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BERRIGAN SHOW N SHINE 2022

Thank you from Berrigan Show & Shine 2022 to the community who helped make such a successful event. Profit from the day will support your Berrigan Community Club. Run for the first time in 2015 for four years, then in recess for three years. The knowledge and experiences of the past Show & Shine committee members set up a proven footprint for us to follow. Our committee only decided in November to run the event. Sponsorship was often forthcoming without being asked for. Likewise with offers of support for the day. Shannon's sponsored their "Shannon's Super Rig" with their driving simulator and viewing platform – it was a big drawcard as was the helicopter ride hire. Our manager of Berrigan Community Golf & Bowls Club, Janice Graham is a dynamo – she did so much work for our committee alongside her managerial duties at the club. Tasks carried out by our committee and community were enormous and like our sponsorship, most volunteers approached the committee offering support. Berrigan Shire sponsored our event for advertising. This would have contributed to the 300 plus vehicles registered for judging and a large family spectator audience. J Cottam

What a great day! Great venue, wonderful crowd - first class event. A hearty congratulations to all the organisers, volunteers and sponsors of this year's Berrigan Community Golf and Bowling Club Show & Shine. A credit to you all and our great community. Viv McGee

Berrigan and District Development Association
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WHO ARE THE BDDA AND WHAT DO WE DO?
MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE BERRIGAN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

WHO WE ARE - The Association is made up of people that wish to contribute to improve the quality of lifestyle and business in Berrigan and District
OUR VISION - A community that is attractive to live, work and play in.
OUR MISSION - To work in partnership with community, business and government to contribute to an improved quality of lifestyle and business in Berrigan and District
OUR ROLE - Work with the local community, business and government to contribute to enhancing the quality of life in our community by Facilitating projects in partnership with the community, business and government and Promoting Berrigan as a safe, stable and vibrant town for people of all ages and walks of life
HOW WE DO IT - The Association performs its role by Providing a forum for community, business and government to come together and discuss issues and identify projects that impact on Berrigan and District. And identify ways in which to promote Berrigan as a safe, stable and vibrant town for people of all ages and walks of life.

For any information on the BDDA or the Berrigan News, please see BDDA Secretary, Cristina at the Berrigan Bookshop. The BDDA produces this newsletter each month, runs the Welcome to Berrigan BBQ, the Bi-Annual Town Garage Sale, Music on Chanter, Xmas Market Night, Small Business Month events and supports other community groups and fundraising efforts. Please support our member businesses so we can support you.

IT'S CONFIRMED!
THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON CHANTER
IS BACK FOR 2022!

Friday 25th March 2022 will see Chanter Street pumping with the tunes once again. Save the date!
The fantastic artists from last time have all agreed to come back as they loved us (hopefully as much as we loved them). The shops will again be open for late night shopping and there will be food and drinks available!
It is going to be great!
Come along from 5pm and see our amazing performers:

*Darren Coulston

*Anthony Tenace

*Daine Runnals

*Jade Camden

and our very own Ray Macartney

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Social media – Facebook, Instagram, twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest can all assist a business to increase their custom and can be a very easy way to create legitimacy and increase their reputation. This is an opportunity for you to create a new presence or learn ways to improve how you are interacting with clients.

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20th February 6.30pm

A short bio on each artist:

Karen Lee Andrews is in possession of a unique sense of artistic purpose. Surrounded by music her entire life, Karen's career to date has largely revolved around classic soul and rhythm and blues sounds, but in recent years, as her musicality has evolved, she's been leaning more towards blues.

The influence of soul, gospel and Karen's Polynesian background continues to inform what she does, but the blues has come to feel more like home.

The beginnings of this shift were apparent on Karen's 2018 EP, Far From Paradise, which served as a declaration of independence following several years appeasing the expectations of a major label. Karen's played at Woodford Folk Festival, Queenscliff Music Festival, was the audience favourite on The Voice, was chosen as Herald Sun's Album of the Week, receiving 4 stars, and has appeared on RockWiz, the Today Show, Morning Show, Sunrise and Weekend Today.

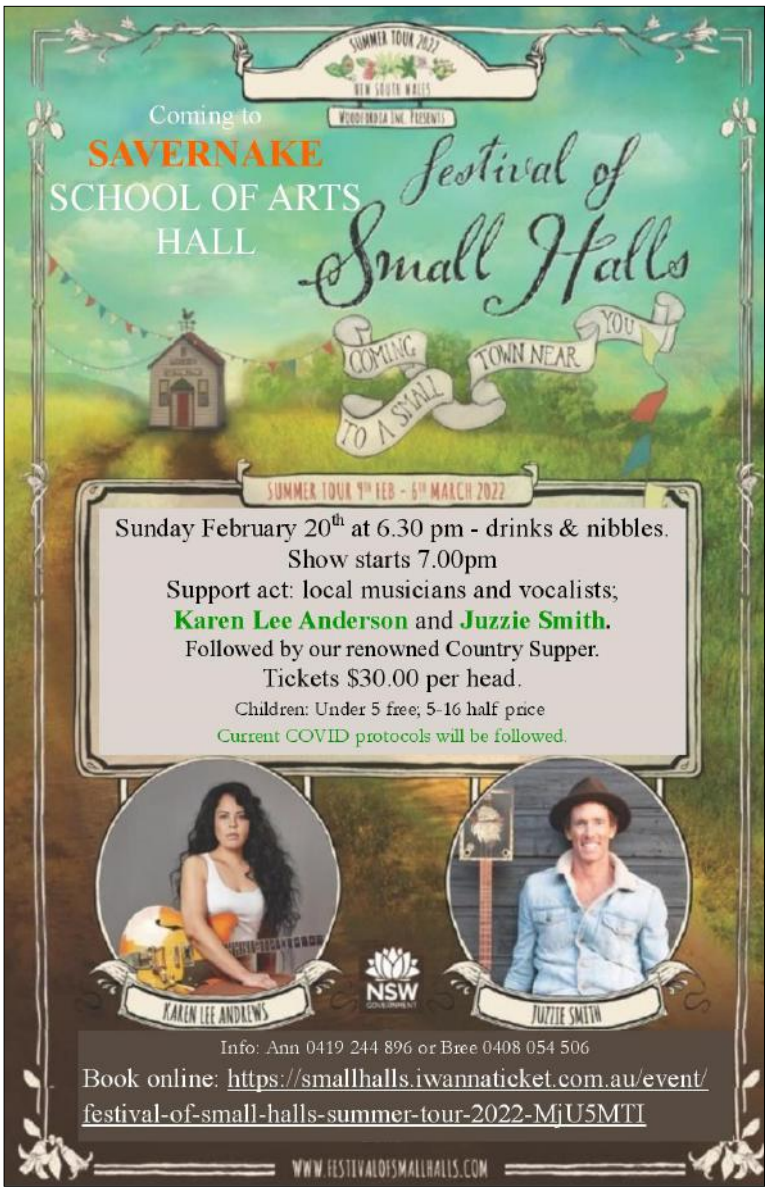
Juzzie Smith:

