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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON CHANTER RETURNS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

CHANTER STREET BERRIGAN WILL ONCE AGAIN BE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC 25TH MARCH 2022

The Berrigan & District Development Association (BDDA) have once again obtained funding through the NSW State Government Festival of Place – Summer Fund to host the Festival of Music on Chanter, closing the main street of Berrigan for an evening to allow residents and visitors to dance and listen to some amazing tunes from regional performers.

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Ray Macartney, Farmer/ Entertainer/ Singer Songwriter, has been performing since the late seventies in many & varied bands, covering many different styles of popular music. There's possibly not a hall or a Club Ray hasn't performed in the region & he has performed as far as the Gold Coast, Tamworth, Melbourne at Clubs, Pubs, Country Music Festivals, Weddings & Functions.

Ray began recording in 1992 & has to date recorded eight albums with a ninth, 'Man of The Land' due out any day now. His song writing covers many different genres with lyrics that express many different subjects. His 2017 album, 'Finding Inspiration', was his most successful album releasing four original singles on 'Country Radio Singles' with two tracks - Fisherman's Habitat & That's My Country, hitting 'Country Songs Top 40' and receiving airplay worldwide.

Ray stated "I wanted to have a variety of performers to cater to all tastes. I wanted everyone to feel an affinity to the music and to be able to enjoy what we all have to offer." Ray continued "I looked around the Riverina and Goulburn Valley and realised that we had so much amazing talent at our fingertips, the hardest part was narrowing down the choice to only five."

"Last year I planned for all five entertainers take it in turns to play twenty-minute sets through the night, ensuring that there was no down-time for the crowd but I didn't expect all five to jump on stage at the end to belt out a couple of songs. It really made my night!"

Darren Colston has several awards to his name including the Tamworth Independent Artists Male Vocalist of the Year. He has also penned and performed several charting singles including the Top 5 Hit duet with Victoria Baillie, "Will You Stay" and the Golden Guitar nominated song "The Boundary Rider".

In January 2020, at the Tamworth Festival, he was awarded the Radio 2RRR Contemporary Male Country Artist of the Year.

Darren is a truly exceptional vocalist and fine guitarist whose songs "reflect love and life in Australia" and has promised to once again entertain the crowd with some great Country favourites along with his own hit songs.

Daine Runnals, from Yarrawonga, will be his usual entertaining self, providing some great one-liners and singing popular songs that we can all join in. Daine has been performing for almost twenty years, singing and playing various instruments such as Guitar, Harmonica, Banjo and Piano.

He has released numerous original albums and, whilst during the day you'll find him enjoying sharing his love by teaching music, most weekends you'll find him where he most loves to be, entertaining live on stage, guitar on lap, microphone out front.

Anthony Tenace was fabulous last year, chatting to the crowd between sets and encouraging local talent.

He even got behind the camera. Anthony has been performing for over 25 years. He runs 'Kick Back' recording studio, along with a PA Hire business in Mooroopna. He started his career playing the clubs along the Murray River,

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From Page 3… as well as weddings and events. Anthony's style ranges from country, rock 'n' roll, some 80s and 90s classics and he's known to throw in some acoustic songs as well. Crowd participation and involvement is one of the keys of his performance. Anthony has just found his love of song writing and received second place in the Tamworth song writers' awards.

Jade Camden, formerly of Finley and now in Barooga, has been singing, performing and entertaining in Australia and abroad for over 20 years. The early years of her career found her singing and treading the boards in Wagga where she performed with many talented singers, actors and musicians in comedy musicals, theatre shows and concerts.

Her aspirations took her to the bright lights of London where over seven years, Jade continued to sing with bands, duos and trios at various events and special occasions. Jade wrote and starred in her own original musical comedy as well as writing and recording a demo of original songs. Upon her return to the Aussie shores and living in Melbourne, Jade was lucky enough to sing at the 2011 Grand Prix and 2011 Cox Plate. Last year saw Jade pump out classic pop numbers and rock classics which had us all singing along, then she jumped up to provide backing vocals and harmonies for the guys ,really making the evening special. We can't wait to see her again.

