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## Editorial from the Town Crier.

We are always keen to publicise articles and information in the sustainability area. A particularly important focus for us for many years.

There are sustainability articles throughout this May edition. From yellow top bins and what to put in them (or more importantly what you should not put in them) to a whole page advertisement from Council on page 6 on a special chemical clean out day on June 14 and an article on page 14 on the Berry Recycling and Waste Depot and Buy Back Centre.

Rick for the Management Committee Berry Town Crier

# YELLOW-LID BIN GUIDE



### What goes in your yellow-lid bin

Most of what goes into your yellow-lid bin are containers for food, drinks, or soap/detergent-based products - basically items that you would typically buy in the food or cleaning aisles of your supermarket.

Please note: Never put your recyclable materials into a plastic bag before putting them in the yellow-lid bin. Bags are not opened at the recycling facility and all contents will go directly to landfill.

### Items that can go in your yellow-lid bin

- glass bottles and jars (all colours)
- paper and flattened cardboard and
- cardboard 'Tetra-pak' cartons
- hard plastic bottles e.g. drink/milk/shampoo/detergent bottles
- hard plastic containers e.g. ice-cream, yoghurt, deli-takeaway containers and fruit punnets
- steel food cans eg: dog food, baked bean cans
- aluminium cans
- aluminium foil (collect clean foil to the size of a tennis ball)
- aerosol cans (what you'd find in your house eg: hairspray, not what you'd find in your garage eg: paint)
- metal lids from jars (not small bottle tops)

### Items that should NEVER go in your yellow-lid bin

- anything that is not included in the list above

### Common mistakes found in the yellow-lid bin

- soft plastics (such as garbage bags, bread, pasta and rice bags, freezer bags, cling wrap, plastic film on frozen meals and plastic shopping bags)
- silver-lined 'foil-like' plastics like chip and biscuit packets
- plastic squeeze tubes eg: toothpaste tubes
- take-away coffee cups
- window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses
- foam
- contaminated paper/cardboard e.g. pizza boxes
- absorbent paper eg: napkins
- shredded paper
- sales receipts (these contain plastic)
- plastic cutlery and cups
- items labelled compostable or biodegradable (the yellow-lid bin is for recycling, not composting)

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# PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Council has written to the Berry Alliance Town Crier to notify us of the Government's proposed changes to the community participation process for planning and development matters.

The timing is short but still make your submissions or be informed of the discussion and details.

"The proposed changes, which are currently out for public consultation, intend to replace Community Participation Plans (CPPs) for all local Councils with a single, Statewide CPP. This means that once the Statewide CPP is finalised, the current CPP for Shoalhaven, which was prepared in consultation with the local community and adopted by the elected Council in May 2025, will no longer have effect."

The Draft Statewide CPP and accompanying Discussion Paper are on exhibition **until 5pm Wednesday 3 June 2026**.

**Community groups and community members may wish to review the proposed changes to determine the potential impact on your local community and make a submission directly to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI).**

Further information on the proposed changes and details on how to make a submission can be found on the NSW Government's website at: Have your say: Proposed statewide Community Participation Plan | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment

**All submissions and enquiries should be made directly to NSW DHPI via the links on the above website.** Council staff are currently reviewing the exhibition documents and will be making a submission in the coming weeks.

Community members may also wish to join an email list for more information from Shoalhaven Council by registering by clicking this link "Get Involved – Help shape the Shoalhaven"



# News on the Shoalhaven District Hospital

from **Katelin McInerney MP for Kiama**

## Shoalhaven Hospital MRI Machine has now been delivered.

The new MRI machine for the \$440 million Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment has been delivered.

This critical investment in expanded imaging services at the hospital significantly improves access to imaging services available at the hospital.

The delivery of the MRI machine on Level one of the hospital's seven-storey acute services building marks a major step forward in the delivery of a new medical imaging service and expanded diagnostic facilities as part of the Shoalhaven Memorial Hospital Redevelopment, which will become a health hub for the region.

When fully operational, the hospital's first-ever MRI service will provide enhanced diagnostic services for a wider range of patients closer to home, including those requiring breast imaging, biopsy services, and cardiac imaging.

The new MRI will commence service when the new Acute Service Building opens in mid-2026.

Once complete, the redevelopment will provide the majority of emergency, critical care, acute, sub-acute and non-admitted health services locally, reducing the need to transfer patients to Wollongong and Sydney.

The new acute services building will directly connect to the existing hospital and deliver a range of new and expanded health services including:

- A new emergency department and emergency short-stay unit
- New intensive care unit
- Medical wards
- Dedicated acute mental health unit
- Double the number of operating theatres, endoscopy and procedure rooms
- A dedicated cardiology inpatient unit, coronary care unit and cardiac catheterisation laboratory
- A new rooftop helipad

For more information on the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment visit here or go to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/health-infrastructure-project/shoalhaven-hospital-redevelopment>

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# Do you own a business in Berry?



# COFFEE AND Friends

Coffee and Friends has been going for 9 years now and we are very grateful to our speakers over the years for generously sharing their lives and stories with us. Berry local, Grant Davidson was one of our first speakers along with Bob Ashford, who told a tale of a rollicking adventure overland in a bus bringing people from England to Australia in the 60s. On Wednesday, 24th June @ 10am, Grant will return to tell us of his recent adventures with wife Sue travelling to Uzbekistan and Darjeeling with just themselves and a driver.

