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Berrigan Market Night 2021

Friday 3rd December

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❄Live Entertainment: 3 Under Par❄
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MESSAGE FROM THE BDDA

It looks like it's all happening again! November is the lead up month to December and Christmas and although we will have to miss out on the fun of the Berrigan Cup again this year, we are really looking forward to the activities that are coming in December. The Extravaganza is back, as are Carols, the Market Night and the Lights competition.

So, at the moment there are many people running around organising singers and musicians, stall holders, advertising...all sorts of things to make an enjoyable evening.

The Pool should be opening later this month - here's hoping for warmish weather, I am looking forward to swimming again! Although I must admit it has to be a certain temperature before I get in the water..

One thing to keep in mind this month is your Christmas Shopping - all the articles I have been reading are about how there will be a real shortage of things to buy and delays with shipping. Where possible, I would suggest shopping locally. I know the local shop owners are always happy to see foot traffic in through their doors. Or, you can do what I'm doing, which is not giving anyone anything except the brilliance of my company and maybe a cake to share. It has been months since we have had Pavlova which is a Christmas favorite of mine. Strawberries and Kiwis on top! Love the sugar rush. I am so glad that my kids are teenagers now, have their own jobs and can do what I have been doing for years - organizing and paying for their own presents if they want them. It's the only way to get what you want when you want it and I think, the final stage of growing up. CVB

FROM THE BERRIGAN BOOKSHOP

This is the last article that is going in the Berrigan News this month. There was a bit of space left, everybody else's articles were in and I was going to do a book report, however when I came across this, I thought I should share. Did you know that November is ... **National Novel Writing Month**?

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On November 1, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 p.m. on November 30. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought fleetingly about writing a novel.

Writing a novel alone can be difficult, even for seasoned writers. NaNoWriMo helps you track your progress, set milestones, connect with other writers in a vast community, and participate in events that are designed to make sure you finish your novel. Oh, and best of all, it's free! Young writers and educators, please explore our Young Writers Program.

Organisation: Office of Letters and Light

National/State:International Website: nanowrimo.org/

I reckon this looks like fun. I shall have to keep this in mind for a November when we have finished our book stocktake - currently up to "E" in the fiction with the rest of the alphabet to go as well as all the Youth and Non-Fiction. So 6,000 or there about done and another 55,000 or so to go...we expect to be finished in about 2 years… maybe I should have gone with an article about WaterAid which is inviting Australians to dedicate their toilet time during November to learning a new skill - *memorise, meditate, or master your way through the month, ask friends to sponsor you, and help WaterAid reach some of the poorest and most marginalised people on earth who still don't have access to a decent dunny*. CVB

TREASURERS RECOGNISED

Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to two local Treasurers Heather Pyle from Berrigan Agricultural and Horticultural Society and Lyndall Horne from Australian Red Cross Berrigan Branch. Photos Page 9. They were recognised for their contributions to the Australian community in the Commonwealth Bank and Institute of Community Directors Australia Not-for-Profit Treasurer's Awards. Congratulations to both. Treasurers are an important part of every community organisation.

L Horne

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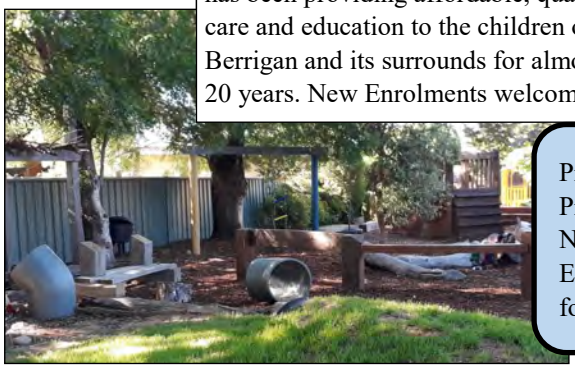

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BERRIGAN CWA

The Berrigan CWA AGM was held on 18th October and Kate Hawkins has been re-elected as President. Other positions are - Vice President Gwenda McNamara, Secretary Jenny Coldwell, Treasurer Del Schweicker, Cultural Marnie Steer, Ag & Environ Val Daly, International Pauline Parr, Handicraft Del Schweicker, Cookery Di Hardwidge, Publicity Beth Rendell.
Prior to our October meeting, Alistair Clark gave an interesting talk on how to prevent falls, especially for the older age group of people. We also welcomed two ladies to our meeting and trust they felt welcomed.
At the Sturt Group AGM held recently at Coleambally, Del Schweicker was elected as Sturt Group Handicraft Officer.
Berrigan CWA are planning to hold a stall at the Market Night in December. Our stall is always well supported by the community and there will be the usual Christmas cooking and raffles. We look forward to it being a festive night for the town. B Rendell.