With the continued lockdowns of last year, and dire cross border complications that crippled the local economy, The Festival of Music on Chanter promises to be both a much needed resurrection of the live music industry and a new form of entertainment for the region.

With ample food and drink being provided by local pubs, cafes and stallholders and a variety of shops and stalls offering late night trading, the festival promises to be the best possible way to welcome the weekend. We look forward to seeing you there! S Escott

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

A generous donation of $4,609.64 from Berrigan Red Cross Fashion Extravaganza has enabled the Berrigan War Memorial Pool Committee to purchase a defibrillator which is considered to be a vital piece of equipment. Balance of the funds will go towards next seasons subsidised entry fundraising campaign.

This is an amazing gift to our town made possible by the dedicated hard work of our Red Cross Committee.

Pictured : page 09 - Berrigan War Memorial Pool Treasurer Jude Lawrence, Berrigan Red Cross Marion Dickins and Lifeguard Clair Baxter.

AUSTRALIA DAY SPORTSPERSON 2022

Congratulations to Matthew Whelan who won the Berrigan Shire Council Australia Day Sportsperson of the Year 2020. Continued Page 07

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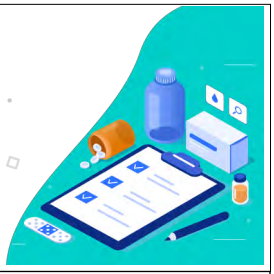

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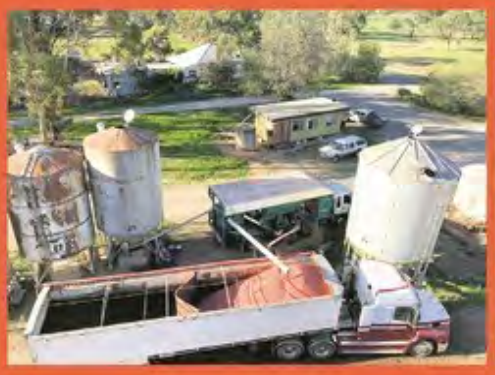

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From Page 4...Matthew has had an outstanding year of sporting achievements in 2021 in golf, cricket and football for his community clubs and also as a member of various sporting teams at Finley High School and as a Riverina regional representative. Photo Page 09 M Whelan

ROSE GARDEN RETURING TO ITS GLORY

It was wonderful to see the roses back along the fence outside Kevin and Thelma Ryan's house. After being told that just one or two bushes would be taken out, they woke one morning in November to find that everything along the fence had been ripped out and dumped so that drainage work could be undertaken.

It was unfortunate that they were not given enough time to remove and repot these plants, which they would have happily done if given any notice, however that was not the case and the works had to proceed.

Come mid-February, when the works had been completed, new roses were planted along the fence in the newly constructed garden bed. Photo page 09.

Kevin, who takes much pride in his gardening skills, was very quick to replant the new roses that were planted, as he doubted that they would have survived planted as they were. He will continue to look after this area and make it a beautiful green space for everyone to enjoy. Because he takes pride in his work, in his garden and in his community. CVB and C Spunner

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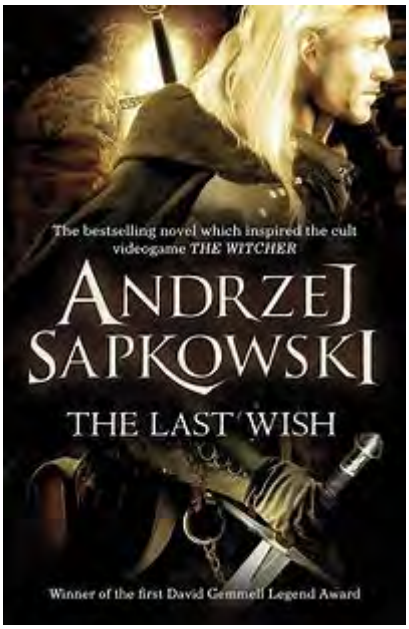

The Last Wish by Andrzej Sapkowski

The only problem with having watched the Witcher series, is that now that I am reading the book, I have a definite sense of who the Witcher Geralt is. Which is not a bad thing possibly as this first book I have chosen to read does bounce around with short stories .

