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Berrigan salutes John Strelec – for his contribution as the 2nd longest serving Publican of the Royal Hotel Berrigan Thank you, John

John Strelec finally calls it Last Drinks - after 17 years as the publican of the Royal Hotel Berrigan, John feels its time to move on.

John initially purchased the lease hold of this iconic country pub, in 2005 and four years later in 2009, he and his then partner Julie-Anne Bortoli, purchased the freehold. John is one of the longest serving publicans in the area.

The Royal Hotel Berrigan was built in 1897, by William Grace. It was unfortunately partially destroyed by a fire in 1927 and was restored and rebuilt by Edward McGrady in 1931. Initially it was a one-story building. After the restoration they built the second story for accommodation.

Country Pubs of this calibre are a popular venue where the locals meet to share their stories of the day or just to have a yarn or two over a few schooners of amber. Many a farmer and blue-collar worker swung by the pub after a hard day's work, downing a few beers over their long-winded stories of the day, before heading home to their Mrs or to a deserted house to share their lonesome nights with the life-long faithful friend – the farm dog.

John is a friend, a mate and confidant, who has helped the community with many special events including Oaks Day, Red Hatters Day, Bingo, Berrigan RSL meeting, BDDA meetings, Berrigan Lions Club Meetings and Handover Dinners, along with many others over the years.

John is a humble, generous man who knew what he needed to do for the community and he did it without fuss. He has generously donated to the Berrigan RSL, the Swimming Pool, Sporting Clubs and many other organizations.

John is a father of 2 – daughter Beris, who helped him at the Royal for a couple of years and a son – Sam. He has 4 grandchildren. John plans to move to the Sunshine state, warmer weather – for health reasons.

John employed many locals as well as back-packers to help behind the bar and in the kitchen. John would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all those who worked with him at the Royal Hotel, the people of Berrigan who helped him throughout the years and for their loyal friendships and sharing their evenings at the hotel. John extends a very special thanks to Michelle, for her dedication and commitment – "She has been the back bone of the Royal Hotel – Thank you Michelle".

Some of the locals have fond memories of their evenings spent at the pub, especially Panda, Cont Pg 3

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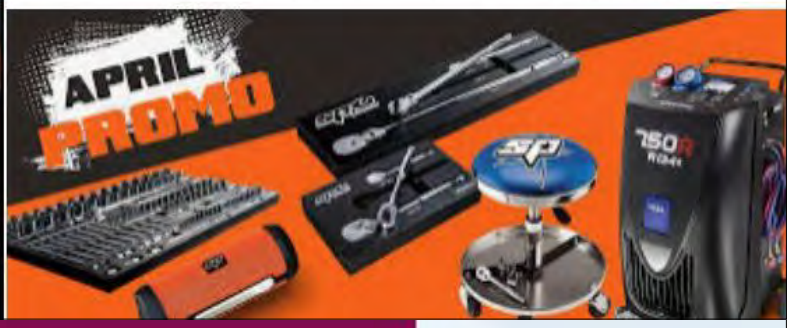

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From Pg 1... who spent most of his evenings at the Royal – "I will miss John very much, he was more than a great mate, he was like a father". Many locals enjoyed the fantastic meals he cooked – my favourite was Fish, Chips and Salad.

One of the locals mentioned that it is only at the Berrigan Royal Hotel that you cannot leave the glass turned on its side on the Bar, when you have finished your last drink – because John says the Bar is uneven and the glasses have rolled off the Bar and smashed!

John recalls many memories – some not so good – yet he is walking away from the Royal Hotel Berrigan with fond memories, good times and great friendships that he will treasure forever.

People of Berrigan will remember John as a 'real mate', and we love him very much. Everyone I spoke to said – "John is a good man, who has generously helped our community". John Strelec, we will certainly miss you – our evening at the Royal will never be the same.

I'd like to join with the people of Berrigan to wish you all the very best for a fantastic retirement.

Cheers for good health and happiness! Angela Peris

BDDA CHANGE MEETING FORMAT

The BDDA members who met at the March BDDA meeting have voted to change to bi-monthly meetings. We are hoping to get as many together for dinner and to chat before our meeting and will visit various venues in Berrigan. These meetings will take place in April, June, August (AGM), Octoberand December. We will still meet on the 4th Wednesday, at 6.00pm to order dinner, followed by a 7.00pm meeting. Our April meeting was held at the Royal Hotel so we could farewell John Strelec. We wish him well in his new adventures. If you would like to join the BDDA, or would like to know any other information, please contact Cristina at bddasecretary@gmail.com . CVB

Thankyou so much for organising the New Residents lunch.

