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RENOVATIONS AT ST COLUMBA CHURCH

It's been over 54 years since the "new" St Columba Church was consecrated by Bishop Henschke in Corcoran St on 19 July 1967. For the first 25 years, the church was used exclusively by the Catholic community. Since the mid 1990's, St Columba's has become Berrigan's unofficial community ecumenical church. In many ways Fr John McGrath's invitation to other denominations to use St Columba's has been a unifier of all peoples of faith. Our Berrigan forefathers would be proud to see the Christian collaboration which has resulted from this. Although it will always be referred to as the new church, it had in recent years become quite dated and needed significant upgrades to modernise to todays standards. The cessation of church services gave the Parish an opportunity to refurbish St Columba's without impacting on the celebration of weekly mass. It has been a challenging 2 years for the community and the upgrade, together with the return to face to face weekly masses has been a welcome and important symbol of our connection, faith and resilience. Special thanks and gratitude goes to Michael Monteith, the quiet achiever, for his time, generosity, knowledge and skills. He has been of tremendous support to Fr Rick Micalif and we could not have achieved the improvements and welcome changes without him.

M Whelan & K Bush

BERRIGAN SHOWGIRL

Although Berrigan Show was cancelled, Ms Chantelle Gorman, 23, fourth generation farmer will be representing Berrigan Show at the Zone 7 Final of the Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman competition to be hosted by Ungarie Show Society in February 2022. Chantelle is looking forward to both the personal and professional development from the Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman program, as well as the networking opportunity it presents to meet like-minded young women. L Horne

Left - Berrigan Showgirl Chantelle Gorman
Right - Sponsors Bruce & Beth Rendell with Berrigan Showgirl Chantelle Gorman

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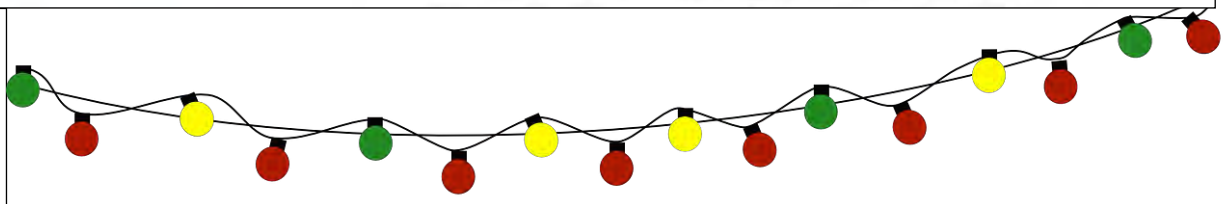

MESSAGE FROM THE BDDA PRESIDENT

Christmas 2021 Challenge - What is the challenge you ask.

Simple – Everyone in Berrigan, young and old, is being asked to buy at least one Christmas gift from a Berrigan store. Berrigan is blessed with many great and unique shops that offer a wonderful array of product choice.

We are asking people to support local – get off their backsides and actually physically visit a shop with the purpose of buying a Christmas gift. Your choices – No 42, The Nook, Blue Highways, Popz of Colour, Berrigan Bookshop, Berrigan Pharmacy, Red Cross, Avalook, Dawmac and Berrigan Mens' Shed.

If you are stuck after visiting these wonderful businesses you can always purchase a Gift Voucher at Evan's Butchery, Berrigan Bakehouse, Berrigan Takeaway, Federal Hotel, Royal Hotel and soon to open Carter & Co.

Have an enjoyable shopping experience in your own Community. Supporting local businesses will enlighten you to the spectacular range of products that the village of Berrigan currently offers.

Have and wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy 2022! John Lane.

UNITING CHURCH Christmas Eve Carol Service
24 December at 8pm, followed by Coffee and Cake.
All Welcome to attend.

ENROLLED RESIDENTS OF NSW SHOULD 'BE VOTE READY'

Voting at 2021 NSW Local Government elections begins shortly. Voting in person is set to open across NSW and voters are encouraged to take advantage of early voting options ahead of the local council elections on Saturday 4 December 2021. John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner said applications for postal voting were already open and in-person voting would begin from Monday 22 November.

"Voters can plan when, where and how they'll vote using information available on the NSW Electoral Commission website at **elections.nsw.gov.au**, he said. "Whether it's their nearest polling place, candidate information or options for voting early, NSW voters can find everything they need to know at our website with a quick search of their enrolled address." Mr Schmidt said that for the first time all voters are eligible to vote in person during the early voting (pre-poll) period and that in another first, iVote internet and telephone voting would be available at local government elections for electors meeting strict eligibility criteria. "We know COVID-19 has been driving people to consider their voting options. Voter safety is paramount, as is ensuring every eligible voter in NSW has a chance to have their voice heard. All polling places will be run in line with COVID-safe election guidelines including mask wearing and physical distancing. Voters can bring their own pens and must check in using the Service NSW QR codes, and follow any NSW Health advice."

Applications for postal voting close at 5pm, Monday 29 November and postal ballot papers must be returned by 6pm, Friday 17 December. Early voting centres will operate in each local government area from Monday 22 November until Friday 3 December. Voters are reminded absentee voting is not available at local government elections, and they must vote in their local government area or ward. Mr Schmidt said voting is compulsory for all enrolled electors and there are penalties for not voting. "I encourage all voters to 'be vote ready' and consider their options ahead of December 4," he said.

For more information, call 1300 135 736 or go to elections.nsw.gov.au.
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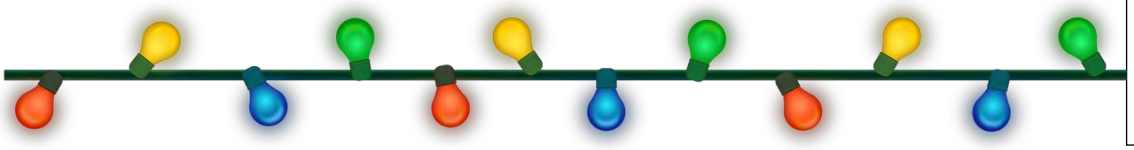
BERRIGAN LIGHTS UP

Registrations have been slow for the BDDA Berrigan Lights Up Christmas Lights Competition, so we have decided to drop the requirement for registration. Our poor judge will just have to wander around and hope that they manage to get to every house that choses to light up. Remember, judging night is Wednesday 15th December, with the winners announced at the Dawmac Community Breakfast on Saturday 18th December 2021. As there is no registration of houses, we will not be able to do the People's Choice Award. Maybe next year! CVB



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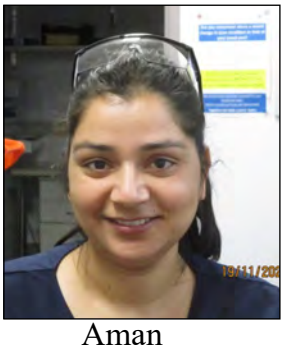
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MPS (HOSPITAL) STAFF UPDATE

There have been a number of changes to hospital staff over the last 12 months, so I thought I might introduce them to you over the next few months.
This month I am focusing on Aman and Nik.

Nik

I caught Aman and Nik working together with Lovely several weeks ago. Aman comes from India where she trained in North India and obtained her Batchelor of Nursing. She then came to Australia and was in Melbourne at the Latrobe University where she completed her Master's Degree in Aged Care. Aman then worked in the Gosford/Woy Woy area in an Aged Care facility. Aman arrived in Berrigan around August and lives here with her husband and 9 month old daughter and is a Registered Nurse at our facility. Her husband hopes to also be working in our facility in the near future.
Nik, who also hails from India, also did his Batchelor of Nursing in India and after 4 years worked in Oman as a registered Nurse for 2 years. Nik then moved to New Zealand where he qualified in Level 4 in Disabilities and then worked for Bupa Health Fund for several years. He then spent three years back in India before coming out to Australia and working at Finley for 12 months in Aged Care.
In June he came to us here in Berrigan and is currently an Assistant in Nursing at our hospital. Nik lives in Finley with his wife and 2 month old baby daughter. Niks' wife is a Practice Nurse in Finley.
Aman and Nik are both great assets to our hospital.

