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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON CHANTER WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS A GREAT HIT FOR BERRIGAN

The Berrigan township was alive with music and celebrations with the Festival of Music on Chanter held over the last weekend of March.

"The festival was a roaring success and the perfect way to farewell summer." stated Susan Escott from Virtual Essentials, who did the promotions for the event. "The Berrigan and District Development Association (BDDA) were fortunate to acquire a grant under the Festival of Place - Summer Fund from the NSW Government to hold this event. Many other community groups rallied to ensure it evolved into a fantastic weekend."

Late Friday afternoon, Chanter Street was closed off and at 5pm the music kicked off with five amazingly talented performers from around the region. Working hard to bring these performers together, Berrigan's own farmer by day and singer by night, Ray Macartney, was enlisted to find the perfect blend of entertainment for the Friday night street party and he did not disappoint. "It was such a great vibe to the evening, and worked out exactly like I imagined it would" said Ray.

As an observer, it was very deceptive how many people were at the event, particularly early on, as the tables were spread out to meet Covid regulations. But with many wandering the shops and food venues, and others sitting on the hay bales around the perimeter there were hundreds of people in Chanter Street at any time, with many coming and going during the five hours of continuous entertainment.

The five entertainers took it in turns to play twenty-minute sets through the night, ensuring that there was no down-time for the crowd. Darren Colston, Tamworth Independent Artists Male Vocalist of the Year and Golden Guitar Nominee, played some great country hits and his own top ten tunes, which inspired us all. Daine Runnals, from Yarrawonga, was his usual entertaining self, providing some great one-liners and singing popular songs that we could all join in. He is an amazingly talented musician and proved it on the night. Story continued page 3. More photos page 10.

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The printed edition Berrigan News will be available at a few locations around town and these locations will be confirmed in the June/July Edition of the News. There will be a limited number of printed editions of the News available at the outlets once it is printed.

To have the Berrigan News delivered to you, you will have to subscribe to the News, and pay a small subscription fee. You will need to fill in the form below and drop it into The Berrigan Bookshop to subscribe. **Subscriptions need to be in before the 20th of July 2021.** This subscription will incur a small cost of $12.00 for 11 editions of the News (August, September, October, November, December 2021 and February, March, May, May, June, July 2022) to be delivered to you door. Roadside delivery/ post office box - unable to deliver to this at the present time. If this changes before August, we will let you know.

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BDDA BUSINESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT
SP Rural Fencing

SP Rural Fencing, owned and operated by Stuart Pyle, provides fencing solutions in the Southern Riverina and surrounding areas.

Since starting the business in 2018, SP Rural Fencing has gone from strength to strength and has attracted an extensive client base. Born and raised on his family farm in the Mairjimmy area, Stuart is well experienced to provide his customers with expert knowledge and guidance for all things in rural farm fencing!

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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON CHANTER

From Page 1… Anthony Tenace was fabulous, he is an incredibly gifted musician and songwriter, including coming second in the Tamworth Songwriters Awards, and he didn't stop all night. When he wasn't belting out the rock hits he was wandering through the area, taking videos and chatting to the audience. His energy was contagious. Jade Camden, formerly of Finley and now in Barooga, pumped out classic pop numbers and rock classics which had us all singing along, then jumped up to provide backing vocals and harmonies for the guys really making the evening special.

Ray sang some of his originals from his nine albums (yes, a ninth is currently in the pipeline) and some of the traditional oldies he's well known for, entertaining his local audience perfectly. "I wanted there to be something for everyone. I sought out different performers for what they could offer and I am blown away with how well we all sounded together" Ray enthused.

The best part of the evening was when they all jumped up on stage together – what an amazing opportunity to get these entertainers in one place. Cont Pg 4

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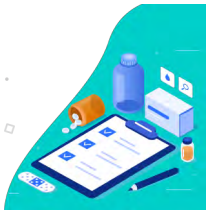

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From Pg 3… We were also so fortunate that each of the artists made themselves available between sets to chat with the audience about singing, performing, song-writing and music production.

By the end of the night the crowd was up and dancing away, whilst maintaining social distancing requirements. It was great to see so many enjoying themselves and celebrating.

A huge thanks to John Lane for thinking up the event and for providing staff from Dawmac Industries to assist with the set-up of the stage and surrounds. The event would not have happened without this great support.

