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FAREWELL FROM ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here we find ourselves writing this sitting amongst packing boxes, waiting for the removalist at St Columba's. It has been an emotional time for us all as we get the school ready for closure but there are exciting times ahead as the children get ready for their next big venture in life. I wish Jessica well at her High School next year, such a big step for her from the close and small community she is leaving. I wish Marley, Lachie, Josh, Scarlett and Zach all the best for their move to St Joseph's in Finley.

What a sensational job all the students did at our Commemorative Mass! We, as a staff, are very proud of how they conducted themselves and read so beautifully. It was great to see Bishop Mark being so inclusive of them also. The Commemorative weekend was a massive undertaking! I'd like to thank the committee that met every week leading up to the event and who will continue to meet into next year to organise and distribute the commemorative items. I'd also like to thank all those others who assisted in any way on the day. The Mass and speeches can still be viewed online here https://www.thestreamingguys.com.au/production/st-columba/ and please pass the word around that Commemorative items are available for pre-purchase. The link is on the school website and facebook page as well as here https://compasstix.com/event/1bb54c80-7d75-41e4-bede-07b4b60ba610?fbclid=IwAR0d9GlrW-vLqnXRRN-6kgJTILCzhYs8DDo80wBBve89ZPC6lxk0rY9X1Go

The students then rose to the occasion again and read well at our Graduation Mass. Thank you to the family members who came and made it such a lovely evening to celebrate our time here at St Columba's.

Congratulations to our award winners for 2020.

Berrigan Shire Leadership Award - Jessica Lorimer
Masonic Lodge Quiet Achiever Award- Marley Glanvill
Religion & Helen Dalton MP Citizenship Awards- Lachaln Whelan
Charles Nicholas Conservation Award -Joshua Monteath
Vonnie Keating All Round Performance Award- Scarlett Milich
Michael Connell Sportsmanship Award-Zachary Monteath *(students pictured here on left)*

And that's a wrap! Thank you to all that have supported our small community over many years. We hope you all think of St Columba's often and your memories fill you with joy. Goodbye and Goodluck to our class of 2020 - may your futures be bright! *A Pyle.*

Closing Commemorative Mass was held for St. Columba's Primary School - 1897 to 2020 on Saturday 28th November 2020 with Bishop Mark Edwards O.M.I. as Principal Celebrant with Fr. Rick Micallef as Parish Priest and Sr. Margaret Barclay P.B.V.M. Congregational Leader. Over 100 parishioners, special guests, Presentation Sisters, former staff and students braved the heat to make one last visit to the school, view a history display and attend the Mass.

After the Mass, Gabrielle Curtin MC, introduced speakers, Helene Cahill – current Principal, Elizabeth O'Carrigan Director of Education Wagga Wagga Diocesan, Sr. Margaret Barclay PBVM Congregation Leader, Michael Jones – former Principal, Max McLoughlin former student and parent and concluded with a video montage. Celebrations continued at the Berrigan Community Club. To place order for The Commemorative Book - $25.00, which is being produced and a Commemorative Tea towel $10 or Apron $15 please contact Lyndall Horne (0438 852610) or Marianne Whelan (0400 390031)

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Marcia McGrillen, Helen Dickie, Sr. Clare celebrating at the Club after the St Columba's Commemorative Mass.

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BDDA BUSINESSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

No. 42 CHANTER STREET

Welcome to No. 42 Chanter Street, Vintage - Collectables - Bric-a- Brac, Preloved & New. We all love to buy something vintage or second hand and I'm sure we have all looked for and brought a good bargain.

I've been a collector from a young age, so it was easy for me, I guess, to collect things. Watches, years ago were my favourite item. All shapes, colours and I definitely loved quirky. My Great Grandfather, from family history, had a second-hand shop then my Grandmother, then my Mother. They all travelled collecting beautiful items, so you can see that, in me, the apple didn't fall far from the tree.

I am very fortunate to have opened my business in Berrigan. The history of Berrigan compliments the Collections within No 42. I also have some local produce, including Dee's Delights - Jams & Relish, Plants n' Things as well as Fresh Flowers. My stock showcases unique pieces as well as vintage Wedgwood , Hans Solu Silverware , Crystal , Royal Doulton ,Oroton, all names associated with quality and much sought after. I also have a range of Depression Glassware, Ruby Glass and Dressing Table Sets.

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And another passion I have is collecting jewellery, I have a diverse range of costume jewellery, so please feel free to come in and browse for yourself.

Thanks to the Berrigan Community for the support given to me since I opened No 42 , and I welcome you to 2021.

Michelle Thornton, Proprietor No,42

Save the date!

The BDDA is looking to hold a music event in March.
The Festival Of Music in Chanter will be on Friday 26/3.
More information will be in the March Edition
of the Berrigan News, and on our Facebook page.

BERRIGAN WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE - MARCH - REGISTRATION FORM

The BDDA are once again holding our bi-annual Whole Town Garage Sale. Put Saturday the 27th of March in your calendar for a day of garage-saleing. Find that bargain or treasure or sell that surplus to requirements item!