COVID 19

Well, things have certainly changed with the Covid restrictions over the last month. Vaccination levels in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District are high with the rates as of 19 November being 1st dose 16 years of age and over standing at 97.8% and 2nd dose 16 years and over at 93%, 12 to 15 years 1st dose 83.2% and 12 to 15 years 2nd dose 69.9%. These are great results and a big thank you all those that have had their vaccinations to help keep us all safe.
Even though our vaccination rates have been great it is still important to follow the health advice, keep washing your hands, wearing masks when required and using the QR check in as required. It is also important that if you have any of the advertised symptoms of Covid 19 please arrange to have a Covid test. This can be done at the Madill Centre or you can contact Murrumbidgee Health District on the Covid Hotline on 1800 831 099.

COVID BOOSTER VACCINATIONS:

Covid booster vaccinations will be available shortly for those that had their 2nd vaccination 6 months ago. It may pay to contact the Madill Centre and make an enquiry or appointment to receive your booster. The Madill Centre will be able to advise you which vaccine you will be receiving as a booster. Cont Page 5

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LHAC RECRUITMENT - Applications have opened for the 2022 intake of volunteers to join the Local Health Advisory Committees across the Murrumbidgee District. LHAC members come from all walks of life and have varying interests, but what unites them is that they are strong and vocal advocates who have their community's best interest at heart. Their opinions, concerns and ideas about what matters most to local people contributes enormously to health service planning and sustainability. LHAC members share a desire to ensure successful and sustained health services that will meet the future needs of people in their region.

"It's really important that LHAC volunteers have a wide and varied range of interest that they bring to the table," said MLHD Community Engagement Manager Setchen Brimson. "We are particularly looking for people who are well connected in their local area and can speak with people from all different backgrounds to get a real sense of what's going on in their community, and where the needs and gaps are. What's most important is that LHAC members can give consumers in their region a voice that is heard, and they can play a pivotal role in informing health providers in making changes to future services."

There are 33 LHAC across the Murrumbidgee region, stretching from the Snowy Mountains in the east to the plains of Hillston in the northwest and all the way along the Victorian border. Each LHAC plays a role in helping to inform decisions that are made in primary and acute care by advocating for health consumers in their area.

LHAC members meet once monthly and consist of around seven community members, a clinical representative and a staff representative from MLHD. The committees are supported by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) and the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) and are provided with funding opportunities to work on projects which align to the strategic direction of both organisations.

LHACs work with the MPHN in areas such as understanding the primary care needs of people in their region. They participate in health needs analysis, community led planning, conversations on the couch and other co-design opportunities to ensure that community interested and concerns are taken into consideration when planning to provide service delivery.

Your local LHAC would like to wish all residents of Berrigan a very Happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Till next year be safe.

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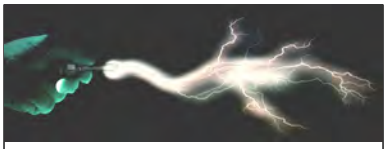

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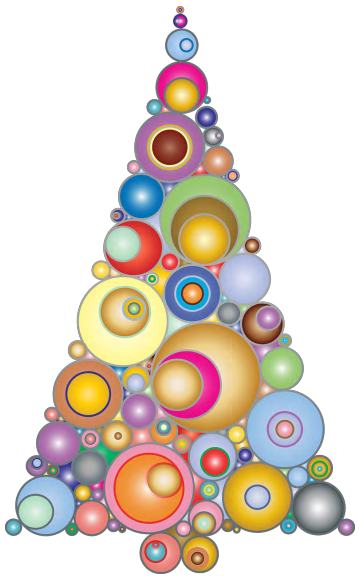
Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy New Year



LEY WELCOMES LOCAL APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP ON WATER MARKET REFORM

Farrer MP Sussan Ley has welcomed the appointment of Jenny McLeod, a Finley farmer and Manager of Policy & Communication with Coleambally Irrigation, to the new Advisory Group on water markets in the Murray–Darling Basin.

Mrs McLeod (pictured) has been included in a group of technical experts, water market users and stakeholders set to play a key role in developing reforms to improve the structure, governance and operation of water markets in the Basin.

Ms Ley said her irrigation communities clearly want a market which operates more effectively and efficiently, and certainly doesn't burden them with unnecessary costs.

"By selecting representatives from across the Basin I am confident our government can deliver pragmatic and sensible reform which will benefit everyone, not just a select few."

Mrs McLeod said she was looking forward to making a positive contribution to developing a reform road map, noting it is important this work results in practical and cost-effective solutions to improve the operation and transparency of the water markets."

"I hope to bring to the Panel knowledge and experience from an irrigation infrastructure operator's perspective, as well as from a family irrigation farm which interacts with the water market."

The Advisory Group includes…

- Jenny McLeod – Manager Policy and Communication, Coleambally Irrigation Cooperative Ltd
- Richard Anderson – Farmer, former Victorian Farmers Federation Water Council Chair
- Stuart Armitage – Farmer, former Queensland Farmers Federation President
- Rosalie Auricht – General Manager, Renmark Irrigation Trust
- Phil Grahame – General Manager, Ruralco Water
- Dr Andrew Stoeckel – Chief Economist at Centre for Regional Economic Development (NSW)
- Dave Appels – Economist at Frontier Economics

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• Dr Peter Hendy – Chief Executive Officer at Peter Hendy Consulting

The roadmap will inform the Australian Government response to the Australian Competition Consumer Commission's final inquiry report on Murray–Darling Basin water markets released in March 2021. For more information about the Advisory Group and our water market reform visit the department's website https://www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/markets/reform S Block Office Sussan Ley Federal Member for Farrer Minister for the Environment

EIGHT GOOD REASONS FOR CHANGE

We as citizens of this great nation have one fundamental duty - that we must be part of our democracy by voting for our peers who have thrown their hats into the ring to act as our representatives.

The last few years have been challenging to all of us, Covid 19 has done more than just create a medical nightmare. In the case of our local government elections, it has delayed our rights of selecting our Berrigan Shire councillors for well over a year. Even more disturbing is the simple truth that we have been restricted to come together as a community to discuss and debate matters with past councillors and more importantly, meeting the new candidates running.

One or two limited gathers prior to 4 December do little compared to having a good town hall meeting. While everyone has the right to stand for local government, not all previously elected councillors should, particularly based on their past performances of community representation. This is our opportunity to achieve two important milestones; first being the possibility of electing eight completely new councillors and secondly; the potential of four or more representatives being women, something that is well overdue. Berrigan township has the opportunity of getting behind Renee Paine and making a difference. She is someone who has made an effort to communicate and discuss issues concerning all of us. I can say that she sees the strength in all the great people in our Shire and would make it her business in working with the individual towns and all the businesses and farms in between. Personally, I believe three of the five previous councillors that assume that they have done such a great job in the past should be ashamed of themselves for running again.

One issue that I have heard time and time again is that people are fearful of expressing their true opinions because of the negative ramifications in doing so. No community member should be afraid of anyone working within Berrigan Shire Council or those elected to represent the community. From poor community consultation, dismissive behaviour, little to no design criteria before money is outlaid on infrastructure and no process for community critique in evaluating if projects and money spent were done constructively, things need to change and hopefully eight new councillors will have greater interest in doing so. Dramas in recent times such as that of the Finley Hall, the Tocumwal Foreshore development and the Berrigan Swimming Pool have created conflict between and with the constituents that should have been avoided by conducting proper consultation prior to decisions being made that ultimately excluded the community.

