### TERM 2 KIDS' CLUB DATES

MAY 8TH AND 22ND, JUNE 13TH AND 27TH 2026

Sue Skinner. Berry Presbyterian Church



# VIEW

voice, interests and education of women

There are many reports on TV, the internet, in prominent research journals stating a good education in the foundation years of life, set up a child's future.

The VIEW club's mission recognises this as we offer support to disadvantaged Australian children through the Learning for Life education program (reading and life support).

It should therefore make sense that the ladies of the Berry VIEW Club are proud of our efforts over the past 40 years to support students with their education and life skills.

The coins we put in to buy raffle tickets accumulate over the months, enabling us to help five children with their education. We hear in the letters from these children that they are aiming to do well in high school, and have dreams to play professional sport, work in construction and work with horses.

Ladies, join the Berry Evening VIEW club. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at

the Berry Bowling Club at 6.30 p.m. Come along and enjoy dinner and good company at our next dinner meeting on the 20th May 2026.



Ring Jan Chambers (0490 054 574) for more information to book for the evening. We welcome new members and guests.



## Scots' Presbyterian Church, Berry

Minister: Rev Isaac Jung

### Service Time

Worship Service 10am  
Jesus And Me (JAM)

& High School Bible Study 10am

### Bible Fellowship Groups

Monday 2pm • Thursday 9.30am • Friday 10am

### Activities

Kids' Club  
Presbyterian Womens' Assoc  
Mens' Group

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# Landcare BERRY Corridor Score

BY KELVIN OFFICER

Since 2016, Berry Landcare, in association with the NSW National Parks Association, has conducted a \$500,000 program supporting the Berry Wildlife Corridor, funded by the NSW Environment Trust. This year marks our final report, marking the end of Trust funding in 2023.

The corridor is a patchwork of surviving and regenerating native habitats between the Cambewarra Range and Seven Mile Beach NP. We would like to congratulate all the landowners who have created a supporting network sharing an objective of wildlife and ecological connectivity.

Here is a score-card of the Program's achievements:

- 1522 volunteers contributed 31611 hours
- 300 students in a variety of school and tertiary groups contributed 17857 hours
- 65+ landowners & six public land managers engaged
- 120 hectares of bushland regenerated
- 25 hectares subject to revegetation
- Planted 11,600 native plants, most sourced from the Berry School Nursery
- 190 hectares subject to weed removal and control
- 4.5km fencing installed to protect native habitat & tree planting sites (16 hectares protected)
- 152 hectares of corridor established
- Scientific fauna research by University of Wollongong
- Threatened species protected
- Agreements with 24 property landholders to manage lands worked on under the project
- Negotiated 41 private agreements, 6 State Gov & 4 Local Gov sites (123 Ha), plus two conservation covenants (50 Ha)
- 26 people (mostly project landholders) attended the Berry 'Hot Spots' workshop with the development of 23 property fire management plans
- 50+ landholders trained in vertebrate pest management with over 300 foxes controlled
- e-Production of the Berry Land Carers Kit, a 140 page BBL Landholder's Resources Kit, available for free download: <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare/berry-land-carer-kit/>
- 33 participants attended the end of project Landholder Forum
- Supported local contractors, businesses & students
- Improved community knowledge of conservation management and environmental restoration



*'From the Escarpment to the Sea' The Berry Wildlife Corridor, (Image: Damon Smith)*



Our speaker on Wednesday 27th May at 10 am is Berry local and well known photographer, Richard Miller. Richard has worked on cruise ships, trained for America's Cup in the UK and spent a year travelling round Europe in a camper van. Then came photography which enabled Richard to travel all around the world capturing famous people and places. He will tell us how he got started and some of the people he has met. Come along and enjoy morning tea, an interesting speaker and conversations with friends.

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

## Berry Community Library

Australian crime fiction is extremely popular in our Library. There is even a name for it now, "Outback Noir". Authors such as Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, Garry Disher, Sarah Bailey, Shelley Burr and Tim Ayliffe are just a few of the authors writing in this genre. We have a great selection of crime fiction books as well as the other genres such as romance, mystery and historical fiction and non fiction.



