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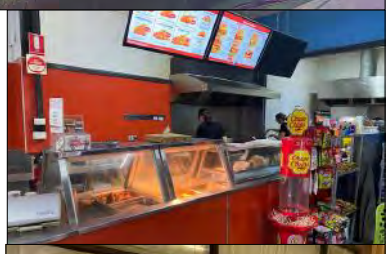

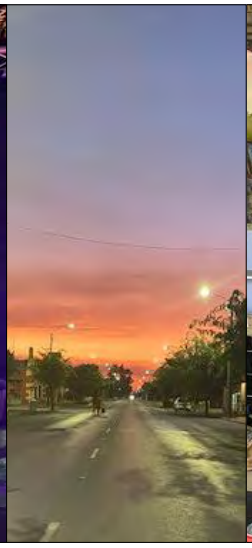

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Festival of Music on Chanter

The Berrigan Community would like to thank our wonderful musicians for the fabulous performance they gave on Friday 25th of March. Their enthusiasm and professionalism was greatly appreciated.

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CONCEPT FOR INCREASING NURSING STAFF NUMBERS IN NSW REGIONAL AND RURAL HOSPITALS AUTHOR ROBERT CLARK 10/02/2022)

Background - This essay is focused on the nurse shortage, but the methodology and principles can also be applied in other areas of worker shortage like truck drivers. It is noted that the average age of a truck driver is 60 years, so what happens to this industry when they start to retire, and all that experience is shed from the industry?

Principle of the Concept - Train our own local people to fill the roles instead of relying on contract workers from labour hire companies or imported staff from overseas. Remove the cost impediments and disincentives for rural and regional people from pursuing a career in health.

Retain tertiary qualifications at RN level so that a student can advance their health career pathway to the level at which they are comfortable with.

Understanding the Problem - Before a problem can be solved it must be accepted that there is a problem. Thirty years ago, in the Jerilderie and Berrigan LGAs a RN coming into the district went on to a waiting list at the hospitals before employment was offered. One asks what went wrong that there is now a shortage of trained staff?

Temporary measures like labour hire companies supplying staff are not sustainable. What is the true cost of this short-term arrangement? In some respects, it is immoral to import staff from third world countries as it removes the few talented people away from communities that desperately need them.

It must also be recognised that cutting services or removing services to concentrate residual staff at one location only is not the panacea for this problem.

It will only lead to poorer health outcomes lack of access for the regional and rural communities.

Authorities need to understand why metro trained nurses or those that go to a major metropolitan location for training don't tend to return to regional and rural areas or why people from rural and regional areas don't see nursing as a career.

It has become apparent that both levels of Government, employers and the potential employee have been mixed up in a training cost shifting exercise. The State says tertiary training is a Commonwealth responsibility and the Commonwealth then attempts to shift the cost back to the student through HECS and universities want to make a profit.

The point is don't get bogged down in the administrative confetti. If you want a job done you enlist local talent to get it done at the right price and on time.

The Covid pandemic has only highlighted the systemic problems in the system it is not the cause.

Impediments and Restraints to a Nursing Career - Money is a significant driver for rural and regional people not to undertake a degree in nursing.

* The student acquires a HECS debt whilst training.
* The student must be able to fund a live away from home situation.
* The student does not have a liveable wage whilst training or no wage at all.
* Isolated from family and friends and if they are older may have carer responsibilities which precludes them being away from home.
* Nursing in the country has with it high stress (little or no backup) and can have punishing shift rosters.
* Metropolitan hospital nursing does not have the same demands placed upon the individual RN as rural and regional nurses. In small country hospitals the RN is the first line of defence for a patient that is in a life and death situation. Continued Page 5

From Page 4...This must be recognised, and the RNs need to be given well rounded training in the broadest sense to cope with emergencies. The job satisfaction that can come with that needs to be enlisted during the recruitment of RNs into this training program.

* Health authorities need to go out to high schools and other public gatherings across the regions to sell health as a viable career in rural and regional areas.

The above problems drastically shorten the potential talent pool for people wanting to take on a health career.

The Concept - 1. A student for RN training is recruited and sponsored by a health organisation or health facility. This sponsorship will guarantee employment once initial AIN training is achieved.

2. The student is then immediately sent on a compressed course as an AIN. This will allow the student to start earning an income.

3. The cost of the AIN course should be covered by both State and or Federal governments.

4. Once in the work place the student embarks on a compressed EN theoretical training program. Hospital supervised training at EN level to follow with wages paid at appropriate level.