To register your garage sale, please drop the form in to The Berrigan Bookshop and collect your garage sale poster by the 20th of March. We will be providing maps with addresses (names will not be published) which will be available the morning of the garage sale - location to be advised in the March edition of the News.

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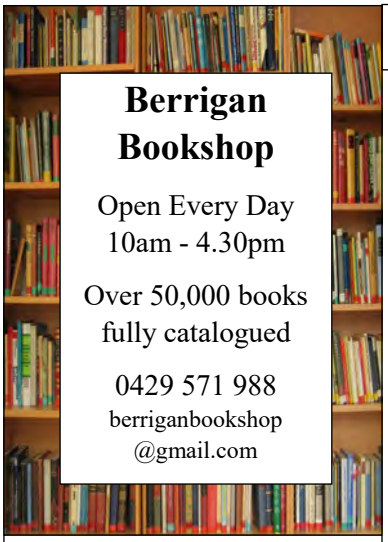

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Well Christmas was a busy time in the shop, along with lots of re-arranging and zhuzhu-ing. Sometimes we need to be several people each and in more than one place at once. Working in your business and working on your business are certainly both time consuming when your trying to do them both at the same time.

We really enjoyed helping all the people who have been in to visit, to shop, to look for something special or to just browse. If you haven't been in for a while you'll (hopefully) be pleasantly surprised by all our changes—although not everything is finished yet (and at this rate may never be! - always a work in progress). We have another air conditioner going in out the back, a few more shelves, and a bit more tinkering out the front, as well as painting and signage to get to and then renovations will be all done…. well I keep promising Cristina we will be finished—although there is always something that needs doing…..

We have the summer of sport display in the front window at the moment, as well as our Australia day spread. Look out in February for our Valentines Day display—or as I like to call it—"What happened to January— is it February already??" CMVB

GO LOCAL WINNERS

The BDDA would like to congratulate all the winners of the December Go Local Christmas Draw. The many winners were - Trevor Tanner, Dorothy Dore, Marie Dowsett, Michelle O, Bill Nixon, Denis Ryan, Eileen Rowlands, Heather Spunner, Chantelle Gorman, Ted Jolley, Anne Jones, Leigh Jefress, Lillie Martin, Virginia Redegalli, Lyndal Horne, Bernadette Bauer, Eric Moore, Annette Barber, Karen Hanna, June Gorman, Faye Gibbs, Tim Burke, Marg Ednie, Ruth Smith, Kathleen Mulder, Dan Sharp, Thelma Ryan, Michelle Ramus, Eileen Bonat, Maddi Haintz, Sue Cameron, Judith Urruna, Budgie, Tim H, Pat Doughty, Margaret LaFrande, Graham, Tamara Holley, Ian Arnold, Helen Dickie, Sylvia Arnold, Alex Hay and Gayle Reynoldson. A couple of the prizes are still to be collected from Cristina at The Berrigan Bookshop, so if we were not able to contact you and you would like your prize, please drop into the Berrigan Bookshop.
The BDDA would like to thank the BDDA Members who provided the great prizes for the draw which was drawn at the Dawmac Lions Community Breakfast by Gary Lehre and Cristina von Brockhusen. CVB

CHANTER STREET SPEED LIMIT

The BDDA was asked to send a letter to the Berrigan Shire Council and Traffic Committee requesting that they consider reducing the speed limit in Chanter Street (from the IGA to Dawmac) down to 40kms as has been done in Finley. We are asking you to consider the needs of our older population, that there are no pedestrian crossings or islands to allow people to cross safely and that there is high volume of trucks that pass along the main street. Traffic is also approaching a T-intersection give way heading South East (so why speed up to it?). The BDDA are asking for other community groups, businesses and individuals to also consider sending a letter to the Council and the Traffic Committee requesting the speed limit to be dropped. Hopefully, with enough support form the community, the Shire will support this request to RMS. If you feel that this is a good idea, please write a letter to the Berrigan Shire addressed to Rowan Perkins, Matt Clarke and the Traffic Committee stating your concerns about the current speed limit. *CVB*

LIGHTS WINNERS

The BDDA would like to congratulate the winners of the Christmas Lights Competition and thank all of those who registered and took part. Judging was hard with many great displays. The winners were as follows -
Best Lighting Display - 1st K Barnes, 2nd Chantelle Henderson, 3rd R Glanville.
Best Decorated House - 1st L Brown & S Malcom, 2nd G Martin & T Fitzgerald, 3rd Leigh Jeffress.
Best Business Display - 1st Berrigan Bakehouse, 2nd Bizzy Sizzors.
Achievement Award - Wendy Henderson.
The BDDA would also like to thank the major sponsor of this event, Essential Energy as well as the other sponsors, the Berrigan Shire Council and the BDDA for their support with the $4000 that was the prize money.