It was a fabulous afternoon, meeting old and new residents, hearing their backgrounds and journey to Berrigan. I have lived in many towns around Australia and your welcome was the best I have ever experienced. I hope the community keeps this going and I look forward to exploring all that the community has to offer…

Footnote... If anyone finds my cargo net I inadvertently left at the tip, I have a new one so keep the old one as my gift!! Cheers and Goodness to all, Debie Love

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We have had a message from Laurie Thomson's family letting us know that his niece Steph has a new sports clothing line available at www.yondit.com for those who would like to have a look. Carol

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Born in Sri Lanka, migrated with my parents and siblings to Darwin Australia in 1974, only to be welcomed by 'Crazy Tracy' – Cyclone Tracey, that devastated the top end city!

After completing my Nurses training at Concord hospital (then known as the Repatriation Hospital) – Sydney – I went on to specialize in Intensive Care / Coronary Care nursing. After many years in nursing in some of the busiest major teaching hospitals in Sydney for over 35yrs, I was looking for a quiet lifestyle.

I moved to Berrigan in May 2012. Over the years I have met some lovely people in Berrigan and surrounds – As a Registered Nurse, I worked in our local hospitals and am currently working at the Corowa Medical Centre, as the Cardiac and Respiratory Care Specialist Nurse.

I believe 'Health is our BEST investment' – no amount of money can buy you good health once you lose it. I have run Health and Wellbeing Expos in Berrigan for many years to raise awareness of Holistic Health and Wellbeing to optimize your health. I own and operate the Health & Lifestyle Retreat on Cobram Road Berrigan.

I am passionate about promoting Health & Wellbeing and would like to take this opportunity to invite people of Berrigan and surrounds for a FREE health talk to celebrate 10 years in Berrigan - on Saturday 14th May at The Memorial Hall Berrigan – from 2pm – 4pm – Refreshments provided - Bookings essential for catering -

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FROM THE BOOKSHOP

I have cheated a bit this month! I was filling in a few minutes online reading an article about Classic Children's Books and I kept doing the "OH! I've read that! I remember that one! Yes, that is a classic!" so I thought I would put a couple of my favourite books from the article in the News this month. See how many of these you know and love!

Classic children's books to add to your library - Getting little kids to read can be a challenge sometimes, but that's only if you've picked the wrong book! The world of children's literature is replete with incredible stories that range from the totally fantastical to simply silly, and there's so much to explore..

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle

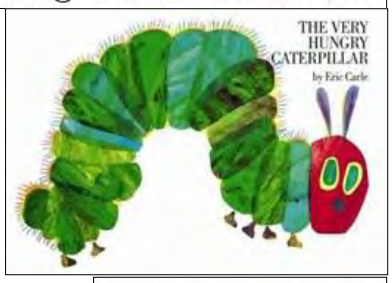
Lushly illustrated and published in 1969, writer and illustrator Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" is an essential addition to any child's library. It's also a fun way to teach kids about the life span of a beautiful butterfly.

"Where The Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak

Described by many as one of the best-illustrated books for children ever written, "Where The Wild Things Are" remains a perennial favourite for adventurous little ones. After you've finished the book, consider watching the 2009 film directed by Spike Jonze inspired by the film. (Note: it might be a bit scary for really young kids.)

"Green Eggs and Ham," by Dr. Seuss

Even though its title dish doesn't exactly seem appetizing, kids of multiple generations have eaten "Green Eggs and Ham" right up for decades. More than 8 million copies of the book have sold since its release, and many of those copies have grown into cherished heirlooms for kids who received them.

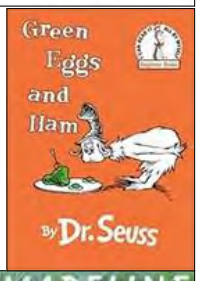


"Madeline," by Ludwig Bemelmans

This classic French children's book by Ludwig Bemelmans has been adapted into multiple films and stories, and that has everything to do with the charm of its spūnky, adventurous title character.