**Everyone is welcome.**

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

## Berry Community Library

Our wonderful volunteers have been working hard to make sure all our newly donated books are on the shelf ready for our everyone to borrow and hibernate over winter! We have new books by Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, Debra Oswald, Susan Choi, Ian McEwan, Christian White and many others. Some great books to keep you company over the cold winter months.

### 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



# BERRY CWA

Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) remains one of the biggest challenges in the treatment of Pancreatic Cancer. Recently **CWA NSW** donated \$45,000 to Professor Claudine Bonder, research team leader at the Centre for Cancer Biology. This team has made a significant breakthrough in inhibiting tumour growth and cancer cell growth resulting from Pancreatic Cancer. CWA Berry will continue this support at our 75th birthday party lunch on 20th August which will be held at the Berry Bowling Club. From July, details will be posted on our Facebook page and in the Town Crier. Ticketing will be available through TryBooking.com. The Branch would like to express its sincere thanks to the members of the community who joined us for our *A Taste of Paradise Farm* fundraiser. All funds raised went directly to *The Farm* with a further donation from CWA Berry.

As an acknowledgement of Mother's Day, Berry members packed and delivered to SASSI over 50 member-made cotton bags packed with personal care items for women experiencing domestic violence. We would especially like to express our appreciation to Leanne Saunders

from Berry IGA for her kindness and generosity in supporting us in this endeavour.



To further support SASSI and the Homeless Hub, CWA Berry is currently running a **BLANKET DRIVE** until Friday June 12. If you have any blankets, doonas, quilts etc. in reasonable condition, you can drop them into the Berry CWA rooms at 79 Victoria Street any Wednesday morning from 9am-12noon.



For any further information please contact: [berrysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:berrysecretary@gmail.com) or Facebook (Berry Branch of the CWA of NSW)



71-77 Albert Street Berry

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Phone: 0467 422 046

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





# PLANT PROPAGATION NURSERY

Growing Plants Growing Community

## Red Cedar - the iconic tree of the Berry area

The weather conditions this year have been very favourable for many plants to produce copious amounts of fruits and seeds. The stand out plant has been Red cedar-Toona ciliata.

In some seasons, the Red cedar tip moth feeds on new growth by boring into the growing stem where it lays its eggs, interrupting the growth cycle. This causes the tree to grow horizontal branches creating a shady canopy. When the moth larvae emerge, they eat out the seeds as well, interrupting the reproductive cycle.

Trees growing in open spaces seem to be more susceptible to the tip moth compared with trees growing in a forest situation.

Healthy seed pods contain many tiny winged seeds that are dispersed by the wind. We often find seedlings popping up in the gravel in the nursery!

**When conditions are favourable for one form of life, they are unfavourable for another. This is a normal cycle.**

This year, Red cedar won the natural cycle.

Thank you to the many people who have offered their seedlings for propagating in the nursery. The thousands of winged seeds that have fallen into gutters and water tank filters have germinated. It seems a shame not to be able to pot them all up, but the reality is that we don't have enough room in the nursery!



Above: Healthy woody fruit capsules split open in late summer to release the winged seeds



Left: Frass left by the tip moth in a young stem



Right: Cedar tip moth larva (*Hypsipyla robusta*) emerging from a cedar stem



**Berry Public School Nursery is open for sales on Mondays and Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm.**

There are plenty of red cedar seedlings in stock.



## Berry & District Garden Club



The Berry & District Garden Club who sponsor and organise the Berry Camellia & Floral Show in July every year for the past sixty two years are pleased to announce that the show will this year be hosting the National Convention of Camellias Australia. The Berry Camellia & Floral Show has been important fixture in the Berry calendar and always is a fascinating insight into this amazingly varied flower species.

Most older gardens in Berry have camellias and we all pass by without noticing the variety and splendour of the blooms. I'd encourage all those interested in camellias to visit and if adventurous, enter as there will be assistance from organisers for novice entrants.

There is also a section for non-camellia flower arrangements which can include any of your blooms in the garden. There will also be a raffle, refreshments and plants for sale.

**This year the Berry Camellia & Floral Show will be on Saturday the 25th and Sunday 26th July 2026.**

Our motto:

*Friendship through Gardening.*

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



# 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

**St Luke's Church**  
68a Princess Street Berry  
**Phone** 4464 1058  
**Email** [office@berryanglican.org](mailto:office@berryanglican.org)  
**www.berryanglican.org**



## 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.



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## It's time for a Chemical CleanOut!

**Sunday 14 June NOWRA - 9am to 3.30pm**

Shoalhaven City Council Administration Centre Carpark, Bridge Road

### You can drop off for **FREE**

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- Household Cleaners
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- Smoke detectors



**For more information  
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Only household quantities accepted (20L or 20kg), except paint. Up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint accepted.



This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy and Paintback.



Redberry Quilters were thrilled with the response to the Berry Quilt Show, which was held Friday to Sunday 1st to 3rd May at the Berry School of Arts. With close to 800 people coming through the show over the three days, a fantastic profit was made for the three local charities the show was supporting – SALT Care, The Shoalhaven Education Fund and SASSI.

Visitors enjoyed an outstanding exhibition of over 60 quilts and another 40 items, including quilted jackets, embroidery and the Dorothy Walsh Small Quilt Challenge, which attracted 16 entries.