The Berrigan Bakehouse served up nachos as a special treat as well as pies, pasta and desserts for the hungry crowds. The Berrigan Café, Pizza and Takeaway tempted us all with the smell of delicious fried chicken, and freshly cooked chips, ice creams and everyone's favourite dim sims! The Federal Hotel provided meals and drinks, both dine in and takeaway, for those interested in a more substantial meal and the Royal Hotel cooked up a storm as well.

The Berrigan Men's Shed put on a sausage sizzle in the centre of Chanter Street and Angela Peris was serving out an amazing curry and naan bread to the side of the CWA Hall which tasted divine.

The Berrigan Red Cross held their Annual Fashion Extravaganza which was cancelled last Christmas due to the pandemic. The Men's Shed offered to host the event at their premises and even put together some makeshift change rooms. Boasting boutique and brand labels clothes and massively reduced prices the bargains were unbelievable with gorgeous designer gowns, shirts, jeans, undergarments and some wonderful winter woollies available for the cooler months ahead.

The Red Cross Fashion Extravaganza continued on the next morning to coincide with the Berrigan Whole Town Garage Sale. There were 38 homes registered and numerous car boot sites at the Berrigan & District Heritage Museum in Jerilderie Street. There were many visitors from out of town searching for a bargain on the Saturday morning. A huge thank you to Carla and Cristina at the Berrigan Bookshop for coordinating the Garage Sale and having maps for sale on the day.

Saturday was also a great day out at the Berrigan & Community Golf and Bowls Club with the Berrigan IGA hosting a charity Ambrose golf day. Saturday night saw the tunes again being enjoyed with our very own Kath Harris and her ensemble '3 Under Par' playing at the Club. There was a great crowd who loved the bush ballads and acoustic numbers with the Chinese Restaurant doing a roaring trade.

A huge thank you to the following:

NSW Government for the support via their Festival of Place – Summer Fund Grant, John Lane for formulating an idea and running with it,
Ray Macartney for jumping on board and acquiring the perfect entertainers,
The Berrigan Bookshop for arranging the Whole Town Garage Sale,
The Berrigan & District Heritage Museum for hosting the Car Boot Sale,
The Berrigan Red Cross for putting together the Fashion Extravaganza,
The Men's Shed for hosting the Extravaganza and catering on the evening,
Susan Escott from Virtual Essentials for the promotion of the event and
the businesses and community groups of the BDDA for all the hours of work donated. Finally a huge thank you to the entertainers who really made the evening worthwhile – Ray Macartney, Darren Colston, Jade Camden, Daine Runnals and Anthony Tenace. *S Escott*

BERRIGAN RED CROSS FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA SUCCESS

The 12th Annual Berrigan Red Cross Fashion Extravaganza was held during the Festival of Music on Chanter in the last weekend of March. The event boasted a variety of boutique and brand new clothes at massively reduced prices. Photos of the event are on page 10 and 12.

This year, Berrigan Red Cross raised just over $7,500.With Friday night's proceeds of $5360 going to Learner Driver Mentor Program in the Greater Western Region ands Saturday's proceeds of $2200 going to Hilltop Patient and Carer Accommodation Centre in Albury.

Berrigan Red Cross are very thankful to the Berrigan Mens Shed, John, Wendy and Paul Lane from Dawmac Industries for making the Extravaganza possible. Their premises "The Big Store" was an ideal venue and very accessible to the Festival of Music on Chanter. Also a huge thank you to the members who volunteered during the month of March and over the weekend to ensure the Fashion Extravaganza was a great financial success.

The remaining Extravaganza clothes are now available at the Berrigan Red Cross Shop. During the month of May all the proceeds from the sale of Fashion Extravaganza items will be donated to NSW Floods Recovery Appeal, with cash donations also accepted for the Appeal.

Our shop hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm and Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm. The Berrigan Red Cross meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm at the Red Cross Shop Meeting Room. All welcome. *L Horne*

EVERYMIND MENTAL HEALTH WELL BEING PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS

The Small Business Online training program: Everymind is here to help promote the mental health of small business owners across Australia. **Ahead for Business** is a program designed specifically with the mental health of small business owners in mind, and have just launched a free Business Wellbeing training.

The training will help small business owners develop knowledge and skills around the areas of mental health, stigma, effective communication, and promoting mental health in your business.