**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.

## South Coast Life Church

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- ✉ [hello@southcoastlife.org](mailto:hello@southcoastlife.org)
- 📍 8 Schofields Lane, Berry

### Join us on Sundays

10am with Kids Church  
& 5pm Evening service



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71-77 Albert Street Berry

**Come and join us  
Sundays at 9.30am  
in person or on Zoom  
Zoom meeting link:**

<https://tinyurl.com/xu6v4hw3>

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**Phone in no.: 02 8015 6011**

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The Ray White Berry team are proud to be committed to the community and continue their support of local events and organisations.

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Manager



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# Ray White Berry Property Management

## A Strong Start in 2026

RayWhite

### Property Management - Market Update

Our team has hit the ground running in 2026, successfully leasing a number of properties to high-quality tenants and delivering outstanding results for our valued clients. With strong demand in the current market, we are well positioned for continued success throughout 2026.

If you or someone you know owns an investment property and would like to maximise returns while receiving personalised, professional service, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Rebecca Pugh on (02) 4464 2399 to discuss how we can support your investment goals.

Below is a snapshot of our latest performance from 1 January to 14 April 2026.

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>299 Rental Enquiries</b>    | Based on the total number of enquiries received across Ray White Berry property management listings.<br><b>Market Average: 143</b> |
| <b>12 Days on Market</b>       | Average number of days Ray White Berry listings were advertised before being leased.<br><b>Market Average: 21</b>                  |
| <b>3 Total Leased in Berry</b> | We have successfully leased 3 properties in Berry township so far in 2026. Across the region we have leased 12 properties.         |

Source: Realestate.com.au Ignite



Rebecca Pugh  
Property Manager

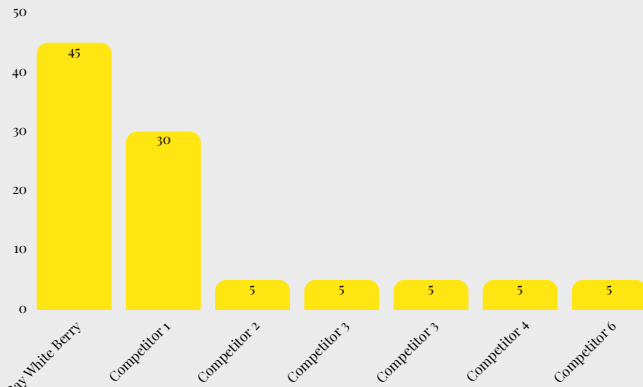


Mackenzie Shaw  
Property Manager

# Nobody Knows Huntingdale Like We Do!

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Ray White Berry represents 45% of all active listings in Huntingdale — experience the difference that dominance makes.



Source from Pricerfinder.com

## Auction Property - April 15th

92 Parker Crescent, Berry

4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car

Auction Guide \$1,650,000 - \$1,700,000



## Current Huntingdale Listings



82 Parker Crescent, Berry  
Price \$1,890,000  
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 2 Car



75A Parker Crescent, Berry  
\$1,800,000  
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 1 Car



61 Parker Crescent, Berry  
\$3,000,000  
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2 Car



117 Parker Crescent, Berry  
\$1,690,000  
5 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car



16 Brangus Close, Berry  
\$1,490,000 - Under Offer  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car



12 Tressider Close, Berry  
\$1,800,000  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car

## Sold Huntingdale Properties



30 Parker Crescent  
Berry  
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2 Car  
**SOLD**  
**\$1,700,000**



11 Tilgman Street  
Berry  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1 Car  
**SOLD**  
**\$1,660,000**



Hayley Banks  
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Megan Mawer  
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## Sold

37 Parker Crescent, Berry  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car



## Current Huntingdale Listings



44 Connors View, Berry  
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2 Car



84 Parker Crescent, Berry  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car



33 Connor Crescent, Berry  
2001 sqm

## Huntingdale Properties Coming Soon



Sarah Tebbutt  
0401 691 793



39 Connors  
View  
Berry



49 Connors  
View  
Berry  
3111 sqm



# PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

## Growing Plants – Growing Community – Inspirational visitors to the nursery

The best part of having a Plant Sale is seeing familiar faces and chatting about plants with new people who have moved into the area or people who are visiting from further afield. People came to the plant sale from Berry, Bomaderry, Nowra, Kangaroo Valley and north from as far away as Wollongong. The excitement comes from sharing success stories as well as discovering why some plants didn't perform as expected.

There were 3 stand out visitors to the nursery during our Plant Sale.



### Audrey Heather

Many people have seen this photo taken in 2017 of Audrey (aged 11 years) and Edith planting the *Gmelina leichhardtii* (White beech) seedling in the school playground. This area has now grown to become The Habitat Forest.

