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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM	10 th May, at 6 pm in the Museum
Fees Due	30 th June, 2016
James Barnett Lecture	26 th May, 2 pm Courthouse

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**Tuesday, 10 May, 2016
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, 2016.

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

LECTURE SERIES

The following lecture will be held at the Berry Courthouse at 2 pm on the 26th May, 2016

James Barnet. Colonial Architect of a Thousand Public Buildings

James Barnet was the longest serving Colonial Architect. During his 28 years in office, he designed and built well over a thousand important public buildings all over NSW. His buildings included 169 post offices (such as the Sydney GPO and Tamworth PO), 155 police stations (eg, Glebe, Wilcannia), 130 courthouses (eg, Bathurst) and 110 lock-ups and jails (eg, Goulburn, Berrima), as well as 20 lighthouses (eg, Macquarie, Barrenjoey), a psychiatric hospital (Callan Park) and a number of government buildings (eg, Lands Department in Bridge St). There exist a large number of rural and regional centres throughout NSW where to this day at least one Barnet-designed building remains in daily use. This talk will discuss Barnet's remarkable career (which itself contains some elements of a Greek tragedy) and will be illustrated by photographs of some of his classically-inspired buildings.

THE SPEAKER

Emeritus Professor Don Napper was educated at Sydney and Cambridge Universities in molecular chemistry. He retired from Sydney University in 2003 as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Sciences & Technology), where he is now Professor Emeritus. His interest in James Barnet was triggered by his experience as a Harbour Trust guide for the Barnet designed Macquarie Lighthouse.

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THE GREEN PLAQUE PROJECT

The Berry & District Historical Society is planning to put circular bronze green plaques on certain historical buildings in Berry. We feel that the adding of plaques to these beautiful historical buildings is an excellent way of retaining and recognising Berry's rich and unique history. It will not only add gravitas and credibility to Berry as a town of historical and cultural importance, but will certainly enhance the tourism amenity of the town as a heritage destination.

The buildings that have been selected are, for the most part, ones that have been built in the 1800s and still have a large part of their original exterior visible. The bronze plaques will resemble the green roundel style of plaque, found on historical buildings in Sydney, which has now become generally accepted as the appropriate form for a commemorative historic plaque in NSW. The selected Berry buildings include:

The C.B.C. Bank , The E. S. & A. Bank (The Berry Museum), Wilson's Stores ,
The Post & Telegraph Office, and the Berry Hotel in Queen Street.

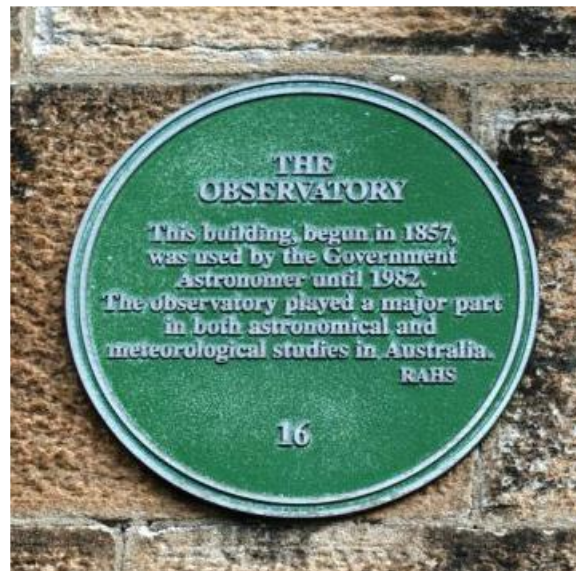
The Uniting Church in Albert Street and The Anglican Church in Princess Street.

The Berry Court House , The Agricultural Pavilion , The Presbyterian Manse, and
The CWA Building , in Victoria Street. The Railway Station in Station Street.

The Old Council Chambers and the School of Arts in Alexandra Street.

Many of the buildings selected are on land actually set aside for the purpose by David Berry.

We feel that this plaque project will be a very worthwhile one for Berry, historically and culturally , as our town has a unique history and so much of that history is still visible .



An example of the style of plaque

Footnote to this article

Annette sent this to the Secretary of the Berry Forum, to let the Forum know of the new project that we are working on for Berry. We thought that we might bring it to the attention of the Berry Forum, thereby enlightening the Berry Community of our plans.

Reply back: The Forum Committee has agreed to place this item on the Forum agenda.

MUSEUM & GALLERY BREAKFAST DATES 2016

Month	Date	Venue	Organiser / Contact	Session	Time
May	Thursday 5	Fleet Air Arm	Ailsa Chittick	Professional Development Session: Preparing for and Disaster Recovery Planning Dinner: Speaker: Kay Soderlund, Preservation Australia	3pm-5.30pm 6 pm– 9pm
Aug	Thursday, 25	Jervis Bay Maritime Museum	Diana Lorentz	Regular Breakfast Meeting	7.45am to 9am
Sept	To be Confirmed	Shoalhaven City Arts Centre	ADFAS/Brigitte Carter	One full professional development day – to commence with 1 hr opening talk by ADFAS followed immediately by morning tea (provided by ADFAS instead of breakfast). SCAC to provide lunch & afternoon tea.	9am – 10.30am ADFAS 10.30am – 4pm Prof. Dev.
Nov	Thursday 25	Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Village Museum	Garth Chittick	Regular Breakfast Meeting	7.45am to 9am

THE LITTLE RED CROSS SHOP

A number of our members have been doing some research into this shop and a full story will appear in forthcoming editions of the Chronograph.

ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING EDITIONS 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.