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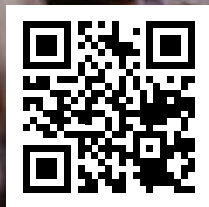
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The Berry Alliance and Town Crier are very proud to  
once again sponsor this very popular and successful Festival for 2026.

They have provided a wonderful array of writers and events yet again. Starting with Friday night  
Opening Night Celebration with the wonderful Jennifer Robinson in conversation with the  
Festivals Artistic Director, Tori Haschka. The full Program for the Saturday and Sunday are in the double page  
spread in the centre of this edition. There is a QR code link for updates and more details there as well.

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**Contributions are from the Berry Community who have news and information for our readers.**

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Nancy Davies - Berry Town Crier

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# VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers have been for many years the backbone of our charity and one of the reasons for our ongoing success in supporting young people who have had a tough start in life. Our volunteers help us maintain and provide the facilities and infrastructure necessary to ensure great outcomes with young people. They support our qualified and experienced staff mentors who work one on one with the young people referred to our charity.

Volunteers need to have a particular skill set needed by the charity and be enthusiastic about working in a team. They often range in age from the mid-20s through to the 80s. They must have or be able to gain a current Volunteer Working with Children Check, be organised, and self-managers.

Volunteers are involved in many of the support needs of the charity. These include such things as: Administration, Marketing and Social media, serving on the Board of Directors, helping prepare and run our stall at the Berry Farmers market, cooking marmalade, relish from our gardens for sale at the markets, Gardening, Plant Propagation, Farm maintenance, Engineering and Building projects, Technology support, Fund raising, and Grant applications, to name a few.

We are also fortunate to have individual organisations who contribute in a volunteer capacity. A great example of this is Redpath Partners who are a specialised recruitment agency dedicated to the property, construction, and energy sectors. They have offices located in Sydney and around the world and we feel very privileged that they have chosen to support us for three years in a row. Nick, Oliver, Ben, Jay and the team had given up time every year to help us complete a range of tasks such as tree planting and fencing maintenance. Their enthusiasm and determination to make a difference to our charity is greatly appreciated.



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# UPDATE from the TOWN CRIER



The Town Crier would like to thank all our Friends, Advertisers, Registered Berry Community Groups and Sponsored groups for your continued support for your *advertising investment, your submissions to the paper and your overall readership and encouragement, we thank you!*

## A special message to advertisers and businesses – Thank you for your support.

If you are a business owner in or around Berry, please consider taking some advertising with the Berry Town Crier and assist your business as well as the community.

The more advertising we receive, the bigger the paper is that month because your advertising dollar pays for the production and distribution. It assists us in providing space for our community groups and sponsored community groups to put articles and stories in the paper. Publicising their events and fundraisers, recruiting members to their groups and generally informing our community. It also provides space for us to put in our regular items such as a list of all our Community and Sponsored Groups with their contact details; Development Applications and Determinations; community news, Sustainability articles etc.

### The Berry Town Crier is very widely read.

We print and distribute 2,600 hard copies every edition.

Along with the printed copy we also provide a Digital copy that is posted on our web page as well as emailed to our mailing list. This list has added more than 1,000 readers to our readership of the Berry Town Crier.

We do not receive funding from anywhere else apart from some fundraisers and people donating to us.

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Speaking of Community and Sponsored Groups, we would like to highlight 3 great examples this edition:

a. **The start of Pink Up Berry for 2026.** (See page 13). What a great job they do to raise money for the McGrath Foundation to help fight cancer. We have all been touched by cancer and these lovely people, led by Deb Wooley are a delight to assist and to donate to. Thank you all

b. Call for support and volunteers for **"A Taste of Paradise"** charity (see page 2) who have been providing help to kids in need for 26 years. As life seems to be getting tougher for many in the community, Tim and Andy and their team are always there making a huge difference to young people, one at a time. Any one who knows their work are touched and proud to have them in our local community.

c. The **Berry Writers' Festival 2026** has been preparing a great event for 2026 and the program is our middle page spread this edition (pages 14 & 15).

The Town Crier is proud to be able to assist these groups by Sponsoring them by providing space, or discounted rates) for their submissions to the Town Crier. Please support them where you can.

### Return and Earn

**One of our main focuses is Sustainability in our community** and we have done many things under this heading including providing

re-usable cloth shopping bags, re-useable cooler bags); re-useable "Keep" Cups as well as articles on clothing sustainability **"Smart Clothes Shopping"** (article on page 25) and a host more.

Our most recent application and successful lobbying was to have the **Berry Return and Earn facility** returned to Berry. We succeeded in this at the beginning of this year and we encourage everyone to use it and support it. It is in the car park of the Berry Bowling Club.



### Community Groups update.

We have been working on an updated registration and program for our Registered Berry Community Groups. We will be writing to each group asking that they provide their current / latest details for our records and for publication in the Town Crier.

We will be listing this for discussion at our next (6 monthly) Berry Community Groups Leaders' Get Together due in October.

We hope that you enjoy this edition.

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## Stage One of Rotary Dog Park to be finished soon

Stage 1 of the Rotary Dog Park in North St Berry is nearing completion and includes perimeter fencing for both large dog and small dog areas, three entry points, as well as sandstone block and bench seating, additional trees and connection to water services. This is a project being constructed by the Rotary Club of Berry and funded by the community through sponsorship, donations and Rotary Club fundraising.