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AUSTRALIAN MENS SHED ASSOCIATION

"MEN DON'T TALK FACE TO FACE, THEY TALK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"

From the Shedders - The Festive season has been left far behind us; and the Christmas decorations have been packed away as we forge our way into 2021. The Shed recommenced opening on the 5th of January and have been operating on our designated days of Tuesday and Thursday since then. Attendances have been very good and in mid-January the State Government relaxed the 4 square metre rule and reduced it to 2 square metres. This has allowed us to get rid of the 'nominated day' for the guys to attend the Shed. We are now operating by allowing members to attend both days or either one, depending on whichever they wish.
I think that the hardest thing so far this year has been getting the guys to actually do some work. Most of the boys are still in 'holiday mode' and good on them. After all, we are in the Shed to enjoy ourselves even though we do have to earn monies to pay for our rent and other items. The pool table has been getting really good work out.
We have a good supply of garden beds premade and ready for delivery should anyone need any. This is probably just as well as we have been having a few problems with our 'rolling' machine. As far as I know it has now been sorted out and production can again commence. That is of course if Gav can get the guys out there to work. The keenest one to so far appears to be Davy Fox. I don't think he got the 'go slow' memo. Mind you he still plays a pretty good game of pool.
With Dr Saad leaving, it would be remiss of us not to thank him for his support to the Shed. Each year he and/or Lorraine attended the Shed during Men's Health week and talked to the boys regarding having annual checks and male related medical problems. So 'thank you' Dr Saad, your support has been appreciated and we wish you all the best on the next phase of your journey in Melbourne.
Until next time – Happy Shedding. Tony Taylor Secretary,
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Christmas 2020 was extra special for Norm Wilson of Finley, who turned 95 on Christmas Day. Family travelled from Albury, Cobden, Melbourne and Moama for a small gathering with Norm's local family and friends at the Finley Bowling Club on Sunday 27th December. The Bowling Club members catered for a lovely afternoon tea and Norm's children, Barry, Heather (Pyle) and Bob shared memories of their father's 95 years. Some family members were unable to travel for the occasion, however when thanking everyone for the well wishes, Norm remarked "I'll see you all again in 5 years!" Norm was fortunate however, to celebrate his birthday with 5 generations of his family in attendance. He is pictured on page 10 with daughter Heather Pyle's family that were able to celebrate the day with him.
S&A Pyle

ALTERATIONS & REPAIRS

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NEWS FROM FINLEY'S DEMENTIA ALLIANCE GROUP.

We are proud and thankful that we have been successful in gaining a Grant from the Dementia Australia's DFC Community Engagement Program, that will enable the Finley Dementia Alliance group to present a program with the help of the Finley TAFE campus via the school system in Finley, that will help students to understand dementia, particularly if there is someone in their family living with dementia. There is a need to dispel the stigma around dementia, especially for those who live in their community, in their own home as they have spent a great part of their lives within their local community with family and friends.
The Finley Dementia Alliance Group want to support the younger generation to gain a better understanding for people living with dementia in our community. Rural communities have the advantage that country folk naturally want to help their neighbours, but there is still the fear and misunderstanding around dementia for those living in the community.
This grant will help us assist to raise a generation of understanding and caring young people within our communities, who will be able to assist and understand people living with dementia to stay in their own home and have a meaningful life within their community. *E Adam.*

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The BDDA have invited two guest speakers from ServiceNSW to come and talk to business owners regarding the COVID Safe App , QR Codes and being a COVID safe business. They will be coming to our next meeting on 24th of February at 7.00pm in the RSL/Heritage Museum Meeting Room. Our guest speakers will talk before our meeting commences. We would like to invite all the business owners in Berrigan to come to this important talk. As we know many of you are very busy, once the speakers have spoken and any questions have been answered, you will be free to go. For those who would like to stay for the BDDA meeting, you are more than welcome to do so. We hope that the business owners will take advantage of this talk. See you there, Cristina.

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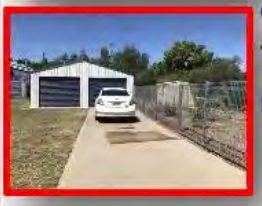

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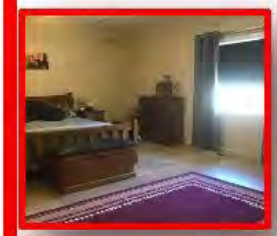

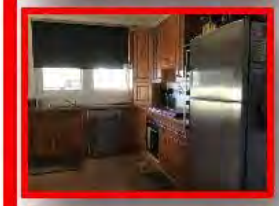

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Above - 95th Birthday Celebrations for Norm Wilson.

Below Left - Berrigan Show Vice President, Renee Paine, congratulates Barbara Zvikevitch, raffle prize winner and the Santa Claus visit at the IGA below.

And Kids enjoying splashing about in the pool on the weekend with the extended opening hours proving a hit.

Left to Right

Johnno's 95th birthday celebrations at the Community Garden.

Annie Cameron Serenades John

Morning tea with cake!

