



Berry and District Historical Society Inc

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BERRY MUSEUM MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mid March – August

WW1 display

Saturday, 18th April

Anzac Centenary Concert
Berry School of Arts. 7 pm

Sunday, 26th April

Tea on the Museum Verandah

Tuesday, 5th May, 6pm

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at Berry Museum

Tuesday, 12th May 2-4 pm

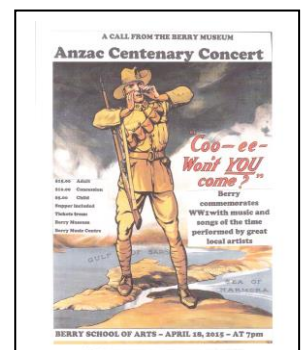
Lecture, Berry Masonic Village
Activities Hall

30th June, 2015

Membership fees due before this date.

ANZAC CENTENARY CONCERT - UPDATE

Plans are now well underway for this concert to be held at the Berry School of Arts on Saturday, 18th April commencing at 7 pm. Ticket prices are Adults \$15.00, Concessions \$10.00 and children \$5.00, which includes supper. Tickets are now available for purchase at the Museum and the Berry Music Centre. We have secured some great local acts including CWA Choir, Ona Boyd-Frazier and Brian Outten, The Berry Silver Band, Jen Saunders and a saxophone quartet. Negotiations are underway to secure others. It is sure to be a great tribute to the ANZACs and we look forward to your support. If you belong to another



organisation and would like a poster please contact the editor and she will email one out to you.

If you are able to assist on the day/night to help put out chairs, be an usher, help in the kitchen with supper etc please contact Andrea Lofthouse on 4465 1240. Andrea estimates she would need at least 8 helpers.

LECTURE SERIES

The topics for the next lecture to be held in the Masonic Village Activities Hall on the 12th May commencing at 2 pm are:

Robyn Florance	“Heroes of the Dardanelles”
Alan Clark	“Waratah March”
Lloyd Pitcher	“The Western Front”

Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of the lectures.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Berry and District Historical Society will be holding its annual general meeting on:

Tuesday, 5th May, 2015
commencing at 6.00 pm in the
Berry Museum, Queen Street, Berry

Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting

Elections will be held for the positions of:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Six committee members.

A nomination form is enclosed for your use. Nominations close at 5pm on 28th April. If you are interested in helping the museum and learning a new skill please nominate for a position. If you would like to talk to someone about what the positions involve please contact Secretary, Chris Currey on 4464 1523 or email heachri@gmail.com As with all community groups it is always better if new volunteers come forward as it brings new ideas, perspectives and skills. Also if all positions are filled the load is spread and thereby lessened for everyone. The term is only one year and the maximum in any of the executive positions is 3 years.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

A friendly reminder to all our members that membership fees are due by the 30th June, 2015.

Family Membership	\$20.00
Family roster volunteer	\$15.00
Single Membership	\$15.00
Single roster Volunteer	\$10.00

CHAPTER CHAT REPORT

Committee members Janet Fingleton, Trish Knevitt and Hazel King attended the February 15th meeting of the Chapter hosted by Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Museum.

Low attendance to meetings over the last couple of years led to this meeting's discussion regarding the future of the chapter. The executive positions have been held by the same people for many years and no one present was willing to take over their roles.

The meeting decided that the chapter 'be declared dormant'; a period of two years is allowed in the constitution of the Royal Historical Society. It is hoped that during this period the chapter can be revitalized. Failing this, loss of membership of the Society will result.

Following the business meeting, Dr Mary Hutchinson from the Australian University and National Archives gave a talk about community history and its importance. Various examples of the work of museums and other community groups proved of great interest. Discussed were projects, displays, exhibitions, talks, all involving members of a community.

Hazel King

WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY STAGE 2

We are receiving excellent comments on this latest phase of our WW1 display. It focuses on those men who were local men or who enlisted locally and then went on to serve at Gallipoli. Our display also deals with other aspects of the Gallipoli campaign, including the nurses who cared for the wounded on Lemnos and in Egypt.

Of especial interest to visitors is the "Dead Man's Penny" (so named by the troops) of which we have two. The 'Penny' is a large bronze medallion which was presented to the next-of-kin of the servicemen and women who died during WW1. Ours were the generous gift of the Conway family. Brothers William and Daniel were killed in France, 1916 and 1918.

EARLE CROSS – PICTURE



In 2013 Earle Cross painted the Berry Anzac Day Service. It was his wish that it be hung publicly in memory of his much loved father and as a tribute to the serving men and women of the district. Earle died in November 2014, the painting was gifted to the Berry & District Historical Society.

Members of the Society who have listened to the disc which is part of "a Drivers Guide to the Historic Town of Berry" will remember that Earle was the narrator.

Earle was a resident of Broughton Vale. The Cross family's first convict ancestors, James and Mary Ann Hall settled in what was then called Broughton Creek in the eighteen forties. They lived in a slab hut on the site of the present day NAB bank. A number of their descendants still live in the district.

TEA ON THE VERANDAH

The Berry Museum invites its visitors to join us for tea on the verandah on Sunday 26 April between 11.00am and 2.00pm. Come along and see our special centenary display on Berry in World War 1 and then enjoy a cuppa with our President Hazel King. If you miss this date it will be held again on the 24th May and 28th June

DRAFT - MUSEUM & GALLERY BREAKFAST DATES – 2015

Month	Date	Venue	Organiser / Contact	Speaker / Topic
Mar	Thursday 26	Lady Denman		
Apr	No meeting – Easter holiday season			
May	Thursday, 28	Bundanon Trust	Jennifer Thompson	
June	Thursday, 25	Fleet Air Arm	Ailsa Chittick	
July	Thursday 23	Nowra Museum	Lynne Allen	
Aug	Thursday, 27	Meroogal	Suzi Krawczyk	
Sept	Thursday, 17	Berry Museum	Berry & District Historical Society	
Oct	Thursday, 22	Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Museum Park	Gail Chittick	
Nov	Thursday, 26	Shoalhaven City Arts Centre	Jim Birkett	ADFAS Shoalhaven
Dec	No meeting – Christmas holiday season			

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