5. The student is employed as an EN during RN theoretical study phase and still paid at EN level.

6. During RN practical training the student is given the opportunity to work at a major hospital to get well rounded experience. Cost of accommodation to be covered by the hospital receiving the student or sponsor.

7. The principle is that after a 3 year degree the student is ward ready and does not need supervision by a senior RN during their fourth year.

8. Generally speaking, a university semester is about 13 weeks including exam time. There being 2 semesters per year the student would be offline for about 26 weeks in any one year. There is the potential for the student to still have gainful work in the health field if the work shift structure is compatible to their study needs.

9. During semester breaks the student is given guaranteed employment at a local health facility or hospital and paid to the level … Cont Page 6

From Page 6...at which they are qualified for.
9. On completion of training at RN level the student is guaranteed employment in their local area and if this is not available relocation costs to be paid if they take up an offer at another location in an area of need.
10. At any time, the student can step aside from further training and remain employed at the level they are qualified to.

11. There would be a return of service for the cost of the training if the student no longer wants to be employed by the health service. I would suggest this being the cost of the EN training and at RN level the HECS debt if incurred.
13. Return of service would also include a 1-year employment contract with the health service for EN trained persons and 2 year contract for persons qualified at RN level.
14. For those that complete their training and complete their required return of service employment contract then their HECS debt is cleared.
Other Considerations - 1. Not for profit age care providers could also form part of this concept with the students rotating through each other's facilities to get a better grounding in general health care. They may also have candidates for RN training who would need exposure to general hospital nursing and specialist nursing. The wage cost for the NFP student would be born by the agency sponsoring them.
2. Murrumbidgee Health is in a prime position to take the lead on this program and use it as a pilot for the rest of NSW and potentially the Commonwealth may expend it across the other states.
3. Charles Sturt University should be brought on board at the Wagga and Albury campuses to deliver the theory content of the student nurse program. I would suggest this being at all levels AIN, EN and RN to ensure continuity of training.
4. The training program is opened to all but the return of service to be undertaken at a regional and rural health facility is paramount. Ideally at the sponsors location.
5. As mentioned previously, theoretical training will need to be compressed ideally to half that of a normal tertiary semester so that … Cont Page 7

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From Page 8 … the student can get more practical experience in the workplace, earn an income and not be a financial burden on the sponsoring facility or organisation. It may prove to be cheaper than continuously using labour hire companies on a permanent basis. R Clarke.

BETTER USE OF WATER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – NOT MORE BUYBACKS

The Australian Government is investing $35.1 million to improve Murray Irrigation Limited (MIL) delivery infrastructure to make water already held for the environment work harder. Minister for Resources and Water, Keith Pitt, said the investment would broaden the MIL's customer base reducing operating and maintenance costs for 2,200 irrigators.

"This project will also create 256 direct and indirect local jobs in construction and 7 jobs permanently in operations as well as providing agricultural and environmental benefits by getting water to new areas and at new times," Minister Pitt said. "Increasing the capacity of the existing channel escapes will mean environmental water can fill wetlands and creeks that would otherwise only get wet during large over bank flows. This is about making our available water work harder and smarter. The project funds water infrastructure upgrades to achieve better environmental outcomes in the region – improving environmental water delivery across 372 km of ephemeral creeks and up to 100 ephemeral wetlands – important environmental assets in the Edward Wakool river system."

"This is the sort of project that demonstrates that water recovery isn't the only way we can achieve good environmental outcomes and the Australian Government is open to innovative approaches to improve river and wetland health. We put an end to buybacks because of the damage they have done to regions like this – stretching beyond the individual farmgate and impacting on the efficiency or whole irrigation networks," Minister Pitt said.

Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley, said communities, like those through the Murray Irrigation System, had done the hard yards through buybacks to put water in the hands of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. "Production changes, reduced inflows and untargeted buybacks have reduced water delivery in the MIL by 40% in the past 30 years leaving valuable water infrastructure stranded – for farmers and environmental water holders," Minister Ley said.

"Increasing the capacity to deliver larger volumes of environmental water through the network is like adding another 100 users, given the scale of potential water use. This project will help us make water for the environment work just as hard ...Cont Page 8

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From Page 7… as farmers work their water."

