

The Berry & District Historical Society Inc

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The Shoalhaven Chronograph with Berry Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

12 th October	10.00am	Book Launch – A Munificent Bequest
19 th October	2.00pm	Book Launch – Family, Farms and Faith
14 th November	2.00pm	Annual General Meeting at Berry Museum
16 th November	2.00pm	Book Launch – Up in the Hills

Annual General Meeting

A reminder to members that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November at 2.00pm. All members are welcome.

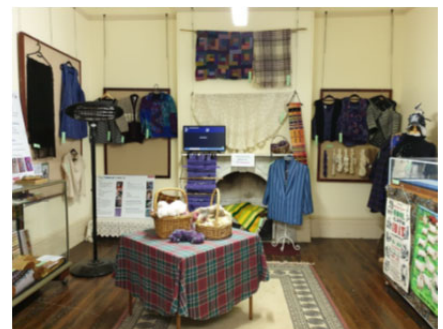
We will also be holding elections for office bearers for the coming year.

Copies of our Constitution and our Strategic Plan can be found on our website by clicking:

berryhistory.org.au > [About the Museum](#) > [Documents](#)

Current Exhibition

Berry Spinners and Weavers have been exhibiting their crafts and skills in our exhibition room at the Museum. Members of the group have been giving live demonstrations whenever the Museum is open. It's an interesting exhibit and has been very popular. If you haven't come to visit, there's still time, but hurry – it won't be there much longer.



Book Launch – A Munificent Bequest

A Munificent Bequest - The First Fifty Years 1909-1959 by Robyn Florance

BD&HS member and widely-published local historian, Robyn Florance, has produced her latest book on the early history of David Berry Hospital.

The hospital was erected and maintained with funds from the "munificent bequest" left by David Berry.

During her stay at the hospital for rehabilitation after knee surgery, Robyn was inspired by the staff and volunteers at the hospital and decided to find out more about the hospital's history.

The Berry & District Historical Society will be hosting her book launch.



David Berry Hospital

When: Saturday 12 October at 10 am

Venue: St Lukes Anglican Church, 68A Princess Street , Berry

Refreshments will be provided so please **RSVP** your attendance to:

The Berry Museum 02 4464 3097 or berrymuseum@bigpond.com

Book Launch – Family, Farms and Faith

Family, Farms and Faith - Two Stong Families and Kin by Gillian Shadwick

Bringing together local and family history, *Family, Farms and Faith* tells the story of six families who migrated together in the 1860s from County Donegal and who pioneered in the Berry and later Richmond River areas. They were the Strong, Walker, Clarke, Lamond, Boyd and Hanlon families.

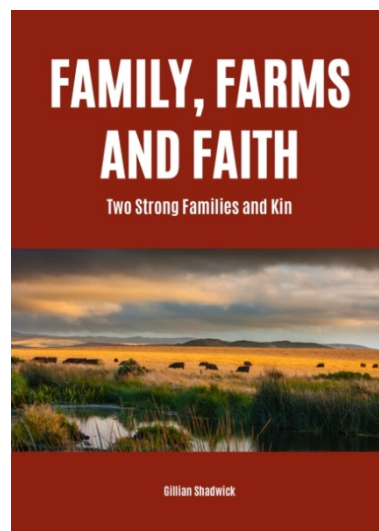
Family, Farms and Faith is extensively researched, with 280 full colour pages.

When: Saturday, 19 October at 2:00 pm

Venue: Wesley Church Hall, 77 Albert Street, Berry

Afternoon tea will be provided so please **RSVP** to either Evelyn Strong 02 4464 1135

raystrong35@bigpond.com or Gillian Shadwick 0411 266 687 gillianshadwick1@me.com



Book Launch – Up in the Hills

Up in the Hills - Farming Days in Upper Brogers Creek by Heather Foster

Heather Foster first saw Upper Brogers Creek in 1972 and became fascinated by the area.

Always curious about the history of the district, Heather was a keen participant and observer at a meeting held in 1978 attended by descendants of the early European settlers of Woodhill and Upper Brogers Creek, who shared their memories of growing up on the early farms.

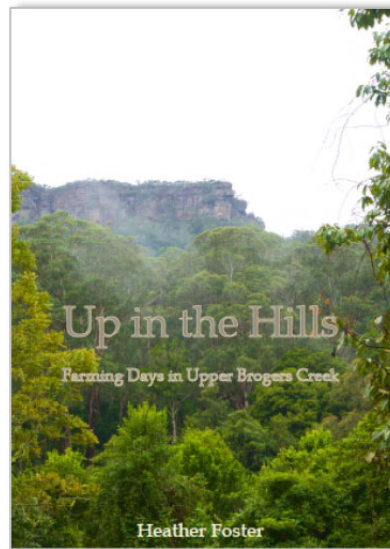
This prompted Heather to compile a history from the treasure trove of reminiscences held by The Berry & District Historical Society (BDHS) on tapes of discussions, recorded in 1978 and in 1994.