Weather permitting, this is aimed to be completed by the end of September, with the Park being opened for your furry friends to enjoy as soon as possible following that.

Mark your diaries: A **Dog Park Opening Celebration** on the afternoon of **Sat 7 November** is planned - a fun community event for two and four-legged friends alike.

Following on, Stage 2 of the Park will then include internal pathway connections, shade structures and dog agility fun zones, all subject to raising additional funds.

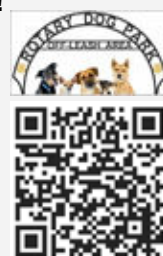


*Club member Ken Hutt excavating the main gate entry which will be paved with engraved pavers sponsored by members of the community.*

### YOU CAN BECOME A SPONSOR TOO!

It is not too late to add your name to this community-led project by sponsoring an engraved paver, or a plaque on a fence panel or corporate fence sign.

Simply scan the QR Code for details.



## Rotary hosts Berry Public School speakers

For several years, Berry Rotary Club has enjoyed welcoming students from Berry Public School to a Rotary Club meeting for an evening celebrating the winners of the School's public speaking competition, together with their parents, teachers and Principal.

This year Principal Bob Willetts and Deputy Principal Peter Burney led the team, which included six talented young students entertaining everyone with their memorable topics:- *David Attenborough; My Bunny Ollie; Cheese; What I Should Be When I Grow Up; The Weirdest World Records; A Letter to My Five-Year-Old Self.*

It was a great night, enjoyed by all - and a proud reminder of the strong longstanding partnership between Berry Rotary and Berry Public School.



## Bag-a-Bargain car boot sale

**Sat 17 October – at Berry Public School (details next month)**



# BERRY COURTHOUSE

## Berry Courthouse heading into Spring

As spring quickly approaches the works continue in the gardens and the building to be prepared for the increased number of events, especially weddings.

Weddings have changed a fair bit over the 26 years we have been operating. Previously there were two distinct "seasons" - September & October and then April / May. This has changed to - Spring / Summer / Autumn (any date from 1st September to Mid to late May. There is a quieter time around Christmas and the New Year.

We also hold other events such as shows, art shows, music events, plays and readings and the bigger events such as the Berry Writer's Festival (November 7 & 8 this year) <https://berrywritersfestival.com.au/> and the Open Fields Arts Festival (end of June next year).

These changes make it harder to fit in the hard pruning (Manchurian Pears and hedges especially) as we have to have the gardens ready and looking their best especially for the garden weddings. We have held off bookings between late June and mid September to allow for this seasonal pruning.

We have had to cancel / change the date for weddings because of Music Festival announcing their dates if they clash with a wedding booked in. The couple are given the option and an apology but we are not told the date of the music festival until it is advertised. This year we had the Berry Writers' Festival booked in and then the music event was announced for the same weekend. We agreed to change the weekend for the Writers' Festival immediately but it leaves us with a gap. We are considering holding a special garden event again as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Berry Courthouse and others so we can still raise some funds and enjoy the music from across the road. Last time we did this we only had a few but it was popular for them so look for an notice for this in the future.

Or better still, become a Friend of the Berry Courthouse (read volunteer) and get on our email list for this and similar events. Our thanks to those that have become Friends, it is very much appreciated. We thank them for our new sign that should be installed this month.

### Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee Inc.

#### *Become a Friend of the Berry Courthouse Application and Interests / Volunteer Sheet*

As a Friend of the Berry Courthouse you can assist as greatly by volunteering.

Here is a list of things that you may wish to volunteer to assist with. It is not an exclusive list so if you have an interest or expertise or experience in another area then please add that to this.

- ☐ Assisting with the gardens.
- ☐ Assisting with the Works Committee matters
- ☐ Assist in organising functions and events for members and the community
- ☐ Helping with catering for functions and events
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to [functions@berrycourthouse.org.au](mailto:functions@berrycourthouse.org.au) or post to Box 218 Berry NSW 2535 or Drop Box in the Berry Post Office

## COFFEE AND Friends

Our speaker at Coffee and Friends on the 23rd September at 10 am is Jane Richter, a long time presenter at Triple U Community Radio station. Her program, "Community Access with Jane," consists of cultural, political and local news, chat and interviews. Jane will tell us how she became interested and involved in Community Radio and some of the interesting people she has interviewed and unusual issues she has covered.

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

### Berry Community Library

Last month, we celebrated the 9th Birthday of the Berry Community Library. We have certainly been through some interesting times and changed along the way. Our outdoor borrowing section that was set up during covid times has been a hit and is very well used when the Library is closed.

We appreciate the support of our community and the tireless work of our wonderful volunteers.

#### Library Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday 1-4pm

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**As the days lengthen and the evenings warm up, the Berry Evening VIEW Club welcomes new members to enjoy the warmth at the Berry Bowling Club. We meet for our dinner meetings the third Wednesday of every month.**

Berry Evening VIEW Club assists the Smith Family's endeavours by fundraising in various ways.

More recently we enjoyed Christmas in July. Santa forgot to show, but a good dinner was enjoyed and we had a lot of laughs.

We would welcome more ladies to join us and participate in our fund raising endeavours. You will enjoy the company of like-minded women whilst raising money for The Smith Family.