A true musical virtuoso with a style that is bluesy/ folk mixed into a world of its own, Juzzie Smith is a ridiculously talented one-man band, based in Byron Bay. Juzzie gives performances that are marked by an amazing ability to play guitar, harmonica and percussion at the same time using all of his body. It seems Juzzie is at home holding anything that makes a sound, and he combines this with a real rhythmic talent and a raw, warm vocal style. The result is truly engaging, mesmerizing music that makes you want to move and leaves you feeling inspired. This is a show that has spread to over 200 million views on social media and placed on the top of the iTunes blues charts all around the world.

Book your tickets online now so you don't miss out!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

A Sloane & K Bruce



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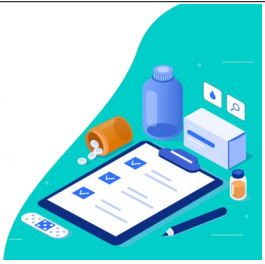

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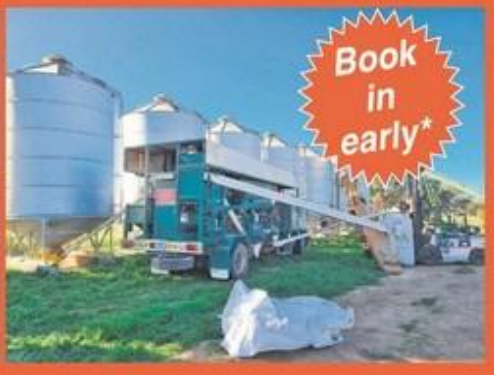

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Popz of Colour..... Giving a big thank you to the town and the happy faces that came in to support me and give much encouragement to my venture. With regret, I have decided to close my retail shop, but this brings new chapters too - hoping to have a Popz of Colour presence online. A new exciting chapter / business for the shop will be coming soon.
I enjoyed your custom and stopping by over the past few months. Thankyou!
Take care, Laney, Popz of Colour

BIG BROTHER TEAM'S FUNDRAISER AND GRANTS PUSH TO GET YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM TO RIVERINA

NSW state Murray MP Helen Dalton says a team of dedicated Riverina locals has made excellent progress in bringing a new early intervention youth suicide prevention program to our area.

"There are some people who are just sick of hearing about youth suicides in our region and have stood up to do something about it," Mrs Dalton said. "Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia is a mentoring program for young people aged seven to seventeen years old. It's doing great things in Regional Victoria and we really want to get it up in the Riverina. We'd like to be able to start in Griffith, then be able to expand to Leeton, Narrandera, Hay, Hillston, Moama, Balranald, Wentworth and Deniliquin. The Murrumbidgee has amongst the highest suicide rate in Australia. We need more services for our young people in distress."

Mrs Dalton's office has helped set up a Local Advisory Group that is working hard on raising $55,000 to employ a youth coordinator in Griffith. Air Force Flight Lieutenant Michael Borg is Chair of the advisory group. He is supported by Rachael Veenhuizen, Val Woodland, Trish Leonard, Michele Harvey, Kate Hardman, Filomena Pingiaro and Sue Hone.

"The great thing is we've got youth representatives on our committee too: Paige Goudie, Alice Ryan and Imreet Singh," Mrs Dalton said. "You can't start a youth program without young people having their say on how things should run."

The Local Advisory Group are planning a gala fundraising event on 1 April and they have also applied for a grant under the Government's Building Resilient Regional Leaders program.

"People can also make a donation to help get this program off the ground. We have a guarantee that all money raised for the Riverina must stay in the Riverina," said Mrs Dalton . "I'd urge locals to get behind this initiative, so many parents have come to me and said they felt they've had nowhere to turn when their teenager was suicidal. We need to do better and we will." Anyone wanting to help get Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia in the Riverina off the ground are invited to contact Mrs Dalton's Griffith office on (02) 6962 6644 or by email: murray@parliament.nsw.gov.au. Photo pg 11.

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A MESSAGE FROM SUSSAN LEY

As we move into 2022, the Morrison Government's attention will remain on suppressing the virus, and working with the NSW Government to maintain the supplies and health assistance we need.

It is important to also mention, the usual business of government also continues, delivering the support every community in Farrer relies on.

In the last three years, I have been proud to find an extra $27 million for Berrigan Shire on new projects and programs, including money for childcare, sporting facilities energy efficiency grants, bridge and road safety upgrades, though to incentives for new doctors and farm workers to make this region their home.

With travel restrictions easing in the last couple of months, it's been great to see tourists and families getting back out and about enjoying our beautiful Murray region.

While we're seeing fuller rivers running this year, my ongoing focus is to ensure the rollout of the Murray Darling Basin Plan is fairly balanced between the needs of irrigators and river communities, as well as protecting this precious local environment.

My role as Minister for the Environment also has a direct impact locally, with funding to create more recycling and less waste, reducing litter and improving local parks through to restoring waterways and protecting our native animals.