BERRIGAN GOLD CUP MEETING CANCELLED

The Berrigan & District Race club has made the tough Decision to cancel this years Berrigan Gold Cup Race Meeting due to the Government imposed restrictions and conditions on large public gatherings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In our case , the regulations are around minimising social contact to protect public safety. After much arduous discussion, the committee agreed that we could not fully comply and that the most responsible and safest position for all of us was to again cancel the GOLD CUP.
The club would like to thank our generous sponsors for their continuing support, all of whom have pledged to be on board when racing with crowds can resume.
The committee continues to make improvements to the grounds and working towards hopefully a great uninterrupted 2022 racing year and we all look forward in getting together and catching up.
Our next race meeting is the Finley Autumn Cup on
5th March 2022, this is always a great fun day and growing each year.
We have recently had our AGM with positions filled as follows: President Geoff Swann, Vice President Ken Moar, Secretary Janine Murphy, Treasurer Bill Daly.
Committee: A. Gorman, J. Gorman, C. Wraight,
A. Ryan, D. Ryan, N. Manley, B. Haintz, M. Haintz,
E. Ryan, A. Pyle. The Club would like to sincerely thank Carolyn Alexander for her support of the club in the role of secretary for the last 4 years.
New members can now join through our website at **www.berriganraceclub.com.au** and keep up with all the latest news on our Facebook page which is updated regularly. J Murphy

ART AND CRAFT DAY AT SAVERNAKE HALL

Yarrawonga-Mulwala *Across the Arts Group* in conjunction with The Savernake Hall Committee would like to welcome everyone to the Art and Craft Day to be held from 10am till 3 pm on Sunday 21st of November at the Savernake School of Arts Hall. There will be a variety of locally produced arts and crafts on display including: Photography, Knitting, Sewing, Crochet, Pastel Drawing , Pencil Drawing, Diamond Dot Pictures , Local history in the form of DVD's and books and a recently published book from a local author. Cont Page 5

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There will be something for everyone so bring a few friends along for a great day out. There will be opportunity to engage with local artists and see some of the really beautiful work that they do. You might also find a unique Christmas present or a something for that person on your list that is so difficult to buy for.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Light refreshments including tea and coffee will be available for purchase throughout the day. Hope to see you there.

NB All current NSW Covid-19 restrictions will apply and be adhered to for this event. All attendees must be double vaccinated for entry to this event.

Enquiries: Rhonda Wheeler 0419 830 782

K Bruce

COUNCILS COMMEND VACCINATION RATES

Mayors and CEO's on both sides of the border have commended their communities who are in a vaccination race for coming forward in record breaking numbers to get vaccinated. In September this year, the councils of Berrigan, Federation, Indigo and Moira launched a joint campaign to share a simple message – Let's do this, let's get vaccinated.

The councils began a friendly challenge to see whose community can reach that 80% double vaccination goal the quickest, which will enable communities to open up in a safe way. The race is tight, with Berrigan Shire Council currently sitting in first place, with 94.6% first dose, and 79.1% second dose, followed closely by Federation Council at 95% first dose, and 77.7% second dose. Indigo Shire Council is at 95% first dose, and 76.7% double dose, and Moira Shire Council are sitting at 95% first dose, and 74% double dose. *

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said he and other leaders continue to be so proud of their respective communities. "We are so close to coming out the other side of this, and our border communities have really done the hard yards to get to this point," he said. "Vaccination is a critical step in our defence against COVID-19 and I have no doubt that our community will continue to answer the calls and come forward to ensure the State of NSW and our friends across the river in Victoria reach our vaccination targets. Our percentages are nothing short of amazing, and I look forward to the day when we hit that 80 percent mark."

Berrigan Shire Mayor, Matthew Hannon said he is proud of the vaccination rates of the community to date and strongly encourages those who are unvaccinated to book their appointments. "We need to not take our eye of the ball, and push our vaccination rates up over 80% to protect as many of our residents as possible," he said. "Much anticipated visitors will start returning to our area and that will mean that our chances of COVID coming to our Shire is real. We must be prepared."

Indigo Shire Mayor Jenny O'Connor applauded all residents for doing their bit to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities.

"This is an outstanding result and is testament to the people of Indigo, Berrigan, Federation and Moira Councils who all want the same thing and that is to return to some form of normality, for our businesses to recover and to look forward to the future." Moira Shire Council Mayor Libro Mustica said these current numbers are outstanding and show the dedication and commitment of all our communities to work together to keep us safe and well. "Moira Shire is coming a distinguished fourth, but I think with a bit of a push we can overtake Federation, Indigo and Berrigan and start leading the way in this vaccination race."