Or next dinner meeting is on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at the Berry Bowling Club. We meet at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JOINING VIEW,  
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Ring Jan Chambers 0490 054 574  
for more information to book  
for the evening. We welcome  
new members and guests.



*Our Committee and VIEW members enjoying Xmas in July*



Redberry Quilters were pleased to host Rachael Daisy Dodd (Blue Mountains Daisy) for a trunk show at their July meeting. Rachael is a n award -winning quilter and fabric artist who has exhibited widely in Australia and overseas. Rachael showed a wide selection of her beautiful work and spoke very engagingly about her quilting career and how she creates her quilts. Many of the Redberry members and some guests then participated in a 1 ½ day workshop with Rachael where she generously shared her knowledge and skills.

Members also enjoyed two wonderful embroidery artists as guest speakers at the August meeting. Jeanette Greenwell and Chris Taylor from Kiama, brought a beautiful display of their intricate work, and entertained members and guests with the stories behind many of the pieces.

The September meeting on the 25th September will feature all things sashiko (Japanese stitching and embroidery) with a display made up of a variety of sashiko pieces and and will include a discussion of sashiko methods.

**Redberry Quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at St. Luke's Hall, Princess St, Berry at 9.30. All are welcome**




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# Community Shocked by Platypus Death on Bundewallah Creek

BY KELVIN OFFICER

The discovery by Shoalhaven City Council Bushcare staff in early August, of a drowned platypus, caught in a crab trap that had been baited and submerged in Bundewallah Creek along the Boongaree Bushcare site has shocked the Berry Community. The use of such enclosed net-traps in freshwater has been illegal in NSW since 2021. These pose a serious drowning hazard for air breathing wildlife such as Rakali (native water rat), turtles and platypus.

The platypus population is known to be in decline and is listed nationally as 'near threatened'. Berry is lucky to claim platypus as residents of its local creeks and a majority of its human residents probably wish this to continue. Numerous local community groups and authorities, including Local Land Services, Shoalhaven City Council, the Jerrinja Aboriginal Community, Berry Landcare (its sponsor: Berry Rotary), and the Boongaree Bushcare Group have been working towards the long-term conservation and management of Berry's platypus habitats. This death is a blow to these aspirations and the viability of the local population.

The victim was a fully grown healthy male, about half a metre long, and has now been provided to the Platypus research team at UNSW for further study and research.

It seems probable that the motivation for the trap was to catch 'yabbies' not the death of a platypus. If so, this casualty demonstrates the failure of current programs to educate about platypus-friendly fishing methods and the illegality of enclosed net-traps in freshwater. This may be more of an issue amongst the young who are less exposed to traditional media.

Concerned groups and authorities hope to respond by the installation of on-site signage and more effective education programs. Information on permitted and prohibited freshwater fishing methods can be found at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/fishing-rules-and-regs/perm-prohib-freshwater>.