The four modules take around 10-15 minutes each to complete and can be done at any time. To effectively evaluate and improve the program for future use, all participants will need to complete a short pre-training and post-training survey, which will take approximately 5-10 minutes each.

The program is available from 1 April 2021 – 30 May 2021. To sign up, please go to the Access link to Business Wellbeing training at **http://bit.ly/315oxJY**

Or you can visit Everymind website: **http://www.everymind.org.au** or Ahead for Business website: **aheadforbusiness.org.au** for more information.

Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY 4TH JULY

WELCOME TO BERRIGAN BBQ

New to town? Have a new neighbour? The BDDA would like to invite you to join us at the Berrigan Community Golf and Bowls Club for a free friendly BBQ to meet other new residents as well as locals. Hosted by BDDA President John Lane, this is always a fun afternoon. More details to follow in the next edition of the Berrigan News. We hope you can make it!

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*31 per cent of councillors are women (approx. half of the population is women)

*the most common age group of councillors is 60-69 years, followed by 50-59 years (the median age of the population is approximately 38)

*2 per cent of all councillors identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (2.9 per cent of the NSW population is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)

*the first language spoken at home by most councillors is English (26 per cent of the NSW population speaks a language other than English at home)

*3 per cent of all councillors identified as having a disability (5 per cent of the NSW population have identified a need for assistance with self-care, mobility and/or communication).

The Office of Local Government provides workshops and resources for newly elected and returning councillors. We have developed a range of resources aimed at increasing the representation of our diverse communities. If you would like further information about becoming a councillor, you may wish to talk to an existing councillor in your local area or contact the Office of Local Government – **olg@olg.nsw.gov.au** – or phone **02 4428 4100**. For more information about registration, nomination, election campaign finances, voting and other election processes, as well as important dates and deadlines, go to the NSW Electoral Commission website at **www.elections.nsw.gov.au**

What are the key dates?

Monday, 28 June 2021 - Nominations Online Management System available to prospective candidates in late June/early July.

Thursday, 1 July 2021 - Capped expenditure period opens.

Monday, 26 July 2021 - Lodgement of nominations open. 6pm: Close of roll for the purposes of being a candidate, nominator and roll printing.

Tuesday, 27 July 2021 - Lodgement of postal vote applications open.

Wednesday, 4 August 2021 - 12 noon: Close of nominations and close of registration of candidates and groups. Registration of electoral materials open.

Thursday, 5 August 2021 - 10am: Conduct of ballot paper draw.

Monday, 23 August 2021 - Pre-poll voting period opens.

Friday, 27 August 2021 - 5pm: Close of registration of electoral material. Close of registration for third-party campaigners.

Monday, 30 August 2021 - 5pm: Close of postal vote applications.

Friday, 3 September 2021 - Close of pre-poll voting period.

Saturday, 4 September 2021 - Election day. 8am – 6pm. Don't forget to vote! Close of capped expenditure period.

For more information, please see www.elections.nsw.gov.au

Saturday, 4 September 2021 - Election day. 8am – 6pm.

The BDDA, CWA and Berrigan Conservation Group, Tidy Towns & Community Gardens would like to extend their sympathies to Mark Ryan and family on the passing of Maree Ryan on the 22nd of April. Maree will be missed by a great number of people who will remember her with great fondness. CVB

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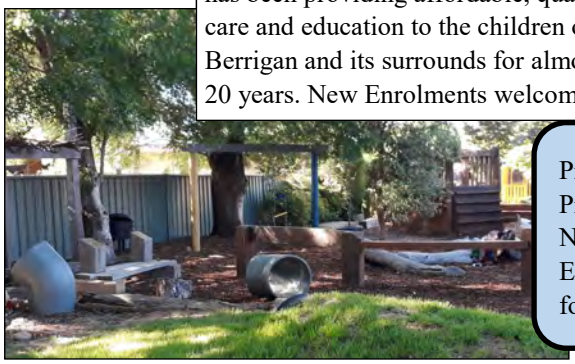

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The Berrigan & District Aged Care Association is excited to introduce the new location for its most recent service – the Deniliquin Meals on Wheels and Home Support office.

The new office is located at 26 Napier Street, Deniliquin and was officially opened this week by Member for Murray, Helen Dalton.