Above - LHAC members present – Imogen, Tony, Elaine, Marion, & Steve with MPS Nurse Manager - Margreet (missing Maria and Jenny)
Left - The LHAC of the Year Award

Bottom Left - Community Club Life Members Barry Hutchinson, Graham Clements, Janice Graham and Joe Nicholls

Below - Apex Park, the setting for the Letz Talk About Health For You on 21st February

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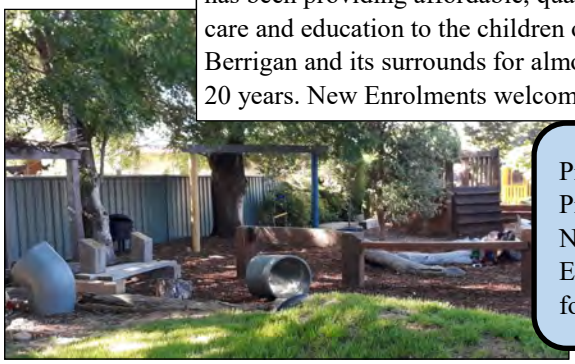

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Letz talk about Health!

Angela Peris, the founder and director of the Health & Lifestyle Retreat in Berrigan feels the need to reach out to our people – our community to make OUR HEALTH a priority – Amidst a global health crisis – a pandemic - and many people not knowing what 2021 will unfold for us – she feels it is time we all stood together to bring health to the forefront of our lives and help each other feel good, live well for a better future for us and our children.

Angela (Holistic Health Coach) together with Ian Wall (Personal Development Coach and Health Scientist) from Deniliquin, who believes health and wellbeing is something we all have to work hard at and whatever we can do to maintain that will help all of us, get through the global health crisis we face today.

Angela and Ian will address the public on many health topics on **Sunday 21st February – at 2.30pm at the Apex Park in Berrigan** (cnr Davis & Cobram streets) – **Admission FREE** –
Health is not just about diet and exercise – Health is not just fitness for your body - Health is also for your MIND – Mental health and how to cope during these stressful times and how to manage anxiety and depression related health concerns are vital to maintain good health during these uncertain times.

With many years of combined experience in Health – Angela and Ian feel it is time to share their expertise to help our people – our community make Health first!

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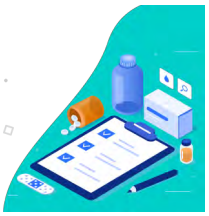

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RECOVERY GRANTS TO SUPPORT FARRER'S 'CANCELLED' AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AND FIELD DAYS

Farrer MP Sussan Ley has announced one-off 'recovery' payments to local agricultural show and field day organisers helping to cover eligible expenses for cancelled events during 2020. According to Ms Ley nearly every show or field days was 'scratched' in my electorate this year; not only a blow for each town and local community but also to that district's economy.

"It's estimated agricultural shows and field days contribute more than $1 billion to Australia's economy each year, but they rely largely on financial assistance from sponsors and attendees. The Agricultural Shows and Field Days program allows my local show groups to recoup some of their yearly costs such as rates, rent or insurance through to affiliation fees, or even just keeping the power on. The funding in excess of $220k for Farrer was replicated Australia-wide and part of $34 million in support for committees and organising bodies to deal with cash flow pressures and forced cancellations. Many business exhibitors and community groups rely on 'their show' to generate sales or raise funds, so I truly hope this money ensures everyone can be back on deck in 2021," Ms Ley said.

Farrer funding recipients – grant amounts based on eligible expenses and attendance/size of the event*

The Coro Club Ltd (Riverina Field Days) - $15,000, Holbrook Show Society Inc - $5,609.07, Barham-Koondrook & District PA & H Show Society Inc - $4,662.64, Walbundrie Show Society Inc - $11,751.56, Leeton Show Society Inc - $15,000. Wentworth Show Society Inc - $20,532, Griffith Show Society Inc – $15,000, Corowa Pastoral Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc - $3,451.95, Hillston Show Society Incorporated - $4,479.18, Hay Show Society Inc - $9,649.20, Berrigan Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc - $10,000, Finley Show Society Inc - $3,861.98, Culcairn A.P.H.& I. Society Incorporated - $8,181.80, Albury Show Society Inc - $15,000, Henty Machinery Field Days Co-operative Ltd – $70,000, Barellan Show Society Incorporated - $3,518.85, Ardlethan Show Society Inc - $6,762.58 (Farrer/Riverina).

