



## **Berry and District Historical Society Inc**

### ***The Shoalhaven Chronograph with Berry Newsletter***

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#### **BERRY MUSEUM MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015**

Mid March – August

WW1 display

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Refreshments on the Verandah

**30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

**Membership fees due before this date.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Berry and District Historical Society was held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. The following members were elected to the positions listed below:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| President      | Hazel King    |
| Vice President | Margaret Ogle |
| Secretary      | Chris Currey  |

Treasurer Jennifer Clapham  
Committee Members Andrea Lofthouse, Janet Fingleton, Ros Pollard, Anita Chalmers,  
Nancy Bevan and new member Annette Frohling

Thank you to past committee members for your input and welcome to our new committee.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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

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

Attached is a membership form and a letter outlining different interests, which you could pursue in the museum.

## **ROSTER BRIEFINGS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Margaret Ogle has organized 3 dates for members on our volunteer roster duty to come along to review procedures, ask questions and generally update your knowledge – dates are June 10 and 17 at 10 am for approximately 1 hour. Please let Margaret know which date you can come via email - [mogle3@bigpond.com](mailto:mogle3@bigpond.com)

## **WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY STAGE 3**

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.

## **ANZAC CENTENARY CONCERT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015.**

Held at Berry School of Arts, this concert was a tribute to the men and women of the Berry area who took part in WW1.

Music, songs, readings and poetry were performed by local artists. Among the performers were young singer Ruby Reid, Berry Silver Band, CWA Choir, Ona Boyd-Frazier and Brian Outten, Jen Saunders and a saxophone quartet.

Society Committee member Andrea Lofthouse whose suggestion it was to hold this concert worked tirelessly to make it a success.

The School of Arts was packed with an enthusiastic audience, enjoying the artists and company of friends and neighbours, mindful of the sadness that war inflicts on people. Refreshments were served. Anzac biscuits, scones with jam and cream and fruit cake brought back memories of the food popular one hundred years ago.

Thank you to all members who helped with the organisation of this event.

## **REFRESHMENTS ON THE VERANDAH**

The committee recently decided to serve tea and coffee at the Museum on the fourth Sunday of the month, hoping to encourage more members and residents to visit the museum and to offer an opportunity for visitors to speak to Society members.

April 26<sup>th</sup> was a busy day, many locals calling to view the WW1 Exhibition on the day following Anzac Day. If you would like to help on one of these occasions, please contact Hazel King, 4464 2010.

The Berry Museum invites members and visitors to join us for tea on the verandah on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

## **VISIT BY GROUP FROM U3A SHOALHAVEN. THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY.**

U3A Shoalhaven organises courses of interest to its members. Our Society was asked to host a visit to Berry covering the Museum and other places of historic interest.

Twenty-four U3A members arrived at the Museum, were welcomed by Hazel King, who introduced them to Tour Organisers Trish Knevitt, Margaret Ogle, Margaret Stevens and Annette Frohling. Morning tea on the verandah was followed by a tour of the Museum. The group then met at Berry Court House, were informed about the saving of the building and an interpretation of the garden design. Historical photographs have now been mounted on the walls and these proved interesting to the group.

U3A members lunched in Berry, some of the group then visited Berry Sport & Recreation where they were welcomed by Arthur Lidbetter.

## **NEWS FROM NOWRA LIBRARY**

The following email was received from the Local Heritage Librarian. Its content may be of interest to some of our members:

Dear Heritage Groups

I am writing to let you know of some of the services the library has which may be of use to you and/or your clients.

- Display cases and community notice boards for community groups to promote their services.
- A study/ meeting place for people that would like to hold information sessions on certain subject areas.
- Coordinated author talks and book launches which attract common interest.
- Access to online resources which include Ancestry and Find My Past
- Scanning and printing services
- Specialised Local Heritage collection that includes:
  - Books
  - Journals
  - NSW State Records Archive Resources Kit

## Newspapers

- Staff available to assist you with accessing our resources.

Please don't hesitate in contacting library staff to discuss more about the library and what we can offer.

Kind regards,

**Derrilin Marshall**

**Local Heritage Librarian**

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### **DRAFT - MUSEUM & GALLERY BREAKFAST DATES – 2015**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Date</b>                                  | <b>Venue</b>                        | <b>Organiser / Contact</b>          | <b>Speaker / Topic</b> |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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       |
| <b>Dec</b>   | <b>No meeting – Christmas holiday season</b> |                                     |                                     |                        |

### **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