Berrigan & District Aged Care Association Acting Chief Executive Officer Kim Arnold said she was delighted by the community collaboration which has seen this project come to fruition.

"On behalf of the Berrigan and District Aged Care Association, we feel very privileged to support the Deniliquin community. This service has been made possible by a combination of factors:

"Firstly, the vision and trust of our previous General Manager Andrea O'Neill and the Board of Berrigan and District Aged Care Association.

"The high praise and support of Meals on Wheels NSW and Pam Mulholland.

"The inspiring commitment of our volunteers and staff, and the overwhelming and encouraging support from the Deniliquin community," Mrs Arnold said.

The expansion of the Berrigan & District Aged Care Association's services to Deniliquin began in October 2020 and is funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Program.

Photo Page 12 with Helen Dalton at the Opening in Deniliquin

TALKING SHOP

Lots of Visitors, Big Compliments for our Music on Chanter Night & the Month just kept on getting Better. We had a Bus of Ladies visit, explore & Lunch here. The Federal Hotel once again presented a " Beautiful Meal " was the Compliment. Don't forget on Saturday's, Dee brings in Plants n Things, Jams & Lemon Butter ! I've been changing stock & hope to see you. Kindest Regards , Michelle

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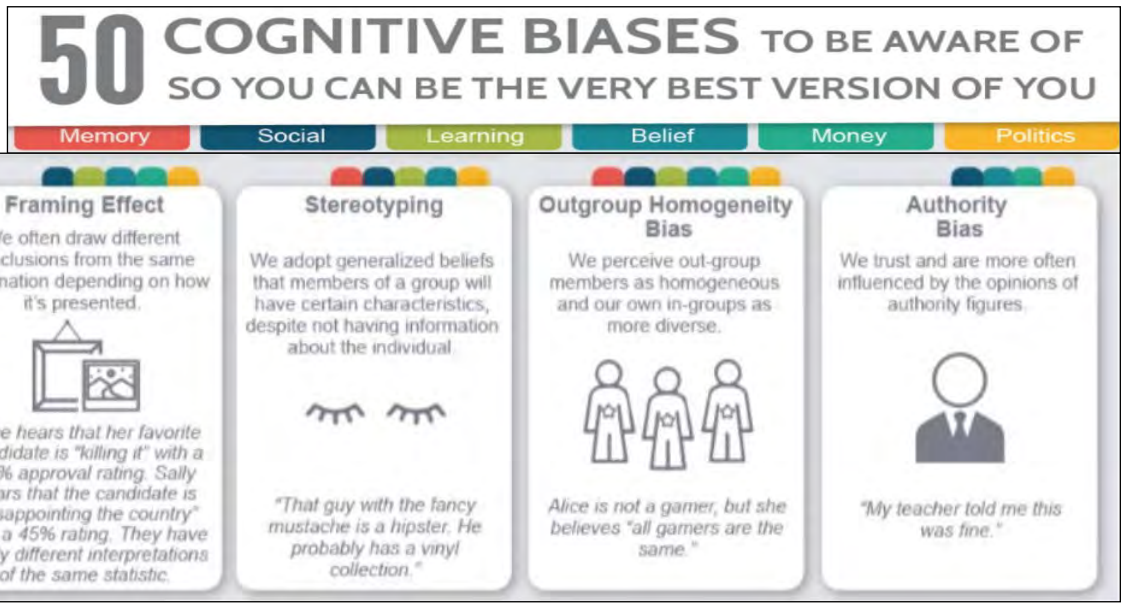
Vintage Car visit on the Friday 26th of March



A NEW REBATE CAN HELP SMALL BUSINESS REDUCE RUNNING COSTS

The NSW Government's $1,500 Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate can help small businesses, sole traders and not-for-profit organisations with the cost of government fees and charges. Eligible businesses can use the rebate to claim back the cost of NSW and local government fees and charges up to $1,500. Businesses only need to apply for the rebate once, but can submit multiple claims until the full value of $1,500 is reached.

Which fees and charges are eligible? Eligible fees and charges could include food authority, liquor and tradesperson licences, business vehicle registration fees, council rates and more. The rebate can only be used for eligible fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021.

Who is eligible? To be eligible, applicants:

*must be a small business, sole-trader or not-for-profit organisation

*have an Australian Business Number (ABN) registered in NSW or business premises physically located and operating in NSW

*must be able to report a payroll below the NSW 2020–2021 payroll tax threshold of $1.2 million.