### Fast forward to 2026.

Here is Audrey, standing alongside that same seedling, which is well on the way to becoming an imposing tree. The tree now measures about 3-4 metres in height.

Audrey's interest in botany and science is flourishing too, she is now in her second year at UOW, studying Ecology and Conservation Biology.

The images tell the continuity of the story.

### Clayton

Who is so keen and knowledgeable and has begun his career in Bush Regeneration, working with Marcus Burgess, (one of the botanists who assisted with The Growing Illawarra Plants website).

- And the man from Windang, who spent quite some time studying and selecting his plants with such great care.

We hope all our visitors will come again when they can, and encourage their friends to visit too, not just to buy plants, but to share their knowledge, experiences and their journeys into the world of plants.



# PINK UP BERRY TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A special Thank you to the Berry Rotary Club for allowing us to have a stall site at their Celtic Festival on Saturday 23rd May which will enable us to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation. Goods for sale will include winter rugs, scarves, beanies all made with love by our volunteers.

We have new stock of our Pink Up Berry pens which are so popular and the good news is they have decreased in price to \$5 and will be available at the festival.

We will also have slices & biscuits available and if you would like to help by cooking some goodies please contact Pauline Windley by message on 0412 132 690 all donations are greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

The Committee have had a request from a local lady that has a group of friends that are all knitters and would like to decorate their own tree for the month of October and make a donation for doing so. What a great idea, and if there are any others that would like to do this please have a chat to one of the Committee girls.

We have put out a request for cuttings of pink Geraniums that we would like to strike for a project- If you have any in your garden pop into a plastic bag and leave at The Berry Barn or Debs at 34 George Street or Di's at 70 Princess Street.

Plans are in full swing for all our events for this year and it looks like exciting times ahead.

If you would like to be involved with Pink Up Berry or have any enquiries please contact Deb on 0428005910 or email pinkupberry@gmail.com



## The Berry & District Historical Society

# HOW DID WE GET HERE? THE ROAD TO BERRY.

'A cart road will never be practicable here' claimed Allan Cunningham in 1822 of the area between Sydney and the South Coast. As late as 1868 a land journey was still not customary. Goods to and from Sydney to the Shoalhaven travelled mostly by sea.

From 1856 to 1858 Alexander Berry controlled the Coolangatta Estate and privately constructed major roads including a road connecting what is now known as Gerringong to Broughton Creek (Berry).

In the 1860s most traffic consisted of horse and bullock teams conveying produce.

By the early 20th century motor vehicles were traversing the South Coast roads and in 1920 the visiting Prince of Wales agreed to naming the route from Sydney to Melbourne the 'Princes Highway'.

In the 1970s the sign on the approach to Berry described the population as 1,750 people. Between the influx of people from Sydney looking for new lives, and an increase in tourism, vehicle traffic increased but the Princes Highway was still two lanes only. In the early 1980s it was still such a quiet country road that round eight in the morning just south of Berry, all traffic had to stop to let a phalanx of cows cross after milking.

As people began to escape from the city, Berry's population increased and tourism brought more people, apparently keen to try the

increasing numbers of coffee shops and restaurants. Traffic became an increasing problem along Queen Street.

After years of planning and building, the Berry by-pass opened in November 2023. Four lanes on the bypass means Queen Street has few heavy vehicles to deal with and those heading further south have a smoother run to Nowra and beyond.

You may have noticed that Berry has had a good deal of heavy rain recently. On the minor roads heavy rain means potholes.

Making the 'Big Dipper' c 1934. Princes Highway near Berry



# 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](http://www.berryhistory.org.au)

If you'd like to join us, please call in to the Museum and have a chat, call (4464 3097) or email us [berrymuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:berrymuseum@bigpond.com) - We look forward to meeting you.

# Broughton Vale/Berry Brigade Getting to know your local RFS



This month we'd like to introduce you to Richard who joined the Broughton Vale–Berry RFS in July 2025 after seeing his son, Toby, welcomed into the brigade as a junior member earlier that year. Experiencing the strong sense of community and recognising the need for more active volunteers encouraged him to get involved.