There was a very eye-catching exhibition by the show's featured quilter, Wendy Williams and Wendy spent the three days chatting to visitors about her work and giving tips and advice to the many quilters and craft-lovers who visited her stand.

The Redberry Café was constantly busy over the three days, as was the Redberry shop, which sold a wide variety of items, all hand-made by Redberry members.

The five quilting traders at the show reported very brisk trading. Visitors came from as far as Sydney, Canberra, the Blue Mountains, the Southern Highlands and up and down the south coast and they appreciated the opportunity to purchase quality quilting and craft supplies – all in the one spot.

But of course, the show was all about the quilts! Thank you to everyone who contributed their beautiful quilts to the show! Thank you also to all the community organisations that supported the show and to SALT Care, who helped enormously with the quilt set-up and take-down.

The show reflected what a group of local ladies 'of a certain age' can contribute to their local community!



**ARTSNATIONAL** Shoalhaven

Thursday 4 June 2026

## MYTH AND LEGEND IN SHADOW THEATRE

Presented by Dr Sam Bowker and Melinda Bowker

Venue & Time:

Berry Uniting Church Hall,  
71-77 Albert Street Berry, 6.30pm

Visitors \$25 and Student Visitors \$15

Experience the craft and performance traditions of shadow puppetry across the world with Associate Professor Sam Bowker, an Art History and Visual Culture specialist and experienced puppeteer. From



historic wayang kulit to Manual Cinema, explore the rarely seen history of one of the world's oldest and most mysterious art forms, shadows that predate photography and television. The lecture concludes with a performance of The Flea, sung by Melinda Bowker with Sam Bowker's captivating puppetry.

Dr Sam Bowker is the Senior Lecturer in Art History and Visual Culture at Charles Sturt University. Beyond developing Australia's leading 'Islamic art and design' subject for university students, he has curated diverse international exhibitions and published widely on the history of khayamiya (Egyptian tentmaker applique).



## VIEW voice, interests and education of women

BerryVIEWClub is urging the local community to give generously to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal this year, to support thousands of children and young people experiencing disadvantage with their education.

The Smith Family CEO Doug Taylor says "poverty shouldn't limit a child's potential which is why the charity is launching its Winter Appeal

The impact poverty has on education is unfair, and can be relentless and devastating. Early intervention is crucial when it comes to helping children overcome the toll poverty takes on their learning.

For people in a position to do so, please consider donating to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal. Visit [thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au) Donations mean The Smith Family can support more students with access to their programs and provide more help for children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a national women's organisation and support network, bringing women together to enjoy social activities, all the while supporting Australian children experiencing disadvantage. Be part of the solution by joining Berry VIEW. And have some fun while helping a very worthy cause.

Our next dinner meeting is on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at the Berry Bowling Club. We meet at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

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

**To find out more about joining VIEW, visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) or call 1800 805 366.**

To sponsor a child through The Smith Family, visit [thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au) or call 1800 633 622.



## 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

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## It's about to begin!

**Construction of Stage 1 of the Rotary Dog Park Off-Leash Area in North St Berry is soon to get underway.**

The Rotary Dog Park is a community-led project to be constructed by the Rotary Club of Berry with the approval of Shoalhaven City Council.

Through the generosity of all those who purchased either pavers, fence panel plaques, sandstone blocks, bench seats, trees, signage or who made kind donations, together with funds raised by the Club from our various community events, we now have enough to do the first Stage and then open the Park (hopefully by September this year). Thank you to everyone who have supported us so far.

**The good news is ... it's not too late to get your name in the Park and leave your legacy as a supporter of this fantastic facility. Come see us in Broughton Court Sat 6 June 9am-12 midday. Options still available are shown to the right.**

Stage 1 includes the basic requirements to get the Park opened ... but there is still plenty of fundraising to do to finish it and make it one of the best dog parks around.

Please support if you can.



With your support we are building an Off-Leash Dog Park in North St Berry.

## Sponsorship Options

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**Rotary Club of Berry** 



## Rotary Scholarship for Rural students

The Rotary Club of Berry is seeking applications for the 'Dr Artis Medenis' Rural Education Scholarship.

The Scholarship is focused on assisting candidates who are involved, or are studying to be involved, in careers on the land. It is also available to assist candidates with the costs and expenses of attending conferences or seminars in Australia or overseas.

Eligible candidates must be actively engaged in the operation of a dairy or other farming pursuit in the Shoalhaven or the Illawarra, and can be of any age and enrolled, or planning to enrol, in any agricultural or farming related course.

Persons interested are invited to send a written expression of interest to:

Dr. Artis Medenis Rural Education Scholarship  
 Rotary Club of Berry, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 81, Berry NSW 2535  
 or talk to Rotarian Bill Seelis: Ph 0412 424 738



# BERRY PROBUS

Probus is celebrating 50 years in Australia this year, with over 1400 clubs across Australia and New Zealand there is always a club close to our growing baby boomer population.



Our club will be celebrating its 39th year in Berry this October, that is a lot of friendships made during that special time in our lives. If you are wondering what to do in your retirement Probus might be the perfect choice for you.

We are all about social structure, there is no fund raising only friendship with outings and events, Each month there is a meeting which have two interesting speakers, next month we will be learning all about our eyes as we get older and the month after we will be having a talk about Nuclear Power. There is always something interesting to learn about.