Senator Perin Davey said, with 98% of water recovered, it was time to focus on projects like this that delivered environmental outcomes. "There's been so much emphasis on achieving water recovery targets – it's time we also focused on supporting the CEWH to use the available water to best effect," Senator Davey said. "In this area, projects like this that enhance Basin Plan outcomes in concert with productive agriculture will see real improvements in the local environment as well as providing downstream benefits. This, combined with our commitment to looking at improving water management efficiency through the Off-farm Efficiency Program show we are committed to delivering the Basin Plan in a way that will help agriculture become a $100 billion industry by 2030 as well as improving environmental outcomes. We committed to putting communities back at the heart of the Basin Plan and projects like these are a clear demonstration of that commitment," Senator Davey said.

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

EXPANDED BRUMBIES EXHIBITION

The Blue Highways Gallery is having an expanded exhibition of The Wild Horses, The Australian Brumbies. Polarizing no doubt, but these are beautiful horses, show-cased by Mark, in the wild. Images on canvas, portraits, landscapes of the horses, in the mountains and the forests, a rich part of our heritage. A wonderful collection of unique images, here in Berrigan. Gallery is open for viewing Thursday to Saturday 10am to 4pm or by appointment.

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Thanks again, until next time.

David L Elsum AM

THANK YOU FROM THE POOL

The members of the Berrigan War Memorial Pool Committee would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time to man the Pool Canteen during the 2021 -2022 season. Our volunteers have worked hard to provide a service to the pool patrons, and we would like to especially thank Sue Chisholm and Nicole Lorimer for the work they have put in to make things run smoothly. We have had an interesting season with Covid Marshalls, strange weather, new pool toys and we received a substantial donation from the Berrigan Red Cross to help cover the cost of purchasing a Defib machine for the pool. We hope that our generous community once again supports our funds drive so that we can again offer subsidised entry for the 2022-2023 season. The committee looks forward to working closely with Emma McQueen, the Recreation Office at the Berrigan Shire and we look forward to seeing you all again at the end of the year when the new season starts. CVB

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ON THE GREEN - BOWLING NEWS

Berrigan Community Bowls Club hosted the Murray Bowls Playing Area Grand Finals on Saturday 19 March 2022 in what was the biggest day of bowls in Berrigan for many years. Over 88 bowlers from 6 clubs and another 250 spectators made for a fantastic day of bowls. All visitors were incredibly impressed with the facilities on offer. Well done to President Garry Seamer, Greens Director Barry Hutchinson and his team, Val Chisholm and her dedicated catering team and Janice Graham and Myles Humphries on the bar. Paul Glanvill won the Murray Bowls Division Champion of Champions event in March, defeating the club champions from 14 other clubs in the Murray Bowls Playing Area. Paul will now play the Goulburn Valley champion on Saturday 25 March for a spot in the final 16 for Bowls Victoria.

In other Bowls News, the Berrigan Community Bowls Club Men's and Ladies Club Pairs Champions have been decided. For the women it was Elaine Hawkins and Glenys McKay who defeated Lesley Forrest and Clare Harvey and in the men Neville Burke and Graeme Clements were too strong for David Woodward and Matt Hansen. The champion pairs teams will play in the Murray Bowls Playing Area Pairs Champions of Champions event on Sunday, 26 March 2022. M Hansen

Below - Bowlers and Spectators enjoy the greens.

Below - Paul Glanvill winner of the Murray Bowls Division Champion of Champions

Left- Neville Burke and Graeme Clements

Below - Elaine Hawkins and Glenys McKay

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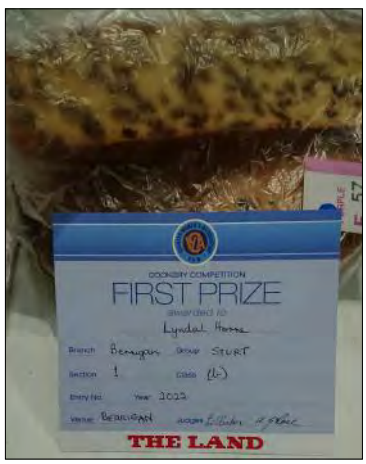

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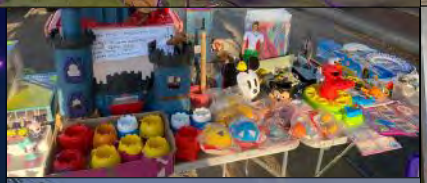

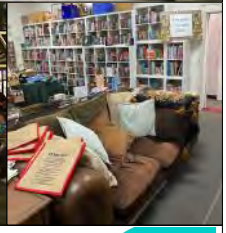

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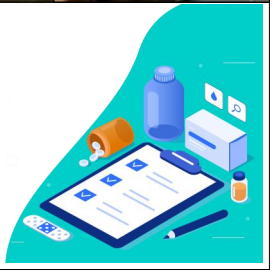

