



Berry and District Historical Society Inc

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BERRY MUSEUM MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mid March – September	WW1 display
17 th September	Breakfast series, Berry
24 th November (tentative)	Museum Lecture
8 th December (tentative)	Museum Cocktail Party

MUSEUM AND GALLERY BREAKFAST

The Museum & Gallery Breakfast will be held at Berry Museum on Thursday 17th September, 7.45 for 8.00 am. Cost \$7.00

Guest speaker - Berry resident Arthur Lidbetter, Programme Coordinator, Berry Sport & Recreation.

Title of talk - 'Encouraging kids in experiencing history'.

RSVP 14th September Margaret Ogle 4464 2499.

DRAFT - MUSEUM & GALLERY BREAKFAST DATES – 2015

Month	Date	Venue	Organiser / Contact	Speaker / Topic
Sept	Thursday, 17	Berry Museum	Berry & District Historical Society	
Oct	Thursday, 22	Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Museum Park	Gail Chittick	
Nov	Thursday, 26	Shoalhaven City Arts Centre	Jim Birkett	ADFAS Shoalhaven
Dec	No meeting – Christmas holiday season			

WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY STAGE 3

The third session of this display presenting the history of WW1 and the participation in it of the people of Berry is now up.

It deals with the stories of more of the boys from Berry who enlisted during the War and the parts of the war that occurred on the Western Front.

So come along and see this fascinating episode of this continuing story.

WARATAH RE-ENACTMENT SET FOR SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Please see the Town Crier – September Edition for the full story

The Berry Community is invited to participate in the re-enactment of the 100th Anniversary of the original Co-ee marches of 1915.

Further details will appear in the October and November editions of the Town Crier. If groups or individuals would like to participate in this event please contact Berry RSL Secretary, Stuart Christmas on 0413 051 003

BERRY TOWN SUBDIVISION MAP

THE BERRY TOWN SUBDIVISION MAP was prepared to advertise the Auction Sale, in February 1912, of those town lots in Berry that were not already sold or gifted by the Estate.

The copy of the map that is held by the Historical Society came into its possession quite early. The name of the organisation in the beginning was just "The Berry Museum" and they had asked the community for goods of interest as donations, long term loans or short term loans for special displays.

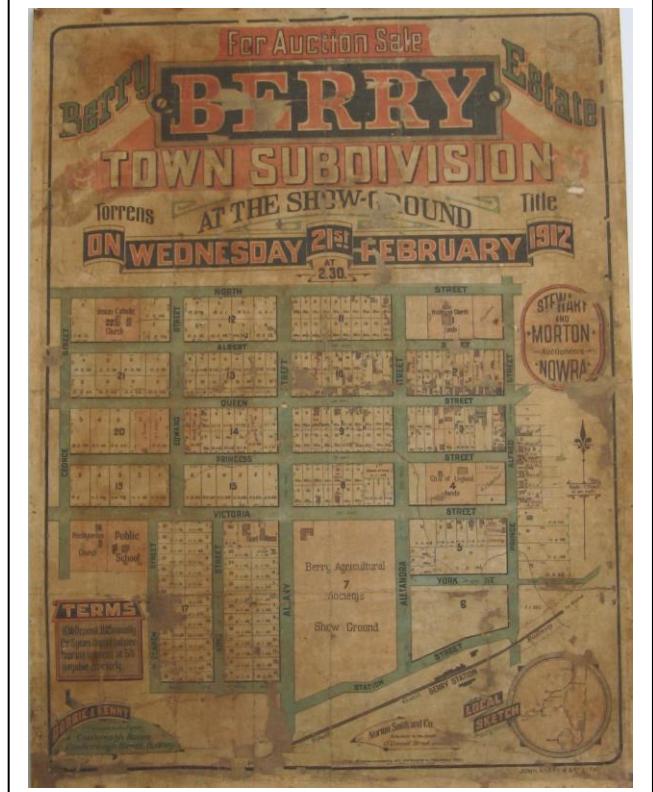
At the 8th committee meeting on November 30 1970, the Town Subdivision Map was chosen as the 1st priority for restoration. Permission had to be obtained from, and was later given by, Mr T. Cruickshanks.

There was some difficulty in finding a restorer but in the Annual Report 19th May, 1971, we find that the Mitchell Library restored the Town Subdivision Map free -of-charge.

A quote for framing was to be obtained from Mr Latimer (Mr Cruickshanks' brother -in-law).

40 odd years on, the framed, but not glazed, map was on display in the hallway of the Museum, until a visitor chided our President that we should have such a valuable item unprotected in a place where it could so easily be damaged.

Since then the committee arranged for a paper conservator to inspect the map and to repair damage and clean and restore where possible. That work having been done, the map is with a professional framer and will shortly be ready to be brought back to the Museum.



DESK ROSTER DUTY.

Desperate!!! Please help. Members are asked to consider roster duty. As you are aware the museum is open each weekend, and every day in school holidays. The holiday period roster is a particularly difficult period. It is important that two members be in attendance on every occasion, this is now not the case. Give some thought to this request. Contact Janice Hughes 4464 2149.

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

Tentative arrangements are being made to hold this function at the Museum on the 8th December. Full details will appear in the November/December Chronograph.

CLEANING OF DISPLAY MATERIAL AND CASES

The Society's cleaner is not responsible for this light work; dusting shelves, cleaning some of the items etc. If you would like to help please contact one of the committee members mentioned below. The committee is hoping to form two groups of four members, each group working for two hours once a month for three months.

Hazel King 4464 2010 Margaret Ogle 4464 2499.

MUSEUM LIBRARY

You may or may not be aware, but the Museum has an extensive collection of books, pamphlets and other materials which are available for loan. When you are next in the Museum have a look in the library to see what is actually available. If you would like to borrow a book please fill in the details requested in the new loan book located in the Library or contact Margaret Ogle 4464 2499.

NOVEMBER MUSEUM LECTURE

This date is tentatively set for November 24 at the Masonic Village Hall with guest speaker Professor John McQuilton, John is Associate Professor in the School of History & Politics, University of Wollongong. Hazel is waiting for information from John re date, title of talk, his personal information etc .and members will be informed when confirmed.

DRUM STAND

A drum stand for our large drum has been donated to the Museum. Arrangements are currently underway to mount this drum on this original stand. The drum was given to the museum many years ago, however the stand could not be found.

WEBSITE

The Museum website is currently being updated and we will let you know when it is fully operational

MYOSITIS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER, HIGH TEA, HAPPINESS AND HILARITY

Tuesday is the catering cut off date for the purchasing of tickets to the above fundraiser. If you are unable to get up to the Music shop to collect your ticket and are definitely coming, please let me know (0421314138) and I will leave the ticket at the door.

If you have friends or belong to other organisations, who you think might like to come along please ask them, the more the merrier.

Thanks, Anita Chalmers, Committee Member and sufferer of this rare autoimmune condition

DEADLINE FOR FORTHCOMING EDITION OF THE CHRONOGRAPH

If you have any items which you feel might interest members of the Berry and District Historical Society could you please send them to the Editor, Anita Chalmers