

# Autumn

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EASTER NEWSLETTER  
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## Our Autumn Newsletter

FROM OUR MANAGER,  
NATALIE BLOCK

I hope you're feeling as energised for the year ahead as we are. Stepping into Autumn the entire Berrima Bakehouse Motel team is looking forward to an amazing season and hope you can clear the diary to join us. Enjoy the comforts of home, steps from Berrima village and within walking distance to some of the best restaurants and cafes in the Southern Highlands.

For anyone who knows our team, we are huge supporters of our local village. Throughout this issue we have showcased over twenty five amazing Berrima businesses. Our team member Bek is dressed by Berrima's Natural Australia (our winter package includes a complimentary voucher for Berrima's Natural Australia) & Berrima's Overflow wearing their Autumn range of slow, sustainably sourced knitwear. We encourage you to discover our unique, delicious, independent retail shops during your stay and thank you sincerely for supporting regional areas and small business.

With picnic season in full swing, we've featured our favourite spot to immerse yourself in nature while indulging in our delicious, fresh, local produce. Everything from our cover is available locally in Berrima within walking distance of our property.

One thing's for sure, Berrima is changing. We hope you enjoy our article on the Berrima Gaol and the exciting plans for our village. Later this month we are anticipating the opening of two new businesses. On a personal note, I have been inspired by the recent unveiling ceremony of the exquisite Charlotte Waring Atkinson bronze statue (Australia's first children's book author) at Marketplace Park. What an extraordinary woman of integrity, strength and humility. If you would like to discover more of Berrima's rich history, the Berrima Walking Tour is a great place to start. Lynn Watson our Berrima local, recently invited our team to take part and it was surprising how much we learned about our Georgian village. We are giving away two tickets this issue, and know this tour will be a highlight of your stay.

We hope you also enjoy our focus on Berrima weddings and the helpful check list for our many guests attending a Berrima wedding including our frequently asked questions, to delicious cheese platters delivered to your room while you're getting ready for your special family occasion.

To help plan your Easter long weekend escape, see our Easter pages packed with great options from coffee to cocktails to contemporary country dining and everything else in-between. We have also included an extensive "Autumn What's On" so that you can plan your stay around markets, vintage car meets and live music at our atmospheric pub, The Surveyor General Inn.

I hope you find a huge amount of inspiration and local love in these pages, supporting our incredible history and business community.

Nat x

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# Shop local in Berrima from our Autumn cover

THE BROWN SHUTTER  
Maison Jars & wine glasses

SURVEYOR GENERAL INN  
Local wine, Beer &  
FRAMER seltzer  
available to takeaway

JOADJA ESTATE  
Cool climate wine

THE BROWN SHUTTER  
Gorgeous wicker basket

THE BERRIMA GENERAL  
STORE & CAFE  
Refreshing iced tea

BAKED IN BERRIMA  
Cakes made by  
Yuli & Diego

WILLOW & CHAI  
Picnic blanket

MRS OLDBUCKS PANTRY  
Exquisite saucer

ESCHALOT RESTAURANT  
Delicious cheese platter

THE BROWN SHUTTER  
Placemats & napkins

BAKED IN BERRIMA  
Freshly made bread

COURTYARD CAFE  
Berrima farm sandwich

STICKY BEAKS  
VINTAGE  
EMPORIUM  
Antique box

BERRIMA VILLAGE  
POTTERY & HOME  
Beautiful dish, spoon &  
circular cheese board

MRS OLDBUCKS PANTRY  
Delicious jam

THE BROWN SHUTTER  
Ceramic chopping  
board

LOLLY SWAGMAN  
Peanut brittle

MISS OLIVE MAY  
Beautiful scarf

WILLOW & CHAI  
Vintage books

MRS  
OLDBUCKS  
PANTRY  
Artisan lavosh





A great family friendly walk located within 100 metres of our property is The Stone Quarry Walk. The walk runs along the western bank of the Wingecarribee River and is easily accessible from the centre of the village with a large black sign at the entrance – you can't miss it! It's all about strolling along the river bank enjoying the view and taking in the fresh country air with so many fab picnic spots along the way.

This walk is also known to have guest appearances by the elusive platypus appearing at dawn and dusk. Take a seat, sit quietly and see if you can spot one. A staff favourite for afternoon sundowners and picnics. Ask Nettie on reception if you would like a rug and picnic basket. Enjoy!

*Take a picnic rug or find a well placed bench seat along the way and enjoy!*





As the Autumn trees explode into hues of gold, red, and orange, our sleeping bulbs beneath the earth are ready to shoot, with tulips, daffodils, irises, bellflowers and pink spider lilies, you are in for a treat as you stroll around the garden. See if you can spot our Oakleaf Hydrangeas with their rusted gold flowers as you look onto the peaceful Wingecarribee River while reading a book or taking a walk. We hope you enjoy our 2 acres of manicured gardens.