It introduces characters that you recognize in the show but it is just that little bit different. New but familiar and enjoyable all the same. There is nothing like a high fantasy series that has all the fun stuff - princesses in danger, monsters, good and bad guys, sword fights and battles. Magic that makes it all that little bit more interesting. This sort of story will always be my favourite I think. I'm only half way through the book, with another seven books to go in the series, so hopefully the magic won't end too soon for me. I can't wait for Season 3 of the Witcher to start, but 2023 is a while off yet, so the books will certainly do for now!

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The Local Health Advisory Committee met for the first time this year in February. Even though some members could not make the meeting we still went ahead in accordance with our Terms of Reference. We are still just sorting out what has happened over the Christmas break and also what projects we may venture into.

MPS (HOSPITAL) STAFF UPDATE

Continuing on with introducing the staff at our Hospital (MPS) I have two more this month. Photos Page 09
Firstly I have Kamal, who hails from Nepal. He left his home and family 2017 to come to Australia to train as a nurse. Kamal is now a New Graduate Registered Nurse. Kamal, who is single, lives in the nurses quarters at the hospital and is employed on a full time basis as a Registered Nurse. Kamal says he is enjoying working here in Berrigan and basically enjoying life generally. The pace is certainly different to Sydney.
Our second staff member this month is a well-known face in the District - Sandra. Sandra previously worked for the hospital a number of years ago. She left to gain more experience and skills. Sandra came back to us around August last year and is now permanent part time at the MPS. Sandra also works part time at one of the Yarrawonga Medical Practices.
So a big welcome to Kamal and we all hope you enjoy your stay in Berrigan. Also a big 'welcome back' to Sandra and we all hope you continue to enjoy working back at our hospital.

COVID 19

As the rules for Covid19 have changed recently, I thought I should bring you up to date. On Friday 18 February, 2022 we saw QR coding no longer required for shopping and the like although they are still required in high density areas such as an indoor music festival.
From Friday, 25 February 2022 masks are only mandated to be worn on public transport, planes, and indoors at airports, hospitals, aged and disability care facilities, corrections facilities and indoor music festivals with more than 1,000 people.
However! Masks are still encouraged for indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others especially when you are interacting with vulnerable people.