"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White

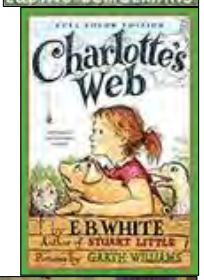
This inspiring tale of a special pig and his barnyard friends, written by E.B. White, is a perfect introduction to chapter books for slightly older kids, or just for reading aloud at storytime. Don't forget to give Wilbur, Charlotte, and all the rest of the critters their own distinct voices!

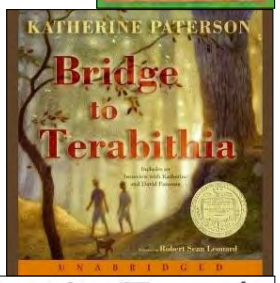


"Bridge to Terabithia," by Katherine Paterson

Introduce your kids to the wide and wonderful world of fantasy books with this 1977 Katherine Paterson classic, in which two kids use their imaginations to dream up a whole new world that manifests itself in an abandoned treehouse. There's also a great movie to watch and compare with the book once the reading's done.

For the full article by Amy McCarthy, please go to http://a.msn.com/07/en-au/AAWf2rB?ocid=se Happy Reading CVB





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Did you know that there is a Murray River Bird Trail which is much like the Silo Art Trails. Only this time, the objects of art are large 3-4 meter bird sculptures. There are Blue Wrens, Cockatoos and a Kookaburra. I thought - this is what Berrigan needs! The BDDA logo is a galah. I am sure such a sculpture would be a great photo opportunity for locals and tourists alike. Can you imagine a 3 meter galah in one of the parks? So, as secretary of the BDDA, I am looking into this and I hope to be able to report back next month that soon we will have our very own galah to add to the Bird Trail .CVB

POSTCARDS IN BERRIGAN

A little while back, we were asked by the Berrigan Shire if our business, the Berrigan Bookshop, would like to go on the short list of 10 venues to appear in an episode of the TV program Postcards. The Shire had purchased a spot together with the Rochester Business Network, Edward River Council and Swan Hill Incorporated to promote the area. Berrigan Shire were pushing the idea of 108 holes of golf in four towns as a destination.

We said, sure, why not and then promptly forgot all about it until Carla received on her personal email a notification that the film crew would be there one day early, here is the filming schedule. This induced a slight panic and a super effort on our part to almost finish building bookshelves, get things up off any flat surface and into the shelves and to pack away all the excess that has been waiting for us to get to it when we have time. We never have time! Either that, or the stuff multiplies overnight.

We got there in the end and on Monday 4th of April in the afternoon people arrived. Brodie Harper was the presenter and she had a helper, a cameraman and a sound guy in tow. The did their TV magic and after almost two hours, they left. It would appear no one can resist a bookshop - Brodie left with a few books to enjoy.

They also visited the Tocumwal Aviation Museum and WAAF Creek Walk, the Tocumwal Golf and Bowls and the Barooga Sporties mini golf (which is not the fun game that has props and obstacles but is a game about putting apparently - I don't know, I don't get golf at all!)

So, this episode will be showing on Postcards on Sunday the 1st of May, I believe on Channel 9 at 5.30pm for us rural folk according to Google.

Mother has promised most faithfully to "tape" this for us so we can come and see it at some point. I believe that you can also watch it online. I haven't bothered much with TV in the last two years. My antenna needs repair and it just all seemed to hard to get it done. Good thing I am a reader! I have been able to keep myself occupied. It is nice to see that the Shire is finally starting to include the non river towns in its promotions. It will be interesting to see how the area is portrayed. CVB