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On Thursday 3 March, I resigned from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers (SFF) Party. I will now represent Berrigan and the rest of Murray as an independent in NSW Parliament. In late February, Upper House Shooter Party MPs did not show up for a crucial vote on floodplain harvesting. They refused to vote down dodgy National Party law changes that allowed for excessive water take in the Northern Basin. These law changes really disadvantaged Lower Darling communities and Murray River irrigators. I've always said I'd put my electorate ahead of my party. As an Independent, I'll be able to always vote in the interests of my community. I won't be joining or aligning with any other parties or MPs.

Business as usual

I want to reassure my constituents that I'll continue to represent you as an Independent, fighting for rural NSW. My offices in Griffith, Deniliquin and Buronga will remain open, and our team remains dedicated to helping the public. Over the next year, my focus will be on improving hospital and mental health services in rural NSW; achieving fairer water sharing arrangements across the state and addressing the rural teacher shortage and housing crisis. Feel free to email me on **murray@parliament.nsw.gov.au** if you've got any other concerns or questions.

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• Appreciation programs and events such as employee of the month, national awards of excellence and team events.

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About the role - We are currently looking for cleaners to join the team. This role will assist the home & business in maintaining the highest possible standards of cleanliness and hygiene across the residence with a strong focus on minimising health risks and maximising safety.

How you'll make an impact

• Ensure all cleaning requirements are met each shift
• Always interact with the clients in friendly, helpful and positive manner
• Ensure the home/business is cleaned to high standards

About you

• Previous commercial or health care cleaning experience preferred but not essential (training provided)
• Clear communication skills both written and verbally
• A passion for cleaning and cleanliness

To APPLY

If this sounds like the ideal role for you and you have the skills and experience we're looking for, we'd love to hear from you. Apply today. Please email Lauren at **info@fussyascleaning.com.au**

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LHAC HEALTH MATTERS

Your LHAC held the monthly meeting earlier this month at the Madill Medical Centre. We are looking at several projects we may be able to get involved with in the near future.

COVID 19

Many of the restrictions that were imposed upon us over the last 2 years have now been lifted as we try to get back to a new covid normal with our lives. However, whist this gives the impression that the pandemic is over - it is not. Most of you would be aware that Omicron now has developed a new strain which is said to be 40% more transmissible than the current Omicron Covid19 virus. It is important that we do not lose sight of this and still practice good hygiene and take precautions to protect ourselves against the virus. By taking these precautions we can limit the possibility and severity of the disease should we get it.

VACCINATIONS

The best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated. Whilst this may not stop you from getting the virus it can reduce the severity quite significantly. So, please, should you still require one or all of your Covid19 vaccination needles please contact the local doctor at the Madill Medical Centre. Whilst many residents in the area have had their vaccinations we are still down in numbers with the 5 to 11 year olds. The Committee strongly supports all eligible persons being vaccinate and also getting the booster needle. To maintain antibodies it is also important to get the booster shot three months after the 2nd injection. The colder months will be with us soon and evidence shows that Covid19 seems to spread more in winter.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RAT)

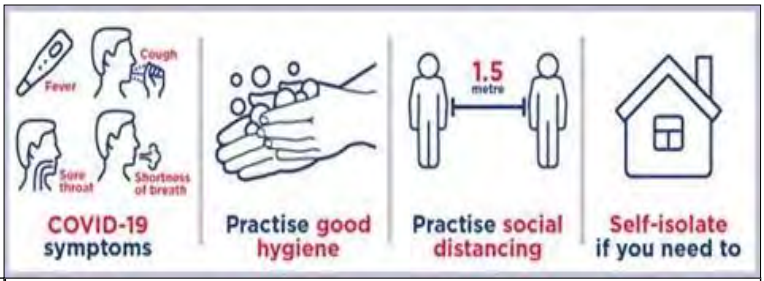
It appears that the local Berrigan Pharmacy now has an adequate supply of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits. The RAT kits are free of charge to concession card holders and you can access up to 10 tests per person over a period of 3 months. The Pharmacy also has kits available for other residents at a cost.