* Vaccination rates as of Monday 18 October, 2021

Keelan McDonald, Communications Co-Ordinator, Berrigan Shire Council

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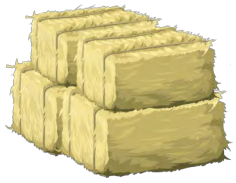

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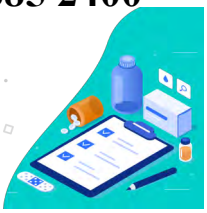

SMALL FUNDING GRANTS OPEN FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS FARRER

Local federal MP Sussan Ley has announced $150,000 in funding to be made available for community groups across her electorate to undertake small-scale upgrades and purchase new equipment. According to Ms Ley expressions of interest are now opening for Round 7 of the Stronger Communities Program, giving local organisations a chance to nominate for grants of up to $20,000.

"This latest funding will support up to 20 projects across the electorate, from a program which really helps strengthen social connections, builds community participation and delivers a brighter and more vibrant future for our local towns and cities. Previous funding in Farrer has already helped numerous organisations with the purchase of things like computer equipment, cricket training nets, air-conditioning and kitchen upgrades to community facilities, outdoor exercise equipment as well as shade shelters. I strongly encourage interested organisations to contact my office regarding projects important to them and their community."

A limited number of grants from $2,500 to $20,000 are available to cover up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs, or up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs for local governing bodies. In total, the Australian Government is providing $22.7 million under Round 7 to deliver investment in regional areas, support jobs to drive our economic recovery, and ensure our regions remain great places to live and visit.

SCP Rd 7 details, including an eligibility Q&A is available at **https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-7**

Expressions of interest forms are available by phoning Sussan's local electorate office or email **farrer@aph.gov.au** – nominations close **Fri 03 Dec**

S Block Adviser, Hon Sussan Ley MP Federal Member for Farrer Minister for the Environment

FUSSY AS PINK RIBBON FUNDRAISER

Fussy As has paired up with the friendly faces of Tocumwal's Businesses to create some wonderful prizes for our Pink Ribbon Fundraiser. Our goal is to raise $1,000.00 by November 11th (when the raffle will be drawn and announced.) Tickets are $5.00 each or 6 for $25.00.To enter the raffle all you need to do is click the link to on our Facebook or Instagram posts to donate. Information about the prizes can be found on both our Facebook or Instagram pages. Once you have donated - email the amount you have donated to info@fussyascleaning.com.au and Lauren will allocate you your raffle numbers.

Competition opens Thursday 7th October 12:00pm and closes Wednesday 10th November 5:00pm AEST. Please note this prize can only be claimed within our servicing areas. Winner will be drawn on Thursday 11th November. Winner will be published publicly on our Facebook & Instagram pages.

Lauren Tribolet Fussy As Pty Ltd, Marketing/HR

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STATE-WIDE RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The NSW Electoral Commission is recruiting more than 30,000 people across NSW to deliver Local Government elections in December, with thousands of jobs still available across the state. While more than 20,000 people have expressed their interest so far, Wayne Morgan, Director of Election Support Services, says more applicants are needed than ever before.

"We're hiring additional staff in line with our COVID-19 Safety Plan . Extra staff will support people in checking-in and out of polling places, maintaining physical distancing and additional cleaning measures," Mr Morgan said. "There are a range of opportunities available across the state." Cont Page 7

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If you're enthusiastic about working with your community, it's an excellent way to earn some extra money and learn new skills. There are jobs available just on election day, of course, but there's also a range of positions to be filled over the next 10 weeks. Pay rates are very competitive and we provide training to staff who'll join a huge team working together to deliver the election. To help keep our staff and voters safe, we will also be working in line with COVID-19 safety guidance and any public health orders," he said.

Election officials perform a range of tasks on election day, including:

* Providing information and assistance to voters
* Sorting and counting ballot papers
* Working together to implement COVID-safe practices.

"If you're available to work on Saturday, 4 December and enrolled to vote, you can submit an expression of interest to work as an election official. You don't need previous experience, but many of our election day staff enjoy it so much, they return election after election," said Mr Morgan.

The NSW Electoral Commission expects all applicants who can be safely vaccinated against COVID-19 to be vaccinated. Interested applicants can find out more and submit an expression of interest now by visiting **elections.nsw.gov.au** Media contact Cameron Whalan, Media & Campaigns Advisor

FINLEY'S DRIVER REVIVER SITE WINS UPGRADE FUNDING

Finley's Driver Reviver stop is set to benefit from grant of over $95k to install new signage pointing motorists towards the Rotary Park location in Murray Street. Farrer MP Sussan Ley said there is nothing more important than saving lives, which is what the Australian Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program is all about.

"Two electronic signs will be installed at the south and north end of town, alerting travellers when the Lions Club team are open for business – at other times the signs will be on year-round for safety and road alert messaging. Anyone who has used a Driver Reviver stop knows how vital they can be for safety and fatigue breaks for drivers and their passengers. Both the Newell and Riverina Highways are major links for motorists criss-crossing NSW, and this money backs our hard-working Lions volunteers who put in their time and effort to man the site, offering motorists a cuppa, friendly conversation and a spot to take a break," Ms Ley said.