COVID will continue to circulate in our communities, so we need to continue our COVID-safe behaviours. If you are sick, stay home to protect others and wear a mask if you need to go out to access medical care. Remember to wash your hands regularly and carry hand sanitiser with you. Keep a rapid antigen test at home so you can test as soon as you have any symptoms, or before you visit vulnerable people. As the Premier has said, we need to continue to move forward out of the pandemic while ensuring that we keep people safe and people in jobs, so life can return to normal as quickly and safely as possible.
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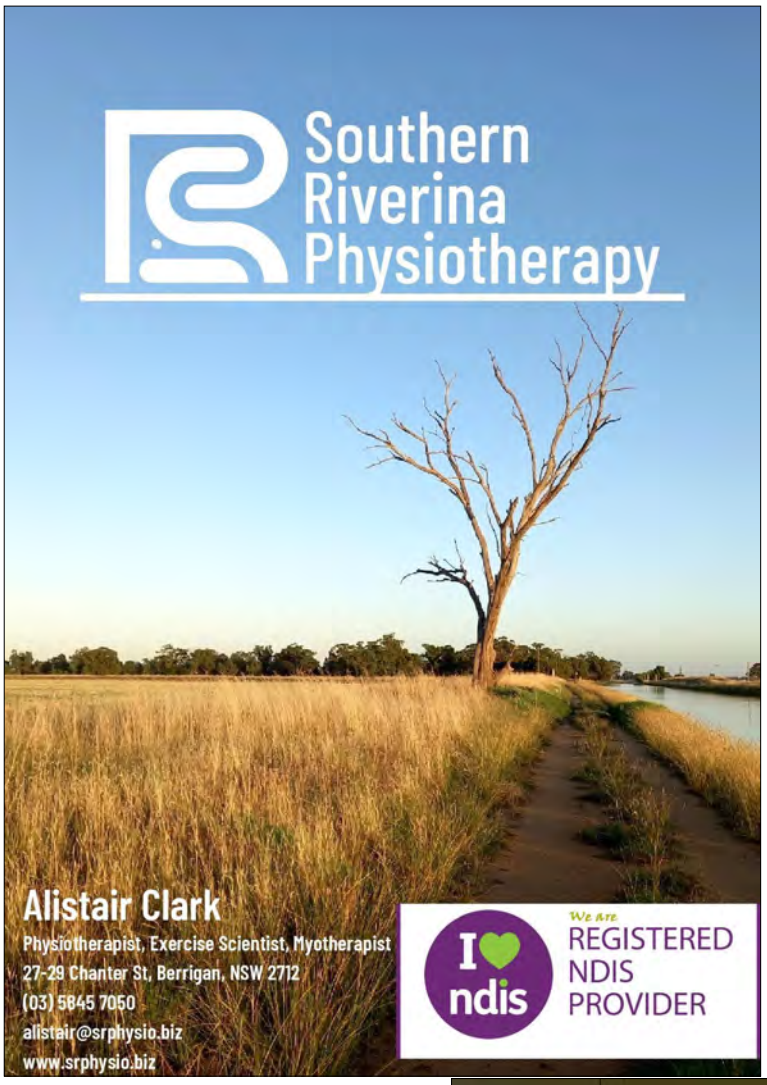
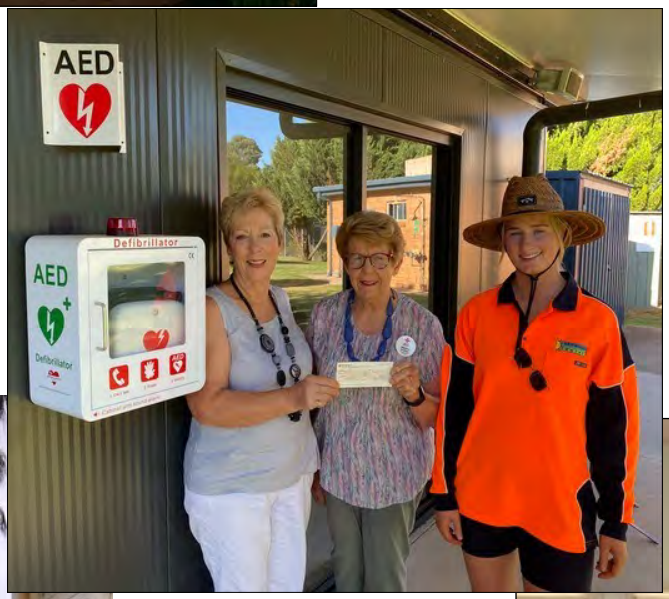
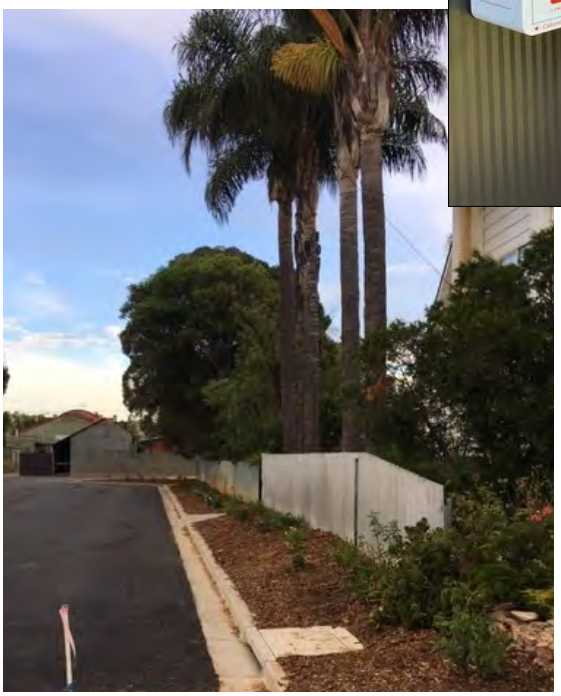


Right - Australia Day Sports Person Of the Year 2022 Matthew Whelan



Clockwise - Jude Lawrence receiving Donation Cheque from Marion Dickens with Claire Baxter: Sandra from the Hospital; Father Tony Aboshi; Kamal from the Hospital and the Ryan's Rose Garden.