Applicants must also be registered for goods and services tax (GST). Not-for-profit organisations are not subject to the GST requirement but must be able to demonstrate a turnover of more than $75,000 per year.

When is the rebate available? The Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate is available from 1 April 2021 until 30 June 2022 for eligible fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021.

How to apply - To view the full eligibility criteria and apply, visit **https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-fees-and-charges-rebate**. You can also call **13 77 88** to speak with a Service NSW Business Concierge, or head to the website to request a call back. *Service NSW*

BERRIGAN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary wish to thank the public for supporting the recent IGA raffle. Congratulations to Heather Barclay, the winner of the $250 voucher.

Berrigan Hospital Auxiliary commenced in 1948, and in 1958 affiliated with United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW Inc. The auxiliary raises funds for equipment and patient /resident care needs, through street stalls and an annual raffle. The Joan Davis Rose Show was another fundraiser and many will remember the great themed dinners held at the Memorial Hall in earlier times.

The Auxiliary (UHA) is struggling to continue and need new members to join. The meetings are on 4th Monday of the month at 2pm and are currently held at Amaroo Training room. They are always short and a cuppa is enjoyed at the conclusion. Late last year UHA and Amaroo Auxiliary decided to join forces and help each other, as likewise, the Amaroo Auxiliary have only a few members as well and are looking for new recruits.

So please if you could spare an hour once a month to come along to our meeting to see if you would like to join up, it would be most appreciated. We need people with time, energy and great ideas to keep this important fundraising arms going for the future. *Marion Dickins, President Berrigan UHA*

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Greetings from the Shedders.
The month of March has provided further easing on the COVID normal front to ensure members can now attend the shed with minimal restrictions. Garden beds have again sold well and manufacturing is ongoing and all gardeners are invited to inspect our stock or place an order for a special bed as required.
The Mens Shed sausage sizzle on the Market night was a HUGH success given the enormous crowds that enjoyed the evening and partook of the festivities along with an impromptu dance floor to move with the beat of the street musicians. The majority of party goers stayed around until shutdown at 10.30pm. What a wonderful community spirit was displayed with good behaviour by all attendees and children also enjoying the freedom to roam the enclosed area of the main street.
The RED CROSS fashion extravaganza proved to be a real draw card and reports of sales exceeding expectations that will allow the RED CROSS to support the schools based youth driver education program in Wagga in the latter part of 2021. Another example of great of the Berrigan Community going above and beyond the Shire boundaries..
The April general meeting of members has adopted a SIGNIFICANT number of policies elated to Work Health and Safety at the shed in accordance with our INSURERS recommendations. ALL MEMBERS are in the process of being formally inducted into the shed and STRICT protocols are now in place in relation to access and use of equipment within the shed's designated work areas. Members wishing to use any equipment with the works area WILL need to be SIGNED OFF by an instructor and monitored to ensure SAFE operation and thereby minimising injury risk to themselves.
On a much lighter note the April meeting passed the member applications of five (5) new members which brings our total current membership to 42 with at least 12 to 15 regular attendees on our regular Tuesday and Thursday mornings
Until next time happy Shedding.
Myles Humphries, Secretary, Berrigan Men's Shed Inc.

BERRIGAN LIONS CLUB

The Berrigan Lions Club have had a busy few weeks and things can only get better, we hope! Our Club catered for the Williams Clearing Sale which went well. A big thank you to the family. We wish them all the best in their new enterprise.
The Berrigan Lions Club is no longer collecting recyclable papers. Once again, a big thank you to the community for your support in donating material for recycling. The Berrigan Football Club has taken this job on and we hope that they do well with this venture and that the community will continue to support them.
Berrigan Lions meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Royal Hotel.
We are always welcoming to new members and would love to see you there.
Stay Safe and Take Care, Inara Fox, Berrigan Lions President

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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