A variety of tea, coffee & biscuits are provided in every room for you to enjoy in our garden for afternoon tea.

If you are feeling inspired by our river front location, you might like to do the Berrima river walk. Pop into reception and ask for a self guided audio bookmark. The river walk follows the German merchant seamen camp sites built during World War 1. The river walk takes about an hour (1.8 kms) and is absolutely fascinating. Flat walking shoes are recommended as the path can be slippery in wet conditions.







WIN  
Two tickets for  
Berrima Walking Tours  
First to phone reception  
on 02 48 771 381

*New guided walking tours of historical Berrima (c.1831)*

*Australia's favourite heritage tourist town*



Our guests to the Southern Highlands heritage town of Berrima, can now immerse themselves in Australia's colonial history with a guided walking tour. Led by local Berrima residents, 'Berrima Walking Tours' is filled with tales of early settlers, inn keepers, convicts and the women that made history in Australia's favourite Georgian village.

"Berrima is a perfectly preserved Georgian village, one of only three still standing in Australia today and filled with captivating stories", says founder Lynn Watson.

Berrima Walking Tours offers small group public tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10.00am and bespoke private tours for groups of six or more upon request. Join a Berrima Walking Tour and discover the untold stories of Historic Berrima, the #1 Small Tourism Town of Australia in 2021. To book and for more information visit the Berrima Walking Tours website [www.berrimawalkingtours.com.au](http://www.berrimawalkingtours.com.au).





## Charlotte is now in Berrima

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, unveiled the bronze statue of local pioneering woman, Charlotte Atkinson in the Berrima MarketPlace Park on the 9th of December 2023.

According to an article in the Sydney Morning Herald, Charlotte Atkinson (1796-1867) was "one of the most accomplished women of her era." She was a fiercely independent, well-educated woman – a teacher with progressive views on girls' education, a pioneer in the fight for women's legal rights, a botanist, poet, accomplished artist, and the first Australian children's author.

Only about 4 percent of statues in Australia are of women and The Charlotte Project is part of a movement to redress this imbalance.

When you next visit Berrima, take the time to see the beautiful statue of Charlotte Atkinson sitting on a sandstone block, close to the children's park, just a short stroll from the motel. We have a well read copy of "Searching for Charlotte" you are welcome to read during your stay.



Searching for Charlotte  
available  
@Willow and Chai



Pic from the unveiling ceremony.  
Left to right  
Berrima Local, Lynn Watson,  
Her Excellency, The Honourable  
Governor of NSW,  
Margaret Beazley, Paula McLean



# Exquisite Wedding Venues



The Pavilion  
Eschalot Restaurant



Styling & Florals, Berrima Local  
Emma McLeavy, Jo + Co Florals



The Pavilion  
Eschalot Restaurant



A beautiful pic taken in our  
village retail precinct



Surveyor General Inn  
Post ceremony drinks



Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
Berrima



Berrima Courthouse. What a  
superb backdrop for photos



Fun Wedding Eve Celebrations  
Surveyor General Inn



The Bookbarn  
Bendooley Estate. Florals by  
Berrima local, Emma McLeavy,  
Jo & Co Florals



# Berrima Wedding Guest Checklist

Transport to venue  
Taxi 02 48 724 800  
O5 Club 0400 505 113  
UBER available weekend only

Umbrellas  
Berrima Post Office  
The Brown Shutter  
Miss Olive May

ATM  
Surveyor General Inn  
Berrima Post Office

Wedding cards  
Miss Olive May  
The Brown Shutter  
Berrima Post Office

Gift hampers  
delivered to your room  
& amazing wedding  
bonbonniere gifts  
Mrs Oldbucks Pantry

Bottle Shop  
Surveyor General Inn

Pre Drinks -  
Berrima Vault House  
Surveyor General Inn  
Peppergreen Cellar Door

Takeaway meals  
Willow & Char  
Berrima General Store  
Baked in Berrima  
Courtyard Cafe  
Surveyor General Inn  
Josh's Cafe

Hair dresser  
Hair by Britt Armstrong  
Berrima

Closest Petrol Station  
New Berrima Ampol  
General supermarket items such  
as Panadol also available

Grazing Platters  
Including cheese, meats & olives  
delivered to your room  
Berrima Providore

Gorgeous Berrima locals,  
John & Eleanor Parmenter married at  
The Stables, Bendooley Estate  
Berrima, 27th December 2023.  
Styling & florals by Berrima local,  
Emma McLeavy @joandcoflorals

Our amazing team prepare  
21 rooms to be ready for you  
by 2pm daily, unfortunately due  
to this activity, we are unable to  
offer early check-ins for guests  
attending the 14 weddings  
held weekly in Berrima