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FROM THE MUSEUM

ABORIGINES IN THE AREA BEFORE SETTLEMENT

The tribe of the Pangerang extended from Narrandera to Mansfield, and from Albury to Tocumwal. The first sighting of white people by the aborigines in our area was in 1838 near Mulwala, when Captain Charles Sturt passed on his trip down the Murray. It was a peaceable tribe and no cases of spearing of white men were reported in the Mulwala- Savernake-Berrigan districts.

There were many middens or community fires between 40cm and 9 metres in diameter scattered throughout the whole area. They used stone implements ranging from tiny finger-nail sized ones to quite large pieces for grinding Nardoo and other seeds to make a kind of meat. They also ate yams and other native plants no longer found in the area. Their spears were made from a type of bamboo with a sharp flint attached at one end with sinews from kangaroo tails and tree resin. Kangaroos were speared and cooked by placing them on the middens which were kept burning continuously. Other food was waterfowl, echidnas, wombats, dingoes, plus many reptiles and insects. Possums, which were plentiful, were eaten and their skins used for clothing. There was permanent water at boat rock near Savernake, and apart from the worst drought years there were several swamps where the aborigines deepened circular holes 6 metres wide and over a metre deep called duck ponds. Nets were made from grass to trap ducks and they were killed with boomerangs.
The Berrigan Museum has information on the ingenious way in which it is believed that the aborigines enlarged the natural depression in the granite outcrop to make boat rock.
When white settlers came their clearing of the land destroyed the camping and hunting grounds of the aborigines and their diet of native animals and plants were killed off or ploughed up. Many died from diseases like small pox and measles. When their temperature went up they would lie in water to cool off and then contracted pneumonia. There is evidence of burial sites north of boat rock and on sandhills just south of Berrigan. M Steer.

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100 YEARS OF CWA OF NSW

CWA of NSW had its beginnings at the Bushwomen's Conference held in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Show in Sydney in April 1922. The Conference was initiated by Dr. Richard Arthur, MP for North Sydney, and Miss Florence Gordon, who ran the Home Page of the Stock and Station Journal.

Dr. Arthur had been calling for the need to improve conditions for rural women and Miss Gordon published a plan for a "Country Women's Union of Help" in 1921, partly inspired by Women's Institutes in Canada and Britain. At the Bushwomen's Conference, on 20th April 1922, an organisation committee was formed, including Miss Gordon and Mrs Grace Munro, of Bingara, who was to become the CWA of NSW's foundation President.

At Crookwell on 26th April, 1922, about fifty women met at the School of Arts. They came on foot or by sulky and after talk and discussion, all who wished to join this organisation signed their names in a brand new Minute book. This page is now an historical document, because those signatures belong to the foundation members of not just Crookwell, but the entire Country Women's Association. These women were initiators, fighters and lobbyists, who were passionate about making rural and regional NSW better for those who lived there.

Within six months there were 68 Branches and four years later, 109 Branches. In 1925, Moree became the first town in NSW to establish a Baby Health Centre.

In 1926 Hillston set up the first small CWA hospital and this was followed by twelve others throughout the State. By 1927, the State was carved into Groups and the Country Women's Association had become a national institution. The CWA was focused on fighting isolation and a lack of health facilities. Members immediately started work on setting up baby health care centres, funding more bush nurses, and building and staffing the likes of maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes and holiday getaways for rural and remote families. In the early days, 1927, there was rivalry in a contest to determine the "best town". An efficient ambulance service is vital with Nyngan being the first town to have a CWA Ambulance.

When the Royal Flying Doctor was inaugurated (1928), spreading the "mantle of safety" over the vast interior, CWA donated one thousand pounds to the construction of the Base Station at Broken Hill. This building stand as a CWA memorial to the pioneer women of NSW.

Sturt Group was formed in 1936 when the larger Riverina Group was divided. Berrigan Branch was formed in 1932, when it belonged to the Southern Riverina Group, before moving to Sturt and we look forward to celebrating 90 years of service later this year. Berrigan member Mrs Myra Nixon CBE served as State President from 1968-1971. This was a great achievement without the modern means of communication we have today. Myra's son Stuart has said that telegrams were the main means of contact in that time.