Morning tea is always served at the meetings which enables lots of talking with the opportunity to meet new friends you didn't know before.

Once a month we also have separate morning teas with ladies attending the Queens Street Café while the men change their café venues every couple of weeks, these events provide that space and time for lengthy chatting, evidently the men are trying to solve the problems of the world while the ladies are solving the problems on the home front.

Our last barbecue was lots of fun with our resident chef dressed in an Australian themed apron and hat; this event has evolved into a Bingo Barbecue which is very enjoyable.

Members are looking forward to a great lunch at Pelican Rocks soon as well as a Christmas in July lunch coming up.

Another croquet game in September and our trip to Cowra in October with a visit to landra Castle, a sheep station and the Japanese gardens are just a few things to look forward to.

If you think Probus might be for you please give our President Graeme Cord a call on 0422 793 717 or email [berryprobust@outlook.com](mailto:berryprobust@outlook.com) to let us know you are coming, we welcome likeminded people to visit, our next meeting is on the Tuesday 9th June

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 start to 12.00noon.

## BROUGHTON VALE/BERRY BRIGADE

# Getting to know your local RFS



Your local RFS Brigade is keen to introduce you to Glen who joined the Rural Fire Service back in 2003. He decided to volunteer because his family has lived in Berry and been a part of this district for almost 120 years and he wanted to give back to his community, As a firefighter, Glen has served the brigade as Secretary, First Aid Officer and as a Permit Officer. He has responded to many local incidents and has been deployed on a number of strike teams at large fires around New South Wales including the Sir Ivan Fires 2017 and the Black Summer fires of 2019-2020.



Glen has undertaken many courses whilst a member of the RFS including Village Firefighter, Advanced Firefighter and he is currently working on attaining his Crew Leader qualification. He says he enjoys the camaraderie of our Brigade, and he is keen to learn new skills. He believes the RFS offers something for everyone, even those who don't or can't fight fires. Glen says the brigade in Berry is like a second family to him now.

Glen is a full-time bus driver which involves both town service runs and school runs. Some of his leisure activities are photography, live sound mixing and spending time with his family.

When asked what advice he could offer to Berry in his capacity as an RFS firefighter, he said: "My advice would be to prepare early and stay up to date with the information available with the current hazards that might impact you, whether it's a fire or any other hazards, through the Hazards Near Me app and the relevant agencies websites. If you are ever unsure, ask for help. We are all happy to answer your questions.

If you're interested in making 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>

## DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

In April, our Voice of David Berry committee held a phone call meeting with Margot Mains, CEO of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. As yet, there has been no word on future health uses for David Berry Hospital. The consultation and outcome with the local indigenous focus groups have now been completed. The question of when the community would be advised as to who or what would be the eventual occupant of the site is still not clear. We are aware of some rumours circulating, regarding who will take over the site, however these are just rumours, and NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED TO DATE.

In May, President Irene attended a Meet the Ministers (NSW Premier Chris Minns and NSW Cabinet Ministers) at an event in Kiama, where invitees could speak directly regarding matters concerning their areas of concern. This gave Irene a perfect opportunity to ask about David Berry Hospital. Premier Minns again confirmed the site will remain a health facility, but that no decision has yet been made. There was also the opportunity to again speak with Ryan Park NSW Health Minister, and he advised that he remains in constant contact with Margot Mains about the possible future health uses for David Berry Hospital.

In May we held another very successful street stall. Thanks to all who contributed items for sale – cooking and craft. We are only a very small auxiliary of six, so all help is gratefully received. And thank you to those who purchased items, both locals and visitors.

For more information on the Voice of David Berry, please contact Irene Birks – 0408 096 109 or email [dbhvoice@gmail.com](mailto:dbhvoice@gmail.com)

**The hospital 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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# OUR NEWLY LISTED PROPERTIES



39 GEORGE STREET,  
BERRY



6/34 HUNTINGDALE PARK ROAD,  
BERRY



40A CLARENCE STREET,  
BERRY



12 PRINCESS STREET,  
BERRY



7 KANGAROO VALLEY ROAD,  
BERRY



12 SCOTT STREET,  
SHOALHAVEN HEADS



408 TOURIST ROAD,  
BEAUMONT



15 ALPHA ROAD,  
BADAGARANG



2/14 HANOVER CLOSE,  
SOUTH NOWRA

# OUR RECENTLY SOLD PROPERTIES



4 WOMACK CLOSE, BERRY  
**CONTACT AGENT**



102 NORTH STREET, BERRY  
**CONTACT AGENT**



1395E BOLONG ROAD, COOLANGATTA  
**\$2,060,000**



2 RECTORY PARK WAY, KANGAROO VALLEY  
**\$1,630,000**



3 TALLIMBA ROAD, TAPITALLEE  
**\$1,260,000**

+ MORE  
UNDER OFFER

# LEASED IN ONE WEEK

21 Wire Lane, Berry is a great example of what the right presentation, marketing and follow-up can achieve.

We had the property in front of quality tenants quickly, with a strong applicant secured and the home earning income again within a week. A simple, smooth result for the owner — and a reminder of the value of proactive property management.



## 21 WIRE LANE, BERRY

A quick word on the 2026 Budget. There's been plenty of noise about what the Budget means for property — and we won't add to it here.