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

Warnings have been issued for Japanese Encephalitis and Ross River Fever in our area (Southern Riverina). At the time of writing there has been one case recorded for Berrigan of the Japanese Encephalitis. These diseases are spread by mosquito bights. Most of you will be aware that the mosquitoes have been very active in our area and the constant bouts of rain are ensuring that the breeding grounds are remaining. If you are outside at dawn or dust you need to take precautions. Light coloured lose long sleeves shirts and long pants are a big help. An effective mosquito repellent is also essential for all uncovered parts, hands, neck ears and other parts of the head. It is a good idea to ensure that there are no breeding grounds on your premises if you can by draining vessels that may hold water suitable for the mosquitos to breed in.

LHAC GOES ELECTRONIC WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE

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



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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

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

DO YOU LIKE SPORT IN BERRIGAN? THEN THE BERRIGAN SPORTSGROUND MANAGAMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

The Berrigan Sportsground Management Committee AGM was called to meet on the 3rd February 2022. This meeting was abandoned due to lack of participation from the Showground user groups and has been rescheduled for **Monday 4th April at the Sportsground at 7.00pm.**

The current committee made up of members Ian Dickins, Bruce Rendell and Andrew Parr, need people connected to the Sports Grounds - those in the Cricket Club, Football Club, Netball Club and A&H Show Society to take an interest in joining the Sportsground Management Committee. This committee is a Section 355 Committee of Council and is responsible for the general maintenance of the grounds, eg mowing the oval, doing small repairs and engaging tradesmen for plumbing and electrical problems - in other words, they are responsible for the facilities so that the user groups and the public get a sportsground that is looked after. Current President Ian Dickins and Secretary Bruce Rendell are both stepping down as they have been involved in this committee for over 30 years. Andrew Parr is happy to continue on in the role of Treasurer. If the positions of President and Secretary are not filled, then there is a real danger that the facilities could be deemed as unsupported by the community and could face closure like the Pool did 14 years ago. It was only through the efforts of a dedicated committee that the Pool remained open. So, if you would like to continue seeing sport played in Berrigan or going to the Show, then please come along to the meeting, it is for anybody interested in maintaining the future of the Berrigan Sportsground. While experience with a big mower would be an advantage, the most important factor is dedication, community spirit and a love of seeing the sporting community thrive. Please support the youth of tomorrow.

Bruce Rendell Secretary 30 years +

FROM THE MUSEUM MEMORIES OF THE 1930s AT OSBORNE WELLS SCHOOL

Mrs. Cath O'Dwyer (Cath Cruickshank) was the daughter of George and Constance Cruickshank and lived with her parents, two brothers and a sister at "Woodbine', about 7 miles from Berrigan. She writes:

My first day at school remains a very clear memory. Les, my older brother, insisting on being early, dinked me on his pony to school and deposited me on the veranda and then went off to see a school mate who lived nearby. Standing forlornly on my own, too early for any other pupils, I waited, it seemed like hours. Then I heard a motorbike slowly putt-putting along the road. A man dressed in a strange-looking white suit, brown cap and goggles slowly rode into the yard. I wondered miserably could he be a tramp. He approached the veranda and I was relieved, when he removed his cap, goggles and overalls, to see the smiling face of my uncle Arol Peterson who was also our teacher. The children came to school in buggies, on horseback or bikes. The two families that lived nearby walked. The ponies were put in small individual yards built by each father attending the school. At lunchtime there would be a mad rush out of school to be first to bridle and *...cont page 19*

BERRIGAN CONSERVATION GROUP & TIDY TOWNS & COMMUNITY GARDEN

1st Sunday in Month Rubbish Pick Up
Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday of Month
at RSL Heritage Museum Meeting Room
Contact Mark Ryan 03 588 8222
Community Gardens Meets 1.30pm Wed & 9.30am Sat

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, War, Local & District History

Australian Red Cross

Meetings
3rd Wednesday
of Month,
rear Red Cross Shop

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.

from page 18… *saddle our ponies and lead the rush down the road to the dam where the thirsty animals could have a drink. Like all country children of that era we did not have much entertainment but enjoyed ourselves having wonderful games of hide and seek in the old stables, sheds, smithy and haystacks. There were plenty of trees to climb and our ponies to ride. We swam in the dam and emerged covered in clay, so did not follow that pursuit very much. One of the highlights of the year was the Osborne Wells School Picnic where we children ran and jumped as well as we could in the events and managed to win some money to spend at the Agricultural Show. There were also competitions for the ladies and men. Trestles were covered with sheets and decorated with cut-off beer bottles holding wattle and flowers from the lucerne tree. There was always plenty to eat, and cordial for the children. The next excitement was the Berrigan Show where we girls always had new dresses but wished we could ride our ponies in the show. Our friends and neighbours, Joan and Ailsa Rockliff, rode their ponies but wished they had new dresses.*
M Steer, Berrigan Museum