In total, the Australian Government is providing $7.2 million to upgrade 71 sites across the country through Round 2 of the Driver Reviver Program.

It is part of a $3 billion commitment to improve road safety, working with our states, territories and local government to develop the National Road Safety Strategy 2021–30; the move towards zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. Details at www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au. Steve Block Adviser, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer, Minister for the Environment

FEDERAL CASH INJECTION OF $5M TO BOOST ECONOMIC - LIFESTYLE PROJECTS IN FARRER

Over $5m in funding has been announced for the electorate of Farrer from the latest round of the Federal Government's highly successful *Building Better Regions Fund* (BBRF). Announcing the grants on Friday 8th October, local MP Sussan Ley said project funding ranged from a brand-new preschool at Moama, several golf course upgrades and improvements, through to continued improvements at the new Wentworth Community Space and Convention Centre.

"Communities along the Murray have been among the hardest hit by COVID restrictions since early last year, and I really want this new funding to be the kick-start we need for a better, brighter 2022.Cont Page 8

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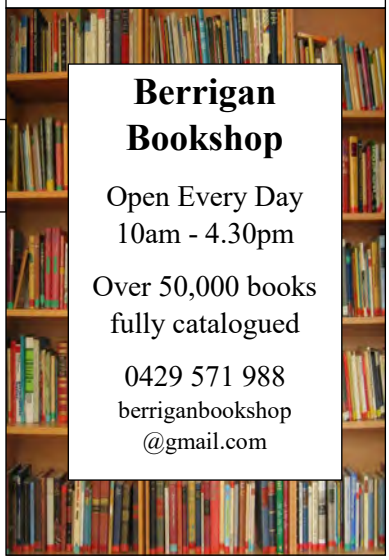
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From Page 7 This BBRF round specifically looked at the impact the pandemic on my communities with applicants asked how the project will benefit to local tourism or our region's economic recovery."
Minister for Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the Government had committed an additional $100 million under this latest BBRF round to support more projects, more jobs and create more economic opportunities to help our recovery from the impacts of COVID.
"Under Round 5 of the BBRF, the Government has committed almost $300 million to support 295 projects across regional Australia, which will create an estimated 9,900 jobs during the project period."
A complete list of all successful projects will be listed via www.business.gov.au/bbrf - Successful BBBRF Round 5 project applicants in Farrer follow…

*** Wentworth Community Space and Convention Centre - Wentworth Shire Council** BBRF funding $713,339 Total project cost $1,426,678

*** Community Preschool in Moama - Murray River Council**
BBRF funding $2,902,469 Total project cost $5,902,469

*** New Playground at Jerilderie Early Learning Centre - Jerilderie Preschool/ Kindergarten Inc** BBRF funding $133,000 Total project cost $266,000
Photo Page 9

*** Cobram Barooga Golf Club Course Enhancement Project - Barooga Sporties**BBRF funding $335,000 Total project cost $670,600

*** Rich River Golf Club Irrigation upgrade - Rich River Golf Club Ltd**
BBRF funding $783,000 Total project cost $1,566,000

*** Replace air-conditioning to clubhouse – Corowa Golf Club Ltd**
BBRF funding $178,591 Total project cost $357,182

*** 'Tunes on the Sand' expansion funding - Hay Shire Council**
BBRF funding $20,000 Total project cost $36,150

Steve Block Adviser, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer, Minister for the Environment

A MESSAGE FROM BERRIGAN LHAC HEALTH MATTERS

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COVID 19 TESTING:

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Photo L to R- Carina Rorato, Rebekah Salter (Preschool Director), Heidi Bryce, Steph Girdwood (Committee President) for the Jerilderie Early Learning Centre

Above - Open 100
Rick Bradbury and Graeme Parr

Below - Heather Pyle with Show President Neville Dalgliesh

Above - Bernard Curtin OAM Memorial Open B Grade Singles - Graeme Parr and Laurie Way

Left - Lyndall Horne with Red Cross President Marion Dickins

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Berrigan Community Golf & Bowls Club

CLUB'S OPENING HOURS:
Wednesdays to Sundays
Bowls Committee meet every 2nd Wednesday of the Month
Golf Committee meet every 2nd Friday of the Month

Annual General Meeting
of Berrigan Community
Golf and Bowling Club LTD

November 15th 7pm

38 Stewart St
Berrigan NSW 2712.

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GOLF NEWS GOLF COMP TIMES
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SATURDAYS: 1:30pm for 2pm Tee Off
SUNDAYS: 18 Hole Comp 12 for 12:30pm Tee Off
WEDNESDAYS: Ladies Comp 9am for 9:30 Tee Off

COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS!
THURSDAY NIGHTS:
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CHINESE MEALS by Steve Wednesdays to Sundays
Do you have an RSA? Volunteer bar staff needed
please contact Janice Graham at the Club.

BOWLS NEWS

Thankfully life is slowly returning to normal for Berrigan Community Bowls Club. Bowlers are returning to the club and the greens look an absolute treat.