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS IN FARRER POWER ON

Farrer MP Sussan Ley has congratulated three local businesses who will each receive funding from the federal government's Energy Efficient Communities Program. According to Ms Ley small businesses have been hit hard by COVID-19 and any assistance from government is a welcome boost to help cut costs by reducing demand on power or resources. "I was particularly impressed with the application from 'Merridong Farms' in the southern Riverina, a family-run farming operation with properties lying to the south of Coleambally. Rotating crops of rice, cotton, barley, wheat, and canola, the Burnett family will use a $20,000 grant to help automate and control their irrigation infrastructure through real-time monitoring. They also have plans to step up the management of yields using drones with high tech cameras. Another successful Farrer operation to win funding includes the management of Tocumwal's Golf Resort & Early Settlers Motel who receive $20,000 to upgrade fridges and install new led lighting. And Corowa Golf Club will receive $15,810 to undertake a full energy audit of its entire course-wide operation in order to help improve their future balance sheet," Ms Ley said. The Energy Efficient Communities Program is aimed directly at smaller businesses and community organisations to help reduce energy consumption. The grants can also be used for energy and emissions assessments, monitoring and management, or small community energy generation and storage projects.

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From page 13... The latest grant recipients were announced as part of the Government's $3.5 billion Climate Solutions Package to deliver on Australia's 2030 climate commitments. The full list of successful applicants is available at https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/energy-efficient-communities-program-small-business/grant-recipients

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR THE STATES.

As we move into 2021, I Sussan Ley, am urging our state governments to think of the crippling impacts that border closures have on our local communities and accept that we need to manage outbreaks where they occur, without slamming borders closed!

As an example, on day 161 since any new COVID-19 cases were detected in Albury-Wodonga, local businesses along the NSW-Victoria border are still facing the challenge of a second border closure in six months, with no warning and no roadmap out.

I thank Victoria for implementing a 'bubble' to ensure that local people can continue to operate their businesses, visit friends and family, and go about their lives. I am however very concerned at the effect these unpredictable closures are having on lives and livelihoods.

Country people are resilient, but the demands being placed on us in this latest border closure are both unreasonable and unfair.

I have written today to premiers Gladys Berejiklian and Daniel Andrews reflecting some of the heartbreaking stories of hardship and disruption we are experiencing.

Consideration must be given to additional support for businesses such as tourism, cruelly impacted by the economic shutdown.

I am determined that all affected businesses maintain their access to JobKeeper.

If you are concerned about your own business and staff circumstances, please contact my office and I will make individual representations to the Assistant Treasurer and the Commissioner of Taxation.

Looking ahead, it is more important than ever that states adopt the 'hotspot' approach agreed by National Cabinet. This gives us a sensible easing of restrictions and makes so much more sense than closing our borders in such an unpredictable and unnecessary way. *S Ley.*

Steve Block, Adviser - The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer
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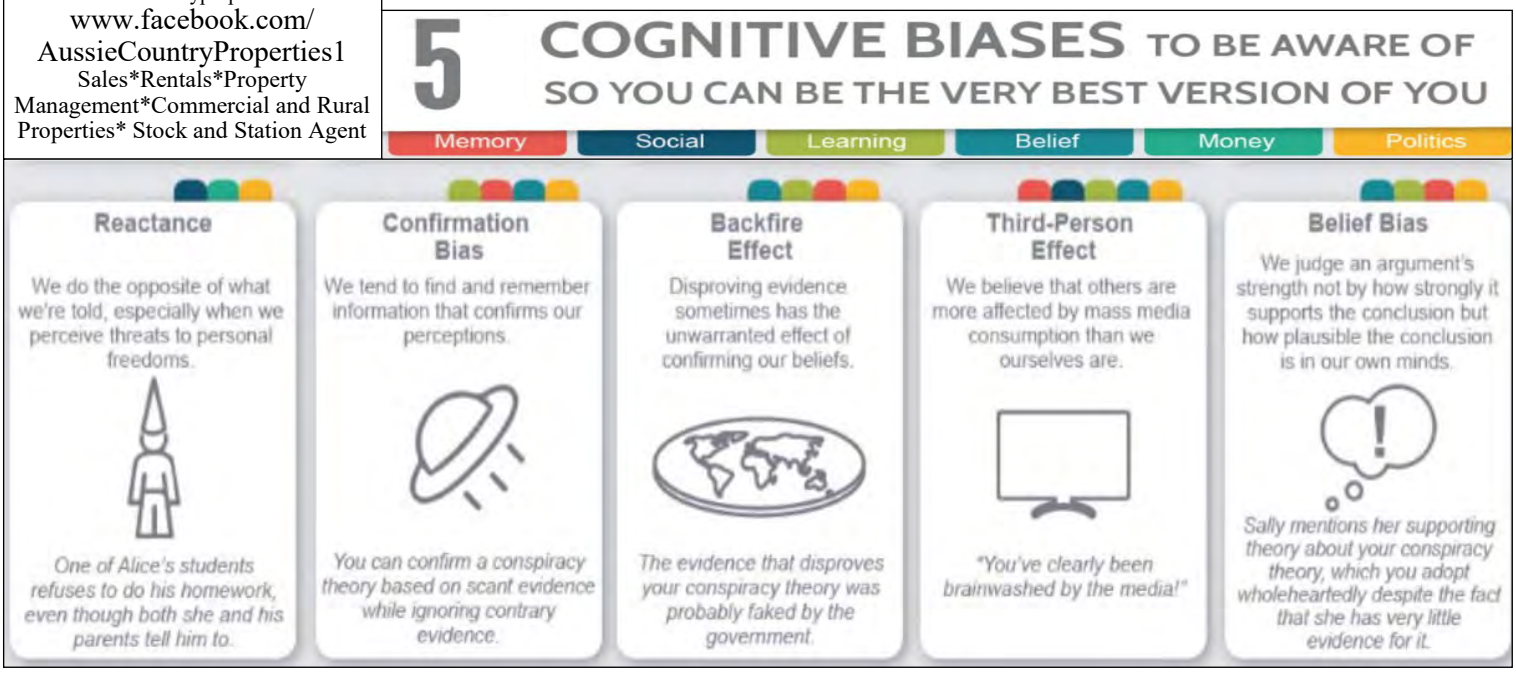