These initiatives play a key role in the government's work to combat the effects of climate change without damaging our region's economic gains, continuing to back small businesses through to the larger manufacturers who each perform such a pivotal role in keeping our region in work.

Whatever the coming months bring, stay safe - indoors, and out - and here's to a better, brighter year ahead.

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NEW PACKAGE TO ATTRACT DOCTORS AND NURSES TO REGIONAL AREAS

Local GP practices in communities such as Moama, Deniliquin, Finley, Barham, Mulwala and Corowa have more options and a larger pool of doctors to recruit from, following changes announced by the Morrison Government. The Distribution Priority Area (DPA) classification identifies locations in Australia with a shortage of doctors. Currently, only rural and remote communities receive automatic DPA status. This change gives automatic priority classification for larger towns to make it easier to recruit more doctors. Local MP Sussan Ley said the move would provide a real difference to patients in her electorate. "Short term, it means nearly every local GP practice in Farrer can begin reaching out to new and graduating doctors who want to move to our region and practice here. We are also investing in a significant incentive for eligible doctors and nurse practitioners to come to rural Australia, Cont Pg 9

From Pg 8...by eliminating all or part of their Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) debt. We'll cover 100% of the debt if a new doctor works for at least half of their degree (around 2 or 3 years in a more remote council area, for example in the Balranald, Hay or Wentworth shires. For a graduating nurse, the length of time will be about one year. And we'll also cover 100% of costs for the full length of their degree (around six years) in more populated towns and communities such as Moama, Deniliquin, Finley, Barham or Mulwala. For half of that length of time, we'll pay 50% of that debt. This is all about implementing a range of policies to get more GPs, nurses and allied health professionals to areas where they are actually needed," Ms Ley said.

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

A MESSAGE FROM BERRIGAN LHAC

HEALTH MATTERS

MPS (HOSPITAL) STAFF UPDATE

In line with my last column in December last year I want to continue with introducing the staff at the MPS (hospital). This month we have another husband and wife team and a familiar face returning to the hospital. After spending some time apart, Resmi and Bineesh are back together again and working at the Berrigan Hospital. Resmi comes to us from overseas and was working as an ICU nurse in Saudi Arabia. She moved to Australia last year and spent some time working in Aged Care facilities as a travel nurse. Finally Resmi landed in Berrigan with our hospital. Bineesh, who had been working as a Registered Nurse in Ireland finally arrived in Berrigan at the end of last year and was lucky enough to get employment at our hospital thus bringing the pair back together again. Resmi and Bineesh both hail from India. Resmi said that people who work in an environment where doing their best is recognized, have a better chance of feeling good about their work. Both enjoy working at Berrigan Health Service. Everyone knows everyone and it's more family oriented. It really makes you feel important and valued. So a big welcome to Resmi and Bineesh and we certainly hope that you continue to enjoy working and staying in our community. Photos page 11

Now here is a face that will be familiar to many in the town. Sharron has come back to us after an absence of approximately 3 years. Sharron is a long term resident of Berrigan and is married with children. Sharron did her initial training at Cobram Hospital as well as studying at Shepparton TAFE. Sharron has many years' experience and it is great to have her back. Keep up the good work Sharron and welcome back. Photo page 11

MADILL MEDICAL CENTRE

The LHAC wish to advise residents that when they contact the Medical Centre, the call will be answered by an answering machine with a recorded message. Please be patient and wait till the end of the message and your call will be answered by one of the receptionists.

COVID 19

Things have certainly changed since my last article. Omicron has taken off and is creating some problems across the country. All the science shows that to best way to protect ourselves is through vaccination. We strongly encourage all residents to have their vaccinations. Now, of course, the booster is available for most of us and this can be obtained by making an appointment with the local practice at the Madill Centre. The third dose (booster) can make all the difference. Cont Page 10

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COVID TESTING

Things have also changed regarding testing. If you have symptoms you can still get a PCT test however Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) are taking over to a big extent. They should by now have become more freely available. Residents entitled to free RAT's, should be able to get them through the local Pharmacy. However Kim can only deliver what has been delivered to her. They have been ordered and we may have to be patient for a little while yet. Those that are able to get the free RATs should be able to get 10 tests per person every 3 months and will have to produce proof of entitlement (pension card etc.). However you will not be able to get all 10 tests at once. So, please be patient with Kim and her staff, she has to make sure that the supplies can go around everyone and not just you.

SHOULD YOU TEST POSITIVE ON A RAT TEST THEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT THIS FACT TO NSW HEALTH VIA THE SERVICE NSW APP OR BY PHONING 13 77 88.

LHAC RECRUITMENT

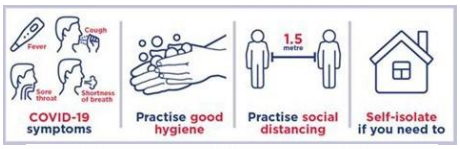
Applications have opened for the 2022 intake of volunteers to join the Local Health Advisory Committees across the Murrumbidgee District. LHAC members come from all walks of life and have varying interests, but what unites them is that they are strong and vocal advocates who have their community's best 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.



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Thanks to Laney, Mark and Jacqui for putting up the Christmas lights in Berrigan, it certainly helped brightened up the main street.

Above - Nelli Loats celebrating her 50th birthday at the Berrigan Community Club with family and friends.

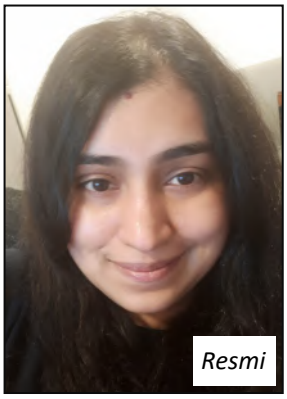
The Better In Berrigan Bag made it all the way to Chamonix, France with Mont Blanc in the background
C Spunner/R Thomas

Ben the Bootman with his Fly Squat made himself from scratch. What he can do with a piece of leather and a bit of old fishing rod!