In the 100 years the CWA of NSW has been in existence, members have helped bring about some major changes across the state. The Association played an important advocacy role in the introduction of compulsory seat belts, white lines on the edge of roads and flashing speed signs in school zones to name a few.

The 100 years celebrations will be held at the State Conference at Royal Randwick in Sydney from May 2-5.

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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

AUSTRALIAN MENS SHED ASSOCIATION
"MEN DON'T TALK FACE TO FACE, THEY TALK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"

25 Chanter St, Berrigan All Welcome!
Restoration, Repairs and Sales of Furniture, Above Ground Garden Beds Open Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 12 Midday

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!

From page 14 .....**Sturt Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day** will be held in Berrigan this year on Thursday March 10th. The Cookery contest is not restricted to members of the CWA; it is open to any person residing in NSW and ACT. We would encourage all the good cooks of Berrigan to have a look at the schedule to see if your favourite cake entry is listed. It is always wonderful to see a good display of cakes, even if you don't win a prize. Schedules can be picked up from Jenny Coldwell or Beth Rendell. Some have been left in the Pharmacy for those interested. B Rendell

GREETING FROM THE BERRIGAN SHEDDERS

Shed activities have been frenetic over the past few weeks with the return to service of the corrugated iron sheet roller. Garden bed orders have been constantly rolling in and members are on the lookout for used corrugated iron to replenish supplies. Talk about recycling and repurposing in an environmentally sustainable way at the shed!

Any residents that are aware of roof tin about 660mm or 26" wide in the old money is welcome to contact Myles @ the Mens Shed. Members will happily turn up and take away any suitable tin that residents have surplus to requirements.

Our rural residents continue to enjoy ongoing good conditions and this ongoing situation with the prospects of another bumper year with irrigation allocations of around 80% for the next water year.

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 us to make a garden bed for your garden.

Planning is well advanced on the upcoming First Aid course with around 20 students having registered. Please contact the Men's Shed secretary Myles Humphries on 0419 522 740 prior to 1st March to secure a place.

The course will be held: **WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2022**

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.

WELCOME TO BERRIGAN BBQ

The BDDA is once again holding its free Welcome to Berrigan BBQ for new residents who have moved into town. Starting at 12 noon on Sunday the 27th of March at the Berrigan Golf and Bowling Community Club, the BDDA would like to invite you to meet other residents, community group representatives and of course, John Lane, the BDDA president who organises this event.

All ages welcomed, we would like to see all the new faces in town. To book your seat, please call the lovely staff at Dawmacs on 03 5885 2382.

Need a Handyman?
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Ring Chaz 0488 703 639

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
School Holidays	
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

Southern Riverina Vehicle & Machinery Club Inc
3rd Wednesday of Month
7.30pm at the Finley RSC
Phone Darryl on 0458 218 72
for more information

Buses run on
1st Thursday - Shepperton
2nd Thursday - Cobram
3rd Thursday - Albury
4th Thursday Yarrawonga

VALMAR
Linking Community

Phone Valmar Community Transport on 02 69204162 before 4pm Tuesday prior to trip to book your seat.

THE CLUB FOR LOVERS OF ALL THINGS MECHANICAL…

The Southern Riverina Vehicle and Machinery Club Inc caters for people with an interest in anything mechanical. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month except December, resuming again in January of the following year, meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Finley RSC. Our social calendar includes club organised outings, Show N Shine and Charity Events where required. Club rules are according to the Club Constitution and we participate in the NSW Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme. We are a friendly, relaxed club. For further information, please phone Darryl Culhane on 0458 218 720.

Darryl Culhane, Secretary,
Southern Riverina Vehicle & Machinery Club Inc.

PEDAL CURE 4 FIGHTMND TO BE HOSTED BY BERRIGAN LIONS CLUB

The Berrigan Lions Club will be hosting the Neale Daniher Fight MND Pedal 4 Cure Tour De Riverina bike tour on the 7th-8th March as it makes its way from Temora through to Ariah Park on a 880km trip to raise funds for FightMND.