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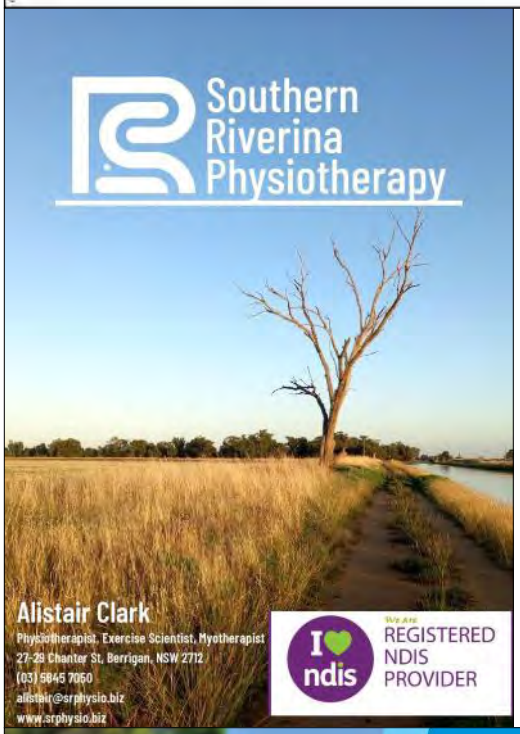

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Season 22/23 Newsletter

Dear Racegoer,

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⇨New additions to the Ladies Amenities are currently being built
⇨Upgrade of Power Boards around the grounds.
⇨Upgraded Coolroom.
⇨New furniture for the dining room with 2 new Gas Fryers and extraction fans..
⇨Upgraded running rails.
⇨New plantation of trees in marquee areas
⇨New underground watering system.
⇨Upgraded the new sewerage system connected to the town system, cost of $25,000
⇨ $2500 work on stables
⇨Rain water tanks now supplying office and showers

Racing dates at Berrigan for this season are as follows;

- **Members and Patrons Day on August 20th 2022**
  This race meeting is for young and old alike, catch up with friends, bring the family and enjoy the day with a gourmet barbecue on course.
- **The Berrigan Gold Cup on October 29th 2022**
  This is an event not to be missed. Our legendary Gold Cup meeting featuring fashion fillies and lots of frivolity. Book a marquee and entertain your guests in style or book a table in the Public marquee.
  Bookings being taken now.
- **Finley Autumn Cup March 2023**
  This is a great initiative partnered by the Berrigan & District Race Club, the Finley Chamber of Commerce, and our local communities. This race meeting features children's entertainment with Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Games, Fairy Floss, snow cones and more

Finley Autumn Cup March 2022 - After an unscheduled downpour early in the morning the races were cancelled but punters and locals continued to celebrate the day with the opportunity to mingle with friends and family and continued to enjoy the day around the bar and dine on good food.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

Your membership is very important to us and we look forward to your involvement during the Berrigan racing season 2022/2023. .

* **Membership cards** have been printed and for race goers that were financial last year a new card is enclosed.
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Geoff Swann	Janine Murphy	Bill Daly
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Committee: G. Swann, K. Moar, M & B Haintz, D. Ryan, A. Ryan. E. Ryan, J. Gorman, A. Gorman, A. Pyle, N. Manly, C. Wraight.

Berrigan & District Race Club

Season 22/23 Membership Form

With exciting times ahead for the club we encourage you to join with us as a member for the 2022/2023 racing season. An Annual Membership is a fantastic way to enjoy all that the Berrigan and District Race Club has to offer. New members are always welcome and we look forward to hearing from you.

FULL MEMBERSHIP $60 INCLUDES

- Two member's tickets for each of the three meetings on the 2022-2023 racing calendar;
- Member's & Patrons jackpot draw of $100.00 for each meeting. Winner needs to be on course to claim prize or else the pool jackpots to next meeting.
- Invitations to members functions
- Free racebook for each membership holder
- $30 voucher for recommending a new member to the Club who joins, whilst renewing your membership.

PATRONS MEMBERSHIP $330 INCLUDES

- Two patron's tickets for each of the three meetings on the 2022-2023 racing calendar;
- Free tea and coffee in the Committee Room
- Patrons will be invited into an exclusive fully catered marquee in prime position on the course for our Members & Patrons Race Day in August. Food and alcohol (beer& wine) will be provided for the day.
- Member's & Patrons jackpot draw of $100.00 for each meeting. Winner needs to be on course to claim prize or else the pool jackpots to next meeting.
- TV to watch the local and metro races in Presidents Marquee.
- $50 voucher for recommending a new Patron to the Club who joins, whilst renewing your membership.
- Invitations to members functions.
- Free racebook for each membership holder.

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MEMBERS DETAILS

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

MEMBERSHIP (please tick) **FULL MEMBERSHIP $60** ☐ **PATRON $330** ☐

Please pay by Direct Deposit using your name as a reference.