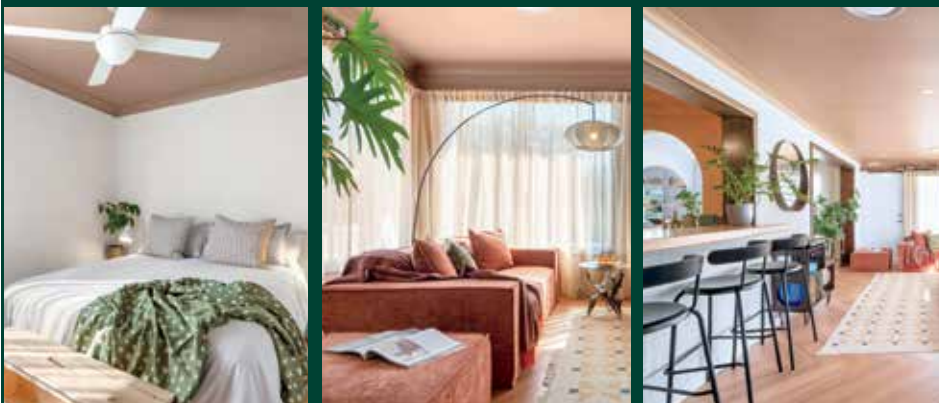


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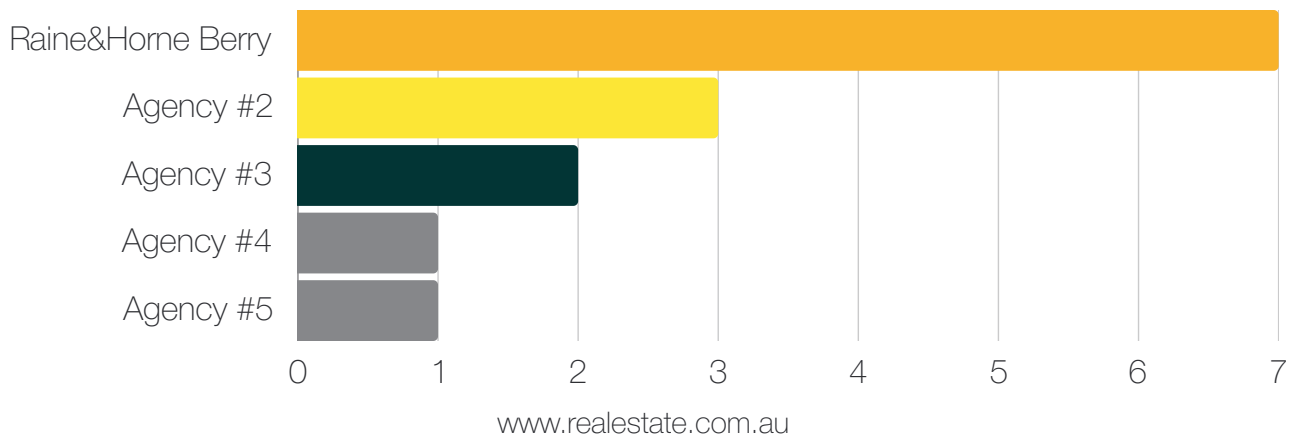
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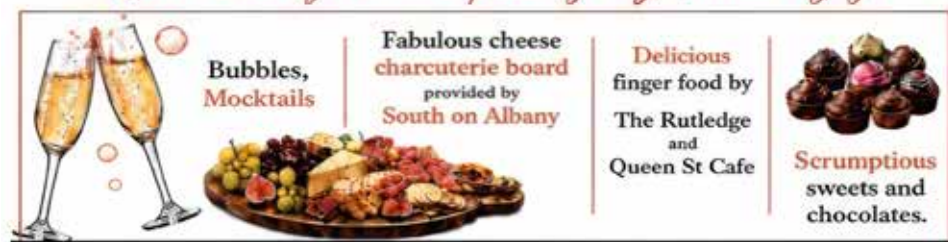
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## BERRY PRESCHOOL

We are now halfway through Term 3 at Berry Community Pre-school. The children have enjoyed special educational activities in August for Science Week and Book Week, and are busy preparing for a special Father's Day celebration in early September. We are also excited to have a new Early Learning Sports Program called Ready, Steady, Go, which is introducing the preschool kids to a new sport each fortnight.

Our new water bottle filling station kindly donated by the Berry Community Activities Centre (BCAC) has been installed (pictured below). The kids are thoroughly enjoying using it for filling up their water bottles with filtered and refrigerated water daily.

We are also very grateful for our new preschool letterbox, which was impressively made and donated by the Berry Men's Shed (also pictured below).

A final thankyou to Jenny Walker from Berry Sourdough Workshop ([www.berrysourdough.com](http://www.berrysourdough.com)), who has generously donated half of the profits from her Winter Sourdough Class to the Preschool. Thankyou Jenny! The children and educators are looking forward to a fantastic, fun and educational Term 3.



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**SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER Barefoot Bowls Day at the Berry Bowling Club**  
Live Music - Fun Day - Dress crazy pink - \$10 per player kids welcome - includes sausage sanga. Book with Deb 0428 005 910.

**SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER Fun Trivia Night at Berry Bowling Club** - 8 max per table - to book please message Pauline 0412 132 690

**THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 4 course dinner with wines at the Berry Hotel** - \$85 p/p - Book Direct 4464 2294.

**SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER Pink Up Berry/Mollymook Cup Race day at Shoalhaven City Turf Club** - Family Fun Day on the green with Live Music - Free Train Rides and Kids activities - Fashions on the field including Kids - Tickets \$20 - kids free or Marquee Luxe Function - includes Canapes - Tickets \$60 limited numbers. Book by ringing 4421 4550 or visit the Shoalhaven City Turf Club Web page for direct bookings and more details - Free Buses from Berry - bookings essential.

**SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER Street Stall** in Broughton Court.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH Homestead Luncheon** - SOLD OUT.

**THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER Glitz & Glam Drag Bingo at The Berry Hotel** - \$10 per person - book direct to Hotel 4464 2294

**TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER Melbourne Cup Luncheon** - Tickets \$40- bookings call Deb 0428 005 910.

**Something for everyone! Book now to avoid missing out.**

This year we are offering the chance to own a tree for the Month for \$100 - you get to decorate your tree and dedicate it in memory of a loved one or just to show your support - these trees are located opposite the School of Arts and we already have several booked. Pauline or Deb can give you more details. We will once again be encouraging you to Register your home for the cost of \$10 which includes a string of bunting and puts you in a lucky draw which will give you the chance to win one of many prizes - volunteers will be taking to the streets mid-September or you can register by emailing [pinkupberry@gmail.com](mailto:pinkupberry@gmail.com)

A little secret - this year's Best Decorated Homes and Businesses will be judged by a well known TV personality and who knows they may even have a film crew with them - so start planning.

A very busy & fun time to be had and remember by supporting Pink Up Berry you are making a difference to someone that is experiencing Cancer by helping provide McGrath Foundation specialised Cancer Care Nurses free of charge.

Any enquiries email [pinkupberry@gmail.com](mailto:pinkupberry@gmail.com) or phone Deb 0428 005 910