The short version for owners: if you bought your investment property before Budget night, your negative gearing is fully grandfathered, with partial Capital Gains Tax protection based on how long you've held it.

From July 2027, established properties bought after Budget night will be treated a little differently. We may possibly see fewer investors buying established homes in Berry and the Shoalhaven over time, which could tighten rental supply and put upward pressure on rents.

If you're a landlord wondering what any of this means for your portfolio — or whether now's the time to be thinking about your investment — please reach out.



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# A RARE SLICE OF HISTORY AT BERRY MUSEUM



The 'Bum Tree' prior to felling.

A cross section taken from this large old-growth Blackbutt tree (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) situated on the verge of Gerro Road just north of its intersection with Beach Road, is in the care of, and on display at the Berry Museum.

It was known locally as the 'Bum Tree' because of its distinctive burl at the base. To many it was a loved local icon, a natural wonder, but to others it was a graffiti blight or a traffic hazard. To the endangered population of greater gliders in the Seven Mile Beach National Park it was home.

On the 14 th March, 2014, despite considerable opposition and alternative solutions, the tree was cut down as part of a Shoalhaven City Council programme to remove vegetation close to the road to increase safety.

After felling, close inspection of the stump revealed the tree originally had two trunks, and at some time in its early life, one of them had fallen and the resulting overgrowth across the scar had formed the infamous burl. An analysis of the rings, combined with radiocarbon dating, was conducted by the Australian National University.

**The analysis concluded that the Bum Tree probably germinated sometime between 1626 and 1680 CE, that is between 334 and 388 years before it was felled in 2014. This places the tree as a contemporary of the British Monarch Charles II. Such old growth trees are ancient and irreplaceable.**

Berry Landcare and others approached Shoalhaven City Council to fund the salvage of sections of the trunk. The outcome of this salvage project, an involvement of Berry Landcare, Shoalhaven City Council, the University of Wollongong and the Berry Museum will benefit environmental studies now and into the future.

If you would like to learn more visit the Berry Museum 11am-3pm on weekends and on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday in school holidays.



Protesters out in force at the felling of the 'Bum Tree'

**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.

## Berry Recycling & Waste Depot



### HOURS

Sunday 08:00 AM–04:00 PM

Monday 08:00 AM–04:00 PM

- Tuesday Closed
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday Closed

Friday 08:00 AM–04:00 PM

Saturday 08:00 AM–04:00 PM

Closed all public holidays except Easter Monday.

Please note: unexpected closures may occur without prior notice.

## BUY-BACK CENTRE

### HOURS

Sunday 08:00 AM–12:00 PM

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday Closed
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday Closed
- Friday Closed

Saturday 08:00 AM–12:00 PM

Closed all public holidays.

# Landcare BERRY Help Us Make A Difference

BY KELVIN OFFICER

To celebrate World Environment Day this year (June 5th), Berry Landcare joins 'Make a Difference Week' - a week of global volunteer actions hosted by the Society for Ecological Restoration. The Society's mission is to advance the science, practice, and policy of ecological restoration to sustain biodiversity, improve resilience in a changing climate, and re-establish an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture.

Our local action is a morning of native tree planting on a foreshore property of Coomonderry Wetland, off Agars Lane. This is a continuation of our program to 'Re-Veg The Edge' and support the habitat continuity of the wetland basin - a key component of the Berry Wildlife Corridor. Join us on Friday June 5th., starting at 10:00am, and on completion, enjoy a sausage sizzle hosted by Berry Rotary. To learn more detail go to <https://makeadifferenceweek.org/find-an-event/> and register your attendance at [berrylandcare@gmail.com](mailto:berrylandcare@gmail.com).

The Coomonderry Wetland is a rare jewel in the biodiversity of the Berry Region. It has been recognised as a wetland of national significance and is the largest semi-permanent coastal wetland in Southern NSW. It represents 34% of this wetland type in NSW. The wetland supports over 200 plant species, several of which are rare or at the southern limits of their ranges. The basin includes a range of threatened ecologically significant communities and is associated with four endangered or threatened species: the Green and Golden Bell Frog, the Australasian Bittern, the Southern Greater Glider and the Powerful Owl.

Once part of a continuous gradation of habitats between the Ranges and the sea, forest clearance in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries isolated it behind a barrier of pasture. It is now imperative that its surviving habitat values are bolstered with restored corridor connections and fringing shoreline vegetation.



## Last Saturday, the Berry Zonta Club held a very successful Nautical Bling Trivia night.

**A Huge thank you to all our local sponsors and everyone who supported us by attending this fun evening. Your generosity and community spirit helped make the night such a success.**

With \$5,500 being raised for the Shoalhaven Education Fund.

Photo some of the dedicated Zonta team: Annie Allin, Anne Cornish, Robyn Johnson, Denise Evens and Rachel Forgan. Putting fun into fundraising.



Preparations are also underway for Zonta Berry's annual preloved 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 is always appreciated.