National Australia Bank BSB: 082591 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 162231389

Enquiries: Janine Murphy (03) 5885 2233 or 0427360709

Email: berriganraceclub@bigpond.com www.berriganraceclub.com.au

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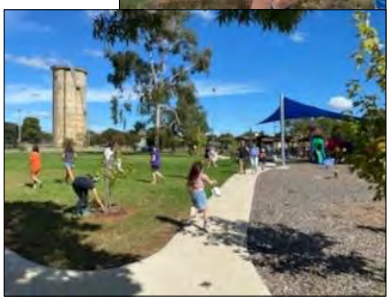
SP RURAL FENCING
Stuart Pyle
0439 852 617
Stuart.Pyle78@gmail.com

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUCCESS

The Easter Egg Hunt for the children in Apex park on the 10th of April was a wonderful fun morning. It was beautiful sunny day and the delivery of easter eggs , possibly by a sneaky bunny, made it an enjoyable day for all those who came. The morning was well attended and all the children found some easter eggs. Thank you to everyone that came and joined our Easter Egg Hunt and for supporting our towns ' events! Thank you also to Laney and her helper friends, Karen from the Berrigan Post Office who donated some choc bunnies and the BDDA for sponsoring and supporting this event. We hope to hold many more BDDA sponsored fun days for our town. If you have any suggestions, please let the BDDA know by emailing the secretary at bddasecretary@gmail.com. M Buttsworth and Laney



IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden has beautiful Silver Beet ready to be picked. Please call and pick a bunch for dinner for a small donation into the donation box. The closed in area to keep out fruit fly, cabbage moth and other pests is almost complete. All our winter vegies are coming along well and we are looking forward to a healthy harvest. It will soon be time to cut back salvias and other summer flowering shrubs, so we look forward to a couple of busy working bees. Come along and join us. We meet Wednesday 1.30pm and Saturday 9.30am at the Community Gardens between the Pool and the Public School in Momalong Street. Regards Clara

EASTER EGGS WINNERS!

Rob and Sandra Paganoni (right) and Isabel Sierra were the lucky winners of the Easter Treats Baskets worth $40 each in the Berrigan News Spot the Easter Eggs Competition.

Congratulations and
Thank you for entering!

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Federal Budget 2022

As well as the promised cost-of-living measures and fuel excise cut, there's an nbn wireless towers speed and capacity upgrade – with more money also committed to add new mobile phone coverage and cutting increasing congestion on local phone towers. We'll be adding extra support into existing regional development programs - these have been vital in keeping our economy ticking over during the COVID shutdowns, with $27m allocated for Berrigan Shire since the last election.
it is also important to note funding to NSW's health system and hospitals continues to go up, and the reforms we've committed to the Murray Darling Basin, including compliance and water trading, are fully funded here. All up, I think this is a Budget which recognises it's been a tough couple of years, that it's still tough for many, but here's the way forward for both our region and the country.

Budget at a glance

* $3.2 million over 2 years to improve water compliance in the Murray Darling Basin

* $2.1 million to deliver the water market reform roadmap to improve governance and integrity of Basin water markets

* $4.9m for upgrades on our part of the Newell Highway from Tocumwal to Narrandera

* $480 million boost for the NBN Fixed Wireless network to improve coverage and speeds to 14,000 homes and businesses in Farrer (including 2,421 through the Mid Murray)

* Expanding the Home Guarantee Scheme to 50,000 places each year. 10,000 will go exclusively to home buyers in regional Australia

* $365.3 million boost to the Wage Subsidy Program for future tradies, plumbers, tilers, chefs and skilled workers to help get an extra 35,000 trade apprentices and trainees into training.

* $59m for Farrer on the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program over two years (including an extra $3.4m for Berrigan Shire)

* $4 million to increase access to medical specialists for patients to encourage more specialists to undertake training in regional areas.

* $14.8 million over 4 years to deliver placements across the country from the Charles Sturt University Rural Clinical School, including Finley

* $1.9m fund for country sporting events to bounce back after the impacts of the pandemic.