With the recent selection and employment of our new Berrigan Shire Council CEO, who has the monumental task of sorting out what she has inherited, while it will be a challenge to have eight new councillors, it would be far more beneficial to have a clean slate. Vote wisely. Vote for people who are running for the right reasons – proactively represent the community and not perpetuate bad habits of a bygone era. Sergio Redgalli

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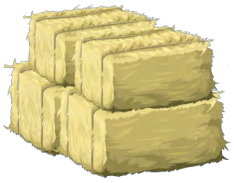

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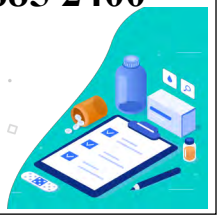

Scams Awareness Week was from 8 – 12 November. According to the Scamwatch website (scamwatch.gov.au) in 2020 Australians made more than 216,000 reports to Scamwatch and reported losses of around $178 million. By the end of September this year, Australians had lost even more: Scamwatch received more than 226,000 reports with reported losses of over $222 million.

As alarming as these numbers are, we know that around one third of people who are scammed never tell anyone, so the true numbers are probably much higher. Scamwatch give some hints and tips as to how to protect yourself: Be alert to the fact that scams exist. When dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in person or on a social networking site, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Know who you're dealing with. If you've only ever met someone online or are unsure of the legitimacy of a business, take some time to do a bit more research. Do a Google image search on photos or search the internet for others who may have had dealings with them. If a message or email comes from a friend and it seems unusual or out of character for them, contact your friend directly to check that it was really them that sent it.

Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on links or attachments in emails – delete them: If unsure, verify the identity of the contact through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. Don't use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.

Don't respond to phone calls about your computer asking for remote access – hang up – even if they mention a well-known company such as Telstra. Scammers will often ask you to turn on your computer to fix a problem or install a free upgrade, which is actually a virus which will give them your passwords and personal details.

Keep your personal details secure. Put a lock on your mailbox and shred your bills and other important documents before throwing them out. Keep your passwords and pin numbers in a safe place. Be very careful about how much personal information you share on social media sites. Scammers can use your information and pictures to create a fake identity or to target you with a scam.

Keep your mobile devices and computers secure. Always use password protection, don’t share access with others (including remotely), update security software and back up content. Protect your WiFi network with a password and avoid using public computers or WiFi hotspots to access online banking or provide personal information.

Choose your passwords carefully. Choose passwords that would be difficult for others to guess and update them regularly. A strong password should include a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols. Don’t use the same password for every account/profile, and don’t share your passwords with anyone.

Review your privacy and security settings on social media.

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From Page 8...If you use social networking sites, such as Facebook, be careful who you connect with. If you recognise suspicious behaviour, click on spam or have been scammed online, take steps to secure your account and be sure to report it. Beware of any requests for your details or money. Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust. Don't agree to transfer money or goods for someone else: money laundering is a criminal offence.

Be wary of unusual payment requests. Scammers will often ask you to use an unusual payment method, including preloaded debit cards, gift cards, iTunes cards or virtual currency such as Bitcoin.

Be careful when shopping online. Beware of offers that seem too good to be true, and always use an online shopping service that you know and trust. Think twice before using virtual currencies (like Bitcoin) - they do not have the same protections as other transaction methods, which means you can't get your money back once you send it.

If you have been scammed, you are not alone, head to the ACCC Scamwatch page to see what your next step should be – don't hesitate: https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help. S Escott Virtual Essentials

AUSTRALIAN MENS SHED ASSOCIATION

Greeting from the Shedders

XMAS is upon us once again, with the stealth of a Melbourne lockdown. There is a LA NINA alert current for cool and wetter weather that is proving to be close to the weather mark. The wetter weather is proving to be a challenge for farmers with winter wheat, barley, chick peas and canola to deliver from paddock to storage. On a brighter note irrigation water allocations jumped up to 100%, for the first time since 2017. The outlook for the upcoming summer cropping season looks bright.

COVID continues with NSW reaching 90% double dose and our Victorian friends approaching 85% with border restriction being eased substantially and travel within both states being eased. Shedding activities have been continuing and ensuring members follow our current COVID plan to use masks, QR codes and social distancing when required.

Metal work and Wood work activities continue unabated with raised garden beds proving our most popular item being manufactured. The front window of the shed (Big Store) has an array of used furniture for sale so please come and browse and make an offer. Local delivery in Berrigan township can be arranged free of charge. 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 to attend the course that will be advertised at a later date. Until next time Happy Shedding.

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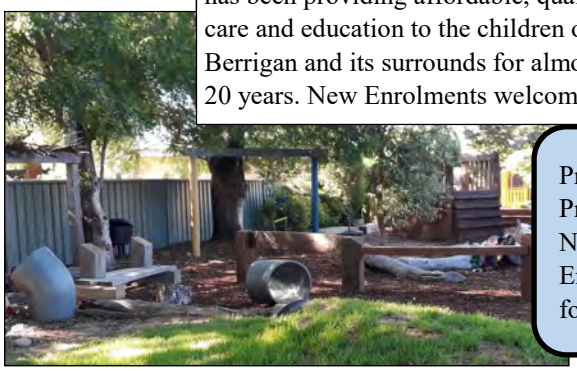

Preschool Program Now Taking Enrolments for 2022

BERRIGAN SHOW WHEAT COMPETITION

At the end of October, Berrigan Show judged its annual ASC Dryland Field Wheat Competition, with its presentation night Sunday 7 November.

John Lacy, based in Finley, judged seven dryland wheat crops which have had another good cool finish season like 2020 and were estimated to yield 2.8 tonnes to 5.8 tonnes per hectare, lower than last year.

Although Berrigan's entry didn't make into the Regional Final, it was a great learning day with all the crops having some 4 grains wide rows within the heads, with one crop having a few rows 5 wide.

The crops were excellent according to John.

The winning crop Scepter grown by Andrew Hawkins of Momala Farms with an estimated yield of 5.8 tonnes, with equal second place crop Scepter grown by Cam Swann of Swann Farming with an estimated yield of 5.7 tonnes and equal second place crop Scepter grown by Keith Philips of Barimbah Nominees with an estimated yield of 5.5 tonnes.

This year, Berrigan Show introduced a new award "Farming Excellence Award" for Best Farm Management with Simon Withers the winner.

John Lacy said "Simon's farm practice was an excellent example of mixed farming rotation."

Other participates were Nick & Bruce Atkinson, Mark Ryan and Chris & Doug Cameron.

John Lacy was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued contributions since the 1970's by Neville Dalgliesh Berrigan Show President.

Berrigan Show Society would like to thank our judge John Lacy and Bruce Rendell our Crop Competition Steward as well as the state sponsors of the wheat competition, Suncorp, Lowes Petroleum Service, The Land and Stoller Australia.

Our next meeting will be our AGM and held on Monday 14th February 2022, and with the great news that COVID-19 restrictions have been eased for NSW Agricultural Shows, Berrigan Show can now plan to go ahead with a COVID Safe Show on Sunday 2nd October 2022. Colour photos on page 20.