Congratulations to Claus and Carol von Brockhusen on their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrated on January 29th

Above - Murray MP Helen Dalton, Val Woodland and Michael Borg

Below - Some of our Hospital Staff



Congratulations to Cassandra Renneberg for obtaining an ATAR of 84.3 and a high distinction for English 2 in the 2021 HSC.
She will be off to CSU Wagga shortly to start her teaching degree. Well Done! I am so proud! CVB

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
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COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS!

THURSDAY NIGHTS: Club Super Draw
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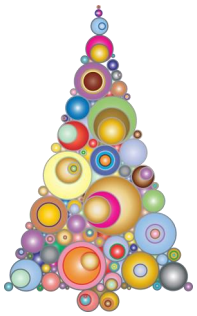
BDDA MARKET NIGHT AND BERRIGAN LIGHTS UP WRAP UP

I would love to write a report for you to read about the BDDA Market night held on Friday the 3rd of December...except that as a business owner whose business was open, I didn't actually get out to see anything. We were busy in our shop and didn't get much free time. I heard from others that Santa arrived, there were a few stalls and there was band and Carol Singing. I don't like Carol Singing so I am a bit grinchy there. My sister went for a quick look at the Fashion Extravaganza and stopped for Angela's delicious curry so her night was a success. I did take my daughter for a drive around town to look at the Christmas lights that we could find. Congratulations to Chantelle Henderson, Sally & Neil Daniels, Brian Burston & Lisa Mohr for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Best Lights. Best Decorated went to Tracy Dunn & Stephen Zeller, James & Bec Ware and Stuart & Arlene Pyle . The Best Decorated Business was the Berrigan Bakehouse and the Best Business Lights was Avalook. A lot of effort went into all these displays. Now, we have 10 months to plan the next Night Market. It seems like such a long time away, however I am sure that it will be here before we know it. Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! CVB and the BDDA



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Saturday 5th March 2022

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paulmassingham32@gmail.com

The Berrigan & District Race Club will hold its ninth Finley Autumn Cup race meeting for the season on Saturday 5th March. This is a 5 race programme featuring the "Finley Autumn Cup". Full TAB and book maker facilities are available on course. BDRC Patrons are welcome in the Presidents marquee.

The Race Clubs Members Draw will once again be drawn on Raceday. This is run over the 3 meetings throughout our racing season and jackpots $100 at the next meeting if not won on the day. This meeting the "Membership Draw" is worth $100 and members must be present on the day to collect.

Country Fashions on the field will include Lady of the Day, Couple of the Day and Young Race Goer Under 18 with prizes sponsored by local businesses.

Finley Country Club will be serving a delicious variety hot and cold food.

A local bus is running from Finley to Berrigan which leaves the Country Club Hotel in Finley at 12 noon and returns half an hour after the last race. Bookings for Bus please phone Janine on 0427360709.

Prizes will be awarded to the Best Presented Horse in each race after presenting their horse in the mounting yard.

Full Bar facilities and an ATM are available trackside. Gates open at 11am.

Upon entry you will be required to scan our QR code or sign in through the gate.

Entry fee on race day is $20, Aged Pensioners $10 and Children under 16 Free Gates Open 12pm. Any enquiries phone Janine on 0427360709.

More info on www.berriganraceclub.com.au and find us on Facebook

BERRIGAN LIONS REPORT

While Covid has put a damper on a lot of Lions activities, we have still been able to provide food hampers to those in need, have contributed to both the Finley High School and Berrigan Public School Awards Presentations held at the end of last year and we also donated funds to the Berrigan RSL to go towards the lighting for the RSL Memorial Wall in Hayes Park which should be completed soon.

Lions would like to thank all the businesses who advertised in the 2022 Lions Community Calendar. Their advertising dollars means that we are able to provide the Calendar to the community for free. We hope that the community supports our businesses so they can in turn support our community.

Lions would also like to thank the community for their generous support. What goes around, comes around as the saying goes.

Stay safe, take care and hopefully 2022 will be a better year.

Inara Fox

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MAYORS MESSAGE

Berrigan Shire Council held its January meeting on Wednesday, 19th with the five (5) newly elected Councillors in attendance, alongside the three (3) re-elected Councillors.

It's an exciting new period for the Berrigan Shire and with great diversity of Councillors, we look forward to continuing to grow and promote our area as a place to live, work and invest.

Council in in the process of reviewing its Tourism Strategy and Local Environmental plan (LEP). This will involve a range of community engagement projects and we look forward to getting out into our Shire over the coming months.

The land sales at Lewis Crescent Subdivision, Finley are underway and this is an exciting opportunity to continue the steady growth within our Shire.

If you are interested in the land, please contact Elders Finley.

I'm very much looking forward to Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony, which will be held at the Finley Railway Park. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners.

We are in an ever changing and challenging period. We are resilient and we will continue to push through these challenges.

Looking forward, there are an abundance of opportunities, and we will continue to harness these to ensure our Shire continues to grow and prosper.

Finally, a note on my re-election as Mayor of Berrigan Shire. I'm proud to lead the Berrigan Shire as your Mayor once again. With Carly Marriott being elected as Deputy Mayor, I am very much looking forward to working collaboratively with her and the other Councillors.

