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The Shoalhaven Chronograph with Berry Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

19th September 2.00pm Public Lecture - William Wilkinson Wardell,
the Pope's Architect in Australia
(More details later in this newsletter.)

Reminder – Membership Fees

A reminder that membership fees are now due.

This year, the deadline for membership has been extended to the 30th September, so there's still time to get your membership renewed.

Fees for 2017-2018

Family Membership	\$20
Single Membership	\$15
Roster Family Membership	\$15
Roster Single Membership	\$10



After the 30th September, the Chronograph will only be sent to members who have paid for the current 2017-2018 year, so make sure you don't miss out.

Check your Inbox for our email with the Renewal Form attached.

The Museum needs your support.

Launch of The Green Plaques Project

On the 29th June , the Green Plaques Project was launched at the Berry Museum . Vice President Nancy Bevan opened the occasion and welcomed the many guests.

Shoalhaven City Mayor, Cr Amanda Findley officially unveiled the project and congratulated the Berry and District Historical Society on their work. The Mayor spoke of her interest in local Aboriginal history and heritage. Councillor John Wells also attended the function.

Royal Australian Historical Society Councillor, Bruce Baskerville, gave a talk on commemorative plaques.

Eleven plaques have been installed on some of our most notable historic buildings, and the owners or managers of many of these buildings were present or represented.

Also present were representatives of Shoalhaven Council Tourism and the Berry Community Arts Centre, both sponsors of the Project.



Vice President Nancy Bevan opened the proceedings

Morning tea followed the formal launch and an article and photos from the function were published in the South Coast Register.

Submitted by Annette Frohling



Special Exhibition – Berry Garden Club

Berry Garden Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The Berry Garden Club had its beginnings in the Shoalhaven Garden Club.

In 1961, the Garden Club of Australia Shoalhaven Branch was formed. Several people from Berry were foundation members of this very active club. It was blessed with a number of members who were very knowledgeable in various facets of gardening and willing to share their knowledge.



Some past presidents of the Berry Garden Club

By May 1976 there were 175 members and, though not all would come to every meeting, it could make for a very crowded space.

As 30 of the members came from Berry, it seemed sensible to consider starting a club in Berry, thereby giving Nowra more room to move. This proposal was discussed at a meeting held on July 13, 1977, at the Berry Primary School. All were in favour of forming a club.

The Berryites were quite an enthusiastic group and have remained so, hence they are now celebrating their 40th anniversary.

Submitted by Nancy Bevan

Public Lecture by Donald Napper

William Wilkinson Wardell: the Pope's Architect in Australia

William Wilkinson Wardell designed a significant number of Roman Catholic churches, first in England, then in Melbourne and Sydney. These churches were built in the neo-Gothic architectural style made popular in both the UK and Australia by Augustin Pugin. Especially notable are Wardell's two Catholic cathedrals: St Patrick's in Melbourne and St Mary's in Sydney, very different cathedrals by the same architect.



In Australia, Wardell did not confine himself to just designing churches: in Melbourne, for example, he also designed the imposing Victorian Government House while in Sydney, he designed St John's College at Sydney University and the Anglo-Dutch style ASN Co warehouse in the Rocks. Also scattered around NSW, Victoria and South Australia were some twelve ES&A Bank buildings, including the one that houses our very own Berry Museum, and those in Camberwell and Berrima. The latter two buildings were designed in the Arts & Crafts style, one that his architectural partner at that time, Walter Liberty Vernon introduced into Australia before becoming the NSW Government Architect ((in which role he designed the Berry Police station). A significant number of Wardell's buildings are now on the National Heritage List.

Donald Napper is Emeritus Professor and a past Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the College of Science and Technology at the University of Sydney. Over the years, Napper has developed an internationally recognised expertise in polymer colloids and the polymerisation processes. He has (co-)authored over 180 scientific articles in the field and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (FAA) and of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI).

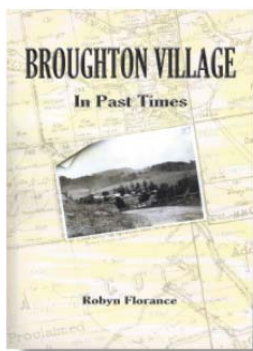
Following his retirement, Napper offered to be a tour guide for the National Trust. He has developed an extensive knowledge of Australian colonial architecture.

WHEN 19th September at 2.00pm.

WHERE The Activities Hall, Berry Masonic Village, Albany Lane, Berry
(Access is via the path near the new bus stop)

Book for Sale in the Museum

We have copies of 'Broughton Village In Past Times' available at the Museum.



**Broughton Village
In Past Times**

154 pages

Author: Robyn Florance

Position Vacant

Where do all those new books come from that we have for sale at the Museum?
Ask Margaret Ogle.

Margaret has been sourcing new books and offering them for sale at the Museum for 10 years, now, and she would like someone to help out with this interesting work. We are looking for a book lover who would like to help with the purchase and sale of the books displayed in the front room at the Museum.

It is very interesting work, especially if you like reading about the history of the area. You will find that it will broaden your knowledge of the Shoalhaven, past and present. It also provides opportunities for meeting like-minded people at book fairs and book launches. And it would also mean that we have more than one person who knows the ins and outs of this important aspect of the Museum.

If you are interested in helping out with this, please contact Margaret on 4464 2499 or email her at mogle3@bigpond.com .

Berry Community Library

The new Berry Community Library is now open for business. The library is staffed by volunteers and everyone is welcome to come along to browse and borrow. You can find us behind the Uniting Church in the Friendship Room at 77 Albert Street. At the moment our opening hours are - Tuesday 10am - 1pm, Wednesday 1pm - 4pm and Friday 10am - 1pm.

We welcome donations of good quality fiction and non fiction books.

Our official opening takes place on 23rd August at 12 noon and you are warmly invited to attend. After the opening there will be a finger food lunch and hopefully lots of borrowing.

For more information email berrycommunitylibrary@gmail.com or call 0425 220 258.

Submitted by Berry Community Library

Trivia

It seems nobody knew the exact date of the opening of the South Coast line to Bomaderry. There is a plaque in the waiting room at Kiama station commemorating the centenary of the event.

The answer was...

2nd June 1893

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



In the grounds of the Museum you will find one of the two flood boats donated by David Berry. The boats were built to rescue those caught during the 19th century floods.

How many times was the flood boat used for this purpose?

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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