* Roads to Recovery - Berrigan Shire Council - $5,265,162

* Financial Assistance Grants - Berrigan Shire Council - $5,247,181

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

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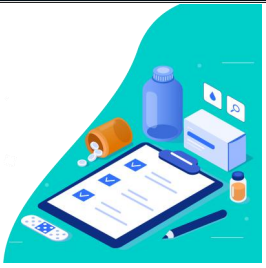

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BERRIGAN CWA NEWS

Berrigan CWA has been busy! Members Isabel and Pauline attended the opening of the Children's Centre extensions. Our stall was well supported at the Music on Chanter evening and we thank the community for their support. We are helping with catering for Anzac Day which is after printing of this Newsletter.

Our Mother's Day Street Stall is on May 6th and there will be lots of cakes and goodies for sale as well as a raffle.

Members have been following the activities at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Ladies from all over NSW travel to Sydney to make scones at the Show with the current record in 2019, 49,977 scones. As of writing there have been 19,147 scones made this Easter with a daily record of 5,124 scones. Ladies were pleased to meet Princess Anne when she called at the Catering Centre.

No Berrigan member has travelled to Sydney for the 100 years Celebrations of CWA of NSW but we have been keeping up to date with proceedings for May 2nd - 5th. It is great to see lots of "old" photos taken over the years.

Berrigan will be celebrating our 90th birthday in October and plans are underway. To mark our birthday and the CWA Centenary, we have met with the Shire to make sure our Rooms are looking fabulous. Plans are underway to have a seat placed near the front door and a mosaic to commemorate the two occasions.

This year our Country of Study is Malaysia. Member Marnie has brought along some interesting articles of jewellery, vases and pewter to each meeting.

B Rendell.

LHAC HEALTH MATTERS

Your LHAC Committee met again in early April and resolved to push forward with a new project.

One of our members noticed that, due to Covid, a face to face antenatal session were not readily available for pregnant women and their partner/support person to help prepare them for what lies ahead.

In that light, and that restrictions had eased, the LHAC went ahead and organised a session for April 24th at the Madill Centre for, at the time of writing, 6 couples.

The 'Calm Birth' session was run by a qualified Midwife Kerri-Ann Baxter from Wodonga and was free to participants.

The session involved a 4 hour presentation and the participants also received a Childbirth Education book, Kerri-Ann's e-book and a fantastic little 'goodie' bag.

The cost of the presentation has been borne by the LHAC as a community service. Many thanks to Kerri-Ann and the participating couples who attended.

COVID 19 - Most of the restrictions that were imposed upon us over the last 2 years have now been lifted. However, whilst this gives the impression that the pandemic is over - it is not. Many residents would be aware that there have been a number of cases of Covid19 in our town and that will probably continue for some time yet. It is important that if you feel unwell or have any symptoms that you do a Rapid Antigen test and be guided by the results. If you test positive then you are required to notify the State Government of the result. You can do this through your phone in the Service NSW app. Continued Page 19

BERRIGAN CONSERVATION GROUP & TIDY TOWNS & COMMUNITY GARDEN

1st Sunday in Month Rubbish Pick Up meet 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 & 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.

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You will then be sent an email or test message advising of your responsibilities and requirements for your isolation. We should all 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. Vaccination is the way to go - whilst you may still get the virus, the vaccination can reduce the severity of the symptoms and the effect of the virus.

LHAC GOES ELECTRONIC WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE
Find us on facebook @yourLHAC and keep informed about health matters in our area.

Tony Taylor, Chair, Local Health Advisory Committee
Berrigan Phn 0429 004 292 squizzyt@westnet.com.au

A definite change of season during April with that rural setpoint of ANZAC Day providing the necessary rainfall to ensure the annual winter crops and pastures were planted and off to a flying start. Considering the rural sector will be blessed with more than adequate irrigation allocations this summer, I predict yet another bumper season for all involved with primary production around Berrigan.

The St John First Aid Course proved to be a winner in several ways with shed members commenting that the presenter's delivery style was down to earth and particularly easy to understand with all participants passing their multiple-choice final assessment with flying colours. Let's see if we can enjoy the same thrill in three years' time for the necessary refresher.

A particular highlight was the delicious catering by the Berrigan Hospital Auxiliary members that ensured no one left the building with hunger pains.