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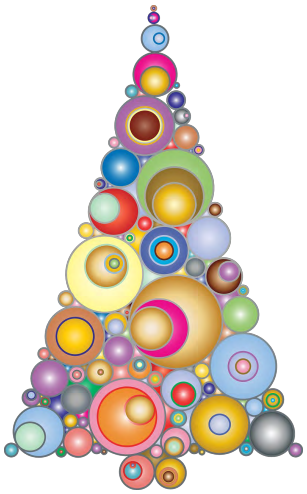

Berrigan

Market Night 2021

Friday 3rd December

Main Street Closed from 5pm - Entertainment from 5.30pm

❄Red Cross Fashion Extravaganza❄
❄Live Entertainment: 3 Under Par❄
❄Food Stalls❄Show Bags❄
❄Spinning Wheel & Raffles❄Market Stalls❄
❄Jumping Castle❄

& Christmas Carols

from 8:30pm

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Berrigan Market Night

Friday 3 December 2021 - 5 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 4 December 2021 - 9 am to 1 pm

Men's Shed (Big Store) Chanter St Berrigan

Contact: Lyndall Horne 0438 852610
Marion Dickins 0438 286813

Berrigan Lights Up Christmas Lights

Judging Night Wednesday 15th December 2021

Best Lights House
1st - 2nd - 3rd

Best Decorated House
1st - 2nd - 3rd

Best Business Christmas Display

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

MARY RYAN – A VERY SPECIAL LADY - LAID TO REST

Exactly one month short of her 90th birthday, Mary Ryan said "I want to go to GOD" – and so she did – peacefully at 2am on 8th of November 2021, at the Berrigan Hospital /Aged care, with her daughter Anne Knott and daughter-in-law Shirley Kelson by her side.

Mary Philomena Ryan - Nee McDonald - was born in Berrigan on the 8th of December 1931. Her parents Roddy and Eileen McDonald lived on the farm property known as "The Glen" about 5 miles (8 Kms) out on the Jerilderie Road. The McDonald family were one of the early settlers in the Berrigan district, around 1870's, where Mary's grandfather Duncan McDonald purchased 'Gena Park', Casey's Rd - Berrigan, then later the family moved to "The Glen" where they grew up. Mary's uncle Andy owned 'Glen Moidart' across the road – both these properties are now owned by the Walliss family.

Mary had two sisters Joan who married Jonny Barnes and Clare who married Mo Harvey. She also had four brothers - John better known as "Black Mac", Brian, Patrick and Duncan. Tragically, Patrick and Duncan drowned on the farm when they were 4 1/2 and 3 years old, when Mary was about 10 years old.

Mary enjoyed her growing up years on the family farm. Life was of course very different back then. As a young girl she attended school at St Columba's Catholic School - Berrigan. Her big brother John was responsible for getting them into town to school in a horse and Gig. One of Mary's fond memories she shared with us was, how John saved them from a terrible hail storm on their way home one day, by having them shelter in a large culvert until the storm passed.

Mary married Pat Ryan in the early 1950's and moved a couple of miles down the road to "Victoria Park" – they were blessed with seven children; Garry, Gerard (Scoof), Trish, Andrew (Smiley), Anne, Eileen and Tim. There is only 10 years between oldest and the youngest. One could imagine how difficult it may have been bringing up 7 children under the age of 10, without the modern conveniences we have today. But, as we all know Mary, she was a strong woman – She loved and cared for family and put her family first.

Her beautiful family fondly recalls what an excellent cook she was, especially her roast dinners, sponges and scones. She never complained when the boys turned up (unannounced) on a Sunday afternoon with a few mates for lunch – "there was roast for all - that was our mum, Mary". After Pat passed away in 1998 the remaining farm block was sold to son Smiley Ryan, and Mary moved to Drummond Street house next to her sister Clare where she lived for around 20 years.

Mary moved to Berrigan Aged care just about 2 years ago – Where I had the privilege to get to know this lovely lady and her beautiful family – and share a (very small) part of her life.

Mary was very kind and caring and kept in touch with people who were dear to her heart. From her little room at the Berrigan Aged care, she knew what was happening in the outside world – not just in Berrigan but in the world. she kept her mind active and always kept her wits about. She loved to dress well – her favorite color was Red (and black) – and we all knew she would never miss a game of footy with Essendon!

She was adorable and loved by her family – Mary is survived by her loving sister Clare, her seven children, thirteen adorable grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her beautiful family and friends.

Mary's family greatly appreciated the care given to her by the staff of Berrigan Hospital – nursing and the hotel service staff who were very special to her.

With tear filled eyes and hearts full of sadness, family and friends travelled from far and wide to farewell Mary Ryan on Monday the 15th of November 2021 at the St Columba's Church – Berrigan.

A fitting farewell for a beautiful lady – with a church full of people - Mary would know, how special she was to her family and friends of Berrigan and surrounds. Our gorgeous Mary – Rest in Peace – We ALL love you and miss you – and we will hold you in our Hearts forever!

"GOD looked around his garden, and found an empty place – He then looked down upon the Earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you - And lifted you to Rest - GOD's Garden must be beautiful – Because, He always took the BEST" – and that was YOU – Our beautiful Mary Ryan!

"Happy 90th Birthday in Heaven" – 8th December 2021. *Tribute written by Angela Peris*

A Mother's Love

Mothers are special gift,
Sent down from God above.
To share a bit of heaven
With all their tender love

You see, she works not for herself,
But for her family's care
So lovingly she carries,
This burden she must bear.

So many times her labors go,
Unseen by other's eyes,
We do not know of all the prayers
Or many tears she cries

Yet, through the joy and through the pain
From day to day she gives
To see her family happy
Is the reason that she lives

So now we thank you Mother - Mary
We know we can't repay
For all that you have given
Each and every day to all of us

Dedicated to Mary Ryan – with Love from daughter Anne

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

GOLF NEWS GOLF COMP TIMES
FRIDAYS: 2:30pm for 3pm Tee Off
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

Berrigan Community Golf and Bowling Club
Christmas Roast Lunch and Raffle Day
December 12th from 12 pm.
Live Music from 2pm. Bookings essential.
Contact the Club on 0358 852229

Congratulations to Val Jeffress
Awarded life membership
for her dedication to the
Community Club for 38 years

Val Jeffress and Gary Seamer at the Club

COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS!
THURSDAY NIGHTS:
Club Super Draw Jackpots $2800 every week.
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

Berrigan Community Bowls Club welcomes two new members this season - Rob Paganoni and Stephen Gann. New members are always welcome at Berrigan. The club singles championships have been run and won. Paul Glanvill has made it five championships in six years defeating Rick Bradbury in the men's final. In the ladies' final it was Rachel Head who defeated Kura Goldsmith to win her fourth singles championship in a row.
The Jack McGrillen Open 2-bowl triples tournament was held on 31 October with a full complement of 28 teams. The tournament honours the late Jack McGrillen - a club stalwart and we were pleased to have Jack's two sons present on the day. Well done to Kev Keane and his team from Deniliquin who won on the day.
The Pennant bowls season is continuing - when the rain permits - and all four pennant teams are travelling well to date. The harvest period will test the club's depth. Berrigan was chosen to host the Murray Bowls State Mixed Pairs championships in November, which was an honour. M Hansen

Photo L - Rick Bradbury and Paul Glanvill

Photo R - Rachel Head and Kura Goldsmith

Photo 3 - Kev Keane and team from Deniliquin Bowls Club with Darren McGrillen

Our great community facilities are great value for any function – 21sts, 18ths, any age birthdays, engagements… and much more. For all enquiries regarding catering, room hire, golf, bowls and all social happenings at our Community Club Phone 03 5885 2229 Or email berrigangolfandbowl@outlook.com
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2021 BERRIGAN SHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The NSW local council elections will be held on **Saturday, 4 December2021**.
You must vote in your council area.
Find out all you need to know about the elections at **www.elections.nsw.gov.au.**
GPO Box 832 Sydney 2001

Voting is from 8am to 6pm.