# Berry Golf Day

**Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club  
Staples Street Shoalhaven Heads**

**FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

**4 PERSON AMBROSE  
\$125 PER PLAYER**

**RAFFLES up to 20 PRIZES & AUCTIONS**

**INCLUSIONS:** 7am BREAKFAST for 8am SHOTGUN START  
Bacon & Egg Roll, Juice, Tea or Coffee. MORNING TEA 2 Course LUNCH

**EXTRAS:** Buggy Hire - Limited \$50 per cart. Takeaway Beverages from the BAR

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Foundation**  
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Friend

All funds raised are  
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Foundation who provide  
Cancer Care Nurses to  
support those experiencing  
Cancer for FREE

**DRESS CODE:**  
**'Think Pink'**

**ENQUIRIES: Steve Fellows 0412 054 259**





# BERRY COURTHOUSE

## Become a Friend of the Historic Berry Courthouse *A brief history.*

In 1999 our group was formed and was registered as an Incorporated entity in 2,000. The Berry Courthouse Conservation Group.

We were formed through the Berry Alliance Inc. community group to address the threat to the historic Berry Courthouse which had been sold into private hands previously.

The new private owner just left it alone mostly and put it on the market again in 1998 and 1999.

Neighbours and other community members were horrified at some of the proposals as to what they wanted to do with the building and many pushed back through Council to resist this and stop any sale.

The local residents also approached a few business owners and the Berry Alliance for assistance and a steering committee was formed under the Berry Alliance Inc.

That committee did a number of things including researching the building and the architect and subsequently made the decision to be much more pro-active and apply for listing the Berry Court House with the National Trust. This was successful and it was listed with the National Trust in 1999.

The Steering Committee consulted and engaged heritage architects for assistance then prepared a business plan to propose to Council that Council purchase the property and lease it to our community group.

The business plan we put to Council included a commitment to:

- pay 10% (\$35,000) of the purchase price of \$350,000;
- pay reasonable rent to the Council
- prepare a plan to restore, conserve and maintain the property and building
- design, build and plant the gardens
- raise sufficient funds through the business plan submitted by renting the 2 small offices and hiring the building and gardens out for art shows, music recitals, weddings and other events to raise funds.
- seek donations and grants to assist in this work
- utilise the expertise available in our community to undertake a lot of the work.

This proposal and Lease was agreed (unanimously) by the Council on 27/4/1999.

The property was purchased by Council and we signed a lease for 10 years.

Our Committee then expanded in number and embarked on the work required and the fundraising needed.

With the assistance of many of the local community groups by way of donations and volunteer help (including the Berry Garden Club, BCAC, Berry Town Crier, APEX, Rotary, Berry Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce) we were successful in restoring and repairing the building and also building the paths, fences, gates and gardens and planting it all out.

We have continued with some minor changes to the original plans and received good advice from our heritage architects (including James Phillips who donated his time and who lived locally).

We are very grateful to the very many people and groups who have assisted this work in so many ways over the past 25 plus years. We are sad to have lost many of our group and benefactors over those years. They helped form and share the vision for protecting and preserving this wonderful historic building and grounds. Patrons such as Colin Waller and Barbara Blackman.

### Become a Friend of the Berry Courthouse

One of the things that happened over the Covid years was that as with most volunteer groups at the time we lost some of our wonderful volunteers, including our very helpful gardening volunteers.

We are keen to try to expand our volunteer list so we are resurrecting the "Friends of the Berry Courthouse" group.

The types of things that we are doing is working bees:

- in the gardens (think pruning, planting, weeding etc,)
- around the outside of the property (think fences, gates, footpaths etc.)
- inside the building (think small repairs and assisting with events and visitors.)
- Administration (think records, contracts, media and visitors etc.)

If you are interested in helping us with any of these things please email us at: [functions@berrycourthouse.org.au](mailto:functions@berrycourthouse.org.au) and we will get in touch with you.

Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee Inc.



## BERRY MEN'S SHED

### FIREUPFORWINTER

Our Shed in Berry has put aside a number of boxes of kindling to get your home fires buying this winter. They are off cuts from our jobs and boxed ready to set your winter fire alight. They are for sale for \$5 with larger quantities at \$12 a box. Come into our Shed and buy a couple of boxes knowing that the proceeds will be going towards our scholarship programme with Bomaderry, Nowra and Shoalhaven High Schools.

All the furniture donated by the Darby family last month has been sold at auction generating proceeds of \$5,000. A special thanks to Mark and Kim for their kind donation.

We have plenty of items for sale in the Shed and welcome a visit from you to come in on any Tuesday or Thursday. The Shed is located at 140 North Street Berry.

Richard Wiseman - Public Relations



# Berry Preschool



Term 2 is well underway at Berry Community Pre-school. We started off with a family BBQ which was a lovely way for children's families to meet each other, and the kids were thoroughly entertained by the Magic Jester magician.

Shortly afterwards we celebrated Mother's Day, with a Mother's (and Grandmother's) Day afternoon tea event at Preschool. Our Mother's Day raffle was very successful, and we would like to give a special thankyou to all the local community businesses that kindly donated to make this raffle possible: Berry IGA, Honey Coastal Country, The Blow Bar, A Rose Organic Beauty, The Berry Tea Shop, Haven and Space, Le Bar, The Great Southern Hotel, The General Store, Maison on Main, Monique Field Property, Flowers on the Mill, The Berry Treat Factory, The Garden Berry & Silos Estate. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Berry Preschool has also received generous funding from the Berry Community Activities Centre (BCAC) to install a water bottle filling station (with filtered and refrigerated water) for our outdoor playground. We are always encouraging healthy eating habits and the importance of staying hydrated at Preschool. We also place a strong value on outdoor play, so this will be a fantastic addition to our playground and we are very grateful!