Since gaining his Bush Firefighter qualification, Richard has attended a range of callouts, including bush fires, structural fires, and motor vehicle incidents. Acknowledging that many incidents are not bush-fire related, he undertook the

Village Firefighting course and achieved this qualification in February. This training has strengthened his understanding and skills, enabling him to better support the brigade across a broader range of emergencies. Richard encourages anyone with an interest in the Berry community to learn more about fire prevention and safety. The brigade is actively involved in local events throughout the year and is always happy to talk to residents about how they can better protect themselves and others.

The brigade has become an extension of Richard's family. Supporting the community they serve makes the time and effort incredibly rewarding, and he believes Broughton Vale–Berry RFS is a brigade to be proud of. He looks forward to many more years of service.

Professionally, Richard works in the Film and Television industry, providing cameras, lenses, and accessories. Earlier in his career, he worked behind the camera for UK news channels, in TV studios, and on location, including on reality television productions. Today, he is an advisor and Rental Manager in the long-form space, supporting feature films and television dramas.

Outside of work and the RFS, Richard enjoys spending weekends with his family, exploring Berry's cafés, walking the Shoalhaven coastline with the family dog, Gypsy Sunshine, and perfecting homemade pizza—with an outdoor oven next on the list.

Like the brigade itself, in the cooler months locals can prepare ahead for bushfires. Things you can do at your home can be found at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/prepare-your-property>

*If you're interested in a difference locally or considering volunteering, please direct enquiries to Leadership-BroughtonVale-Berry-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au or visit the RFS Volunteer page at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/join-the-nsw-rfs>*



## News @ Berry Riding Club

Riders and spectators get ready for a busy month. A Show Jumping Clear Round Event starts things off on Saturday May 9th. Everyone has a goal in mind to try to better their previous jump record or make their ride smoother and more accurate rather than just rushing around.

Saturday May 16th will be a Dressage Practise Day with arenas set up for the following day's Unofficial Dressage Competition, Sunday 17th May. It is an "unofficial" competition as it has relaxed Berry Riding Club rules in play. Scores are not used in riders' point scores that earn them eligibility to enter state competitions.

A Working Equitation (W.E.) Training Day has been organised for Saturday 30th May. We have been lucky enough to have Karen Yanik coming to share and inspire riders in this discipline. Karen has been selected in a team of four, to represent Australia in the World Working Equitation Championships in Spain, in September. Coming from a pony club and dressage background, Karen is drawn to W.E. as she sees it giving purpose to classical training. Working Equitation has four different phases: 1) Dressage; 2) Ease of Handling; 3) Speed and 4) Cattle phase. It is mandatory in international events for the riders to only use one hand on the reins. W.E. riders will be able to put what they have learned into practice on Sunday 31st May, at our Working Equitation Ribbon Day.

The Autumn weather with cooler temperatures and loads of sunny days will be perfect for riders to get their horses fit for the great events planned on our calendar.

Happy riding everyone!



## Berry Recycling & Waste Depot



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Monday 08:00 AM–04:00 PM

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Saturday 08:00 AM–12:00 PM

Closed all public holidays.



# Berry Celtic Festival

**The 2026 Berry Celtic Festival is on Saturday 23 May!**

The day commences at 9.30am with the Grand Street Parade down the main street of Berry, leading to the Berry Showground for a breathtaking massed band performance to officially launch a day packed with Celtic fun, music, and culture!

Enjoy family-friendly action including pipe bands, jousting knights, medieval re-enactments, Highland Muscle competitions, traditional artisan displays, Celtic themed market stalls, Celtic dancing and musicians, plus all the colour of the clans.

The bands in this year's line-up include -

- NSW Police Pipe Band
- Illawarra Pipe Band
- Ingleburn RSL Pipes and Drums
- Shoalhaven City Pipes and Drums
- Canberra Celtic Pipe Band
- Penrith RSL Pipes & Drums
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# BERRY CWA

Wednesday, April 11, 1951, Mrs W Holzhauser convened a meeting at the Berry School of Arts with the aim of starting a CWA branch in Berry. Approx 70 women attended with the outcome being that a branch executive was elected with Mrs E.A. Clarkson chosen as the inaugural President, Mrs J. Higgins Secretary assisted by Mrs F. Ireland and Mrs C. Milne Treasurer. Vice Presidents: Mesdames J. Galbraith, F. McIntosh, M. Juleff and W. Holzhauser.

Friday, April 10, 2026, at the monthly meeting, members acknowledged and celebrated the 75th anniversary of this momentous event. A further celebration will take place in August at the Berry Bowling Club which will be in aid of the State Medical Research project in support of Pancreatic Cancer. Watch this space for further information.