BERRIGAN LIONS THANKYOU TOUR DE RIVERINA

What an amazing event! What amazing people doing a fantastic ride for FightMND. On Monday 7th March with a drone in the lead, the first group of riders arrived at midday. Greeted by Inara and Ian Fox, they met at the Sportsground for lunch and to wait for the rest of the riders. They had departed Lockhart at 7.30am that morning and travelled 135kms, arriving in Berrigan in four groups. With the youngest rider aged 18 and the eldest at 75, the group of 70 male and 8 female riders (and their support crew of 12) were laying down on the cool concrete at the Sportsground when they asked if it was possible to go for a cooling off swim. Thank you to Gary Lehre, who opened the pool and volunteered as the lifeguard for the group.

Later that evening, they all arrived at the Royal Hotel, where John, Michelle and Trudi served up a delicious meal enjoyed by all. The Lions Club provided the desserts and did service as the wait staff. Many glasses of beer and red wine were served and a fantastic night was had by all by the time it ended at 9pm.

On Tuesday 8th March, Lions started serving breakfast - cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast, egg and bacon rolls, juice, tea and coffee - at 6am in the War Memorial Hall so the riders could start to be on their way by 7.15am. The first riders left at 7.15am and then the rest left in 10 minute intervals after that, heading towards Albury.

Over $500,000 was raised for Fight MND. The Berrigan Lions donated $1,000 to the group as well as paying for the groups meals. This was such an amazing event with people of all shapes, sizes and disabilities doing what they can for great cause. They enjoyed their stopover in our town so much, that they would like to return next year.

The Lions would like to extend their thanks to the following people for their help and contributions to make this such a fantastic event - John, Michelle and Trudi at the Royal Hotel for their fantastic meal and service, Gary Lehre for opening the Pool, Neville Dalgleish and Bruce Rendell for cleaning out the Football Shed and Memorial Hall so the group had somewhere to shower and sleep.

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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!
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From Page 19… We would also like to thank Tammie at the Berrigan Bakehouse and Moira Foodshare for suppling some of the food, Mayor Matt Hannan for welcoming the riders to our Shire and Cristina for the PR work. Lastly, our thanks go to Berrigan for making the riders feel welcome in our great community.

This was an event that was hard work for those involved, but one that we all enjoyed. We met and made some amazing friends. Inara Fox, Berrigan Lions.

DON'T FORGET TO VIEW - the Berrigan Shire Community Strategic Plan at : **https://www.berriganshire.nsw.gov.au/files/1CSP_2032V1.pdf**

The Draft Community Strategic Plan will be available to view and comment from Wednesday 23 March until Wednesday 20 April 2022.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR GENTLE EXERCISES

Gentle Exercises has moved back to the Madill Centre as of 21/03/22. If you would like to come along, bring your water bottle and $1.00 for the session. Held on Mondays at 10.30am to 11.30am, Gentle Exercises are a great easy way to keep physically active. For more information, please call Beth Trewarne on 03 58852797.

VISIT AT ST COLUMBA'S

Bishop Edwards visited St Columba's Catholic Church Berrigan for a pastoral visit on Sunday 27th March 2022.We were happy to see him at St Columba's and look forward to the next visit. Fr. Oboshi

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 10th April
11.00am to 11.45 am
Apex Park

Come along to our free Easter Egg Hunt in the Park on Sunday 10th April.

Sponsored by the BDDA and the Berrigan News

EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK

The BDDA and Berrigan News are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in Apex Park on Sunday 10th April starting at 11.00 am. Bring the kids down to try their luck at finding chocolate eggs hidden away in the park. Laney from PopzofColour and her helpers will at the park from 11.00am with a supply of little paper bags for the kids to put their eggs in. We hope that all the eggs get found!

Laney and CVB

How Many Easter Eggs did you spot in the Berrigan News?

Drop your answer in the letterbox outside of the Berrigan Bookshop by **4pm Thursday 14th April** to go in the draw to win an Easter Treat Basket from The Berrigan News. Winners drawn at 4.30pm on Thursday 14th April.

Name……..

Phone……..

There are ……Easter Eggs in the April 2022 Berrigan News

Or email your answer to berrigannews@gmail.com by 4pm Thursday 14th of April to go in the draw.

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!