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| 9-10AM               | <b>Advance Australia Where</b><br><i>Exceptionalism, Collectivism &amp; a Looming Lurch to the Right</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Amanda Tattersall & Paul Kelly<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Kate Dezarnaulds                                       | <b>Fraught Friendships</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Holly Wainwright, Kate Mildenhall & Frances Whiting<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Meredith Jaffe                                               | <b>The Joy of Reading</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><i>&amp; Why Children Deserve It</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Sally Rippin<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b> Nathan Luff                                                                   |
| 10AM - 11.30AM       | <b>Midlife, Money (&amp; Muffins)</b> <b>FEATURING:</b> Melissa Browne & Sally Hepworth<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Jessy Wu <div> <b>SPECIAL EVENT</b><br/>             At The Shed,<br/>             The Berry General Store           </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>BROUGHT TO YOU BY</b>  Shorebreak Finance                                                                                                    |
| 10.30-11.30AM        | <b>Festivals, Free Speech &amp; the Future of Publishing</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Jennifer Robinson, Lex Hirst & Rosemarie Milsom<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Mark Tredinnick                                                                   | <b>Miles High / People, Place &amp; Perspective</b><br><i>Two Authors at the Peak of Their Craft</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Siang Lu & Toni Jordan<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Kate Mildenhall | <b>The Art of Suspense</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><i>A Special Session for our Younger Readers and Their Families</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> A.L. TAIT<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b> Nathan Luff                                      |
| 12-1PM               | <b>How to Ruin a Child</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Richard Glover<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b> Holly Wainwright                                                                                                                              | <b>Leading From the Dreaming</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Paul Callaghan & Evelyn Araluen<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Amy Thunig-McGregor                                                        | <b>Voices of the South Coast</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Helena Fox & Lauren Keegan<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Meredith Jaffe<br> |

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| 2-3PM                | <b>Conversations that Count</b><br><i>Stuff the British Stole, Blackbirding &amp; the Things We Don't Talk About</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Marc Fennell & Ryan Butta                     | <b>The Case for a Good Life</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Osher Günsberg, Jackie Bailey, Bradley Dryburgh<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Anthony Levin                                         | <b>Voices of the South Coast</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><i>Paths to Publications</i><br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> ALLISON TAIT<br>PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  THE SOUTH COAST WRITERS' CENTRE. |
| 3-4.30PM             | <b>SPARKLING CRIME</b> <b>FEATURING:</b> Melissa Browne & Sally Hepworth<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Jessy Wu <div> <b>SPECIAL EVENT</b><br/>             At Le Bar, Berry           </div> | <b>HOSTED BY</b>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.30-4.30PM          | <b>Conscious Angertainment</b><br><i>The Algorithm, the Ugliness &amp; the Antidote</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Amanda Tattersall & Ed Coper<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Matt Jones            | <b>The Burning Blue</b><br><i>Stories from the Australian Navy's Warriors in the Skies</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Mike Carlton<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b> Richard Glover         | <b>Poetry as Witness &amp; Resistance</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Mark Tredinnick, Julie Janson & Evelyn Araluen<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Rachel Kent                                                                                                             |
| 5-6PM                | <b>Women Who Win</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Antoinette Lattouf & Jennifer Robinson<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Nicole Abadee                                                                  | <b>Theatrical Nature</b><br><i>Pages, Stages &amp; the Craft of Both</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> George Kemp, Toby Schmitz & Kirli Saunders<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Christine Dunstan | <b>Truth Telling</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b><br><i>Excavating the Past to Find a Path Forward</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Paul Daley, Julie Janson & Tony Birch                                                                                                                          |

**6.30-9.30PM**



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| 9-10AM               | <b>Bring Back Yesterday</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Bob Carr<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b><br>Jacqueline Maley                                                                           | <b>Living Out Loud</b><br><i>Visibility, Wonder &amp; the Art of Being Seen</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Meredith Jaffe, Paula McLean & Kathryn Heyman<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Louise Walsh | <b>MORNING TEA</b><br><b>10-11.30AM AT THE BERRY SHOW PAVILION, BERRY SHOWGROUNDS</b><br><b>Tea, Hope and Sustainability</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Hannah Moloney, Vanessa Fuchs, Fiona Weir-Walmsley & Natalie Kyriacou<br><br><b>INCLUDES A TEA &amp; A TREAT FROM THE BERRY TEA SHOP</b>  |
| 10.30-11.30AM        | <b>The Dark &amp; Twisty</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Dervla McTiernan, Fleur McDonald & Sally Hepworth<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Anna Downes                                                | <b>Masculinity &amp; the Manosphere</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Marc Fennell, Ed Coper, & George Kemp<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Osher Günsberg                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12-1PM               | <b>Old Truths, New Worlds</b><br><i>Political Ideas for an Uncertain Time</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Bob Carr, Antoinette Lattouf & Gregory Melleuish<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Ryan Butta | <b>Work / Life Strife</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Jessy Wu & Madeleine Gray<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Amelia Lester                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### LUNCH

| BERRY SCHOOL OF ARTS |                                                                                                                                | STUDIO 34                                                                                                                                                         | SPECIAL EVENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 2-3PM                | <b>The Titanic Story of Evelyn</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Lisa Wilkinson<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Lisa Davies                     | <b>Cities, Countries, Climate &amp; Change</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> George Kemp, Siang Lu & Inga Simpson<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Kaya Wilson                      | <b>AFTERNOON SPRITZ</b><br><b>2-3.30PM AT THE BERRY SHOW PAVILION, BERRY SHOWGROUNDS</b><br><b>Why We Garden Afternoon Spritz</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Hannah Moloney & Holly Wainwright<br><br><b>INCLUDES A TEA &amp; A TREAT FROM OUR SPONSORS</b> |
| 3.30-4.30PM          | <b>The Race to the Top of the World</b><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Peter FitzSimons<br><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH</b><br>Richard Glover | <b>Past Perspective</b><br><i>Bringing History to Life</i><br><b>FEATURING:</b> Emma Pei Yin, Lenora Thaker & Kate Forsyth<br><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Suzanne Burdon |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

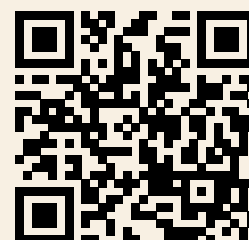
### Program Changes

Please note: While every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this program, sometimes unforeseen changes beyond our control can occur. Please rest assured any updates will be promptly posted on our website.