BERRIGAN SHOW'S SUCCESS AT REGIONAL FINAL

The long-awaited Goulburn Valley Riverina Shows Association Regional Final was held on the 17th of April. It was hosted by Shepparton Show, and the Victorian Agricultural Shows Competitions for 2019/2020 were announced with the winners representing GVRSA at 2021 Melbourne Show. Berrigan Show members had a successful day. Congratulations go to Del Schweicker (pictured on page 12) for her 1st in Handknitting, 2nd in Sewing Tote Bag and 2nd in Patchwork (also pictured page 12).
Congratulations also go to Lyndall Horne who received 2nd for her Carrot Cake (pictured page 12).
Thank you to Lorna Gray for stewarding the handicrafts and being on driver duties.
The next Berrigan Show will be held on Sunday 31st of October 2021.
If you would like to know more about these shows and competitions, or would like to be involved in the next Berrigan Show, the next Show meeting is on Monday 10th May at 7.30 pm at Berrigan Sportsground with new members welcomed.
L Horne, Show Secretary

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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.

A MESSAGE FROM BERRIGAN LHAC
HEALTH MATTERS

This month I was to raise some serious maters with you all. Please take the time to read the below and make an informed decision regarding the first topic in particular.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Some of you may remember several years ago there was a big push for people to participate and make an Advanced Care Plan (ACP). It has recently come to attention that many people do not have one.

So what is an ACP? An Advance Care Plan (ACP) provides people with the opportunity to make decisions about how they want to be medically treated if they lose capacity in the future to make decisions for themselves. ACP is essentially a process which assists people with decision making in consultation with health care provider, their family and friends. An ACP enhances a patient's participation in the care they receive. There is extensive evidence that it leads to better outcomes for both patients and families.

ACP helps patients avoid unnecessary and sometimes invasive medical treatments at the end of life (e.g. CPR). It takes the making of critical decisions off your relatives and contributes to avoiding deeply traumatic experiences for patients, their families and friends. There is also extensive evidence that an ACP helps patients and all involved in end of life treatment, prepare psychologically for future decision making and provides a level of comfort and certainty. The document, when completed, is signed off by your Medical Practitioner and a copy retained by the practise. If you do not have an Advanced Care Plan, talk to your doctor regarding making one. Further information regarding making ACP can also be obtained from Lorraine the Practise Nurse at the Madill Medical Centre, Marion Dickins on 0428 286 813 or Jenny Congdon 02 6035 9425.

Most Importantly the ACP **MUST BE** accessible to Medical personnel (including after-hours). There is no point in having one and no one can access it. You can do this by firstly ensuring that a copy is put onto your 'MyHealth Record'. You can upload it yourself or it can be done at the Practise. Secondly, keep a hard copy of it available with other medical records and thirdly, have it on your fridge or put it in your 'documents' in your phone.

COMMUNITY CARE INTAKE – 1800 654 324

Should you require any of the following services please ring the Community care Intake number **1800 654 324**. They will then direct you to where you can obtain the service you require:- General Counselling, Diabetic Educator, Palliative Care, Community Nurse, Alcohol and Drug Counselling, Child Health Services, Audiometry, Speech Therapist, Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Specialist Nurse, Nurse Practitioner and Cardio Rehabilitation.

BERRIGAN MEDICAL PRACTICE

This is a statement from Ben Levesque the CEO of Finley Regional Care:

"After many months of negotiations we have finally have a date to work towards for Finley Regional Care to finalise the purchase of the Berrigan Medical Practice being the 3rd of May 2021. The other good news is that we have made very good progress on securing a Doctor to live and work in Berrigan full time, providing services to the GP clinic, Hospital and Aged Care in Berrigan. With support from the Finley Medical Centre we expect to see ongoing services being provided to Berrigan long term."

Hopefully this will put a lot of residents minds at rest in that we will again have full time medical services available in our town.

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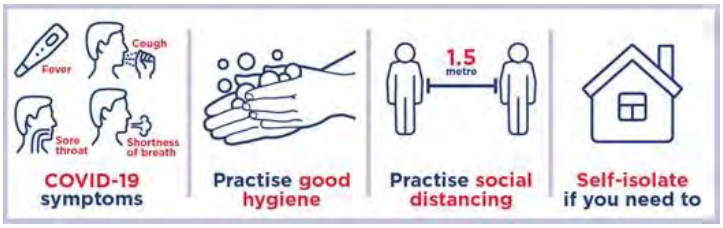
Find us on facebook @yourLHAC and keep informed about health matters in our area.