Where to Vote -
Barooga Public School, Hay Street Barooga
Berrigan Public School, Momalong St Berrigan
Finley High School, Tocumwal Street, Finley
Pre Polling at Tocumwal Library
22 Nov to 3 Dec 2021 9am -5pm

EXAMPLE ONLY To Show Candidate Names
Note: This Council is undivided. There are no wards.
Number of Councilors to be elected: 8
Candidates are displayed in ballot paper order -

TAYLOR, John	(from FINLEY)
PAINE, Renee	(from BERRIGAN)
MORRIS, Daryll	(from FINLEY)
REYNOLDSON, Roger	(from BERRIGAN)
MARRIOTT, Carly from	(BOOMANOOMANA)
HATTY, Edward (Ted)	(from TOCUMWAL)
ALLAN, Clare	(from TOCUMWAL)
MCNAUGHT, Sarah	(from FINLEY)
BODEY, Ross	(from TOCUMWAL)
HANNAN, Matthew	(from FINLEY)
CORNWELL MCKEAN, Julia	(from BAROOGA)
BONAT, Mandy	(from TOCUMWAL)
FRY, Marcus	(from BAROOGA)

VOTE 1 MATT HANNAN

We live in one of the best parts of Australia. Our communities, our environment and our infrastructure make the Berrigan Shire the perfect place to raise a family, invest in business and retire to a life of leisure. For the past 5 years I have had the privilege to be the Mayor of our Shire, which has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I have worked with the community, the Council, local, state and federal groups and agencies to ensure great outcomes for us all.

Unlike many other rural Shires, we have seen consistent and sustainable growth over the last 15 years. Our infrastructure projects and community amenities have seen significant improvements and, as a result, we have experienced an increase in people visiting and moving to our Shire.

It is my passion and deep commitment to a thriving future for our Shire that drives me to stand for election. I bring strong leadership, stability and well-formed networks to ensure we continue on a path of success, through advocacy and action. Attracting industry to our area is a top priority and something we need to continue to push for. Promoting our Shire, targeting industries and enterprises, identifying suitable land, and removing red tape are all ways that we can achieve this.

Our biggest industry, agriculture, needs continued support and this is where advocacy plays a big role. We are all too familiar with the impacts of decreased water in our region and this needs to be a continued focus so that our area can thrive. Last year a group of runners joined me on the 24km trek from Finley to Berrigan to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and well-being in our Shire. The effects of sustained drought, Covid 19 and border closures along with the pressures of daily life are being felt deeply across our community. This is another priority area for our Shire and I will advocate strongly for continued services around mental health and physical well-being, particularly for our youth. I will push for a dedicated youth mental health worker for our area and continue to find ways to advance the well-being of each and every member of our community.

The Berrigan Shire is looking toward a very bright future. As part of our next chapter, I can offer strong and stable leadership along with a commitment to listen and turn words in to action. I will always fight for our fair share and, with your support, continue to put Berrigan Shire front and centre.

Authorised by Matthew Hannan, 123 Denison Street Finley NSW

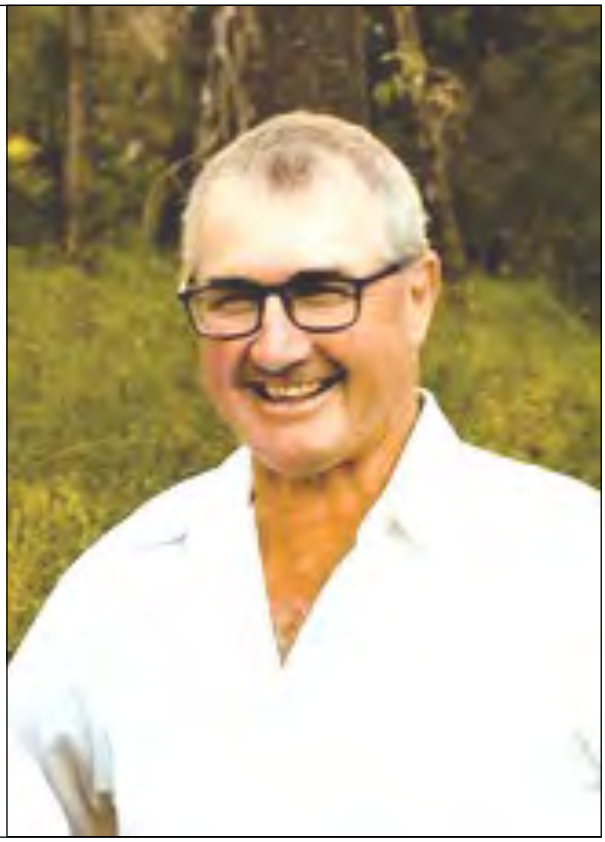
Hello, my name is Daryll Morris and I have been a councilor for the Berrigan Shire for the last 9 years, including 5 years as Deputy Mayor. I'm a local and I love our region.

I want you to vote for me on December 4, simply because I care about what happens in our great shire.
The Berrigan Shire is fast becoming the place to live.
We already know this, but what I want to do is to make our shire THE BEST place to live, THE BEST place to work and THE BEST destination for tourists to stop and stay for a while.

It isn't chance that our shire is growing, it is due to the hard work that we have done over the recent years.
We are fast becoming the destination that people want to come to.

I am available to listen and talk to members of our communities and will let your voice be heard at council level .

Written, and authorised by Daryll Morris 148 McNairs Road Finley



VOTE 1 MANDY BONAT

My name is Mandy Bonat and I have nominated to be your representative on the Berrigan Shire for the next three (3) years. My only agenda is to improve the well being of every member of our community at every opportunity. I was born and raised in Berrigan. I now live in Tocumwal, where I raise my family. This is my Shire, I am proud to be part of it, and I am willing and able to work and improve it. I am a strong advocate for common sense, I am not a follower….. and I will be available to listen to your concerns.

Mobile: 0456666446

COMMUNICATION – CHOICE – CHANGE

Written and authorized by Mandy Bonat, 12 Nugget Fuller Drive Tocumwal NSW 2714

1st Term as a Berrigan Councillor

My 3 ½ years as a councillor wasn't short of firsts. Life and council has been very much a roller coaster ride, for everybody. COVID 19 made sure of this. Moving into the future I look forward to returning to face to face meetings, as opposed to Zoom. Being in the same room as my fellow councillors, I believe allows for better communication and outcomes.

Throughout this term, the councillors have worked constructively together. There were differences of opinion, which is to be expected. But all views were acknowledged and respected. We achieved, I believe, a balanced outcome for all towns, leaving the shire in an enviable position of financial security.

One of the biggest challenges of being a councillor is learning how to navigate state and local government red tape. It is productivity sapping, very labour intensive and expensive, for council to comply and meet audit requirements. With my experience over the past term, I am well placed to handle these challenges in the future and seek the best results possible for our communities.

There have been a lot of rewards as a councillor, especially what council has been able to achieve in Berrigan. We have managed to improve amenities and make Berrigan Shire towns more liveable.

This term alone we have achieved the following for the Berrigan community:

* A new swimming pool complex
* A new playground and rebuild of Apex Park
* A new machinery shed for Community Club equipment
* New netball courts and lighting
* Installed a new generator at Berrigan Aged Care
* Renewed lighting for the football oval
* Signage and landscaping of the entrances to Berrigan on the Finley Rd and Albury Rd
* Internal repainting of the change rooms and clubrooms at the showgrounds
* A new tractor and slasher to be used by the Showgrounds, Tidy Towns and Community Club organisations
* An electronic scoreboard for the football oval
* The Hayes Park wayside stop revamp
* A facelift to the main street

Overall, I have found my first term to be a rewarding and interesting experience. I believe I have more to offer the Berrigan community and shire as a whole, so am renominating for the election on December 4th. I would appreciate your support and vote.

Authorised by Roger Reynoldson, 244 Reynoldson Rd Berrigan 2712

VOTE 1 RENEE PAINE

It is with great excitement that I announce that I am running for a position on the Berrigan Shire Council. My name is Renee Paine, I live in Berrigan and I look forward to representing our community and finally having a woman's voice on our Council.