A MESSAGE FROM BERRIGAN LHAC

Christmas has come and gone and with it the New Year arrived. We hope that you all had a happy and safe festive season.
To finish off 2020, on the 30th November, the members of LHAC were all hosted to a dinner by the Chair and CEO of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District at the Federal hotel. The occasion was the presentation of the *LHAC of the Year* award which we won earlier in the year. This was not able to be presented due to Covid19 restrictions at the time it was won. The trophy was awarded for what was achieved by our LHAC during the previous 12 months.
We were fortunate to be able to successfully complete a number of projects and they were thought of highly enough by the Chair that she awarded us the trophy. The trophy is on display in the foyer of the Hospital (MPS). Whilst we do not do what we do with the aim of getting a trophy, it is very gratifying to the members to be recognised for the work that we do on your behalf in the community.
Two of our budding new members, Imogen and Steve were also able to attend. Maria, Kim and Jenny were unfortunately apologies. We are now back with our new look Committee of 8 members and we are looking forward to 2021 with our first meeting on the 3rd of February.
On the 12th January 2021, the LHAC held a farewell to Dr Saad at the Madill Centre. Dr Saad has been our local GP for over the last 10 years looking after the residents, hospital and Amaroo Aged Care. The last 12 months have been very difficult for all concern due to Covid19 impacting. We have known for some time that Dr Saad wanted to relocate permanently to Melbourne and the practice was on the market. I am able to tell you that the practice has now been sold and will be taken over by Finley Regional Care. They have commenced recruiting and we will have a doctor looking after residents, the MPS (hospital) and Amaroo again in the near future. At the farewell Dr Saad was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his delivery of 10 years of medical service to the Berrigan Community.
The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is seeking volunteers to run gentle exercise or tai chi classes to help people remain active and healthy in the community. These classes would be held at the Madill Clinic.
The requirements are: Be enthusiastic about the wellbeing of your community; Attend a two day training course; Be willing to deliver exercise classes for older adults; No previous exercise experience needed .
Training, which will be held in Wagga Wagga, is free and includes accommodation and meals if required. Resources and ongoing support is provided to all volunteers.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT, PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE IGA.
Tony Taylor
Chair, Local Health Advisory Committee
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COMMUNITY GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Barry Hutchinson, Graham Clements, Janice Graham and Joe Nicholls on receiving Life Memberships at the recent AGM of the Berrigan Community Club. Photo page 11. *M Whelan*
The Berrigan Community Club are holding a great raffle. Tickets are available at the Club for $5 per ticket. The great prizes are as follows -
1st Prize - 2 night accommodation package at Rich River, kindly donated by Rich River Golf Resort.
2nd Prize - Safari H2O Childs Kayak, kindly donated by H2O Kayak and Fibreglass Manufacturer. See you at the Club! *J Graham*

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BERRIGAN CONSERVATION GROUP, TIDY TOWNS AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

1st Sunday in Month Rubbish Pick Up meet at Hayes Park
Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday of Month at RSL Heritage Museum Meeting Room
Contact Mark Ryan 03 588 8222
Community Gardens Meets 1.30pm Wednesdays and 9.30am Saturdays

Devonshire Tea

Tea or Coffee Served with Scones, Jam and Cream $8.00 from 2pm-4pm Saturdays and Sundays

Now Available at the Berrigan Community Golf and Bowling Club

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Meetings 3rd Wednesday of Month, rear Red Cross Shop. For more information contact
Pres. Marion Dickins
0438 286 813

CWA BERRIGAN BRANCH

Craft Day
2nd Monday of Month
CWA
Meets 3rd Monday of Month at the CWA Building
Chanter St, Berrigan

GENTLE EXERCISES MONDAYS

10.30am to 11.30 am

In the CWA Hall

Chanter Street, Berrigan

$1.00 per person per session.

Please bring a water bottle.
Contact Beth Trewarne for more information on 03 5885 2797.

BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Meet First Tuesday of the month at the Pool Canteen 7pm September to March.
Contact Sue Chisholm for more information.
Pool Phone 0409 903 049

BERRIGAN LIONS CLUB

Lions meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Royal Hotel Dining Room.
The Club for Men and Women committed to serving in Community Service Rolls.
Car, Truck, Tractor Battery Collection - phone Neal Gorman 02 60359430 or Ian Fox on 0429 852 513 to arrange pickup.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

At the Community Garden on Saturday the 16th January, John O'Dwyer had a surprise visit from Annie Cameron to sing to him on his 95th birthday. John had mentioned quite some time ago that he would like to have Annie sing to him one day, so I made it happen. It made John's Day! A Big Thankyou to Annie, you have such a beautiful voice. A sponge cake, slice and chocolates with Billy Tea was enjoyed by all. Photos page 11.
We have lots of different vegetables ready for your taking, so please take time to visit down at the Community Garden. Bring a bag, you will need one to carry this bounty home. There will probably still be beans, silverbeet, butter squash, tomatoes, leeks, zucchini, pumpkins, apple cucumbers, trombone zucchini, egg plant and by the time this edition is delivered, there may even be some corn. Your small donation for this harvest will go towards improvements to the garden.
New Members always welcome! We are there on a Saturday Morning and would love to see you and have a chat. *Clara Way*

BERRIGAN LIONS THANKS

We had a rather difficult year as most organisations have had, unable to do the events that we would normally do due to COVID. We were able to donate $10,000 to the Hilltop Accommodation Centre in Albury. We requested that the money go towards the new library which it did. The School Scholarship for a pupil attending Finley High School went to Mia Cameron - we hope that you can use it wisely.
The Dawmac breakfast went well and we thank all of those who helped out.
We had two successful street stalls and the Lions Christmas Cakes sold well over Christmas, especially the small bars. The Lions Community Calendar was very well received again. Thank you to Foxy, the advertising businesses and all the community for your support.
Berrigan Lions wish everyone a safe and healthy 2021 and we hope that 2021 will be a better year for all. Take Care, *Inara Fox, Lions President*

RAFFLE THANKS AND SANTA VISIT

Berrigan Show Society would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Christmas Raffle, Sausage Sizzle and Santa visit that was held on Saturday 19th December 2020.
Results: 1st - Barbara Zvikevitch; 2nd - Alan Good; 3rd - Helen Dickie and 4th - Josie Ware. Congratulations to our winners. Thank you to Berrigan IGA, Berrigan Shoe Repairs and Dawmac Industries for sponsoring our Christmas Raffle.
Thank you to Berrigan Rural Fire Brigade and Santa Claus for stopping by to the delight of the children. Lastly, thank you to the committee members that helped make our day very successful
Our next meeting is our AGM and will be held on Monday 8th February 2021 at Berrigan Sportsground at 7.30 pm. For more information, please contact Neville Dalgliesh, President, on 0427 852363. *L Horne*

POOL FUN

The kids are enjoying the extended hours at the Berrigan Pool. Photo page 10.
The Pool is open Monday to Thursday 3-6pm, Friday 3-7pm, Saturday 1-7pm and Sunday 1-6pm. The Canteen is open 3-6pm daily. The Pool is also open for brave swimmers from 6am to 7am Tuesday and Thursday mornings for lap swimming at $5 per session. Come on in, the water is fine! *G Lehre*

THE REYNOLDSON FAMILY - FROM THE MUSEUM

The Reynoldson family lived for generations in Swaledale in Yorkshire, England, where they worked in the lead mines. Family records can be traced back to 1710, to William Reynoldson who, with his wife Eleanor, raised a family of three sons and two daughters.

Between 1860 and 1890 the mines were getting worked out and many closed down. George Reynoldson, born in 1791, became a lead miner but records show that he also farmed on a 17 acre property called "Thistlebout", where he died in 1851. His son John, born in 1829, worked in the lead mines but it is thought that he spent most of his time as a sheep farmer on "Thistlebout".

He married in 1850 and with his wife and baby son emigrated to Australia in 1853. He was accompanied by seven members of his extended family. It was the time of the gold rush and the family prospected for gold in the Castlemaine area, settling in Guilford. Between 1855 and 1871 eight more children were born, one of whom was John Richard Reynoldson, born in 1862.

The Victorian Land Act of 1869 gave everyone over the age of 18 the right to select 320 acres of land for farms so, in 1876, John selected 320 acres of heavily timbered plain country at Lancaster, near Kyabram. He died in 1893, leaving the farm to his son, John who, in the same year was persuaded by his older brother, George, to purchase a farm at Berrigan.

He bought 640 acres which he named "Thistlebout", and built the small log cabin pictured below. It was part of the northwest corner of Momalong Station and was heavily timbered. John married Mary Park in 1895 and between 1896 and 1908, four boys and two girls were born: John 1896 (married Ida Dickens), Mary 1898 (married George Dalgliesh), Alexander 1900 (married Melva Morcom), Elizabeth 1902 (married Raymond Pierce), David 1904 (married Lorna Hicks) and Leonard 1908 (married Isobel Scott).

