



Berry and District Historical Society Inc

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EARLY NOTICE FOR AGM

The Berry & District Historical Society will be holding its AGM at the Museum in MAY 2015, so now it is a good time to think about being a part of the Management Committee.

If you have a few hours a month to attend a committee meeting or would like to be part of some of the sub committees please contact either the President Hazel King or Secretary, Chris Currey for further information via the Museum's email address.

EARLY REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is a reminder to all our members that membership fees are due by 30th June 2015.

CHAPTER CHAT INFORMATION from Doreen Lyon.

Hello and Happy New year to all the museum people in our Chapter! I hope you had a good 2014 and have plans for a busy and interesting 2015. The time has come for another Chapter Newsletter and I ask you all to **send me a one page article or report or issue** you would like to talk about. Please attach photos as jpgs separately to your report to make it easier for me to include them. Don't forget the page on **Source or Swap** for objects you may want to de-access or borrow.

Hopefully some of you will be going to the MA conference in Sydney and we can get together. I am giving a short presentation on 'Museums & memory: the power of story!' Wish me luck!!

I would be interested to know if any of our members and friends received any **Australia Day awards** so I can include them in the newsletter.

I look forward to receiving your news!

The AGM will be held at Kangaroo Valley Museum on February 15th. Registration 10am-10.30am. we have a guest speaker in the afternoon from 1.30pm-2.30pm

DR. MARY HUTCHINSON.

Mary is a Visiting Fellow at the Humanities Research Centre at the Research School of Humanities and the Arts and Research Associate of the Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts. Her association with RSHA began with her work as Research Associate on an ARC Linkage project with the National Museum of Australia, Migration Memories, 2005-08. She has worked professionally as a museum exhibition curator, oral historian, creator of interpretive public art, heritage researcher, adult educator, writer (including radio and theatre) and community artsworker. She contributes to the History Program's course, Researching and Writing Histories and to the Graduate Program's Museums and Collections Course.

Her presentation will be titled OUT OF THE ORDINARY: COLLECTING COMMUNITY STORIES.

I am interested in which museums do collect stories from their communities and would like an article on the pleasures and/or pitfalls experienced!

Kind regards Doreen Lyon (Editor) 46810472

If you have any ideas for their newsletter or would like to attend the AGM please let our Committee know via the Museum's email address.

SUBMISSION BY THE SHOALHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The above Society has presented a submission on the historic Shoalhaven River Bridge to the RMS

Attached is the link to read this report



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REPORT ON THE BERRY SHOW

Members of the Berry and District Historical Society manned the Society's display at the Berry Show on the 30/31st January. The show attendance exceeded all expectations and members reported a lot of interest in our display and book sales were good.

SOME OF THE MANY BOOKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM

The following 3 books are now available for purchase from the Museum

Pictorial History Shoalhaven District by Roger Coombs
Price: \$25.00

100 Lives of Berry and 100 Lives of the Berry Region
Special price of \$15.00 for both books or \$10.00 each.

100 LIVES OF THE BERRY REGION

This book is a sequel to the "100 LIVES OF BERRY" and covers seven cemeteries in the Berry Region – Harley Hill, Bellawongarah, Broughton Vale, Coolangatta, Shoalhaven Heads, Wattamolla and Woodhill Cemeteries. These cemeteries contain the graves of the early European settlers and also some Aboriginal people from the Berry area on whose land they settled. The cemeteries reflect the spread of settlement away from the coast. The small cemeteries at Woodhill Mountain and Wattamolla were established in the 1860s to meet the needs of the communities living along the road from Berry to Kangaroo Valley, over Woodhill Mountain. None of these cemeteries is still in use. Just as they began their existence to meet the needs of spreading settlement, their decline was associated with great improvements in transport and personal mobility during the Twentieth Century. No longer did a trip to town mean a day's travel along round bush tracks. Cemeteries are important, as they tell the story of the community, and are a resource for education, genealogy and tourism.

The following book is available from bookstores or directly from the publishers, Anchor Books Australia: www.anchorbooksaustralia.com.au

Under the Colony's Eye
Gentlemen and Convicts on Cockatoo Island
By Sue Castrique

This beautifully written book tells the story of the penal settlement on Cockatoo Island, the struggle to build a dock and an autocratic superintendent who turned the island into a secret fight club with

his bare-knuckle prize-fighting convicts. This is a true story filled with drama, intrigue and compassion. Under the Colony's Eye reveals some of the island's long-held secrets.

Historians of colonial Australia and visitors to Cockatoo Island alike will find this a fascinating insight into the strong personalities that lay behind the colourful history of the island as a convict prison and significant engineering achievement – Carol Liston, University of Western Sydney.

RRP \$34.95

WW1 CONCERT

Plans are now underway to hold a WW1 concert at the Berry School of Arts on the 18th April, commencing at 7 pm to approximately 9.30 pm. Supper will be provided. The sub committee is currently sourcing acts for this concert and if you know of any group/poets/singers that you think might be interested in participating please contact Andrea Lofthouse via the Museum's email address.

WW1 DISPLAY

The next phase of the WW display will be going up In March. It deals with more of the boys from Berry who enlisted during the war and the parts of the war that occurred in Egypt, Gallipoli and the Western Front. This section will be on display for the next 3 months.

DEADLINE FOR FORTHCOMING EDITION OF THE CHRONOGRAPH

If you have any items which you feel might interest members of the Berry and District Historical Society could you please send them to the Editor, Anita Chalmers by the end of March.