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September is Tulip Time and this year will be amazing! Fingers and toes crossed that Mother Nature is kind to us and our beautiful bulbs!

This Month

Spring has arrived and it seems to have been a long time coming this year. We're looking forward to longer sunlit days and the temperatures start to rise and making the Southern Highlands the only place you'll want to be this Spring!

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BERRIMA BAKEHOUSE MOTEL WINS DOUBLE HONOURS AT NSW ACCOMMODATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE!

We're thrilled to share that the **Berrima Bakehouse Motel** has been awarded **two prestigious honours** at the 2025 **NSW Accommodation Awards for Excellence**, held in July at Doltone House, Pyrmont.

- Motel of the Year
- Outstanding Community Contribution

This incredible recognition is a true reflection of the passion, care, and commitment shown by the entire team.

To be acknowledged alongside some of NSW's most iconic 5 Star accommodation brands as a finalist for the Community Contribution award, including the Hilton Sydney and Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour, was an achievement in itself. To walk away as winners in both categories speaks volumes about the high standard of service and deep community connection that defines the motel.

And there's more exciting news...

We're proud to announce that Berrima Bakehouse Motel is now a **finalist in the National Accommodation Awards**, set to take place on the **Gold Coast this November**!

What the judges had to say:

Outstanding Community Contribution

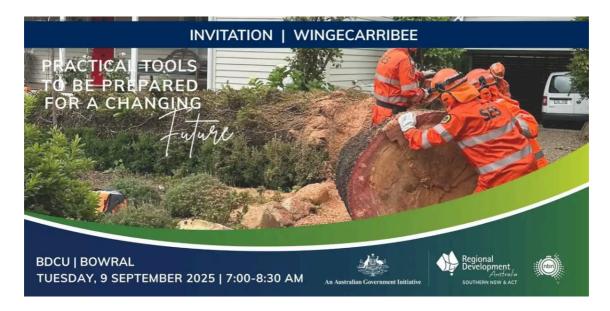
"The Berrima Bakehouse Motel plays a vital role in its community and recognises the value of destination marketing. Through the creation of seasonal printed and electronic

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Motel of the Year

"The Berrima Bakehouse Motel stands out for its charming country hospitality and thoughtful touches in every room. The owners have clearly considered every detail needed to create an exceptional motel stay, making guests feel genuinely welcome and cared for."

Important Industry Opportunities



PRACTICAL TOOLS TO BE PREPARED FOR A CHANGING FUTURE

You're invited to attend this free community-focused event.

This event series aims to empower the local community with practical tools, case studies and local insights to help business and community stakeholders explore practical ways we can strengthen our communities and prepare for a changing future.

Heidi Stratford from NSW Reconstruction Authority will be speaking to the <u>Resilience Blueprint</u>, developed through the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO), which provides a framework for local planning, community engagement and preparedness. We are also excited to welcome NBN as our event sponsor, sharing valuable insights on digital connectivity and how technology can support stronger, more connected communities.

Event Details:

Location: BDCU - 411 Bong Bong Street, Bowral

• Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025

• Time: 7am to 8:30am

· A light breakfast and refreshments will be provided

• Please REGISTER for venue and catering requirements below

At the session you will have the chance to:

- · Share your local insights and ideas
- · Hear from regional leaders
- Explore practical tools to support future planning