Gentle Exercises Mondays
10.30am to 11.30 am
In the Madill Centre, 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 6pm September to April.
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

AUSTRALIAN MENS SHED ASSOCIATION
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Salutations and Hello from the Berrigan Shedders

A lovely transition towards the autumn season in March with shed members enjoying a respite from the high humidity of February. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all people who have been affected by the extreme flooding in NSW and Queensland. The flooding on the North Coast of NSW has exceeded all record, particularly at LISMORE where the majority of the town was inundated up to ceiling levels, and the villages of Coraki and Woodburn were also severely impacted. South East Queensland including Brisbane also had inundation over floor levels. There are several volunteer and emergency groups working in the North Coast area of NSW to assist with the clean-up. There are currently more than 3000 homes deemed uninhabitable in this area and our hearts go out to those who have been made homeless in this extreme natural disaster.

The rural scene continues to enjoy ongoing moist conditions with the prospects of above average wheat planting, given the unfortunate situation facing the Ukraine part of the world with war preventing any sense of normality in the enormous wheat bowl of Eastern Europe. I am predicting a bumper year with irrigation allocations of 85% for the next water year starting in August..

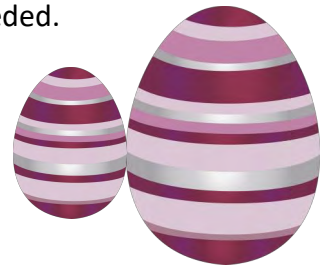
The front window of the shed (Big Store) has an array of used furniture for sale so please come and browse and make us an offer. Local delivery in Berrigan township can be arranged free of charge.

Please call-in or contact the secretary Myles Humphries if you would like us to make a garden bed for your garden. Here is another request to residents that are aware of roof tin about 660mm or 26" wide in the old money. If you have any surplus to requirements, please contact myles @ the mens shed. Members will happily turn up and take away any suitable tin that residents have that is no longer needed.

Until next time

Happy Shedding.

Myles Humphries Secretary,
Berrigan Men's Shed Inc.



BERRIGAN CWA

Berrigan Branch was pleased to host the recent Sturt Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day. Our Hall was tastefully decorated in blue and gold and impressed our visitors from Hay, Coleambally, Narrandera, Finley and Jerilderie.

There were some wonderful entries in the Cookery sections with prizes won by members and non-members who are permitted to enter. The project by four different members this year is, four brooches. There were four entries with Berrigan as winner.

The brooches will be on show at the State Conference in May at Royal Randwick. Ladies in the kitchen served up a beautiful lunch for the 35 people who attended. Special thank you to the ladies who helped Gwenda who was in charge of the catering.

In the Handicraft section there was a good variety of entries. Eight articles are going to State Conference representing Sturt Group. None of our members are attending the State Conference which happens to be the Centenary of CWA of NSW. A book will be available on the 100 years of CWA and will be most interesting to read how the organisation has evolved over the years.

For photos, please see page 13. B. Rendell

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.

Send your photo in of the Berrigan Bag and share its adventures with the community! Or let us know of your celebrations with a photo.

APRIL	**FRIDAY**	MAY	IGA Hours
01 Berrigan Uniting Church	**STREET STALL**	06 Berrigan CWA	Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm
08 Berrigan Heritage Museum	Book Friday Street Stall	13 Amaroo Auxilliary	Sunday 9am - 5pm
14 (Thursday) Hospital Aux	@ Shire Offices	20 Not Booked	Public Holidays 8am to 1pm
22 Interreach Finley	Book IGA Market	27 Not Booked	Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day
29 Berrigan Show Society			

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

All is going well at the Community Garden. The seedlings of cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli are doing well. Carrot, cauli and broccoli seeds have sprouted and it will be a challenge to keep them from going to seed early as we have sown the seeds a little late. Learning and living at the same time, that is what we are about. Thankyou Peter Blake for your volunteer mowing and we now welcome David Batten to mow the surrounds of the Community Garden on a regular basis. David will be on the new Ride On Mower purchased by The Berrigan Conservation and Tidy Towns Committee. Thankyou David, for all the work you have done and continue to do around the town. Lofty will also be mowing nature strips and other areas around town, thankyou Lofty.

We are taking pride in our town, and would like to encourage you, the community, to continue to keep your yards looking appealing to the passing visitors.

On Sunday 3rd April, the Tidy Towns Committee will be cleaning up the roadsides, meeting at the entrance to The Tank Paddock at 9am. We would like as many volunteers to join us. We will finish up with a cuppa and chat afterwards. Many hands make light work. If you are new to town and would like to join the Garden group come along on Wednesday 1.30pm or Saturday 9.30am.