At this stage it appears that pennant bowls will start again on the first weekend of November – with Uncle Dan's cooperation. Berrigan has entered four pennant teams this year, Midweek Division 2 and Saturday Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Luckily, bowls clubs in NSW have been able to play some internal club events. So far this season Berrigan has played two club events, the Open 100-up and the Bernard Curtin OAM Memorial Open B Grade Singles.

A record 32 bowlers entered the Open 100-up. The winner was Rick Bradbury who defeated Graeme Parr in a nail biter 103-99. Bradbury had plenty of tough matches as he made his way through the draw – having just scraped past Gavin Schweicker and Jason Milich. This handicap event also saw some notable upsets including Gayle Reynoldson defeating Matt Hansen, Kelly Milich defeating Paul Glanvill and Graeme Clements and Mary Curtin defeating Garry Seamer.

Graeme Parr made up for his defeat in the Open 100-up final by winning the Bernard Curtin event. Parr was too consistent for runner-up Laurie Way in the final winning 21-10. Graeme cruised through most of his matches with his only tight match coming up against the much improved Gavin Schweicker where Graeme won 21-17.

Berrigan will host its 14th annual Jack McGrillen day on Sunday 31 October 2021. Many thanks to the McGrillen family and our other sponsors Berriquin Funerals and Pat Barrett Tyre Service

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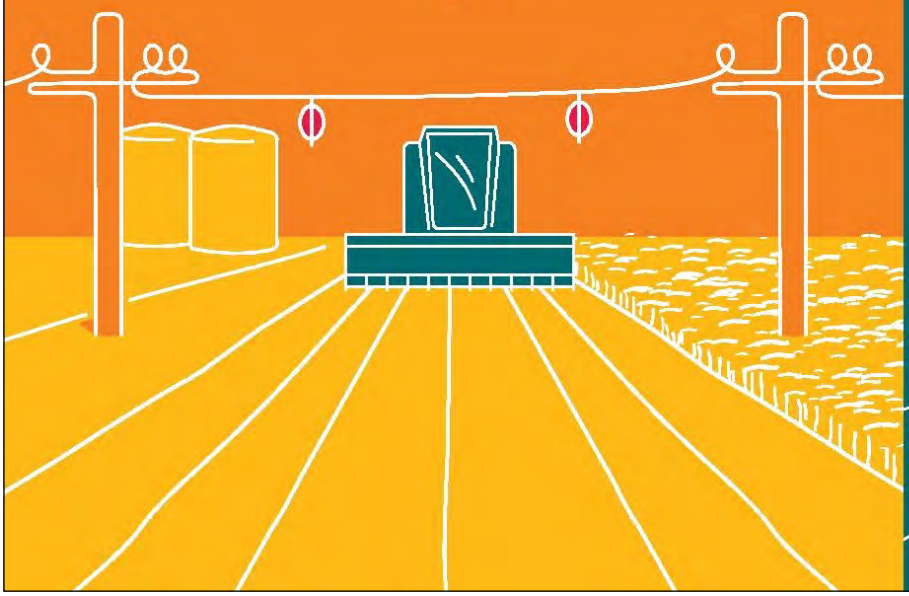

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SPRING THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA SEASON

People in the Murrumbidgee area who have breathing difficulties related to asthma and hay fever need to prepare now for the start of the spring thunderstorm asthma season.

Asthma flare-ups traditionally increase in spring throughout the Murrumbidgee due to high pollen counts, in conjunction with thunderstorm-related weather conditions.

The key message for people who wheeze and sneeze when preparing for spring is to visit their GP or specialist for an assessment, obtain a current medication prescription and a written Asthma Action Plan and then to use them.

People with asthma are encouraged to register to receive alerts via email and/or SMS on peak danger days at science.csu.edu.au/asthma.

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

Tony Taylor,
Chair, LHAC
Berrigan
Phone 0429 004 292
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FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have had a very busy and rewarding month at the Community Garden.

We had visitors from the Riverina Garden Club, Julie & Leslie enquiring on how to set up a Community garden, and in exchange giving us many helpful ideas.

The Rotunda has received a face lift, Barrett's Tyre Service donated tyres which have now been filled with herbs, mulched and coming along beautifully, special thankyou to Lyn & Wayne for making this happen.