All of our rooms are  
equipped with an iron,  
ironing board,  
bar fridge  
full length mirror  
and hair dryer

Event packages  
for pre & post  
wedding celebrations  
are available  
for 20 guests  
or more at  
Eschalot Restaurant

Average  
Autumn temperature  
March - 22 degrees  
April - 19 degrees  
May - 15 degrees

Distance to  
Bendooley Estate  
3km from our property





# Autumn live music

## Surveyor General Inn



Saturday 16th March – Deadsets @4:30pm  
Saturday 30th March – Offsets @4:30pm  
Sunday 31st March – Live music @3.00pm  
Saturday 6th April – Dave Debs  
& The Spiderwebs @5.00pm  
Saturday 11th May – Offsets @5:30pm  
Sunday 26th May – Eye Of The Tiger @3.00pm



## New to the village

### The Cupcake Co

Welcome to Berrima's sweetest spot! Indulge in artisanal cupcakes lovingly handcrafted right here in Berrima. Our delightful boutique not only offers a tempting array of cupcakes but also features a curated selection of beautiful gifts and cake accessories including toppers, candles, and cards. Pop in and celebrate the art of baking and the joy of giving, in the heart of Berrima.

### Berrima Providore

The Providore Berrima celebrates the best of local and Australian products. From farm-fresh produce and gourmet cheeses to artisanal goods and eco-friendly homewares, we bring you a curated selection that embodies the quality and passion of Australian craftsmanship. Support local producers and discover the true taste of Australia with us. Experience shopping that connects you with the origins and stories behind every item. Dive into the bounty of our land, all in one place.



GRAB our Explore Berrima  
map from reception  
& explore more



Shop 3 / 28  
Old Hume Highway, Berrima  
(Next to The Magpie Cafe)

Opening March 27th  
Open 7 days  
10am – 4pm





*Open Day, Berrima Gaol 26 January 2024*



### Re-energising the Berrima Gaol site

"Our vision for the site is founded on an underlying desire that any future use must be one of principally serving as a guardian of the history and heritage of the centre whilst bringing to the region a new and exciting place to work, visit, stay and enjoy." - The Blue Sox Group



The partners we have assembled for this project are committed to revitalising the significant attributes of the site with a sensitively designed adaptive re-use for the purpose of a hotel facility. We will deliver a boutique hotel, which will provide high quality accommodation for guests, food and beverage venues, function space, and a wellness centre for residents and visitors. The design will be compatible with the existing character of Berrima, while minimising any potential impacts on surrounding properties.



Pic below:  
Berrima District Museum volunteer Ros at the Berrima Gaol open day held 26th Jan 2024

## *Update on sale of the Gaol*

Berrima Gaol, a former correctional facility in the Southern Highlands of NSW, is to be redeveloped into a hotel and entertainment precinct following a \$7 million sale to Blue Sox Group.

As part of a "rigorous" Expressions of Interest process, Blue Sox's winning proposal carefully considered the heritage-listed buildings on site and their historical significance to the local community.

"The proposal incorporates a boutique hotel whilst retaining the beautiful grounds of the estate, and will include café, restaurant, bar, community and event areas, and spaces which will cater for small business opportunities such as antiques and book shops, personal services, art galleries, library and museum," said Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, Anthony Roberts.

Content source: Hotel Management Magazine.



For more information on the amazing history of the gaol and its significance to Berrima, visit Berrima District Museum, cnr Marketplace & Bryan Street Berrima





# Celebrate Easter in Berrima



Easter egg hunt & live music  
Easter Sunday from 3pm,  
Surveyor General Inn



Hot cross buns available from  
Baked in Berrima  
Berrima General Store  
Gumnut Patisserie



Cars & Coffee  
Berrima Marketplace Park  
Easter Sunday 31st March  
8am - 10am



Berrima District Museum  
Closed Good Friday  
Open Sat -Sun  
10am - 3pm



Berrima Courthouse  
Open daily over Easter  
10am - 4pm



Joadja Estate Cellar Door  
Closed Good Friday, Open Sat & Sun  
10am - 5pm, Easter Monday 12pm - 5pm.  
Easter Sunday, Live Music, Rusted Track  
& Ross Webb & delicious wood fired pizza



Lolly Swagman  
Easter treats  
10am - 4pm daily



Eschalot Restaurant  
Open all Easter, Lunch & Dinner  
Argentinian BBQ  
Sunday 31st March



Storybook Alpacas & Courtyard Cafe  
Lunch & Farm Visit  
Group bookings only



# Celebrate Easter in Berrima



Enjoy a family bbq during your stay.  
All utensils are available in our  
guest kitchen



Discover the river walk  
located at the bottom  
of Oxley Street



Harpers Mansion Maze  
Sat & Sun  
11am - 3pm



Peppergreen Restaurant  
& Cellar Door



Easter shopping at  
The Brown Shutter



Easter drinks at The Vault  
House Berrima



Book a round of golf  
at one of the 5 golf  
courses within a short  
drive from our property



Easter shopping at  
Berrima Village  
Pottery & Home



Easter eggs, hampers and  
Easter gifts from  
Mrs Oldbucks Pantry





**1st - 2nd March - The famous Robertson Show.** Enjoy the spirit, style and generosity of country life. Traditional pavilion displays (who can grow the largest pumpkin) loads of animals, the great potato race and a rodeo on Friday.