I like to consider myself a local with a good knowledge of the area as I have lived in the Moira and then Berrigan Shire for most of my life and I have also worked in both regional areas.

I have experienced firsthand many different challenges that living in this beautiful, rural area entail and feel that I can with confidence represent our local people. I have worked in a diverse range of careers, in areas including food processing, residential care, farm and agricultural sales and real estate for example. I believe in respect toward others and including people of diversity and of different cultures. Growth of the Shire, not as individual towns but as one big community I feel is a top priority. I have been a passionate supporter of our Community in the following ways:

* I am the Junior Vice President of the Berrigan Show Committee.
* I am the Secretary of the Tocumwal Pony Club.
* I represent both these organizations at the Berrigan Sports Ground and Tocumwal Recreation Reserve.
* I was the Canteen co-ordinator and a member of the P&C Committee of the Berrigan Public School whilst my daughter attended there.
* I am the Secretary of a volunteer run national dog rescue organization.

The community has been my motivation to stand for the election this year. Working in and being part of various clubs and committees has allowed me to build relationships and friendships over the years with many people across all four towns. I have been involved in discussions about what has been and currently is, lacking across the entire Shire. With much support and encouragement from many around me who feel I am a passionate and outspoken person, I would like to help drive the Shire in a positive way forward.

I have a vision to support the infrastructure in our local Shire by way of attracting development opportunities in our area, which would stimulate more jobs and in turn attract more people to our region. I would support and act as a voice for our farmers, including by advocating for programs aimed at sustainable water access and to keep feral animal and noxious weed populations under control, to name a few issues I am passionate about. Additionally I would like to introduce a desexing program into the Shire to assist in keeping feral animal populations under control.

I am eager to represent our elderly community and our youth. Being a parent, I understand some of the challenges our children have living in rural communities, I would explore opportunities with support programs in our community for our children and our youth.

Your vote will enable me the opportunity to represent the people of the Berrigan Shire. With my local knowledge and experiences, I believe that I will be able to contribute to our community in a positive and progressive way.

With your support, I am looking forward to exploring new ventures and opportunities that our community will benefit from. It's time for a constructive shake-up and more diversity in our Council representatives. There needs to be more accountability, transparency and better over sight within the Council. I would like to give more of a voice to the constituents of the Berrigan Shire, so I am standing to be that advocate, to listen and action the request and needs of the community members who feel they have gone unheard.

Authorised by Renee Paine,
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2) – John Lacy Judge, Neville Dalgliesh Berrigan Show President, Equal 2nd placegetter Cam Swann Swann Farming, Bruce Rendell Berrigan Show

3) – John Lacy Judge, Neville Dalgliesh Berrigan Show President, Equal 2nd placegetter Keith Philips Barimbah Nominees

4) - Farming Excellence Award winner Simon Withers, John Lacy Judge and Bruce Rendell Berrigan Show

5) - Farming Excellence Award – John Lacy Judge, Neville Dalgliesh Berrigan Show President and winner Simon Withers

6) - John Lacy Judge with Neville Dalgliesh Berrigan Show President

7) – Bruce Rendell Berrigan Show, Chris Cameron and John Lacy Judge

8) – John Lacy Judge, Neville Dalgliesh and Bruce Rendell Berrigan Show and Nick Atkinson

9) – John Lacy Judge, Neville Dalgliesh and Bruce Rendell Berrigan Show and Mark Ryan

Berrigan Fire and Rescue at a training exercise

Helen Dalton on Narrandera Railtrack

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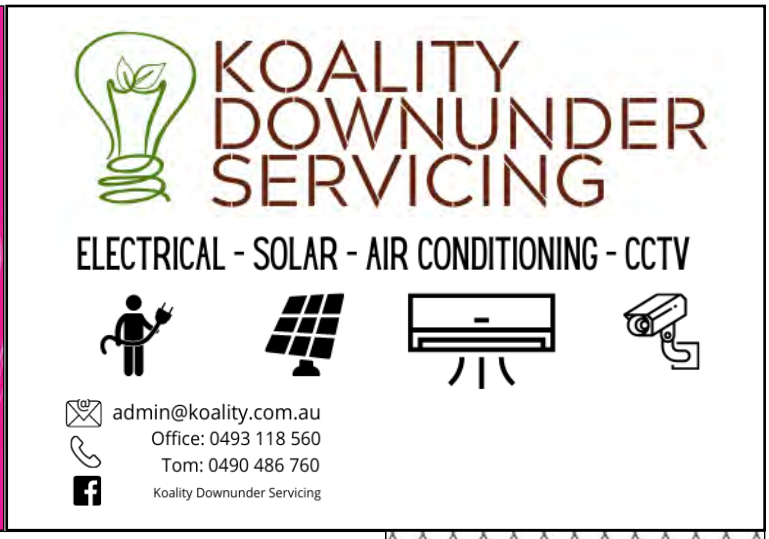

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BERRIGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Berrigan Community Garden would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support over the past twelve months.
We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and hope you are all able to catch up with your families. The garden will operate as normal over the holidays so feel free to pick the zucchini, butter squash, salad mix, broad beans and whatever else may be ready at the time, for a small donation. Big thank you to Murray Valley Rural Services for your donation to the Garden. Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. C Way

TALKING SHOP

Michelle would like to take the opportunity to thank this wonderful community for all their love and support over the past 12 months. She wishes you all the best and hopes that everyone has a lovely Christmas with Family and Friends. She hopes you can all see in the New Year with a bang and looks forward to seeing you in No 42 in 2022. Remember, she is just a phone call away! CVB

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween in Berrigan was a successful evening - There were lollies galore! Families came out with kids, wearing costumes and scary face painting! Berrigan families and local communities would like to give a big Thankyou to Paul in Drummond Street for a huge effort in creating a "House of Horrors" for everyone to see so they could enjoy all the characters that Halloween brings. Big thanks also to Renee Paine, all the houses and the shop owners on Chanter St for their participation. We now have a whole 12 months to think about tricks and treats we can do next year! Laney

OPENING DATE FOR BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL POOL 1st December 2021 3pm

See you there with your togs on!

SANTA'S REINDEER'S NAMES

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SECRET NARRANDERA TO TOCUMWAL RAIL REPORT NOW PUBLISHED ONLINE

NSW state MP for Murray has published an online version of a controversial regional rail study which had been hidden from the public since 2018.

"In 2017, before a by-election, the National Party promised re-activation of the Narrandera to Tocumwal rail line," Mrs Dalton said. "This crucial food bowl rail link has to potential to re-vitalise the region, helping farmers get their produce to port much quicker. The NSW Government spent $500,000 taxpayer on a feasibility report on re-opening the rail route, but after the by-election, Cootamundra Nationals MP Steph Cooke and her party abandoned the project and kept the report on re-opening the rail line secret."

"Narrandera Councillor Wes Hall called for the public release of the report. He was sacked as the Council's rail rep and later resigned from Council over the matter. I was determined to let the public see this secret report." Mrs Dalton said.

"My SFF colleague Mark Banasiak and I pushed for its release through an order of parliament, the NSW Government were so determined to keep the report secret, the NSW Parliament had to bring in an Independent Arbiter, the Hon Keith Mason QC, to decide the case. After a long fight, the arbiter finally ruled in our favour."

Mrs Dalton said a copy of the report is available on her website **www.helendalton.com.au**, under "latest news".