### Book Signings

Following each session there will be a book signing at the Berry School of Arts.

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# THE BERRY MASONIC VILLAGE AUXILIARY



We are a small but dedicated group which meets at 9:30am on the third Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall. The auxiliary is always on the lookout for new, enthusiastic and talented members who can help us enhance the lives of the residents of RFBI Berry. With the opening of the new residential house following a major renovation program there are now fifty older members of our community living at RFBI Berry. Our group supports the staff and residents primarily through fundraising. Our last fundraising effort was a highly successful Devonshire Tea cafe at the Celtic Fair. Our cooks made many hundreds of scones which were served with love and laughter to the eager crowd. Money raised from this venture is already being used by the Lifestyle Officers at the home to bring musical, magical, special forms of entertainment to the residents on a weekly basis. They will also use the funds to provide resources for the arts, crafts, gardening, games and other activities they plan and deliver every day. Throughout the year we hold street stalls, raffles and other activities to help us provide those extra things that our senior residents so deserve. We like to provide gifts and treats for special occasions like Mothers and Fathers Days, Easter and Christmas time. The home is always on the lookout those who have time to volunteer to drive the bus for outings, to help residents with activities like knitting, playing games and musical activities. If you have time and/or talent to offer our older residents the Lifestyle Officers would love to see you. The auxiliary members would also welcome you at our **next meeting – Thursday 17th September at 9:30am.**



## BERRY PROBUS

Another fabulous meeting in August with a member talking about his passion for travel with stories from some of the 93 countries he had visited, along with his adventures scuba diving among the WW11 Japanese boats and the American army jeeps and tanks which were pushed into the sea at the end of the war, such an interesting story we are all eager to hear part two of his life history.

We were then educated on the positive side of Nuclear energy and informed about the 97 power reactors they have in America along with 62 in China and 57 in France, it does make you wonder what we are doing in Australia. The talk was given by a retired employee of ANSTO with 43 years of knowledge. We were privileged to have someone who knew what he was talking about and could answer all our questions.

Our separate Ladies and Men's morning teas have become a competition with the men having been in the winning position for some months, the ladies' numbers have been steadily creeping forward, with this month being called a draw.

Our club has four barbecues a year with an additional game of bingo thrown in to add to the fun. A game of croquet is coming up soon where you can learn how to play or just have a fun day out.

The Berry Probus club will be celebrating its 39th birthday in September, we do have a few members who have been in the club for 20 of those years, while newer members join us regularly, our youngest member is 69 while our most mature member is 93, it is a great way to enjoy a social life at the pace you want, you can join in the outings, lunches, games, theatre whatever you like or just attend the meetings to hear the great speakers we have every month, and connect with the members who leave every meeting feeling happy and knowledgeable.

Our club is made up of men and women who value friendship, the meetings are always casual and friendly. 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. We are all about social structure, there is no fund raising only companionship with outings and events,

If you would like to enjoy some extra company our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Uniting Church Hall (behind the Men's shed) we open the doors at 9.00am for a 9.30 start please give our President Graeme Cord a call 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, our next meeting is on the Tuesday 8th September.

# DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY



This is the July update from Ryan Park MP NSW Health Minister, in response to our request for an update on the future of David Berry Hospital:

*"The NSW Government has been undertaking a staged program of consultation with the community and stakeholders, and this work is continuing.*

*As recommended in the Second Phase Consultation Report, Aboriginal-led consultation with the Aboriginal community is currently underway. This phase of consultation is an important next step, and the report is expected to be finalised in the coming months."*

Our AGM was held in August, with guests Marjorie Booth, UHA Zone Representative, Fiona Warren Shoalhaven Area Health Service and Catherine Hall, Deputy Director of Nursing at David Berry Hospital. The results of the AGM were: President Irene Birks, Vice President Marilyn Kellett, Treasurer Marilyn Kellett, Secretary Margaret Walsh and Patron Pam MacLeod.

In August we were given a guided tour of the new Shoalhaven District Hospital wards. This is an amazing facility, which will enable greater occupancy rates in state-of-the-art wards. Recruitment of new nursing staff is progressing at pace, and an open day for the general public should occur in September, all going well. We would encourage everyone to take the opportunity, when this happens, to go along and observe this new facility. Palliative and Rehabilitation wards from David Berry Hospital will move in approximately 12-18 months' time, once the wards are refurbished at Shoalhaven Hospital. Both our wards will move at the same time.

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.

## Lodge Broughton No. 131 – Building Good Men and a Stronger Community

Nestled in the heart of Berry, Lodge Broughton No. 131 has been proudly serving our local community for generations. More than just a meeting place, our Lodge is a place where friendship, integrity, respect, and service



come together to make a positive difference.

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and most respected fraternal organisations. It encourages men of good character to continually improve themselves while supporting their families, friends, and the wider community. Members come from all walks of life, united by shared values of honesty, compassion, charity, and personal growth.