**7th - 18th March - Le Vie en Rose** - Art exhibition BDAS, Short Street Bowral.

**17th - 19th March - Moss Vale Show.** Highlights - Friday - bush dance, Saturday - dog high jumps, cattle judging, horses galore, lawn mower races, demolition derby, food, drinks, rides, showbags and market stalls.

**20th March - Windbourne Concert** Bowral Memorial Hall  
Hailed as the most exciting vocal group in a generation.

**21st - 24th March - Bowral Autumn Music Festival,** St Jude's Church Bowral. A celebration of sensational live music by some of Australia's finest artists.

**23rd March - Tom Jones** performing at  
A Day On The Green - Centennial Vineyards Bowral.  
[www.adayonthegreen.com.au](http://www.adayonthegreen.com.au)

**30th March - Burrawang Easter Market** - A market place of makers, designers, doers and dreamers.

**31st March - Alive Music Festival** - Moss Vale Showground.  
Step into the summer's most tantalising garden party. Brace yourself for an unrivalled, heart-pounding symphony of beats and melodies.

**6th April - Bundanoon Highland Gathering** - Recognised worldwide and has grown into one of the finest Highland Gatherings in Australia.

**6th April - Mushroom foraging tours** -  
Penrose State Forest. Discover local mushroom species - Slippery Jacks and Saffron Milk Caps - and receive the take home guide. After you harvest your mushrooms enjoy a cook up in the forest where you learn how to cook as well as taste pine mushroom species with fresh local sourdough.

**26th -28th April - Autumn Gardens and Plant Fair**  
Oldbury Farm Estate  
Sutton Forest

**Anzac Day, 25th April**

Marketplace Berrima, dawn service 5.45am & 10.00am

**14th April - Chris Isaak** - A Day On The Green,  
Centennial Vineyards, Bowral  
[www.adayonthegreen.com.au](http://www.adayonthegreen.com.au)

**Every Sunday from 12 noon**

Spanish Sunday, Berrima Vault House  
Fresh paella, sangrias, tapas in the rose garden

**Red Cow Farm Open Garden**

From Friday 1st March - Monday 27th May  
Sutton Forest

**Thursday's at Surveyor General Inn**

From 3pm - 5.30pm happy hour and meat tray raffle

**Every Sunday**

Live on the Lawn, from 12noon - 3pm

Artemis Wines.

Celebrating local artists

**Cars & Coffee Southern Highlands**

Marketplace Berrima, 8am - 10am

Sun 31st March

Sun 28th April

Sun 26th May

**Eschalot Restaurant**

**Argentinian Autumn Sunday BBQ**

Sun 31st March

Sun 28th April

Sun 26th May

**Harpers Mansion National Trust**

Sat - Sun 11am - 3pm

**Berrima Schoolyard Markets** -

Held on the 4th Sunday of the month

**Berrima Courthouse** -

Open 7 Days , 10am - 4pm

**Berrima Walking Tours**

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am

See page 6 for more information

**Bendooley Cellar Door**

Daily Wine tasting

Open 7 Days - From 10am

**Berrima District Museum**

Fri - Sun 10am - 3pm



# Winter is coming Time to get cozy

We are often asked if it snows  
in our beautiful village,  
and the answer is yes!

This image was taken in  
September 2019.

It doesn't happen every year,  
but when it does it is exquisite.

Book 2 nights accommodation during winter  
(June, July, August 2024) with our team directly  
on 02 48 771 381 and receive our  
"Berrima Experience"

- Glass of wine per person when dining at Eschalot
- A delicious sample pack from Mrs Oldbucks Pantry
- \$20 gift voucher from Berrima's Natural Australia
- 2 coffees from Baked in Berrima
- Glass of local Artemis wine per person Surveyor General Inn
- 2 tickets Berrima Walking Tours
- \$10 gift voucher from The Brown Shutter
- Chocolates from Lolly Swagman
- 2 cupcakes from The Cupcake Co

## Book Our Winter Escape Package

T&C apply  
First 10 to book and stay  
by phoning our reception  
02 48 771 381



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AUTUMN ESCAPE

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Pic: Our beautiful  
team member Bek  
welcoming you for  
an unforgettable stay.



**BERRIMA, NSW**  
**GOLD**  
Australia's Small  
Tourism Town Awards

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