"While the report concludes the rail line isn't feasible, the study failed to consider the wider economic benefits of reviving the route. The Government got the conclusion they wanted from a lightweight analysis, but I believe private sector interests could use the information contained in this report to do a more comprehensive assessment. Taxpayers paid for this report – it's shameful that it was hidden from them." Photo Page 20 *Oliver Jacques - Senior Electorate Officer*

OFFICE OF HELEN DALTON MP, MEMBER FOR MURRAY

FRIDAY STREET STALL

3rd Dec - Not Allocated
10th Dec - Not Allocated
17th Dec - St Columbas Church

Street Stalls will be back next year - see you early in the morning outside the IGA.

Merry Christmas!

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.
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FREEDOM PARTY!!

The Federal Hotel presents the End of Year Freedom Party with DJ Marcus! Join the Federal Team on December 24th 2021, with the party starting at 6pm. Let's celebrate Freedom and welcome the New Year with an awesome party! Over 18's only, hurry up and book your spot. Contact the Federal Hotel Berrigan on 03 5885 2155. Federal Hotel

UHA LUNCHEON

Members and friends of the UHA had a very enjoyable luncheon held on Melbourne Cup Day at the Community Club. Money raised on the day was $1140 which will benefit our local hospital. Special thanks must go to Wendy Lane for the wonderful tables decorations on the day which consisted of a round ball of flowers together with a contrasting hat.
S Cameron

AMAROO AUXILIARY

Amaroo Auxiliary held a very successful street stall selling goodies and raffle tickets for the Monster raffle to be drawn on the 9th December at Amaroo. Bunnings Yarrawonga have again donated a Trolley which will be filled with produce. We are asking the community to support us by donating something into the basket in the IGA supermarket to put in the trolley. 2nd Prize is a Laundry Hamper and 3rd Prize Car Care Kit. Tickets available around town and we will also be holding a stall at the BDDA Market Night selling tickets for this wonderful raffle

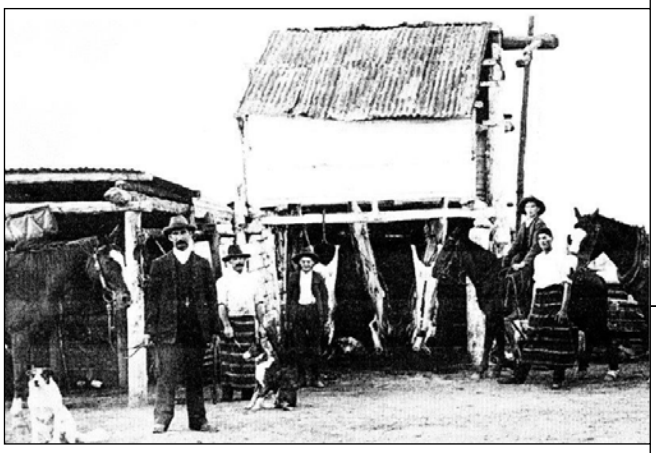
We hope you all enjoy a Wonderful Christmas with your family and a Happy New Year to you all..
C Way

FROM THE MUSEUM

GEORGE LONSDALE - BERRIGAN BUTCHER 1895 – 1910

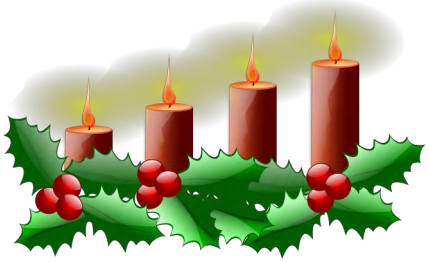
George Lonsdale was born in 1866, the son of George and Harriett Lonsdale. After leaving school, young George helped in his father's butcher shops in Victoria, in Steiglitz and Bloomfield, before moving to Wilby in 1885 to work for a Mr.Woods. In 1888 he returned to Bloomfield and took over his father's

butcher shop, staying for almost 6 years. In 1889 he married Elizabeth Moncrieff then in 1895 the family sold the Bloomfield shop and moved to Berrigan where George worked for two years for Peter and Christine Aitken in their butchering business. Their abattoir was out at "Equity Park" on the Cobram Road. There was no actual butcher shop at first, the business being conducted via a delivery cart on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Once the shop was built, the business went well and in 1897 Peter Aitken gave it to George. George and Elizabeth and their family of eleven lived in Berrigan for fourteen years. Two of their children are buried in the Berrigan cemetery. In 1910 they sold out and moved to Henty and bought a butcher shop from Peter Murphy. After 12 years in Henty they sold out there and moved around Victoria, owning butcher shops in Cheltenham, Inglewood and Burnley before retiring to Cheltenham until George died at 95 in 1962. His wife died in 1951. The Berrigan shop in the accompanying photograph was on the east side of Jerilderie Street (then Main Street) and south of the police station. There is a local connection, as George Lonsdale senior was Marion Dickins' great great grandfather. M Steer



Pictured top to Bottom - George Lonsdale's Butcher Shop , George Lonsdale "Equity Park" William Lonsdale, William Lonsdale and George Lonsdale at the Slaughter Yards

The Museum would like to wish the Community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. It would be wonderful to see many of you next year in our Museum. We are there on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11am.



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.

BERRIGAN LIONS CLUB

Lions meet 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

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27TH ANNUAL FREE

Community Breakfast

Saturday 18 December 2021
from 7.30am to 9.00am

THE BIG STORE
CHANTER STREET BERRIGAN

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

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I	J	J	M	I	E	S	D	G	U	X
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M	R	D	G	L	E	G	Y	M	J	H
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PARTRIDGE
DOVES
HENS
BIRDS
RINGS
GEESE
SWANS
MAIDS
LADIES
LORDS
PIPERS
DRUMMERS

A PARTRIDGE in a pear tree.
Two turtle DOVES
Three French HENS
Four calling BIRDS
Five golden RINGS
Six GEESE a-laying
Seven SWANS a-swimming
Eight MAIDS a-milking
Nine LADIES dancing
Ten LORDS a-leaping
Eleven PIPERS piping
Twelve DRUMMERS drumming

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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

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

SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE CARE AT AMAROO

Many years ago I was proudly shown around a new community hospital and hostel by the late Mr. Bernie Curtain. It was bright clean and very new and most impressively, as I understood, it was instigated, built and supported by the local community.

Little was I to know then that our family member was to benefit from the foresight of the local people. I would like to acknowledge the care given to my father Jack Watt who lived as a resident of Amaroo for almost three years.

Dad was 91 years old and being cared for at home by mum when it became evident that, very reluctantly, he had to go into care. This was a difficult time for him and his family. We were told we could ring and visit whenever we wished and that he would be well cared for. We were reassured that this place, Amaroo, was his home now.

To be honest I confess I snorted (just a bit) inwardly at that line. Time was to prove me wrong and that this statement was not an empty promise. I would like to give our thanks for the exceptional care given to dad and to us, his family.

Dad required a lot of assistance for all his physical care, his eating, washing, and general assistance with all the little decisions we all take for granted. Because of his dementia he also required and received a lot of reassurance, patience and kindness. The staff spared no effort to support him when he was sad or lonely and happily to laugh and joke with him when he was funny.

He could be coaxed into a good laugh or diverted skillfully to another topic when he got suddenly got annoyed or cranky. This is a highly specialized, often unrecognized, skill that can only come from deep empathy and care.

Kitchen staff prepared tasty meals at times that suited. Dad was also given coffee and cake just how he liked it. He was given ice cream with chocolate topping. Breakfast or banana sandwiches arrived outside normal dining room times when he was hungry.

He was kept clean, sometimes despite spirited resistance. His hair was washed even his very bushy eyebrows were trimmed and his finger nails cut (when allowed). This was all done, often with his not polite instructions to go away. His staff knew to wait until he calmed down and forgot about his refusals. His loving and caring staff knew and saw and appreciated the special man beneath the dementia..

Dad also suffered terrifying flashbacks from his experiences as a very young man in WW2. These episodes could sometimes last up to 3 hours and he had to relive horrific experiences . It was extremely comforting to learn that a staff member stayed with him all through these horrors and reassured him through these awful horrors .