Tony Taylor
Chair, Local Health Advisory Committee Berrigan



Thomas and son, Harold Phelts
17 March 1914

FROM THE MUSEUM

THOMAS GEORGE PHELTS
BERRIGAN BUSINESSMAN 1896 – 1927

Thomas George Phelts was born John Thomas Felts in England in 1871 and his parents migrated with him to Adelaide in 1876. In 1894, while working as a baker in Pambula, NSW, he married Ethel May Cutts and moved to Berrigan in 1896, where he set up as a storekeeper in Chanter Street. One child, Ethel May, was born in Eden, NSW, then three more daughters and three sons were born in Berrigan between 1896 and 1904. One son, John Lionel, born 1903, died the following year at the age of 9 months.

In 1899, a disastrous fire destroyed his property of several shops plus the Australia Hall behind them, but his own business and Mr.Schweicker's butchery and bakery next door were saved by townspeople using buckets of water because there was no town fire brigade. Phelts rebuilt almost immediately and a newspaper described the new premises as "being among the best in town". He opened a bakery there, offering "a variety of ready-made Christmas cakes at a reasonable price, confectionery of every description, fruits in season, cordials in immense variety" plus "a good cup of tea, the famed Rasawatte blend."

Phelts joined the Berrigan Progress Association and as President in 1901/03 he moved that the land west of the school grounds be set aside as a park. This is now Hayes Park. As well as his business and local government interests, he was a Mason, a member of Lodge Riverina, Jerilderie.

After the Berrigan Shire Council was formed in 1906, Phelts instigated the installation of four acetyline gas lamps in Chanter Street and two in Jerilderie street. At some time he acquired farming land in Holdsworthy, in the Liverpool area, where he raised cattle. In 1913/14 the land was compulsorily acquired by the government as an army manoeuvres area.

In 1915, fire again destroyed buildings that Phelts owned in Chanter street. A tenant set fire to one of the shops, resulting in two dwellings being burned down as well as the shops occupied by a fruiterer, a general merchant and a bootmaker. Phelts maintained his business in Berrigan but appears to have moved between Berrigan and Liverpool and Melbourne until 1927. In 1908, his wife was living in Sydney and died there in 1930. In 1932, Phelts married Agusta Belotti, the mother of two more of his children – Jean, 1927 (died of accidental burns in 1929) and Donald, 1930. One of his daughters was listed with Agusta as a fruiterer in Berrigan between 1918 and 1921. Phelts was still operating his business as a draper, grocer and ironmonger in 1919 and his daughter, Elsie, had a café, "The Tea Shop". It appears that he also owned farmland here, because in 1921, 1924 and 1927 he was listed as a farmer in Berrigan. In 1924 he was living in Dromana with Agusta and Elsie and in 1927 they moved permanently to Brighton Victoria, when it appears that he sold his business interests in Berrigan. He died in 1945. *M Steer*

Thomas Phelts camping with daughters from his first marriage to Ethel Cutts
Ivy b.1899 and Elsie b.1898. c.1917-1920

BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM

9AM TO 11 AM
Wednesdays

or by appointment
Monthly Meeting 1st Monday of the Month

Berrigan A & H Society Inc
Annual Berrigan Show Committee
Meet 2nd Monday of the Month @ Sportsground 7.30pm February to October
www.facebook.com/BerriganShow
All very welcome to attend
Lyndall Horne Secretary
0438 852 610

BERRIGAN LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st Wednesday of the Month at 5.30pm
Contact Chair Tony Taylor
0429 004 292
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Library Activities

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Berrigan BookClub
2pm second Thursday of the month

Story Time
10.30am Thursdays

Film Afternoon
1.30pm 2nd Tuesday of Month

See Alana at the Library for more information .

Be Connected

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http://library.berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

Opening Hours

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Closed for lunch 12.30-1pm & Sat mornings 9.30 am to 12pm

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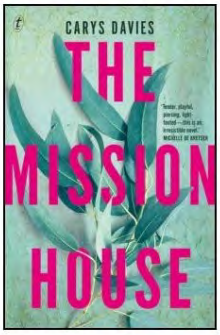
Carys Davies - The Mission House
Boldly and imaginatively interrogates the fractures between faith and non-belief, young and old, imperial past and nationalistic present. Tenderly subversive and meticulously crafted, it is a deeply human story of the wonders and terrors of connection in a modern world.