When: Saturday 16th November at 2.00 pm.

Venue: St Lukes Anglican Church, 68A Princess Street , Berry

Refreshments will be provided so please **RSVP** your attendance to:

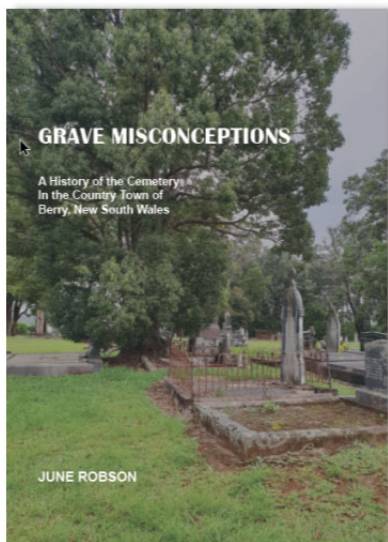
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Christmas in July

The Berry Hotel is most supportive of their neighbour across the road and offered to assist the Society in raising some much needed funds for the Museum. The Hotel arranged a 'Christmas In July' night on Friday, 12 July with entertainment by David Mitchell. Over 130 members and guests attended. It was a fun night thoroughly enjoyed by all. Great food and plenty of it. A lucky door prize , several silent auction items, champagne and part proceeds from the ticket sales were donated by the Hotel. A very generous donation indeed was raised during the night for the Society.

Grave Misconceptions



The book launch for June Robson's book, Grave Misconceptions was held on Saturday 18th July.

June's book tells of the history of the Berry General Cemetery, from the early days as the Old Cemetery, its transition to the New Cemetery and finally its reinstatement as the cemetery we have today.

The book is full of interesting tales, from its questionable ownership to unusual stories of some of the people resting there.

Grave Misconceptions can be purchased from the Berry Museum.

Positions Vacant

Volunteers

Visitors to our Museum often leave comments telling us how much they have enjoyed the experience. Behind the scenes, there is a team of volunteers making that experience the best we can.

We are currently working to update the running of the Museum to reflect the technological age that we live in. We have many projects, including cataloguing, and digitising our any records and artefacts.

We are also looking at ways of preserving some of our more fragile objects. **But we need your help.** There are many tasks that need to be done.

If you can help, please let us know. You can even learn new skills, if you'd like. Even a small amount of your time will help. All you need is a willingness to participate.

There are so many areas where your help would be valued. Here are just a few:

- Research
- Computer skills
- Planning displays and exhibitions
- Catering events
- Museum tours
- Curating
- Gardening
- Maintenance
- Conservation
- Collections
- Cataloging
- Publicity and marketing

Editor

Due to family commitments, the current editor is putting down her pen and we are looking for someone who would enjoy taking on the role. Some training will be provided if needed.

Garage Sale

The BD&HS is having a sale of some items that we have in our garage. There are a number of items including:

- Filing cabinets
- 25 Chairs
- Large red chipper
- Smaller yellow chipper

If you are interested in any of these items, contact the Museum - ☎02 4464 3097 or berrymuseum@bigpond.com - and make us a reasonable offer. All proceeds will be donated to the BD&HS.



Books for Sale


The Berry Museum offers a wide range of books for sale on local history. Here are just a few of the titles on offer. Come in and have a browse. The Museum is open every day during the school holidays.

Title	Subtitle	Author(s)
Going South	Constructing the Railway Kiama – Bomaderry'	Alan Clark and Robyn Florance
Grave Misconceptions	A history of the cemetery in the country town of Berry, New South Wales.	June Robson
Early Years of Nowra District Pubs		Alan Clark
Coachmen of the Nowra District	McTernan, Richards, Thorburn and the others.	Alan Clark
Shoalhaven Remembers	Heroes of the Dardanelles, Honouring those who served from the Shoalhaven District.	Robyn Florance
South Africa, The Volunteers War	The boys from the Shoalhaven District at the war in South Africa 1899 -1902	Keith Paterson
Crossing the River	Punts – Ferries – Bridges on the Shoalhaven	Robyn Florance
Pictorial History Shoalhaven District	Berry – Nowra – Kangaroo Valley - Jervis Bay-Sussex Inlet – Milton - Ulladulla	Roger Coombs

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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