70 Riders and 15 support staff will arrive on Monday 7th March to stay overnight at the Berrigan Football Grounds. They will be dining that night at the Royal Hotel, served by masterchefs John and Michelle.

On the morning of the 8th, Lions will be serving breakfast at the supper rooms at the Memorial Hall for the riders before they depart for Albury, their next stop. Please make this group welcome in town if you see them. You can donate to the cause online at **https://hub.fightmnd.org.au/pedal-cure-4-fightmnd-2022**

PEDAL CURE 4 FIGHTMND is a 7 day cycling and fundraising event involving people who ride in support of funding research into MND. The first 2 rides were from Ungarie NSW to Melbourne Victoria. The 2022 ride will be a Tour de Riverina overnighting at Temora, Lockhart, Berrigan, Albury, Wagga, Narrandera, Griffith & Ariah Park. We call into towns along the route, visit schools & raise the profile of MND.

The ride starts on Saturday 5th March in Temora and finishes in Ariah Park on Saturday 12th March 2022. Participants cycle and attend local fundraising functions with celebrity guests! Last ride Max Gawn, Jack Steele, Michael Milton, Luke Breust, Isaac Smith, Crackers Keenan, Peter Moore, Simon Madden & most of the Danihers presented at various venues. This helped us raise awareness and $310,000 for Neale Danihers FightMND Foundation to fund the best and brightest MND researchers in the world work on finding a cure to "The Beast".

The ride program is -
Temora Community ride - 5th March 2022
Temora – Lockhart, 138km - 6th March 22
Lockhart – Berrigan, 132km - 7th March 22
Berrigan - Albury, 124km - 8th March 22
Albury - Wagga Wagga, 129km - 9th March 22
Wagga Wagga – Narrandera, 111km - 10 March 22
Narrandera – Griffith, 104km
(Griffith community ride) - 11th March 22
Griffith - Ariah Park, 128km
(Ariah Park community ride) - 12th March 22
Total : 880km in 7 days

MND - or Motor Neuron Disease is the name given to a group of diseases where nerve cells (neurons) controlling the muscles that enable us to move around, speak, swallow and breath, fail to work normally . The neurons die and the bodies' muscles eventually become weaker. At the moment, there is no cure for MND and most people with MND die within 2 to 3 years of developing the condition, however some people can live a long time.

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www.healthdirect.gov.au
https://hub.fightmnd.org.au/pedal-cure-4-fightmnd-2022

MARCH	FRIDAY STREET STALL	APRIL	IGA Hours
04 Not Booked	Book Friday Street Stall @ Shire Offices	01 Berrigan Uniting Church	Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm
11 Amaroo Auxiliary	Book IGA Market Day Stall @ IGA	08 Berrigan Heritage Museum	Sunday 9am - 5pm
18 United Hospital Auxiliary		14 (Thursday) Hospital Aux	Public Holidays 8am to 1pm
25 Berrigan Red Cross		22 Not Booked	Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day
		29 Berrigan Show Society	

NEW FATHER FOR ST COLUMBA'S WELCOMED

On Sunday 13th February, a Morning Tea was held by the Parishioners of St Columba's and the Community to welcome our new Administrator of St Columba's Parish, Father Tony Aboshi. Photo Page 09.

Father Tony, a Nigerian was born in April 1982 in Onitsha, one of the oldest cities in West Africa. After seven years study for the Priesthood at a major Seminary in Nigeria, Father Tony finished his training at Vianney College in Wagga Wagga and was ordained a Priest on 5th December 2015.

Not only a Bachelor of Theology, Father Tony also has a Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and a Master of Business Administration among other Diplomas and Certificates.

Father Tony began his ministry as Assistant Priest at Leeton for 5 years, Narrandera 6 months, Ganmain Parish Administrator for 6 months. He accepted the position of Parish Administrator for the Parishes of Berrigan, Mulwala and Barooga in January 2022.