Mandy Magro - Home Sweet Home -
Set in the heart of the Australian countryside comes a gorgeous romance about the power of fate from bestselling author Mandy Magro.

Easter Holiday's Birdhouse Fun!

The Berrigan Library had an amazing turnout to our Holiday Program.

The children had a great time making Bird houses , birds and birdseed ornaments. Lots of messy and creative fun!



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Berrigan - Tuesday & Thursdays 1.30pm to 4pm, Sundays 12.30pm to 4pm.
Berrigan Waste Disposal receives all waste. Greenhills Road, Berrigan.
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

FINLEY DEMENTIA ALLIANCE

Finley Dementia Alliance recently had a community café in Tocumwal on the 20th April at Murray Haven. We are inviting anyone living with dementia or memory issues to come along for a happy morning of chatting and meeting other people in the same situation. It is a social morning tea, and if you have any issues that stop you living a full life in your community bring them forward, we might be able to help. You can bring your carers who might have their own questions to ask, we are a friendly bunch, and you will all be very welcome. Call Elizabeth on 0427 617589 to book or for any more information.

We now have three community cafés in the Berrigan shire,

Berrigan on the first Wednesday of the month at the CWA rooms 10am till 12n

Finley on the second Tuesday at the country club Hotel 10-30am till 12n

Tocumwal on the third Tuesday of the month at Murray Haven 10 am till 12n

People living with dementia and their carers are welcome to any or all the cafés. It is not easy living with dementia or caring for a loved one who is living with dementia in the community, but we are here to help with information, friendship and plan old fashion fun so come along and join in**.** We are having a street stall in Finley on the 12th of May if you would like to donate items for us to sell.

We thank you in advance. For more information please contact Elizabeth on 0427 617589 or email elizabethqbn@gmail.com. *E. Adam*

FINLEY DEMENTIA ALLIANCE CAFE

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MAY.

BERRIGAN WEDNESDAY 5TH

FINLEY TUESDAY 11TH

TOCUMWAL TUESDAY 18TH

GIVING FARRER'S COMMUNITY AND SPORTING GROUPS THE POWER TO SAVE

Community and non-profit groups across Farrer are set to be supported by a new Federal Government program to help lower energy costs.

According to local MP Sussan Ley, the Powering Communities Program will fund up to a dozen individual projects in Farrer with grants of between $5,000 and $12,000 available to eligible organisations.

"The grants can assist groups to lower their power bills by installing solar panels or a storage battery, upgrading old air conditioners, hot water systems or a refrigerator – the money can even be used for replacing lighting with LEDs or conducting an energy audit."

"Energy costs are often one of the biggest overheads for not-for-profit organisations, whether it's a sports club, a senior citizens or charity group. By helping to reduce power bills, these grants will allow them to better focus on meeting the needs of their members and the community," Ms Ley said.

Interested groups in Farrer will first need to submit an expression of interest to Ms Ley's electorate office by Monday 31st May. Those applications will then be independently assessed, with only a selected number of organisations invited to officially apply for funding. The Powering Communities Program provides each of Australia's 151 Federal electorates with $67,700 to fund projects - further information including eligibility guidelines is available at https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/powering-communities-program

Steve Block, Adviser - The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer
Minister for the Environment www.sussanley.com

FRIDAY STREET STALL

7th May - CWA

14th May - Lions

21st May - Uniting Church

28th May - Red Cross

4th June - Lions

11th June - St Columba's Church

18th June - A&H Show

25th June - St Vincent

Please book your Friday street stall at the Shire Offices. For IGA Market Day Stall, please see Joe at IGA to book.

IGA Opening Hours
Mon & Tue & Wed
8am to 6pm
Thu & Fri 8am to 6pm
Sat 8am to 6pm
Sun 9am to 5pm
Closed Good Friday/Anzac Day/Christmas Day
All other public holidays open 8am to 1pm

Church Times & Contacts

Presbyterian - Cobram/ Davis St, Berrigan (03 5883 3697) - 1st and 3rd Sundays 9am

St Aidan's Anglican - 128 Jerilderie St, Berrigan. Father Humble (03 5744 2211) 1st/2nd/3rd/4th Sundays 11am, 5th Sundays to be announced.

St Columba's Catholic - 4 Corcoran St, Berrigan. Father Rick Micallef (03 5885 2010) 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays Saturdays Vigil 5.00pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10.00am.

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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