I have tried to convey how much very special complex care and kindness dad needed and was given and to say thank you to all the staff and to the community who supports such a good place.

Ps - (just a thought for the next fund raiser) Some of these nurses have to work very late and drive home long distances on country roads, only to return for another long shift early the next morning. They need and deserve overnight accommodations to be provided. Kind Regards P Watt

A MESSAGE FROM KARINA EWER AND THE BERRIGAN SHIRE

We have had another busy month in the Berrigan Shire, with even more just around the corner. It is shaping up to be a fabulous festive season and I am looking forward to seeing our communities come alive with Locals and Tourists alike.

As the end of the year draws near, I have a few special mentions:

- Harvest is set to begin, so I encourage all to take care on the roads over the next couple of months.
- Summer sports are in full swing – it is great to see our communities coming together once again.
- A special shout out to those Year 12 students who have completed their schooling and are sitting their final exams. What a year you have had to endure and we are all proud of your efforts.
- Please remember to vote in the upcoming LGNSW Elections. These are to be held on Saturday, 4 December.
- If you are, like me and yet to begin your Christmas shopping, please remember to support local. It has been a tough 2 years for many of our local businesses', so any extra support would be much appreciated by them.
- As the COVID19 cases rise around us, I encourage anyone who is feeling unwell to isolate and get tested. We must do our part to keep those who are vulnerable in our communities safe.

I shall keep this memo short and sweet and look forward to updating you all ahead of Christmas. Karina Ewer, Chief Executive Officer

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2022 BERRIGAN SHIRE PHOTO CALENDAR

Berrigan Shire Council is inviting residents to share images of their town, which reflects either of the following:

** Tourism*
** Families and Young People*
** Economic Activity*
** Agriculture*
** Landscapes*

Thirteen photographs will be selected for Council's use in the 2022 Berrigan Shire Photo Calendar and a free calendar will be given to those who have their images selected. The calendar will be available for purchase for $5 from Berrigan Shire Council Office and Libraries in each town.
The competition is open to residents in the Berrigan Shire Council area, all entries MUST be accompanied by a completed entry form.
Winners will be announced in December 2021, prior to the publication of the 2022 Calendar. Entries close Friday, 27 November 2021.
Photographs & Entry Forms can be emailed to:
media@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au
For more information and to download the entry form, please visit:
www.berriganshire.nsw.gov.au/2022-berrigan-shire-photo-calendar
Keelan McDonald - Communications Co-ordinator

BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM

9AM TO 11 AM Wednesdays

or by appointment
Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday 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
squizzyt@westnet.com.au

BERRIGAN RED CROSS SHOP

Shop Open
Mon - Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday 10.30am - 12.30pm
63-56 Chanter St
Phone 0484 274193
Money raised is used to help fund Australian Red Cross' humanitarian activities around the world.
Meetings 3rd Wednesday of Month, rear Red Cross Shop.
For more info contact
Pres. Marion Dickins
0438 286 813

BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR **DECEMBER**

Library Activities

Scrabble
9.30am
Tuesdays

Berrigan BookClub
2pm second Thursday of the month

Story Time
10.30am Thursdays

See Alana at the Library for more information.

Be Connected
Access the Library Online at

http://
library.berrigan
shire.nsw.gov.au

Community Recycling Station

Opening Hours
Open all day
Tuesday & Thursday
9.30am to 5.30pm
(Closed for lunch 12.30-1pm)
& Sat mornings
9.30 am to 12pm

Ph 03 5888 5180

Tuesday Storytime

At Storytime we read "Flamingo Celeste Is Not Like The Rest" by **Celeste Barber**. The children enjoyed creating "fashionable" costumes for Celeste, practicing using their cutting and pasting skills to create colourful masterpieces.

Berrigan Library Christmas Hours

Berrigan Library will be closed over Christmas from 5.30pm 23rd of December, reopening Tuesday 4th of January 2022.
Make sure you get your holiday reading all checked out before Christmas.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BERRIGAN SHIRE

WASTE DISPOSAL CENTRES

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

BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL CANTEEN ROSTER 2021 – 2022

THE BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021.
THE CANTEEN WILL BE STAFFED BY THE COMMITTEE FROM 1ST DECEMBER UNTIL 15TH DECEMBER 2021.

THE COMMITTEE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RUN THIS FACILITY WITHOUT YOUR HELP WHICH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE ELSE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ON THE DAY.

Emergencies:	Phil Selman	0419800555
	Jick Sloane	0429429269
	Jean Milne	0408299031

Pool Canteen open 3pm to 6pm

POOL ROSTER 2021-2022

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
					15th Dec	16th Dec
					Nic Lorimer	Sue Cameron
					0433844610	0429851440
17th Dec	18th Dec	19th Dec	20th Dec	21st Dec	22nd Dec	23rd Dec
Kim Arnold	Cara Loats	Iris Miles	Bec Ware	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Jean Milne
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24th Dec	25th Dec	26th Dec	27th Dec	28th Dec	29th Dec	30th Dec
P. Duddington	Closed	Nic Lorimer	Barb Fox	Helen Lehre	Nic Lorimer	Cathie Spunner
0447007037		0433844610	0448520815	0455165745	0433844610	0408852523
31st Dec	1st Jan	2nd Jan	3rd Jan	4th Jan	5th Jan	6th Jan
P. Duddington	Helen Lehre	Jill Loats	Nic Lorimer	Jude Lawrence	Nic Lorimer	Cara Loats
0447007037	0455165745	0429852259	0433844610	0408852481	0433844610	477516465
7th Jan	8th Jan	9th Jan	10th Jan	11th Jan	12th Jan	13th Jan
P. Duddington	Bianca Mohr	Nic Lorimer	Jean Milne	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Jude Lawrence
0447007037	0488189702	0433844610	0408299031	0448520815	0433844610	0408852481
14th Jan	15th Jan	16th Jan	17th Jan	18th Jan	19th Jan	20th Jan
P. Duddington	Bec Ware	Kim Arnold	Karen Senini	Elaine Hawkins	Nic Lorimer	Arlena Pyle
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21st Jan	22nd Jan	23rd Jan	24th Jan	25th Jan	26th Jan	27th Jan
P. Duddington	Ann Nevins	Nic Lorimer	Jill Loats	Jude Lawrence	Nic Lorimer	Sue Cameron
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28th Jan	29th Jan	30th Jan	31st Jan	1st Feb	2nd Feb	3rd Feb
P. Duddington	Cathie Spunner	Karen Senini	Helen Lehre	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Cathie Spunner
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P. Duddington	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Nic Lorimer	Elaine Hawkins	Nic Lorimer	Jean Milne
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Kelly Milich	Sue Chisholm	Cara Loats	Bec Ware	Jude Lawrence	Nic Lorimer	Arlena Pyle
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18th Feb	19th Feb	20th Feb	21st Feb	22nd Feb	23rd Feb	24th Feb
P. Duddington	Ann Nevins	Nic Lorimer	Caroline Alexander	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Helen Lehre
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25th Feb	26th Feb	27th Feb	28th Feb	1st Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar
Kelly Milich	Cathie Spunner	C. Renneberg	Bianca Mohr	Barb Fox	Nic Lorimer	Arlena Pyle
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4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar	9th Mar	10th Mar
P. Duddington	Bec Ware	Nic Lorimer	Nic Lorimer	Jude Lawrence	Nic Lorimer	Barb Fox
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Church Times & Contacts

St Columba's Catholic 14 Corcoran St, Berrigan. Father Rick Micallef (03 5885 2010)1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays Saturdays Vigil 5.00pm,2nd & 4th Sundays 10.00am.

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

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

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

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