Working Bee

Sunday 3rd April 2022

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA (BERRIGAN)

START: 9:00AM **FINISH:** 11:00AM

MEETING POINT: Welcome to Berrigan sign Albury Rd outside the Tank Paddock

WHAT TO BRING: water, gloves, a smile, Sun protection, comfortable walking shoes and some Friends and Family members

TASKS: Roadside clean-up, Cobram and Albury road

Morning Tea provided at conclusion

Any Questions contact

Mark Ryan: 0427 858 227 or John Lane: 03 5885 2382

ALL WELCOME

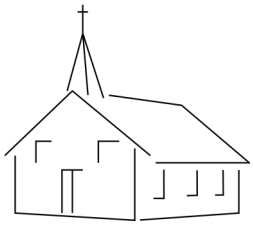
Church Times & Contacts -

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



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

BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR **APRIL**

International Women's Day

Berrigan Shire Library celebrated International Women's Day on Tuesday the 8th of March.

It was amazing to hear about guest speaker Gerdette Rooney's life and travels. It was a day filled with laughter and as Gerdette would say "mighty craic".

Legal Week 16-22 May

Berrigan Shire Library Service will be hosting Zoom meeting with a lawyer on the 17th of May to discuss the legal aspects of NDIS Service Providers. Please contact your local library branch to book in.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Join us and millions across the country for National Simultaneous Storytime 2022. Berrigan Library will be hosting our Storytime event on Wednesday 25th of May at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Book Reviews

Winter Counts is a tour-de-force of crime fiction, a bracingly honest look at a long-ignored part of American life, and a twisting, turning story that's as deeply rendered as it is thrilling.

The Islands is the sweeping story of the Saari family. As the Saari's try to build their future in Australia, their lives entwine with those of the fishing families of Little Rat, in myriad and unexpected ways.

The Lies That Bind is a mesmerizing and emotionally resonant exploration of the never-ending search for love and truth--in our relationships, our careers, and deep within our own hearts

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

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 10.30am.

We might even have a visit from the Easter Bunny!

2022 IS SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER STRONG YEAR FOR SELLERS IN BERRIGAN

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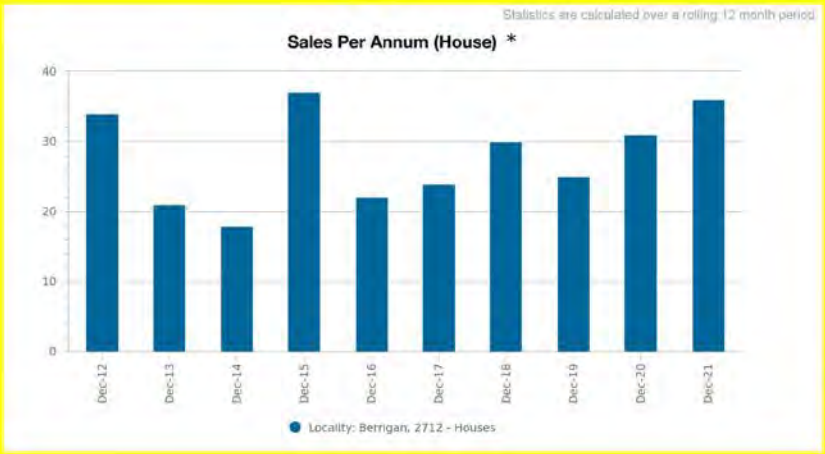
Berrigan Suburb Report



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Median Sales Price *

Period	Year 2017 Median Price	Year 2018 Median Price	Year 2019 Median Price	Year 2020 Median Price	Year 2021 Median Price
January	$147,750	$162,500	$133,750	$157,500	$204,000
February	$146,250	$152,000	$132,500	$158,750	$212,000
March	$148,250	$151,000	$126,250	$160,000	$220,000
April	$150,000	$151,000	$132,500	$157,500	$204,000
May	$148,250	$150,000	$133,750	$164,000	$170,000
June	$148,250	$142,500	$125,000	$168,000	$197,000
July	$150,000	$135,000	$130,000	$158,750	$210,000
August	$148,250	$135,000	$130,000	$157,500	$207,000
September	$150,000	$142,500	$125,000	$157,500	$215,000
October	$144,000	$156,000	$136,250	$151,250	$230,000
November	$150,000	$142,500	$141,250	$185,500	$210,000
December	$156,000	$136,250	$145,000	$167,000	$216,000

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