CR. Matthew Hannan , MAYOR BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Photo Above - Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott & Mayor Matthew Hannan

VISIT FROM MALAYSIA FOR THE RYANS & BARCLAYS

Staying with Kevin and Thelma Ryan, Donna Tan was home from Kuching, Malaysia, to visit her father Bob Barclay over the Christmas break. While here, Donna was able to continue her online studies with her students in Malaysia, lecturing in finance law at Swinburne University. Donna is also with SEG University Malaysia, teaching Jurisprudence and Law of Tort. Donna also does in-house legal work for a construction company. After spending days in Sydney preparing to fly home, then five hours at the airport, only to have her flight cancelled, it was a disappointing end to a very happy holiday. She has now made it back to Kuala Lumpar to quarantine before retuning home. T Ryan

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Berrigan A & H Society Inc Annual Berrigan Show AGM
Monday 14th February 2022
Berrigan Sportsground 7.30 pm
All very welcome to attend
Lyndall Horne Secretary 043882610

Berrigan A & H Society Inc
Meet 2nd Monday of the Month
@ Sportsground 7.30pm
February to October All very welcome to attend
Berrigan Show October 2022
www.facebook.com/BerriganShow

SECRET CROP OF NEAR-EXTINCT OAKLANDS DONKEY ORCHIDS DISCOVERED IN THE RIVERINA

Rangers have discovered a secret meadow of near-extinct native orchids on a travelling stock reserve in the Riverina. The extremely rare Oaklands donkey orchid comes from the genus Diuris, known for its petals that poke up like "donkey ears". Until recently, there were just 1,000 Oaklands donkey orchids remaining, their survival threatened by livestock grazing, rabbits and invasive weeds.

Murray Local Land Services officers had been searching for a reintroduction site for the endangered bloom when they discovered a hidden crop. "We found a single plant back in 2017," senior land services officer Shanna Rogers said. "It was dry conditions for the next two years, and nothing came up. And then, last year with the good rainfall, we found a healthy population of 250 plants."

There are just four populations of the orchid in the entire region, all clustered around Urana and Oaklands. Ms Rogers said it was a bit of an estimate as to how many flowers there were. "Not all of the orchids found within an area flower each year," she said. "So we just monitor the flowering orchids because there potentially could be other orchids in the area that are dormant tubers that just don't come up."

It was the incredible rarity of these flowers that seeded the Wild Orchids Project, a New South Wales Environmental Trust-funded initiative. As part of the project, experts are looking into three endangered orchid species, also including the sandhill spider orchid and crimson spider orchid. "Monitoring back in 2014 indicated the numbers of these orchids were incredibly low, and that we needed to do something to manage the remnant populations and boost their numbers in the wild," Ms Rogers said.

Officers have started caring for known remnant populations and are working to reintroduce orchids back into the wild at new translocation sites. In the wake of their latest discovery, officers have fenced off the meadow to protect the orchids from grazing stock. It's just a small patch – 3 hectares of a 150-hectare reserve. But it could determine the survival of this highly endangered plant. "While the orchids are dormant tubers, it's not a risk," Ms Rogers said. "But we obviously didn't want to have stock grazing and trampling the orchids while they were flowering and setting seeds. This management of the orchids will continue permanently."

ABC Goulburn Murray /By Charmayne Allison and Matt Dowling www.abc.net.au

The Oaklands donkey orchid is near extinction. (Supplied: Murray Local Land Services)

FARWELL TO LAURIE THOMSON- Laurence William

Peacefully passed away on the 11/1/22 in the Geelong University Hospital. A wonderful loving Brother of Carrilyn and Brother-in-law of Mario. Uncle of Amos, Katie and Stephanie and a Great Uncle of Deisel, Maya, Holly, Bentley and Maddox. A Giant in our eyes, he will be hugely missed.

A great gardener, Laurie will certainly be missed by the Community Garden and Tidy Towns. He was always willing to open his garden to the community for visits and made many friends at both the Plant Shop and the Community Gardens. His special touch of garden decoration was a sight to behold.

BERRIGAN CONSERVATION GROUP & TIDY TOWNS
BERRIGAN 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 Wed and 9.30am Sat

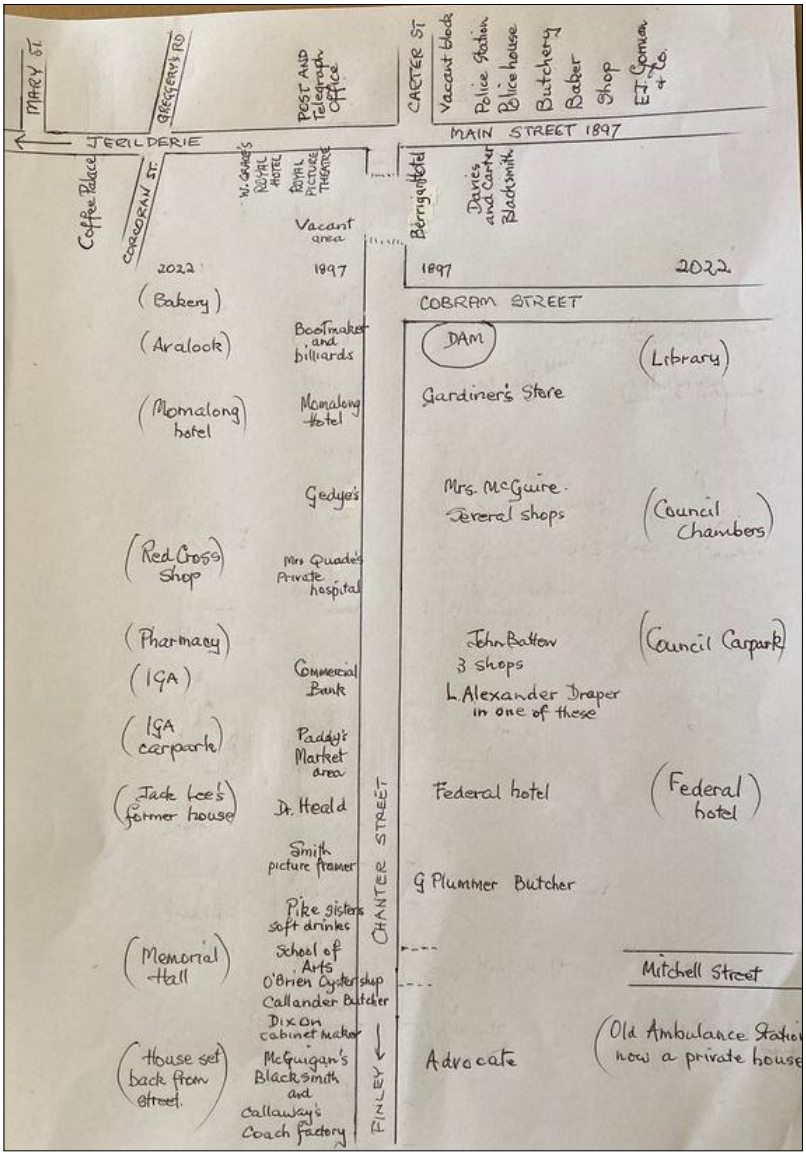
Amaroo Aged Care

BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM

Museum Open **9AM TO 11 AM Wednesdays** or by appointment
Phone - Tom Pyle 0438 852616
Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday of the Month
Family History, Local History, District History, War History

