



The Shoalhaven Chronograph with Berry Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

26 th February	2.30pm	General Meeting of The Berry & District Historical Society
26 th February	3.00pm	Meeting with Gareth Ward
27 th February		MAAS Workshop
6 th March		MAAS Workshop
9 th March	10.00am	Talk by Lyn Clark – "Plants Communities, Connections"
15 th April	5.30pm	Berry Pub Family Trivia

Berry Pub Family Trivia

On the third Sunday of each month, the Berry Hotel supports local community and sporting groups by hosting a Pub Family Trivia night.

Teams of eight players gather to pit their trivial knowledge to win prizes in every round and super prizes for podium finishers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

On the 15th April, the evening will be dedicated to the Berry Museum, and members are encouraged to come along and join in the fun.

The evening starts in the Courtyard at 5pm. Dinner specials are available to enjoy throughout the event.

It is strongly recommended that you book for this event. Cost is \$5 per player.

Congratulations to Anita Chalmers

All members of The Berry & District Historical Society who know and have worked with Anita will be glad to hear that she has been recognised in this year's Australia Day Awards with an Order of Australia Medal.

While Anita's award was given in recognition of her work in community health at the national level, specifically with the debilitating disease Myositis, we at The Berry Historical Society and Museum are more than aware of Anita's commitment and hard work at the local level in one of Berry's oldest community organisations, The Berry & District Historical Society.

Anita has been diagnosed with Myositis and despite the health difficulties she faces on a daily basis she has forged on with her work for the Myositis Association. As Anita says:



Photo courtesy South Coast Register

I was very honoured to receive this award and I hope that the resultant publicity will help raise awareness of Myositis.

It will also let those who suffer from this condition to know of the Association and its support to our members.

Anita's work for Myositis has not stopped her from working with other community organisations such as the Museum and the Historical Society. I have worked with Anita in the Society for about ten years. During that time she has been elected by our members to several responsible positions within the Society. She has been the Secretary for the organisation, the Deputy President and the editor of *The Chronograph*, the Society's newsletter.

Anita has also served for at least ten years on the Management Committee for the Historical Society and the Berry Museum. Her contribution to the work of this Committee has been outstanding. She constantly looks for ways to improve our practice and serve our community and customers. She is a creative and innovative thinker. It was Anita who came up with the idea of a Drivers' Guide to Berry to assist visitors in negotiating the various sites of historical interest in and around the town of Berry.

She is interested in solving problems and achieving best practice. An outstanding networker, Anita can always find the right person to help with problems facing the Museum. She has developed excellent relationships with local media through the various types of community work she undertakes in the Shoalhaven. This has really helped us in developing our profile in the local area.

Chris Currey

President

The Berry & District Historical Society

Visit by Gareth Ward and General Meeting

This is a reminder that on Monday 26th February, 2018 at 3.00 pm all members are invited to meet our local State Member, Gareth Ward, who is visiting the Berry Museum to present us with a grant from Museums & Galleries NSW.

Before this meeting with Gareth, a General Meeting of The Berry & District Historical Society is to be held at 2.30 pm to pass a special resolution to amend the Constitution to change arrangements for the financial year reporting period by adding Rule 43 as follows:.

“Rule 43

The financial year of the association is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the first of 1 April 2018 and ending on the following 30 June 2019, and
- (b) each period of twelve months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the association, commencing on the 1 July and ending on the following 30 June”

We would very much appreciate the attendance of our members at the General Meeting and would also like members to stay to meet Gareth Ward for a cup of tea.

Berry Museum at the Show

The B&DHS had another very successful time at the Berry Show this year with a prime position stall next to the CWA right up against the show ring and grandstand.



Book sales were quite brisk

As usual, Nancy Bevan prepared the traditional local history display, this time on Wilson's Store. The display also included the *Berry Town Map of 1912*, copies of which we had for sale for \$50.00 and of course we held our usual bookstall. Sales were quite brisk and justified Margaret Ogle's efforts in organising the stall. We also signed up four new members.

The display featured the Station Master's Residence with a view to informing our community of its current state of disrepair. The information we provided provoked quite a bit of interest from passers by, many of whom had no idea as to its history.

The roster was organised by our Secretary, Annette Frohling and the weather was uncharacteristically kind to those of us personing the stall. (There is a tendency for heatwave conditions or downpours on the Berry Show dates.) Peter and Trish Knevitt, and Geoff Chalmers assembled and put up the stall, and our Treasurer Hilary Brickhill organised the cash.

Thanks to all those who helped with the roster and congratulations to our members who won prizes at the show.

Chris Currey

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Berry & District Historical Society

Help Wanted

Most of the work in the Museum is carried out by a small but dedicated team of volunteers.

But there is always more that we could do.

Do you have any special skills that would help in the running of the Museum? You might be surprised – there are many jobs that need doing, and we could use your help.

Not only will you find it very rewarding, you will also learn a great deal about how very special this area is, and the role it has played in shaping our present.



Talks for Members in 2018

As well as the Annual General Meeting to be held later in the year, the Society is planning four meetings during the year for members. These meetings will include an update on the Society's activities and also a Talk, generally given by a local person, on a topic that will be of interest to members.

The first of these meetings will be on Friday March 9, at 10.00 am at the Museum, and we are very pleased to have as our guest speaker, Lyn Clark, who is the Coordinator of the Berry Public School Native Plant Propagation Nursery.

Lyn's Talk is entitled 'Plants Communities, Connections' and it describes the Berry Public School Propagation Nursery's involvement with RMS for the Berry Bypass Project. Lyn has been the Coordinator for 3 years, and she and her husband John have been Berry residents for 17 years.

Recently Lyn was presented with the Gwendy Hansford Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Environment, in recognition of Lyn's leadership of the school's "Plant Prop" unit, her championing of the growing of endemic species "from seed to tree" and her support of other local environmental projects.



Lyn Clark

There will be a light morning tea after the meeting.

Berry Conversations

The Berry & District Historical Society and Berry Conversations, are banding together to bring you a special talk later this year. Watch out for more information in the next issue of the Chronograph.

Special Exhibition – Historic Buildings of Berry

Our first exhibition for the year displays many of the historic buildings that give Berry its unique charm.

MAAS 2018 Workshop Series

The Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences (MAAS) offers workshops designed for small museums and the collecting sector which are held at the Museum Discovery Centre, Castle Hill.

Click on the links for more information and booking details:

[Programming for your Collection: Workshop and Object Storage Tour](#) 27 February, 10am-2.30pm

Learn how to produce engaging public programs that bring a collection to life and increase visitation.

[Curating a Display: Workshop and Object Storage Tour](#) 6 March, 10am-2.30pm

Explore the curatorial process including object selection, theme development and label writing.

Book for Sale at the Museum

We have a very limited number of copies of 'A Grand Adventure' available at the Museum.



A Grand Adventure And the Struggle for Survival

Author: Elizabeth

A History of the Shoalhaven Paper Mill February 1956 – July 2015

Trivia

We had a couple of replies to our last trivia question, but not the correct answer.

The question was...

The Berry Butter Factory opened on a hill in Broughton Creek in March 1889, and overlooked the growing township.

By what name did the hill come to be known?

The answer was...

Factory Hill.

And here's the question for this issue...

Alexander Berry had three brothers and three sisters. What were their names?

First correct answer will win the honour of being recognised in our next issue. The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Please make sure you send your answer to the editor's email address (museum@cpretty.com).

Articles for the Next Issue

If you have any interesting stories about the Berry region or its history that you would like to share, please forward them to the editor for inclusion in our next issue.

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