For the remainder of Term 2 we are looking forward to learning about Bees with 'Bee Inspired' for Bee Week, a fascinating incursion from the 'Wildlife Movement' (mobile rockpool & marine life), participating in National Simultaneous Storytime, and our annual Winter Solstice celebration.



# Connection

I recently witnessed a person who is part of our AOD program virtually skip down the long driveway at Sassafras Nuts on their way to the cottage, to participate in their group work. Their enthusiasm was palpable. The difference was that they had found a sense of belonging through connection that was providing them with the confidence to do the work needed to heal.

Whether volunteering at Salt, being a participant in a program, or connecting into one of our small groups or church life, one of the key goals at Salt is to provide safe spaces for people to connect and belong. Connection is key to healing and having an emotionally and spiritually healthy life. As humans we are divinely wired for it and it's in our initial family connections we discover our value and sense of self. When these connections are damaging or absent, all sorts of problems arise.

The beauty of providing spaces to connect and belong means we are seeing people recover their lives from addiction and disfunction as they bravely step into connection. It is an incredible thing to be a part of, and to walk alongside people who have a history of broken connections and witness them start to trust again and then begin to heal as they apply the programs that are offered to them.

Thank you for supporting Salt Care and making this possible!



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## News @ Berry Riding Club



Winter is here and the fabulous sunny weather means events are going ahead in wonderful sunshine. Our grounds are looking fabulous thanks to the sunshine and some TLC from our volunteers.

Show Jumpers will be competing on Sunday 7th June, in a Clear Round Competition. Knocking a rail down or taking a wrong turn on course, means riders are eliminated from that height class. They can jump one more jump, after an error, so that they leave the course on a good note.

Next up, the dressage riders will be pleased to strut their stuff after recent cancellations during summer. As usual, a practice dressage day, on Saturday 13th June will allow horses to become acquainted with the arena set up and the surrounding environment. This means the horses should feel more comfortable, the following day, when in competition mode. The competition on Sunday 14th, is an Unofficial Dressage day.

A Working Equitation (WE) Obstacle and Course Practice Day is planned Saturday 20th, in preparation for the Training Competition on Sunday 21st.

Some may remember there was a tree planting project to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. It was known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC); some 15,000 trees were planted in UK and Commonwealth countries, between 2021 and 2023. The Australian Government provided community grants. Berry Riding Club was successful in obtaining a grant. We proceeded to plant an avenue of deciduous trees. Our trees are now showing beautiful autumn colours and have begun to provide the much needed shade for spectators. We are thrilled at the growth in the trees and the prospect of more shade on the grounds. Berry Riding Club has run with the idea of improving access to shade and followed up by buying and planting advanced trees, to shade more people and horses.





Our team at Ray White Berry is proud to stand with DollysDream for #DoltForDollyDay.

Shane and Baxter had a fantastic day out at the Eziway Concrete Golf Day, representing Ray White Berry as proud sponsors.



*The Ray White Berry sponsored hole*



Meanwhile, the rest of the team turned our office blue to help raise awareness and funds for bullying prevention.



*Whether we're out on the golf green or working on the main street, we are honoured to support the vital causes that strengthen our local community*

# Property Management

For all your property management needs, expert advice, and professional services, please contact Rebecca Pugh.

**RayWhite**

We at Ray White Berry are committed to delivering exceptional service, clear communication, and outstanding results for your investment property.

## Recently Leased



**17a Myrtle Drive,  
Badagarang**  
4 Bed/2 Bath/1 Car



**17b Myrtle Drive,  
Badagarang**  
4 Bed/2 Bath/1 Car



**37 Lancaster Drive,  
Badagarang**  
5 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car



**43 Corymbia Way,  
Badagarang**  
4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car

## For Lease



**3 Galaxy Close,  
Badagarang**  
4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car  
\$800pw



**210 Tourist Road,  
Beaumont**  
6 Bed/3 Bath/1 Car  
\$1500pw



**9 Brangus Close,  
Berry**  
4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car  
\$870pw



**3A Galaxy Close,  
Badagarang**  
Studio/2 Bed/1 Bath  
\$480pw



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6 Bed/3 Bath/5 Car  
7.4 ha



**39 Connors View,  
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4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car  
2,408sqm

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RayWhite



## 201 Coolangatta Road, Far Meadow

5 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car

This idyllic 20-acre farm has officially sold ahead of its scheduled auction. This incredible result is a testament to the auction process—and what can be achieved when you trust your agent and the strategy.

Looking for a premium result for your property? Contact our sales team today to find out how we can deliver for you.

## Recent Sales



**16 Brangus Close,  
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4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car  
**\$1,420,000**



**76 Jerry Bailey Road  
Shoalhaven Heads**  
5 Bed | 2 Bath | 3 Car  
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**Hayley Banks**  
**0400 260 831**



**29 Sugar Glider Drive,  
Tapitallee**  
1 acre vacant land  
**\$880,000**



**1A Victorious View,  
Cambewarra**  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2 Car  
**\$1,145,000**



**Megan Mawer**  
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# Community Groups

## BERRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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**Knit With Love** 0404 562 772  
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**South Coast Life Church** 4464 2315  
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## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS

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**Berry Community Pre-school** 4464 1764  
berrypreschool@bigpond.com www.berrypreschool.org.au

**Berry Kids Club** 0419 634 365  
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**South Coast Life Church**  
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## EDUCATION AND PLAYGROUPS CONTINUED

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**Berry Public School Plant Propagation**  
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**Berry Tennis Club**  
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**Berry Women's Bowling Club** 4464 3053

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**Berry Public School Plant Propagation** 4464 3911  
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**Berry Writers Festival**  
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**Bundanon Trust** 4422 2100  
www.bundanon.com.au

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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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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.