Just two of the aims of the Country Women's Association are: *To improve conditions and welfare of all women and families especially in country areas and to provide a voice to Government at all levels.* CWA members state-wide meet each May to voice those concerns. This year motions debated will cover topics of Ag/Environment, Health and Social Security, Education and Transport and Telecommunications. Motions carried will be forwarded to the relevant government departments for their response. Best wishes to our Berry members who have entries for judging in the Handicraft and Cookery sections of the displays.

Finally, thank you to the Berry Community for your continued support these past 75 years.

**Marie De La Torre, Branch Publicity Officer**



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# Lives laid down

As we have approached Easter this month, we have spent some time as a community reflecting on the things we need to lay down in response to the life that Jesus laid down for us. Salt is much more than a church and a charity, we are not simply an organisation, but a community that have gathered to both passionately love God as well as relentlessly love people. Part of that for us as individuals is constantly growing in emotional and spiritual health which means letting go of patterns of behaviour, mindsets and actions that are not productive and learning to embrace change and growth as a way of life. It's a narrow road but so rewarding.

We all contribute to the mission in different and varying ways, and the ongoing joy has been collectively watching as people willingly put their hands up to help another in their community. Maybe that helping another looks like packing or distributing groceries to those struggling financially, maybe it looks like collecting nuts or weeding a garden so that the farm can continue to support people, maybe it looks like filling a shift at the shelter so people can sleep safely, or cooking a nourishing meal for those in the shelter, or maybe it looks like donating funds to a program that makes a real difference to people's lives. The beauty lies in a whole community supporting and loving its own people, and there is nothing quite like it.

The world of politics and power will tell us that strength and success lies in domination and control, but the way of Jesus is lives laid down in the way of humility to bring life through sacrifice and giving. We are recipients of this grace filled, act of love found in Jesus, and we all get to pay it forward to others and watch as a community comes to life in response to it.

Happy Easter everyone. May you experience the unique peace and love that connection with Jesus brings.



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## Current CCB model concluding on 1 July 2026 – Proposed new “Accredited Community Forum” model.

Council are calling for feedback on the future of Community Consultative Bodies (CCB's) as Council are looking to make some changes to the current model.

Please follow the links below to read their material and to make your submission if you would like to voice your opinion.

As the Berry Town Crier only received the letter from Council in early April we are putting this notice in the first Town Crier since then and have written to Council requesting that the deadline they set be extended to allow for further submissions.

From Council:

*“Shoalhaven City Council is inviting feedback on the future of place-based community engagement in Shoalhaven.*

*“Since 1991, Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs) have provided a way for local communities to raise issues, share information and communicate local views to Council. While they have played an important role over many years, Council is now reviewing the model to ensure future community engagement is clear, inclusive, safe and fit for purpose.*

*“This review is needed because uncertainty has emerged over the formal status of CCBs, including whether they operate as Council committees or independent community groups. This lack of clarity creates governance and legal risks for both Council and participants.*

*“In response, Council has resolved to conclude the current CCB model from 1 July 2026 and is now seeking feedback on a proposed alternative: the Accredited Community Forum model.*

*“This is an opportunity to help shape how community members can continue to raise local issues, access information and provide feedback to Council in the future.*

*“To take part, please visit Council's Get Involved page here, where you can view the proposed model, read more about the review, and register to stay informed.*

*“You can also complete the online survey on the Get Involved page to provide your feedback. We encourage you to share your views, as community input will help inform Council's decision on the future of place-based community engagement in Shoalhaven.”*

To assist you the links provided are:

**Place-based Engagement Model Review | Get Involved Shoalhaven Have your say - Place-based community engagement | Get Involved Shoalhaven**

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

**Berry Alliance and Town Crier Management Committee**

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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

DA2026/1298 – 16/3/2026 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, proposed cabana and swimming pool additions – 5 Agars Lane Berry

DA2026/1302 – 17/3/2026 – Alterations and additions to a dwelling house, existing shed, with filling of non-functional dam – 165B Princes Highway Berry

DA2026/1316 – 19/3/2026 – Alterations and additions to dwelling house – 30 Alexandra Street Berry

DA2026/1303 – 19/3/2026 – Construction of a farm building (commercial) – 585 Princes Highway Jaspers Brush

MA2026/1115 – 30/3/2026 – S4.55(1A) to DA2023/1346 – Amendments to recommendations within the traffic Impact Assessment Report, amendment to document references within condition 1 and amends condition 15 – 119 Bong Bong Road, Broughton Vale

PCD2026/1216 – 1/4/2026 – Demolition -100 North Street, Berry

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

DA2025/1754 – Approved - 17/3/2026 – Torrens Title Sub Division of a Dual Occupancy (Detached) – 17 George Street Berry

DA2025/2614 – Approved - 19/3/2026 – Construction of a detached habitable room and related site works – 36 Queen Street, Berry

DA2025/2413 – Approved - 19/3/2026 – Alterations and additions to dwelling house.