I am pleased to report that DEMAND for our well distributed garden beds is OUTSTRIPPING supply. With hard working members rolling and assembling up to 25 units in the week prior to Anzac Day there have been additional orders coming in thick and fast. Members include Gavin, Foxy, Mick, Bruce, Ian, Colin and new members Alan and Gavin need to be commended for this vital labouring to keep our treasurer Ian with adequate funds and ensure the ongoing operation of this Berrigan icon.

A new feature for the garden beds and other products from the shed will be BRANDING via a stencil to ensure our name is clear to all. This initiative was a very generous donation though our member Ben Cintolo, from Berrigan Shoe Repairs. His daughter is a whiz with computer controlled typesetting and the stencil end result is a credit to her and Ben.

Finally, please ensure that members ensure their ongoing health by avoiding the dreaded COVID 19 virus which is out and about with good hand hygiene, social distancing and having masks handy. Supplies of Rapid Antigen Test Kits are available locally and please make arrangements for your annual Flu Shot.

Until Next Time – HAPPY SHEDDING
Myles Humphries – Secretary Berrigan Men's Shed
E: Berriganmenshed@Yahoo.com

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

Berrigan Sub Branch RSL
60-70 Jerilderie Street Berrigan
Meet Second Tuesday of each month
Time: 5.30pm
Email:BerriganSB@rslnsw.org.au

NEW PPE TROLLEY FOR THE HOSPITAL

Berrigan Hospital Auxiliary held a very successful stall and raffle in April and wish to thank all our community supporters. The winner of the Air Fryer Oven was Joanne Dowsett , winner of the second prize Easter eggs was Myles Humphries and winner of the third prize Easter eggs was Ian Rendell. The amount raised will cover the cost of the PPE trolley.

Four members of the Berrigan United Hospital Auxiliary attended the recent Murray Zone Day held at The Depot in Deniliquin. Thirty one members from Murray Branches enjoyed the day. Guest speaker was Neville Purtill, who spoke about the development of the magnificent Depot and the Purtill Fuel and Bus business.

Marion Dickins
President Berrigan UHA .

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Dear Auxiliary Ladies,
On behalf of the team I would like to thank you for raising the funds for a new PPE trolley. As you can see it is immediately in use.
Kind regards, Margreet Gutker

THANKS FOR JOINING THE COMMITTEE!

The Berrigan Sportsground Committee of Management held their reconvened AGM on the 4th of April 2022 to elect the Executive for the forthcoming year.
The positions were filled as follows -
President - Andrew Parr,
Vice President - Stuart Pyle,
Secretary - Bruce Rendell
and Treasurer Ashley Batten.
While Bruce had hopes of stepping down, he has stayed on for another year. Hopefully in the next 12 months, someone else will decide to take on the role.
The general meeting followed with discussion on the usual running and management of the facilities. It was appreciated that our two local councillors were in attendance to support the Sportsground Committee.
Bruce Rendell, Secretary

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
ELECTION MAY 21ST
at the Berrigan Public School Hall
between 8am and 6pm

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

FREE ENTRY FOR OUR POOL NEXT SEASON????

Dear Residents of Berrigan & Surrounding Area,
With many new residents to our town, there may be a misconception that the entry to the Berrigan War Memorial Pool is free. That is not the case, entry is subsidised. The Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool Committee would like to remind our community how this SUBSIDISED entry works for our pool and the community.
Instead of charging entry fees, as set out below, each year we ask our very generous community to donate to our pool running costs. This allows us to decide if we can move forward with the subsidised system (free entry) for the next year. If enough donation funds are not collected, we will fall back in line with other shire pools fee structure:-

$180 Family season ticket	$95 Single season ticket	$5 General admission
$3 Pensioner	0-2 Free	$20 Family daily entry

If donations reach what we consider would have been received through our gate takings we move forward with the subsidised system.
What we would like everyone to know is our community has paid UPFRONT for EVERYONE to swim and we thank you very much.
We understand our shire pools take a lot of funding to operate and appreciate the Shire funding contribution which covers a large portion of the operating costs.
The subsidies system has been sustainable for the Berrigan community for approximately 12 years because of their amazing generosity and community spirit.
We are a small Committee who watch our budget very carefully and also fundraise to implement improvements to our facility. We would be appreciative of any donation to keep subsidised entry going for our community.