At Lodge Broughton No. 131, these principles are put into action. Our members enjoy strong friendships, meaningful fellowship, and the opportunity to contribute to local charitable causes. Through initiatives such as our popular community meat raffles and fundraising activities, we proudly support local organisations and those in need, while also strengthening connections with local businesses and residents.

Freemasonry is not about status or privilege it's about becoming a better person and leaving the world a little better than we found it. The lessons taught within the Lodge encourage members to live with integrity, practise kindness, and extend a helping hand wherever it is needed.

If you have ever been curious about Freemasonry or are looking to become part of an organisation that values friendship, personal development, and community service, Lodge Broughton No. 131 welcomes your interest.

Together, we are helping build a stronger Berry one act of kindness, one friendship, and one good deed at a time.

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Please come along and join us in raising money for new equipment and our School Scholarship program. Two students from Bomaderry High School recently received their Scholarships at the Shed where they met our members and were witness to the type of work we undertake at the Shed. A special school assembly was held at Bomaderry High School and we were introduced by the School Principal, Ian Morris and senior staff member Julie Mehic.

We are continuing to refurbish items of furniture at the Shed for members of the Berry community as well as making lots of new items for sale.

If you have anything that needs repairs, please feel free to bring it into the Shed.

We are open on Tuesday and Thursday and our phone number is 4464 3956.

**Richard Wiseman - Publicity Officer**



## News@Berry Riding Club

Winter's crisp temperatures and clear sky days continue to roll along. Our winter events have been enjoyed by spectators, riders and horses alike on these stunning days.

A Clear Round Showjumping Competition is listed for Saturday, 5th September. The jumping arena is in tip top condition ready for those who love jumping. Our local show jumpers appreciate another opportunity to prepare for the NSW Country Show Jumping Championship being held in Nowra 19th/20th September.

The following week Saturday 12th, a Working Equitation Clinic. We are excited to have booked Bridgit McCosker. Australian National Working Equitation judge and champion rider from Bemboka, NSW south coast.

September is going to be a relatively quiet month as volunteers prepare the grounds and equipment for our biggest event of the year, the three days of Berry Interschool Championships, to be held October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Berry Riding Club will be hosting school age equestrians from Kindergarten to Year 12. This annual event attracts riders from far and wide. Families make the annual trek to Berry to represent their schools. Families book accommodation and camping sites, bringing their excitement to Berry each October long weekend. The young riders look forward to the event almost from the minute one ends. Year 12 students often express their sadness as they graduate from school and leave the event with fond memories after twelve fun visits. The three days offer students a variety of competitions to enter and a stack of playful fun activities for younger riders. Fluttering ribbons and big smiles are the scenes we love.

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## BERRY CWA

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President Joan Cooper on 0417 488 415 or email: [profjacooper@gmail.com](mailto:profjacooper@gmail.com)



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## AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BERRY BRANCH

It's that time of the year for Annual General Meetings, when everyone ducks for cover so not to be selected!

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### NEW COMMITTEE- 2026-2027:

**President:** Irene Birks

**Vice President:** Marilyn Kellett

**Hon Secretary:** Virginia Munro

**Hon Treasurer:** Gordon Munro

**Publicity Officers:** Jennifer Clapham / Irene Birks

Margaret Walsh joined Berry Branch in 2010 and has held the position of Hon Secretary since 2013, with only a couple of years off in that time, so now taking a well earned rest. Thank you Margaret for your Service to Red Cross, but we know you won't be far away and always ready to help in any way.

Our meetings are held in the Berry Uniting Church Hall 2pm first Wednesday of each month.

Please come along, you will be made very welcome.

**Irene Birks, President - [icbsle@bigpond.com](mailto:icbsle@bigpond.com) - 0411 120 034**

## BECOMING A MEMBER OR VOLUNTEERING



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| <b>Australian Labor Party Berry Shoalhaven Heads Branch</b><br>4464 2446 PO Box 325 Berry<br>secretarybshalp@gmail.com                                                        |              |
| <b>Australian Red Cross Berry Branch</b><br>icbsle@bigpond.com<br>Irene Birks<br>Publicity Jenny Clapham 0407 661 163                                                         | 0411 120 034 |
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| <b>Berry Community Library</b><br>at Berry Uniting Church berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com                                                                                     | 0425 220 258 |
| <b>Berry Courthouse Conservation Committee</b><br>PO Box 218 Berry 2535<br>functions@berrycourthouse.org.au<br>www.berrycourthouse.org.au<br>www.facebook.com/berrycourthouse | 0458 369 266 |
| <b>Berry &amp; District Historical Society</b><br>www.berryhistory.org.au<br>berrymuseum@bigpond.com                                                                          | 0413 893 508 |
| <b>Berry Evening VIEW Club</b><br>janchambers49@hotmail.com                                                                                                                   | 0490 054 574 |
| <b>Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary</b><br>icbsle@bigpond.com                                                                                                                  | 0411 120 034 |
| <b>Berry Meals on Wheels</b><br>meals2535@gmail.com bagleyg42@gmail.com                                                                                                       | 4422 5111    |
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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.