Seedlings from the hothouse are being transplanted out into the garden beds, Yes it is working, we are so lucky to have this facility to raise our seeds. Seedlings have been potted up for sale on the plant stand. The snow peas have been very popular, there are parsnips, salad mix, silver beet and there could even be some beetroot ready to pick. New members always welcome, we meet Wednesday 1.30pm and Saturday 9.30am and finish with a cuppa and solve the problems of the world of a Saturday. C Way

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BOWLING WITH BABIES

Berrigan Community Golf and Bowling Club is teaming up with Berrigan Playgroup to host a 5 week Bowling with Babies program. The program will run every Wednesday for 5 weeks from Wednesday 20 October from 10am-12am until Wednesday 17 November @ Berrigan Community Golf and Bowling Club, 38 Stewart Street, Berrigan. Costs $5 per casual session. Bowling with Babies is a fitness and social activity that you can enjoy with your little ones. Bowling with Babies brings mums together to enjoy a coffee, a chat and a social roll.
To find more information, check out the Berrigan Mums and Dads Facebook page. Or to register your interest, please message Katrina on Facebook or text her on 0427505686. We would love to see you and your little ones there. K Tehan

FROM THE MUSEUM
HUMANITY WITHIN WAR - WWI & WWII

The Berrigan Heritage Museum holds the Thornton Letters written during WWI and WWII. The following article includes short extracts from letters written to Mr William and Mrs Jessie Thornton.

WWI

On 21.9.1916 an *"old friend",* Alf Sizer, wrote from France saying as they travelled by train through France *"that sometimes it would occur to one that there was something amiss when you could see the women and girls out in the fields doing the work of men."* During a time of battle - *"One night when both sides were bombarding pretty heavy there was a double furrow plough lobbed in our part of the trench, only a couple of yards away from where I was standing, and only a few inches away from our corporal, I had seen this plough in "No man's land" a day or two before ....."*. *"....I was pleased when they stopped that night as I expected to go up in the air any minute but I have gone through it all so far without getting a scratch."*

Williams brother Tom, on 10.1.1917 wrote from England stating he is in Signalling School *"turning dots & dashes into English".* Due to the extreme cold many men, living in tents, died from influenza and the cold. *"We are paid regularly every Thursday ..... Our 1/- per day is usually spent by pay day although it is plenty."*

On 14.9.1917, Tom wrote from France *"It aint much of a spot anyway – but hope to see some more of it shortly"* saying he had, after only one month, been sent to hospital in England for a month, following problems with his eyes. Cont Page 15

From Page 13… 7.7.1916 Private Ray Burwood wrote to Mrs Thornton, thanking her for her kind present, while he was guarding a troopship prior to its embarkation from Wooloomooloo a few days later.

2.2.1918 Ray writes *"Many thanks for remembering me at Christmas time. You know we have such a lot of things over here to occupy our time that the old things we left behind in Australia have really faded into the back of my mind and it is only when I get letters from home that remembrance comes. Not that I have forgotten you but when there are such things as mud, snow, intense cold and shells all ones attention is concentrated on one thing, to get somewhere away from these."*

14.2.18 Letter from Will Fowler to Mrs Thornton thanking her for the Xmas parcel and "mails".
"I don't know what we would do over here if it were not that we have so many kind friends on that side backing us up continually.
The life here is not very conducive to the betterment of any man if he lets himself go; but there are times when the best and worst of each one is shown out in its true perspective...."

22.9.1918. In this letter to Mrs Thornton, Will Fowler mentions that the newspaper reports need to be discounted as "*we are not* "super men" *..."But over here "Aussie" is a byword as a fighter; and the Yanks treat us like "little gods". Those same Yanks are going to be some of the finest fighters the world has seen, and coming in now they are getting a clean runoff without having to undergo the nerve wrecking trouncings we used to get in the old trenches warfare ....."*
"We heard a great deal of the helping hands the Berrigan people have been extending to their returned men. Many of these things are reported in the "Anzac Bulletin" which is our medium of Australian news to the troops.
Writing from a hospital camp at a base town in France, Will says *"having a skin trouble attended to. It is the result of too much dirt and too little water, with a combination of tinned foods. The nearest approach to it is the sailors scurvy; but it's not dangerous in any way so ought soon to be out. I have been here 6 days. .... Wishing you all the best of everything. Yours truly Will Fowler"*

WWII

17.8.41 from John J Thornton to Mrs Thornton *"My Dear Friends"*
while in the thick of fighting at Tobruk *".....I was awkward enough to collect a "packet" ... evacuated after 10 days in Hosp ..... & am now in Alexandria ..... our Red Cross nurses are here and staff the Hosp. and they are very good..... Still this is spell down here which is very acceptable after the conditions in the Desert. Although I wasn't up there very long I was long enough to be in the worst of it. & that was my first introduction..... Mail is a great help – one batch of letters which I got up there* (Tobruk) *over 20 and yours was among them, several from Joyce & Home & the Boys from Malaya."*

5.9.41 to Mr Thornton from "Gnr Batten CR"
Charlie is writing from hospital in Jerusalem, stating he is slowly recovering from *"jauders'. I was the colour of a chinaman for a week or two....."*. Charlie, as a despatch rider, rode thousands of miles around Palestine, Egypt and Syria delivering messages. "...quite a few of the Berrigan boys among the Tobruk Rats".
16.11.41 A letter from L/Sgt Clarrie Thornton of 13th Anti Tank Battery, in Malaya, to his parents *"....I heard the result of a battery competition & I believe my gun crew is right out in front on points. Rather a bit of a surprise but I was thrilled to know we won because it was all a pretty high standard."* Many letters were written and received during this time of war. *"I haven't written to Charlie Pyle while ..... I got a few Christmas cards.....I have one for Baileys ..... and one to Lawsons in town".* Cont Page 16

NSW Electoral Commission

Don't forget! The NSW local council elections will be held on Saturday, 4 DECEMBER 2021.