BERRIGAN IN 1897

Before the turn of the century Berrigan was booming with many new shops and hotels being built or extended. The "Berrigan Advocate" of 14th August, 1897, describes an impressive amount of activity both in Chanter Street and Main Street (Jerilderie St.).
In Chanter Street, A.McGuigan had just completed and renovated an extensive iron structure for his blacksmith business opposite the Advocate office and a coachbuilder, F.Callaway, occupied part of it. Next door, E.Dickson was building a carpenter's and joinery shop. John Batten had built 3 shops, with a draper, L.Alexander in one of them. Another draper, H.Valendar, was about to open his new brick shop. John Reeves of the Momalong Hotel was calling tenders for erecting a billiard room and shop and Mrs.McGuire intended to build a brick shop and dwelling alongside her other shops near Gardiners's store. Meanwhile, Arundels were adding more rooms to the Federal hotel plus a couple of shops. In Main Street E.J.Gorman & Co had made extensive additions to their offices and Peter Aitkin had a new shop. H.Davies and B.Carter, blacksmiths, found their present shop inadequate and were about to erect larger premises. D.Corcoran had just added 3 rooms to his Berrigan Hotel. Further north William Grace was erecting a hotel of 20 rooms (the Royal) and John Jones had built the Coffee Palace almost opposite the new railway station.
The Presbyterian Church was about to be built, and the timber was on the ground for the Bible Christian Church (Methodist). As well as shops, a number of private residences were being built, including two in Corcoran Street and one near the Railway station. M Steer



BERRIGAN UNITING CHURCH PANCAKE DAY

The Uniting Church is having a service in Cox Hall at **10am on Sunday February 27** for Pancake Day. Pancakes will be cooked and served after the service finishes at 11am. We would love to welcome you to our service and the meal afterwards. All welcome. M Steer

Australian Red Cross

Meetings
3rd Wednesday
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For more info contact Pres. Marion Dickins 0428 286 813

BERRIGAN RED CROSS SHOP

Open Monday - Friday 9.30- 3.30 & Saturday 10.30 - 12.30
63-65 Chanter St Phone 0484 274193
Money raised is used to help fund Australian Red Cross' humanitarian activities around the world.

BERRIGAN RED CROSS FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA CONTINUED SUCCESS

The 13th Annual Berrigan Red Cross Extravaganza was held at the Berrigan Market Night. The event boosted a great variety of boutique and brand-new clothes at massively reduced prices, with great crowd in attendance scoring a bargain. Over the weekend, Berrigan Red Cross raised just over $13,300.00. With Friday night proceeds, $8760, going to Humanitarian Settlement Program in the Greater Western Region and Saturday's proceeds, $4540 going to Berrigan War Memorial Swimming.

During January the sale of any fashion extravaganza items sold through the shop will be forwarded to the International Disaster Fund – Tonga to aid in the recovery from the volcanic eruption and tsunami. Cash donations will also be accepted until 7th February.

Berrigan Red Cross are very thankful to the Men's Shed and John, Wendy and Paul Lane from Dawmac Industries for making the Extravaganza possible. Their premises "The Big Store" was an ideal venue and

very accessible to the Market Night. Also, a huge thank you to the members who volunteered during the month of November and over the weekend to ensure the Fashion Extravaganza was a great financial success. The remaining clothes are now available at the Berrigan Red Cross Shop. Our hours are Monday to Friday 09:30 to 03:30 and Saturday 10:30 to 12:30.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 16th February at 2:00 pm at the Red Cross Shop Meeting Room. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings, so please come along to see if Red Cross is the right community group for you. L Horne

BERRIGAN LIONS CLUB

Lions meet 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Royal Hotel
Car, Truck, Tractor Battery Collection phone to arrange pickup.
Neal Gorman 02 6035 9430 or Ian Fox on 0429 852 513
Email berriganlions22968@gmail.com
The Club for Men and Women committed to serving in Community Service Rolls.

BERRIGAN LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st Wednesday of the Month at 5.30pm
LHAC GOES ELECTRONIC WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE
Find us on facebook @yourLHAC and
keep informed about health matters in our area.
Contact Chair Tony Taylor 0429 004 292 squizzyt@westnet.com.au

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CWA BERRIGAN BRANCH

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

New Members most Welcome!

Greetings from the Shedders

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, with some hope that our return to normal life is sooner rather than later.

The rural scene is rejoicing with BUMPER amounts of various grains either delivered into silos and bunkers at the various receival depots or on-farm in the numerous white silo grain bags. My spies have advised that Berrigan North grain depot if full for the second time in as many years. This situation is very pleasing for farmers and residents alike with the prospects of another bumper year with irrigation allocations likely to be around 75% again next water year.

Shedding activities have been continuing and ensuring members are following the current NSW COVID rules with masks compulsory, 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 .

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR :

WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2022

All attendees will need a UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFER (USI) and have completed the current application form from the secretary. An email link will be sent to the students email address at the beginning of MARCH for students to read and answer questions PRIOR to the course. If students are UNABLE TO KNEEL to complete their CPR practical , they will be awarded a STATEMENT OF ATTAINTMENT as opposed to a FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Until next time happy Shedding.

Myles Humphries Secretary, Berrigan Men's Shed Inc.