Sincerely your Committee of the BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Donations can be made via EFT/Cheque to

BERRIGAN WAR MEMORIAL POOL BSB 633-000 ACCOUNT NUMBER 162 961 981 Reference Your Name

OR Cheque C/- The Treasurer, PO Box 112, BERRIGAN NSW 2712

NAME……
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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.

Berrigan A & H Society Inc
Berrigan Show October 2022
Meet 2nd Monday of the Month
@ Sportsground 7.30pm
February to October. Attendance welcome
www.facebook.com/BerriganShow
Lyndall Horne Secretary 0438 852 610

MAY	FRIDAY STREET STALL	JUNE	IGA Hours
06 Berrigan CWA	Book Friday Street Stall	03 Berrigan lions Club	Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm
13 Amaroo Auxilliary	@ Shire Offices	10 Not Booked	Sunday 9am - 5pm
20 Not Booked	Book IGA Market	17 RSL Wood Raffle	Public Holidays 8am to 1pm
27 Not Booked	Day Stall @ IGA	24 Berrigan Show Society	Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day

Berrigan Football Netball Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BINGO/GAMES NIGHT
OP-SHOP DRESS
SATURDAY
23RD APRIL 2022/ 7PM

7TH MAY 2022 - 7:00 PM — **SEAFOOD & AUCTION**

TALENT SHOW & DJ — **4TH JUNE 2022 7:00 PM**

RED, WHITE & BLACK THEME
LIVE BAND
18THJUNE, 2022 | 7:00 PM — **ANNUAL BALL**

LADIES DAY — **WEAR SOMETHING PINK TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER RESEARCH**
25TH JUNE 2022 / 12 MIDDAY

Special Guest Speaker
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE, 2022
12 MIDDAY — **SAINTLY TICKET**

PATRONS & GRAZIERS DINNER — **16TH JULY 2022 7:00 PM**

6TH AUGUST 2022 7:00 PM — **HYPNOTIST**

BERRIGAN FOOTBALL NETBALL FIXTURES

MAY 7th - Mathoura - Home
14th - Rennie - Away
21st- Katandra - Home
28th - BYE

JUNE 4th - Waaia - Home
11th - Yarroweyah - Away
18th - Katamatite - Away
25th - Blighty - Home

Revegetation Workshop

Friday 6th May 10am-4pm

"Savernake Station" 11651 Riverina HWY
Followed by Wahgunyah State Forest,
56 Plain Forest and Boat Rock
Morning tea and lunch provided.
Covid safe rules apply.
RSVP essential for this free event.

Join us for a field trip to Savernake. Identify native plants and observe the benefits of retaining native vegetation. With Martin Driver, Ecologist and Project Manager with the Australian Network for Plant Conservation.
For More Info: Jane Auldist 0428 549 647
or bidgeewest@mli.org.au
haylandcare.com/events
Hay Plains Landcare

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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

BERRIGAN LIBRARY NEWS FOR **MAY**

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.

New Fiction

The Waiter by Ajay Chowdhury - From the mean streets of Kolkata to the kitchens of Brick Lane…this is a rip-roaring mystery that's engrossing from start to finish.

Diablo Mesa by Preston & Child - If you enjoyed Old Bones & The Scorpion's tail, continue the journey with the third novel in the popular series featuring archaeologist Nora Kelly and FBI Agent Corrie Swanson.

The Atlas Six by Olivie Blake - BookTok must-read fantasy novel of the year! Secrets. Betrayal. Seduction. Welcome to the Alexandrian Society. A secret society of magical academicians, the best in the world. And those who earn a place among their number will secure a life of wealth, power, and prestige beyond their wildest dreams.

Library Activities

Scrabble

9.30am Tuesdays

Berrigan BookClub

2pm second Thursday of the month

Story Time

10.30am Thursday

See Alana at the Library for more information.

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

WASTE DISPOSAL CENTRES OPENING HOURS

Garbage Collection Day Berrigan is Tuesday. Recycle Collection every second Tuesday.

Berrigan Tip Open - Tuesday & Thursdays 1.30pm to 4pm, Sundays 12.30pm to 4pm.

Berrigan Waste Disposal receives all waste. Greenhills Road, Berrigan.

Finley Recycling Centre Sundays 8.30am to 12pm. Tocumwal Transfer Station - Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays 1.30pm to 4pm

Please contact Berrigan Shire Council for any further information on either 03 58852100 or www.berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

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