Berrigan Lions wish to advise, that due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid 19 restrictions and the associated time to time snap lockdowns, the annual Seniors Christmas Party for this year has been cancelled.
Les Dart, Secretary.

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Lions meet 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Royal Hotel Dining Room.
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CWA BERRIGAN BRANCH

Craft Day
2nd Monday of Month
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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

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27.11.41 A letter to his parents.
".....I have letters all around me .... Also received a letter from Mrs Horgan ... A book arrived from the Moulton family. .... Good to hear everything is OK and everybody is so well. Mrs Bailey has taken a turn for the better at last..... A Christmas pudding turned up today & another tin of biscuits....I haven't seen Max Pyle since but he was here one day & John saw him for a little while. .....somebody told me Rupe Mallon was over here, is that right? ..... Rumour has it we are going to move again..... School [mentioned in prior letter] *was 4 hrs solid each day just lectures and we had to go flat out to get notes. I used to study about 7 hrs a day & only went out a few times. Hope I got a good result for the time I put into it. ..... Good to get back with the boys."*

19.12.41 *"Dear All, ...All the parcels etc have come in very handy cakes have been great, every day somebody gets one and do we have a feast.....We pulled into a convoy the other day & it happened to be the crowd Max Pyle is in. While driving along I made enquiries & learnt that he was 2 trucks behind a matter of a few hundred yards but I didn't see him. I sent a message as they knew him very well."*

28.12.41 Another letter from Clarrie *"Dear All, Well I suppose you want to know most is I am safe & well. As yet we haven't tasted anything other than quinine tablets so we should be OK. ... We were all recalled & I am back with John & Laurie."*

13.1.42 *"Dear All, ...The closest I have been to anything was yesterday when a few bombs were dropped several hundred yds away. .... Our morale is high and we are anxious to get a crack at them....I have been with John & Laurie a fair bit lately & they are both OK.* While out on a "job"...*"word came 'get out & back, speed is essential'. That is how we missed dinner, travelled all afternoon & are now on the side of a rode [sic]. Each time we have to dig in so as to get protection, ...Most probably I won't be able to write very often but the old saying no news is good news still holds good."...Remember me to all around & pass on Xmas greetings. ...Well don't worry too much as we will be all right & thanks for all the parcels etc." ...Wishing you all the best I will say cheerio for the present ... From Clarrie."*

Jan 25, 1942 This letter was from Mr & Mrs Thornton to Clarrie but did not reach Clarrie and was returned. It speaks of their concern and hope for his wellbeing because *"by the report in papers things are very lively over there".*
Feb 1st 1942 In their letter to Clarence (which was returned to them) they mention *"we got a message yesterday to say you have been in all the worry & have not got back to your unit,".....*Their letter of Feby 15th 42 is also returned. More concern and hope is expressed.

During this time there were letters of support from other mothers and friends, some also having sons overseas.
7th Mar. 1942 *"Dear Mrs Thornton, I do hope you will forgive me for not writing sooner, but whether we write or not, you & Clarrie & his family are very often in our thoughts."*

29.4.42 Letter to Mr Bill Thornton from T (Tom) Garrard who is back home and in hospital in Heidelberg. He writes ..*"I made enquiries about Clarrie & Jno Cruickshank and was lucky enough to make contact with a chap who was in their crowd and knew them both very well - he informs me that he saw Clarrie in Singapore two days before the place surrendered – that he was well – He knew Clarrie had been posted missing early in the proceedings. ..... He also informs me that Jno Cruichshank was wounded in the shoulder ..... Will you kindly convey the above information of Jno to Mrs Cruickshank also give her my kind regards. ..... Kindly remember me to Mrs Thornton & the family. With kind regards Yours sincerely Tom"* Continued Page 17

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Lance Corporal Clarrie Thornton died in May 1998, 10 days after enthralling crowds at the opening of the Thornton Centre at Puckapunyal, with stories of his unit's actions in a battle near Muar, Malaya during WWII.

These letters can be further read at the Heritage Museum along with many other family and early Berrigan history. Call in on a Wednesday morning between 9am till 11am or by arrangement. You can speak to either Tom Pyle on 0428 852616, Marnie Steer on 0429 704422 or Marney Dalgleish on 0439 252363 to arrange an appointment. You can also find contact details on the door of the Museum .