BERRIGAN CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE MELBOURNE

With the Royal Melbourne Show being cancelled for the second year in a row, the Governor of Victoria, The Hon. Linda Dessau AC, offered the decorating of the Government House Christmas Tree to those who compete in the Arts and Craft section at the Melbourne Show and the Victorian Agricultural Society competitions. Having completed in both competitions over the years, Del Schweiker was invited to send some Christmas Tree Decorations. She made a Scandinavian Fabric Star made from scraps of materials, folded and woven together. She also made a free standing lace Christmas bell with her embroidery machine. The embroidery is done on "wash-a-way", then washed in water and allowed to dry. Both the star and bells are great to put on Christmas presents or used as tree decorations. You can see various images of some of the ornaments on the 2021 Government House Christmas Tree on www.governor.vic.gov.au or at the Twitter and Instagram accounts - @vicgovenor

D Schweiker

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.

Open	
Mon-Thurs	3- 6pm
Friday	3 - 7 pm
Saturday	2- 7 pm
Sunday	2- 6 pm
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Daily	2 - 7pm

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

FEBRUARY	FRIDAY	MARCH	IGA Hours
04 Not Booked 11 Not Booked 18 Not Booked 25 Berrigan Heritage Museum	**STREET STALL** Book Friday Street Stall @ Shire Offices Book IGA Market Day Stall @ IGA	04 Not Booked 11 Amaroo Auxilliary 18 United Hospital Auxiliary 25 Berrigan Red Cross	Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm Sunday 9am - 5pm Public Holidays 8am to 1pm Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day

WAAAF CREEK WALK AND TOCUMWAL AVIATION MUSEUM OPENING

On Wednesday 15 December, after initial reschedules due to COVID 19, Berrigan Shire Council were delighted to conduct the official openings for both the WAAAF Creek Walk and the Tocumwal Aviation Museum.

The day began at the WAAAF Creek Walk, where a number of individuals involved in the aviation history of Tocumwal, Government and RAAF Representatives gathered at the statue for the opening. The Tocumwal WAAAF Creek Walk is a collaborative initiative between Berrigan Shire Council, Tocumwal Rotary and the Tocumwal Farmers Market. This project is supported by the NSW Government through the Create NSW Arts and Cultural Funding Program. The project uses public art and storytelling to tell the history of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF). The sculptures, artwork and interpretive signage for the WAAAF Creek Walk was researched, written and designed by Sivonne Creative and constructed locally by VisAttak. The Tocumwal WAAAF Creek Walk aims to honour the WAAAF story in a way that inspires pride and sparks new interest in an under-represented piece of Australia's service history.

Following the formalities at the WAAAF Creek Walk, guests were invited to complete the walk and engage with each of the story boards along the way. Berrigan Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Karina Ewer said she was delighted that the RAAF reps from Wagga Wagga, who walked along the trail, had such positive things to say about it. "Seeing Wing Commander Lisa Mcnaughtan, Warrant Officer Molly Millington, Sergeant Elizabeth Lawson, Corporal Caroline Bownds and Aircraft Woman Aimee Caynes Brown walk the trail really allowed you to visualise what it would have looked like years ago, when the WAAAF Women would have been walking in those same footsteps," she said.

Guests then moved onto the Tocumwal Aviation Museum Opening, which was held in The 'Drome Café, thanks to Matt and Karen Henderson. Tocumwal Aviation Museum is a collaborative initiative between Berrigan Shire Council, Tocumwal Aviation Museum, Tocumwal Historic Aerodrome Museum and Matt & Karen Henderson.

This project is supported by the Federal Government through the Drought Communities Program, Tocumwal Rotary contribution, Berrigan Shire Council and Matt & Karen Henderson. Those gathered sat engaged as Matt Henderson gave insight into the history of aviation in Tocumwal, followed by an address from RAAF Group Captain Chris Ellison. Guests enjoyed light refreshments as they took in the secrets that the museum holds and were encouraged to attend the Air show on Sunday, 10 April 2022. The Museum holds many special aviation memories of Tocumwal and has already attracted over 3,000 guests since opening in July.

Berrigan Shire Council

Church Times & Contacts **- Presbyterian -** Cobram/Davis St, Berrigan (03 5883 3697) - 1st and 3rd Sundays 9am
St Aidan's Anglican - 128 Jerilderie St, Berrigan. Father Humble (03 5744 2211)
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Sundays 11am, 5th Sundays to be announced.
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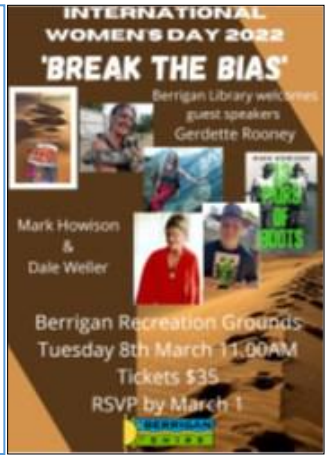
Uniting Wesley Chanter St, Berrigan. Church Council (03 58856521)
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays 11 am. Savernake 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am, Oaklands 4th Sunday 9am

BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR **FEBRUARY**

2022 International Women's Day

Join us to celebrate this year's International Women's Day.
The theme for 2022 is 'Break the Bias'.
Join us in welcoming guest speakers
Gerdette Rooney, Mark Howison & Dale Weller at the Berrigan Recreation Grounds on Tuesday 8th March at 11.00AM.
Tickets available now at the Library!!



Scrabble Tuesdays are on!

It is lovely to see such a great turn out of scrabble players every week in these uncertain times. We continue to practice check-in, safe distancing and mask wearing at the library and hope to continue providing our patrons with services and programs during the pandemic.

Library Lovers Day 2022

To celebrate Library Lover's Day this month, Berrigan Library encourages everyone to 'Show the Love'. Share your favourite love quote from a poem, song lyric, or book, entry forms available at the Library, and display them in the foyer. A colouring competition is also available to our junior members.