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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/masterview/UI/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

PCD2026/1491 – 2/7/2026 – Two Storey Dwelling – 63A Parker Crescent, BERRY  
 DA2026/1802 – 8/7/2026 – Alterations and Additions to Two Storey Dwelling House – 18 Wire Lane, BERRY  
 DA2026/1838 – 9/7/2026 – Change of use of shop 4 from retail to hairdressing salon – 66 Albert Street, BERRY  
 DA2026/1846 – 8/7/2026 – Single dwelling - 24 Hitchcocks Lane, BERRY  
 PCD2026/1504 – 7/7/2026 – Dwelling Alterations and Additions - 64 Prince Alfred Street, BERRY  
 PCD2026/1518 – 9/7/2026 – Swimming Pool – 10 Serenity Ridge, BERRY  
 PCD2026/1523 – 13/7/2026 – Swimming pool and spa, dwelling alterations & additions – 280 Tindalls Lane, Broughton Vale  
 PCD2026/1528 – 15/7/2026 – Shed – 36 Serendipity Ridge, BERRY  
 MA2026/1251 – 17/7/2026 – S4.55(2) to DA2023/1346 – removal of a section of internal road, the relocation of the staff car parking area from the south of the existing walker to behind the covered treadmill building, the removal of the northern concrete path running the entire each stable building, and the inclusion of an additional two horse exercise walking machines and two combined sand rolls and wash bay facilities – 119 Bong Bong Road, Berry  
 DA2026/1925 – 20/7/2026 – Alterations & additions to existing dwelling including swimming pool – 21 Prince Alfred Road, Berry  
 DA2026/1926 – 24/7/2026 – Single storey dwelling on an existing site containing an existing dwelling to create a dual occupancy – 54 Queen Street, Berry  
 PCD2026/1564 – 27/7/2026 – Single Storey Dwelling – 22 Hitchcocks Lane, Berry

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

DA2026/1275 – Deferred – 22/6/2026 – change of Use from take-away food and drink premises to a licenced café – 89 Queen Street, BERRY  
 DA2026/154 – Approved – 24/6/2026 – Alterations & Additions to Existing Single Storey Dwelling and Construction of a Detached Garage – 21 King Street, BERRY  
 DA2026/1303 – Approved – 29/6/2026 – Construction of a farm building (shed) – 585c Princes Highway, JASPERS BRUSH  
 DA2026/1619 – Approved – 17/7/2026 – Dual Occupancy (attached) associated structures (garage, workshop and shed) including swimming pool and spa pool as well as staged construction – 6 Serendipity Ridge, BERRY  
 DA2026/1549 – Deferred – 23/7/2026 – Regularise use of existing studio and shed ancillary to a dwelling house – 46 Ison Lane, JASPERS BRUSH  
 DA2026/1254 – Approved – 30/7/2026 – Single Storey Dwelling – 81A Kangaroo Valley Road, BERRY

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## SMART CLOTHES SHOPPING **Sustainable BERRY**

Buying clothes used to be seen as an investment in style and quality. Fast fashion has given us an abundance of choice, with a constant flow of new styles, at seemingly low prices. However, these garments are generally poorly made from synthetic fabrics and are designed to have a short life. This has created a global problem of non-biodegradable waste. While locally Shoalhaven Council has introduced a textile recycling program, this is merely a small dent in a growing problem.

Whether you are buying new or second-hand clothes, there are some simple steps to choosing a well-made garment that will last longer than the current fashion trend. Firstly, check the inside of the garment; you can learn a lot about how it was made. Narrow seam allowances mean there is little to no chance for adjustment. It also means that at stress points, such as across the shoulders and at the armholes, the seam is more likely to give way. Well-made men's trousers generally have a center seam in the waistband, and a generous seam allowance along centre back. This means trousers can be let out, or taken in, easily. Another indication of a well-made garment is stitch count, so look for a smaller stitch length, which means a sturdier seam. Longer stitches enable a faster sewing process, and manufacturers will often cut corners here. Check for puckering at seams, and pieces not cut on the straight grain of the fabric. Look for pattern matching at seams; this indicates a garment made with more care. Hold the garment up to the light to get an indication of the thread count. Do a "scrunch test" by squeezing a handful of the fabric for a few seconds and release. This will give you an indication of the wrinkle

resistance of the fabric; natural fabrics will hold the crease, where a synthetic fabric will bounce back.

Check the buttons and buttonholes. Buttons should have a shank between the back of the button and the garment; this extra spacing means that the garment won't pull at the buttonhole. Reinforce any poorly stitched buttons and add a shank. There may also be a spare button stitched to the care tag. Well-made buttonholes will have more dense stitching, giving more stability. Zippers made from metal will last longer than plastic. YKK zippers have long been a preferred brand for heavy duty garments. Invisible zippers give a clean finish to a garment, but they are often flimsy, and a broken zip may test the ability of inexperienced sewers if replacement is needed. If you are unable to replace a broken zipper yourself, many dry cleaners offer this and a variety of repair services.

Baptist World Aid publishes a free online Ethical Fashion Guide, which is simple to follow. Brands are scored for supply chain transparency; paying a living wage; addressing gender inequality; water & chemical stewardship; use of sustainable fibres; and circularity. While Temu unsurprisingly scores 0 out of 100, other popular brands with a similar score include Ghandi, Stussy, Nine West and Windsor Smith. Some of the brands towards the top include Mighty Good Basics (90/100), Patagonia (69/100), Rodd & Gunn (68/100), and Zara (66/100). It should be noted that no brand had a perfect score. By familiarizing yourself with the guide, you can make better informed choices when clothes shopping.

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