Tom & Heather Pyle

POOL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Summer will soon be upon us again - the Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool will be opening on Friday 19th November 2021 at 3.00pm.

The Pool Committee are again looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen. The canteen is open 3 hours a day from 3.00pm to 6.00pm each day the pool is open. If you are interested in helping out once a month, twice a month or whatever is convenient to you, could you please text a message to **0448520815 and leave your name and phone number**. Any help is greatly appreciated and we thank all who have helped in the past - the canteen would not be opened without these volunteers. Berrigan War memorial Swimming Pool Committee.

GENTLE EXERCISES BACK ON TRACK

Gentle Exercises is back on track and have resumed in the CWA Rooms in Chanter Street. All ages welcome. A small fee of $1.00 is requested and for any more information, please contact Beth on 03 5885 2797. B Trewarne

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Greeting from the Shedders

October has proved to be similar to September with cool weather and the odd passing shower thus further improving prospects for all those associated with agricultural pursuits and a good chance of another bumper year. I have even seen a few bays of rice being planted given the good water allocations finally for farmers on the Murray River.

COVID is still proving a challenge for both sides of the border and NSW has released its ROADMAP out of lockdown having achieved 70% double dose for the state and heading for 80% double dose by the 1st November. Victoria is aiming to achieve these milestones before the end of November as well. Shedding activities have been continuing and ensuring members follow our current COVID plan to use masks, QR codes and social distancing when required.

Some of our more relaxed members have been returning in October from their winter hideouts in sunny Queensland and the remaining shedders have christened our refurbished iron sheet roller and manufacture of garden beds is the top priority given we have order for at least 7 more beds. This unprecedented demand is good for both activity and income for the shed. Please call-in or contact the secretary Myles Humphries if you would like to have a garden bed for SUMMER. People requiring a First Aid ticket or refresher are welcome to express their interest in an upcoming course by contacting the Men's Shed secretary Myles Humphries on 0419 522 740 . We already have interest and I will advise those people upon receipt of Grant Funding from Mens Shed H/Q. There will be a charge that will be advertised at a later date.

Until next time happy Shedding. Myles Humphries, Secretary, Berrigan Men's Shed Inc.

BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM

9AM TO 11 AM Wednesdays

or by appointment

Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday of the Month

Berrigan A & H Society Inc

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BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

Library Activities

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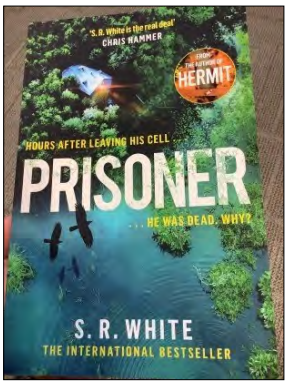

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PAT ON THE BACK

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CANDIDATES ENCOURAGED TO GET A HEAD START
New online nominations system for local council elections.

Prospective candidates for the 2021 NSW Local Government elections can start their nomination applications now. Nominations are the process by which candidates can have their name included on ballot papers. They can be lodged online from Monday, 25 October 2021 and close at 12 noon on Wednesday, 3 November 2021.

NSW Electoral Commissioner John Schmidt said nominations can now be made entirely online for the first time at local council elections via the Commission's Nominations Online Management System (NOMS). At previous Local Government elections, submitting nominations was a purely paper-based process.

"I encourage anyone planning to nominate to get started on their nomination today. The system is open and we have information on our website to help prospective candidates through every step of the process," he said. "Candidates can get their applications ready online now so when nominations officially open Monday, 25 October, all they'll need to do is press submit." Candidates may be nominated by either a registered political party or two electors.

Candidates and groups can only accept political donations or make payments for electoral expenditure before 4 November 2021 if they have already registered (not just lodged their nomination) with the Electoral Commission

Access to the Nominations Online Management System and hard copy forms are available from **elections.nsw.gov.au** or by calling the candidate helpdesk on **1300 022 011**. Information about nominations is available in the NSW Electoral Commission's Candidate Handbook. Late nominations cannot be accepted. Lodgement of paper nominations forms may be made at returning offices. Opening hours for these offices are available on our website.

Cameron Whalan, Media & Campaigns Advisor

Berrigan Lights Up
Christmas Lights Registration Form

To be eligible for the Berrigan Lights Up Christmas Lights prizes please register online at

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Follow the prompts to register your house or business.

Entries close 26th November 2021.

A list of addresses will be published in the December Berrigan News.

Judging Night is Wednesday 15th December

Voting for the People's Choice will be via the BerriganNSW facebook page.

More details in the December Berrigan News.

Winners announced at the Dawmac Community Breakfast 18th December 2021.

If you are unable to register online, please drop into the Berrigan Bookshop and see Cristina.

FRIDAY STREET STALL

5th Nov - Berigan RSL Sub Branch
12th Nov - Riverina Red Neck Rally
19th Nov - Amaroo Aux
26th Nov - Berrigan CWA

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