The Berrigan farm was gradually expanded to 3,000 acres by buying up neighbouring properties and John settled each of his 4 sons on properties and assisted his daughters with houses. The Federation style house was built on "Thistlebout" in 1903. John died in 1923 and "Thistlebout" passed to his son David (1904-1981) and "Greenvale" passed to John (known as Jack) (1896-1978).

Pictured below - Original "Thistlebout" House - Built in 1893. M Steer

BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM

9 AM TO 11 AM
Wednesdays

or by appointment
Monthly Meeting 1st Monday of the Month

Berrigan A & H Society Inc
Annual Berrigan Show

AGM 7.30 pm
Monday 8th Feb 2021

Berrigan Sportsground
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Library News

FEBRUARY

Library Activities

Scrabble
9.30am Tuesdays
Berrigan BookClub
2PM second Thursday of the month
Story Time
10.30am Thursdays
Film Afternoon
1.30pm
2nd Tuesday of Month

Summer Reading Program
Party on the 28th January

See Alana at the Library for more information .

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Opening Hours

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Closed for lunch 12.30-1pm

& Sat mornings 9.30 am to 12pm
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Scrabble

It was lovely to see so many faces for our Tuesday morning Scrabble.

The ladies enjoy the friendly competition, cake, cuppas, and conversation.

If you would like to join in the fun or have an interest in any other games contact Alana at the Berrigan Library.

KUBO Robot Fun!

Join us at the library on Saturday's from 10AM—11AM and have fun learning to use KUBO. Suitable for children aged 8 and up.

Berrigan BookClub
Berrigan Bookies

It's the beginning of a new year for the Berrigan BookClub. The first meeting will be held on the 11th of February at 2PM.

Blind Date with a Book

To celebrate Valentines Day at the Library we will be hosting a blind date with a book. From the 9th to the 13th of February you can choose from our mystery books and see if you can fall in love with a different type of book.

BERRIGAN SHIRE

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Berrigan - Tuesday & Thursdays 1.30pm to 4pm, Sundays 12.30pm to 4pm.
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Garbage Collection day for Berrigan is Tuesday.
Recycle collection day is every second Tuesday.
Tocumwal Transfer Station - Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays 1.30pm to 4pm
Finley Recycling Centre Sundays 8.30am to 12pm.
Please contact Berrigan Shire Council for any further information on either 03 58852100 or www.berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

JERILDERIE STREET TREES CORRESPONDANCE

NSW GOVERNMENT | Transport for NSW

Dear Mr Pyle

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads, which was referred to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, about the proposed planting of trees on Jerilderie Street, Berrigan. I have been asked to respond to you. I note that you also wrote to the Minister directly and to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and trust you will accept this as a response to all approaches.

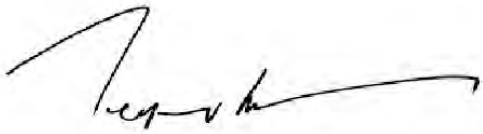
I note your comments and appreciate your interest in the safety of road users and the community.

While in most cases tree planting is a matter for local government, I am advised that this proposal involves the planting of trees in the road reserve, which requires approval from Transport for NSW. Berrigan Shire Council and Transport for NSW are in ongoing discussions about the proposal, noting the community's concerns and possible safety issues. You may be assured that Transport for NSW will include the points you have raised in its discussions with council, with a view to determining a way forward which meets all road users' needs.

Transport for NSW acknowledges that the closest alternative sites to Berrigan for heavy vehicle parking and coupling/decoupling are at McPhersons Lane, 30 kilometres to the north, and at Lowesdale, 50 kilometres to the east. Information on facilities for heavy vehicle drivers is available on the NSW Rest Areas Map, which you may find by visiting www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/using-roads/trip-information/rest-areas.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



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Terry McSweeney
Principal Manager
Ministerial Correspondence

Following the letter which was sent to Ministers of State Parliament re the proposed tree plantings on the bitumen on the western side of Jerilderie St, opposite Hayes Park in Berrigan and the issues raised regarding safety to the public, a reply has been received from Transport NSW as above. In light of the following reply from Transport NSW the proposed tree planting sites should be removed.
My concern is not for my benefit but for the safety of travelling public. Hayes Park and its facilities should be accessible to all traffic not just south bound traffic and I might add that road transports today only stop there for the use of the toilet facilities. Decoupling and re-coupling at this point no longer takes place due to regulations allowing transports to travel further South.

ONE resident's complaint has been put above the safety of the travelling public. This safety issue should also be a major concern for the Berrigan Shire Council and State Government.

Tom Pyle 19.01.2021

FRIDAY STREET STALL

5th Feb - Not booked

12th Feb - Not booked

19th Feb - Hospital Aux

26th Feb - Museum

5th March - Amaroo

12th Mar - Uniting Church

19th Mar - Red Cross

26th Mar - Hospital Aux

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Uniting Wesley Chanter St, Berrigan. Church Council (03 58856521) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays 11 am. Savernake 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am, Oaklands 4th Sunday 9am

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