Deck, awning & retaining walls to existing pool area – 15 Ben Dooley Rd., Berry Mountain

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of Deadlines and extended article on a number of issues.



## Update from the Huntingdale Park Residents Action Group (HPRAG)



The new development titled "The Lane" has come along somewhat recently and following a big tidy up and a new exit Lane onto Hitchcocks Lane along with some major earthworks and creek / water / drainage work across the entire site, it is gaining some momentum.

In Stage 1 (Hitchcocks Lane frontage) there have been some issues along the way that now appear to be mostly addressed.

The new One Way Exit Lane from the new development onto Hitchcocks Lane has been constructed including a post a rail fence, cobble pavers on the Lane as well as the exit crossing onto Hitchcocks Lane.

A path and some street trees have been constructed outside the Stage 1 of the Development.

The metal chain wire fence has mostly been moved off Council land and onto their site and new For Sale signs (with "SOLD" across them) have been erected at the street frontage to each block in stage 1. They appear to be of a much more permanent construction so the wind does not blow them away any more.

The issue of three large sandstone blocks across the Lane and some of the street signage remains an issue that we have had a number of people concerned about. The Sandstone blocks are in fact on the Council land

and should be on the developers (back behind the property line. They also should all have reflectors on them. Some have said that they have seen Some of the workers there have moved the red and white plastic bollards away and used the lane by driving half across the grass and over the gutter to access the site. This need to be addressed to ensure that it complies with their approval.

The other 2 main issues raised are:

Signage on Hitchcocks Lane and on the new, one way, exit only lane are a little unusual and confusing. These include a NO STOPPING sign on Hitchcocks Lane outside the development but no second sign indicating how long it is for. There is a NO RIGHT TURN and a NO LEFT TURN into the Exit.

See picture for more clarity, or better still, go and have a little walk and look.

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From the 2022 Peak

**+60%**

Since Pre-COVID

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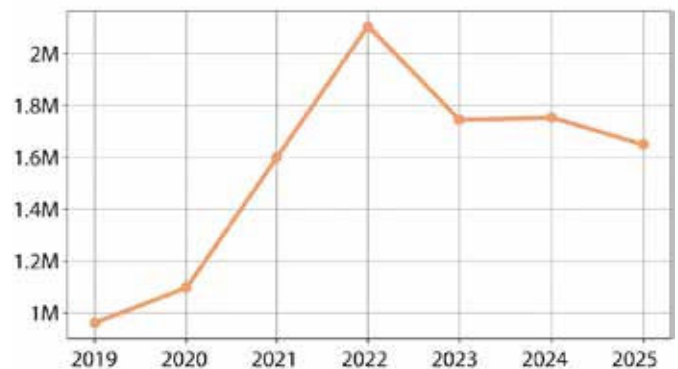
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### A snapshot of Berry's evolving market landscape

Berry had an extraordinary run. Pre-COVID, the median sale price sat around **\$960,000** – healthy, but grounded. Then something remarkable happened. City buyers looked at their lives, looked at Berry, and moved. Fast. By 2021 the median hit **\$1.6M**. By 2022 it reached **\$2.1M** – nearly double in three years. Then interest rates arrived, and the market did what markets do – it corrected.

### We've seen this before

Our family has worked in Berry real estate since 1987 and seen the same pattern repeat: **boom** → **correction** → **consolidation** → **steady growth**. We're in consolidation now – a phase that rewards patience. Those who came out ahead after past corrections didn't try to time the market; they made a decision and got on with it.



### What this means for you

- **Thinking of selling?** It's a genuine market with genuine buyers. Properties priced right and presented well are moving.
- **Thinking of buying?** Negotiating power has shifted back toward you. That won't last indefinitely.
- **Just curious?** You don't need to be ready to sign anything. We've been neighbours long enough to have an honest conversation without the sales pitch.

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