Father Tony's interests are Soccer and Tennis and a love for country life in the Riverina and Murray areas. He is the 19th Priest to serve the Parish of St Columba's in 126 years

The Parishioners and the Community of Berrigan look forward to a new and exciting time with our new Nigerian Priest and welcome him into our homes and Community. Mary Curtin

FROM THE GARDEN

All the members of the Community Garden and the Berrigan Conservation and Tidy Towns Committee were saddened by the loss of their loyal member Laurie Thompson. A beautiful farewell was held in Laurie's Garden in February.

We have a new addition to our garden! Thankyou to Wayne and Colin, it is a large compost garden, to take larger cuttings. Pictured are Wayne and Colin with the new compost garden.

The month of February has seen us pick lots of zucchinis, butter squash, beautiful beans and still plenty more, silver beet and even yummy watermelon.

We have quiet a few Pumpkins which will be ready mid March. Unfortunately, we had to pull out our cherry tomatoes because of fruit fly. We will beat them next season because we will cover the beds with a collapsible tent covered with fruit fly netting, thankyou again to Colin and Wayne, our very handy men!

Have you seen John's Giant pumpkins, please don't pick these beauties! We will weigh them to see if he has beaten the weight of his last pumpkin.

Please take a walk to the garden and see our new beds along the school fence and perhaps you may pick up some vegies while you are there, all for a donation. Improvements are made from money collected in the donation box. Clara Way and the Happy Gardeners

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

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

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

Uniting Wesley Chanter St, Berrigan. Church Council (03 5885 6521)
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays 11 am. Savernake 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am,Oaklands 4th Sunday 9am

THE BERRIGAN & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BDDA) HAVE SUCCEEDED IN APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR THEIR MEMBERS TO RECEIVE FREE MARKETING A TRAINING AND SUPPORT VIA NSW STATE GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS MONTH IN MARCH.

The FREE training is one-on-one between Susan Escott of Virtual Essentials, and the BDDA member business at any mutually convenient time during the month of March.

There are no strings attached to this offer – no sales pitch, no further requirements to enrol in any training or to hire a consultant. The BDDA have applied for this funding to ensure that, following the lockdowns and border closures of the past two years, each BDDA member business has support available to them to thrive moving forward.

Every business of the BDDA is already entitled to a FREE website page/directory entry on our Berrigan NSW website, and in this session this listing can be created or improved upon, and/or you can choose to look at how to optimise an independent website already online.

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 your reputation.

This session can be utilised as an opportunity for you to create a new social media presence or learn ways to improve how you are interacting with clients.

To make your booking head direct to: https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/VirtualEssentials@virtualessentials.com.au/bookings/s/xck1KVDWm0akj90HUI0vzw2?fbclid=IwAR3fCh6xDubskJFe4kXC36U3U14PR002tbnqMAl4S3BFC-inI22RD0CtV2U

or make a booking via the link on the Berrigan NSW website: https://berrigannsw.com.au

NOT A MEMBER OF THE BDDA? Join now for only $50. Head to the website and fill out the contact form or reach out to the girls at the Berrigan Bookshop. https://berrigannsw.com.au/contact

NSW GOVERNMENT

This is a BDDA initiative funded by the NSW Government & delivered by Virtual Essentials

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BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR MARCH

Easter School Holidays

The School Holiday program will be held in Tocumwal & Berrigan on Thursday 14th and 21st of April Barooga & Finley on Wednesday 13th and 20th of April

Activities will start at 10.30

We might even have a visit from the Easter Bunny!

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New Books for March!

The Herd by Emily Edwards

You should never judge how someone chooses to raise their child.

Elizabeth and Bryony are polar opposites but their unexpected friendship has always worked. They're the best of friends, and godmothers to each other's daughters - because they trust that the safety of their children is both of their top priority.

But what if their choice could harm your own child?

Little do they know that they differ radically over one very important issue. And when Bryony, afraid of being judged, tells what is supposed to be a harmless white lie before a child's birthday party, the consequences are more catastrophic than either of them could ever have imagined . . .

Library Activities

Scrabble

9.30am Tuesdays

Berrigan BookClub

2pm second Thursday of the month

Story Time

10.30am Tuesdays

See Alana at the Library for more information.

Be Connected

Access the Library Online at

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

Community Recycling Station in the Library

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

BERRIGAN SHIRE

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

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