Book Review for February

The Butler by Danielle Steel - hailed as one of the world's most popular authors, Danielle Steel brings forth yet another bestseller telling the tale of two worlds and two lives colliding in this compelling and captivating novel.

The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Good Sister and The Mother-in-Law comes a new novel of family drama and long-buried secrets.

A Valley Secret by Anna Jacobs

The second book in the heart-warming Backshaw Moss Series from the much-loved queen of the Lancashire saga.

It Wasn't Meant to Be Like This by Lisa Wilkinson -

The story of how a young girl from Sydney's western suburbs came to be such a force in Australian cultural life. It is a story that is honest, engaging, and powerfully inspirational.

WASTE DISPOSAL CENTRES OPENING HOURS

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

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.

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VALMAR COMMUNITY TRANSPSORT 2022 BUS SCHEDULE

SHEPPARTON 1ST Thursday

Departs: Jerilderie from Behind the Bakery 8.00am
Berrigan from the Shire Chambers 8.30am
Finley from the RSL Park 8.45am
Tocumwal Post Office Bus Stop 9.00am
Arrives Shepparton 10.30am approx..
Departs Chemist Warehouse Carpark 12.45pm and goes out to Shepparton Marketplace/Bunnings
Departs Shepparton 2.30pm
DATES: 3rd Feb, 3rd Mar, 7TH April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec

COBRAM: 2ND Thursday

Departs: Jerilderie from behind the Bakery 8.45am
Berrigan from the Shire Chambers 9.15am
Finley from the RSL Park 9.30am
Tocumwal from the Post Office Bus Stop 9.45am
Arrives Cobram 10.30am approx...
Departs Cobram 2.30pm
DATES: 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 10th Mar, 14th Apr, 12th May, 9th June, 14th Jul, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec

ALBURY 3rd Thursday

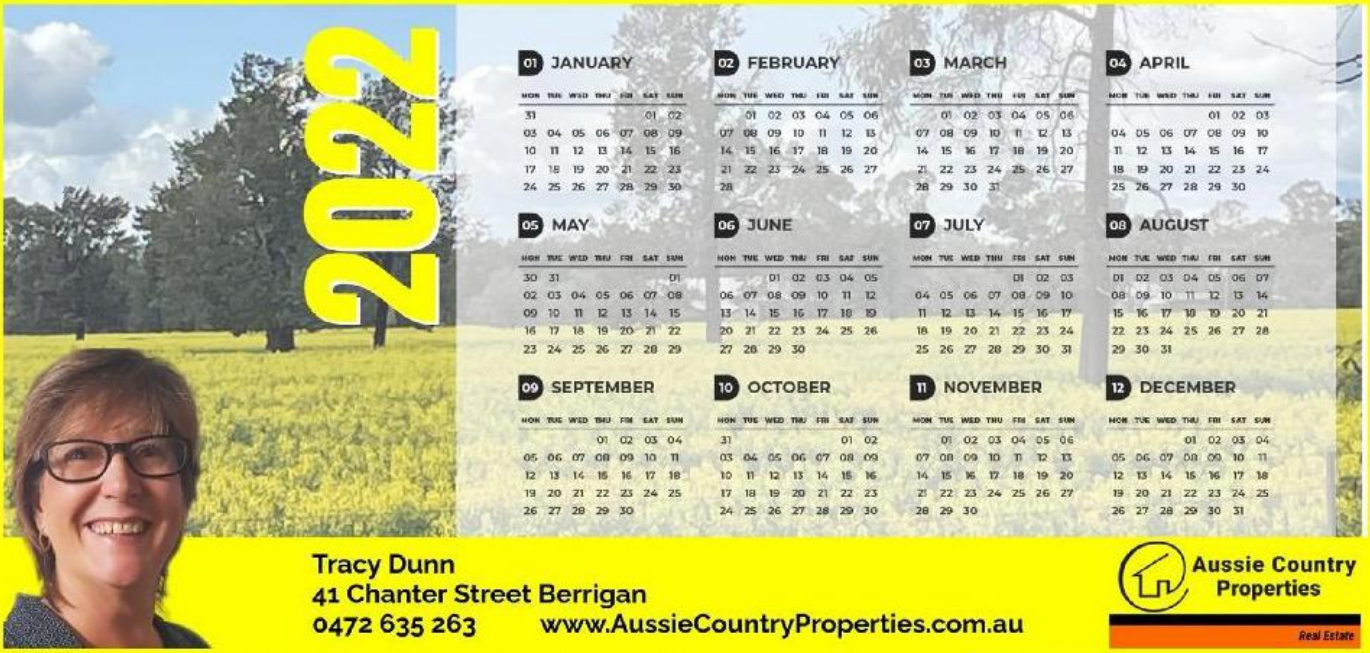
Departs: Jerilderie from behind the bakery 8.15am
Finley from the RSL Park 8.45am
Berrigan from the front of IGA 9.00am
Arrives Albury 10.30 am approx...
Departs Albury 2.00pm
DATES: 20th Jan, 17th Feb, 17th Mar, 21st Apr, 19th May, 16th June, 21st Jul, 18th Aug, 15th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov, 15th Dec

YARRAWONGA 4th Thursday

Departs: Jerilderie from behind the bakery 8.30am
Berrigan from the Shire Chambers 8.45am
Finley from the RSL Park 9.00am
Tocumwal from the Post Office Bus Stop 9.15am
Arrives Yarrawonga 10.00am approx.
Departs Yarrawonga 2.00pm approx.
DATES: 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 24th Mar, 28th Apr, 26th May, 23rd Jun, 28th July, 25th Aug, 22nd Sep, 27th Oct, 24th Nov, 22nd Dec (Final trip for the year)

The trips listed below will only be ran if there is enough interest in them (minimum 5 people)
Thursday 31st March: Griffith
Thursday 30th June: Leeton
Thursday 29th September: Corowa

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Please phone Valmar Community Transport on 0269204162 to book by no later than 4.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the trip.



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