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.

NB Please also see the article below in Notice Board about changes to the DA Tracking system.

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

PCD2026/1165 – 24/3/2026 – Dwelling alterations and additions – 14 Clarence Street Berry

PCD2026/1169 – 24/3/2026 – Two storey Dual Occupancy Attached – 13 Princess Street Berry

PCD2026/1174 – 25/3/2026 – Torrens Title Subdivision – 13 Princess Street Berry

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

PCD2026/1238 – 10/4/2026 – Proposed alterations & additions to existing dwelling – 335 Strongs Road Jaspers Brush

DA2026/1437 – 14/4/2026 – Demolition of dwelling and construction of a single storey dwelling, in ground swimming pool and cabana, and a detached garage – 55A Mullers Lane, Berry

DA2026/1457 – 17/4/2026 – Dwelling house and shed – 3 Serendipity Ridge, Berry

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

DA2025/2560 – Approved – 24/3/2026 – Partial demolition of dwelling, including plunge pool – Proposed new dwelling, detached, habitable habitable room and inground swimming pool – 16 Coomonderry Ridge, Berry

DA2025/1836 – Approved – 24/3/2026 – Proposed dwelling and ancillary access – 270 Princes Highway Jaspers Brush

DA2025/2259 – Approved – 24/3/2025 – Dwelling house, pool, driveway, associated site works, landscaping and amenities – 9 Foremans Road Woodhill

DA2026/1316 – Approved – 30/4/2026 – Alterations and additions to Dwelling house – 30 Alexandra Street, Berry

MA2026/1075 – Approved – 1/5/2026 – S4.55(1A) to DA17/2471 – Internal and external changes – 271 Tulloch Road, Broughton Vale

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### COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW DA TRACKER

20 May 2026

Council has launched a new online Development Application (DA) Tracker, making it easier for the community to search and monitor the progress of applications across the city.

The previous DA Tracker system was taken offline in March as a precaution after a potential software vulnerability was identified.

The new platform is now live and provides improved access to key information, allowing users to view application details and follow their progress through the assessment process.

“We understand how important this tool is for our community, and we appreciate people’s patience while the previous system was offline,” said Mayor Patricia White.

“Residents and applicants can once again easily access up-to-date information and track the progress of development proposals in the Shoalhaven,” Cr White said. The new system includes applications lodged from 1 July 2005, including modifications and reviews, as well as Private Certifier applications and Complying Development Certificates.

The DA Tracker can be accessed via the Track a DA button on Council’s website homepage.

<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Services-and-requests-A-Z/Track-a-DA>

### SHOALHAVEN LAND VALUES SHIFT UNDER POST-COVID CONDITIONS

30 April 2026

The value of residential land in the Shoalhaven has dropped on average by more than 15 per cent since July 2022, according to the latest figures issued by the NSW Government’s land valuer.

The State Government has written to landowners in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area (LGA) advising of the changes to their land values based on market conditions at 1 July 2025.

New valuations are provided to all councils across the state by the Valuer General (VG) at least once every three years to be used for rating. The latest values will be used to levy rates across the Shoalhaven LGA from 1 July 2026 for rating the 2026-27 and 2027-28 financial years

Director of City Performance, Katie Buckman said a decline in the value of land would not automatically lead to a reduction in rates.

“It is quite rare to see land values decline to this extent however, the Shoalhaven market has been adjusting since the post-COVID peak in 2022. While our region was among the first to experience sharp price growth, it was also one of the first to contract as workers returned to offices in Sydney and Canberra and long-distance commuting became unviable,” Ms Buckman said.

“While some parts of the market remained strong or held their value, particularly near towns and villages, land values declined in more remote and rural areas,” she said.

“For residents who have seen a drop in land value, this does not necessarily mean their rates will reduce in July. Council’s total rates income is not affected by land valuations and is capped each year by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

“Changes in land values does lead to a redistribution of rates across the LGA, based on how individual property values shift relative to other properties within the same rating category. A reduction in rates is generally only likely where a property’s land value falls well below the average,” she said.

Council will collect around \$106 million in rates in the current 2025-26 financial year. In 2026-27, Council is subject to a 3.1 per cent rate-peg, as determined for the Shoalhaven by IPART, and expects to levy \$109 million in rates during that period.

Landowners can use the rates calculator on Council’s webpage to receive an estimate of their rates for the coming year. Ratepayers will need to know their new 2025 land value as well as their former valuation, from 2022 to use the calculator.

If an owner believes that their land value is incorrect, they can lodge an objection directly to the Valuer General. Council has no control over the land value set by the VG.

Rates for the current 2025-26 financial year are not affected by the new land valuations. Council is required to levy rates in accordance with the prescribed land valuation cycle for local government set by the VG, meaning the former 2022 valuation date is used for rating during the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.

For more information about land values visit the NSW Government website.

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