Burrawang and Wildes Meadow Community Association

Welcome Pack for New Residents

The Community of Burrawang and Wildes Meadow Welcomes You

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Dear Resident,

As a new resident we welcome you to the historic villages of Burrawang and Wildes Meadow.

Your Burrawang Wildes Meadow Community Association has prepared for you a welcome pack, consisting of an information booklet with some background about the area and a number of useful contact details and tips.

The Burrawang Wildes Meadow Community Association is a group of locals whose objective is to assist residents with some of the issues that affect our community and where appropriate, liaise with government and local authorities. Some of the issues the Community Association is focused on, include:

- what practical measures can we take to protect the character and facilities of the village
- how will we stay informed about and respond to development proposals and represent people on issues impacting the village and our residents
- what can we do to improve the sustainability of the village in terms of transport, recreational, educational and communication facilities
- how we promote the village to ensure it remains a viable
- to organise, promote and support community events and raise funds for the benefit of Burrawang Wildes Meadow community groups; and
- applying for grants to improve village facilities.

We also enclose a copy of the latest issue of the Burrawang Herald. The Herald is published quarterly and has been on issue for over 135 years and will be delivered to your mail box. In it you will find announcements of upcoming local events, some local general interest stories and a wealth of other local news.

We would welcome you as members of the Association and we encourage the community's feedback or questions on anything you see as impacting on the village or surrounding area. Details of membership are enclosed.

Again, we welcome you to our community.

Chris McCann
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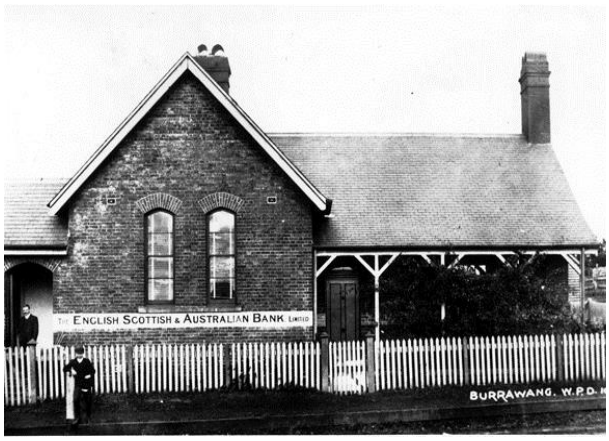
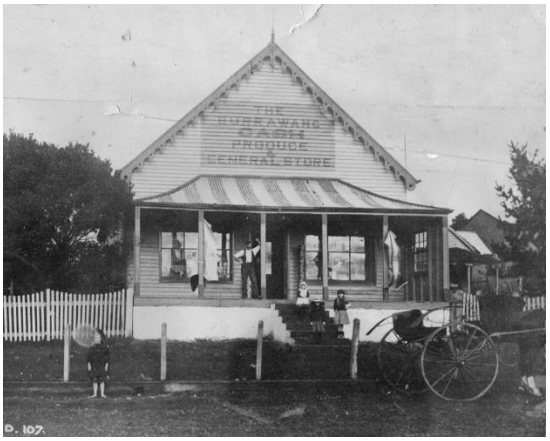
A Brief History of Burrawang and Wildes Meadow



English Scottish and Australian Bank



Burrawang General Store

By 1865, about 1200 residents had settled on the eastern side of the Highlands in the Yarrawa Brush rainforest district.

Surveyor Campbell divided the area into four parishes called by their Aboriginal names: Kangaloon to the north and Yarrawa on the south-east side, bounded by Burrawang at Joe Wilde's meadow and by Yarrunga to the west.

Burrawang was the Aboriginal word for a native palm that once grew abundantly in the area. A land grant of 237 acres had been taken up there in 1856 by early settler John Staggs, but it was not until 1861 that the Robertson Land Act encouraged settlers to make their way up the Jamberoo Mountain to convert the Yarrawa Brush into good grazing land.

The Act provided for free selection before survey of unreserved Crown Land in blocks from 40 to 320 acres at £1 an acre.

Early selectors in the Burrawang area included Messrs John McGrath, John Hanrahan, William Davis, John Cullen, W.R. Hindmarsh, Thomas Wilson, Edward Moses, John Moore and Peter White, who all registered their selections south of the Wingecarribee Swamp in 1862.

It is recorded that the McGrath and White families lived where Burrawang village now stands. The village was not a government township, but built on private land owned by William Barrett who had bought the 50 acres and subdivided it into blocks with planned streets.

Old Cedar Mountain Road became Wilde's Meadow Road, later renamed Church Street; Barrett Street ran east of Wilde's Meadow Road; one street south was Dale Street; and a connecting street was named George Street.

The village began to develop in 1865 when a post office, known as Mount Pleasant, was established and in July its name was changed to Burrawang.

George W. Creighton obtained a licence for the Sassafras Inn in June 1866. The General Store opened in 1867. In 1868, Michael James Egan held the licence for the Prince Alfred Hotel, which was probably the original inn renamed.

In the 1860s there was no regular means of communication with only one dray-road out, called Old Cedar Mountain Road, which connected to tracks heading to Moss Vale and east to the coast. Goods were carried on pack-horses and a horseback mail ran once a week.

Burrawang had the first printing works in the Berrima district that was owned by P. J. Wallace, who printed The Wombat.

Unfortunately, his house and £50 worth of type were destroyed by fire in July 1871. The Burrawang Herald, one of the earliest newspapers in the area, printed its first number on October 3, 1883.

Barrett, Hayter & Co built a flour mill in 1879 and operated a timber mill that turned out about 3500 feet of timber a day, employing 20 hands.

When settlement had first begun the ground was cleared and potatoes were planted; then English grasses were sown and cows run. Butter manufactured in the district sold at from threepence to fivepence a pound.

Henry Fly Ginger had cleared half of his 200 acre farm by 1879. With 70 head of cattle, including 31 milkers, he started cheese-making rather than producing butter as the low price paid for butter made it unprofitable. For fodder, he grew oats, barley and maize.

By 1880 Burrawang had developed into a prosperous community with a school, three churches, three hotels, an ES&A Bank, a blacksmith and a saddlery.

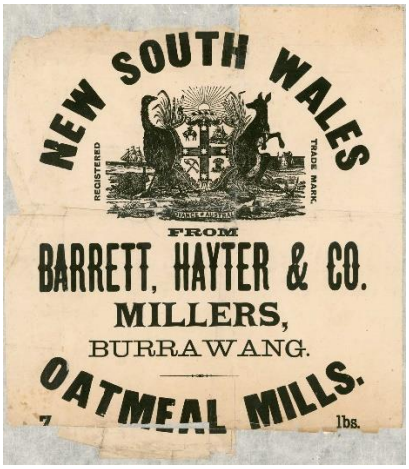
In 1878, local farmers formed Burrawang Farmers Club, meeting at the Club Hotel on the Thursday night nearest the full moon. In 1879 it became the Burrawang and West Camden Agricultural Society and held its first agricultural show on April 21 and 22, 1880, on flat land in Dale Street, using the nearby sale yards to hold the stock.

This was the first show held in the Southern Highlands. The 1881 show was in Moss Vale and again at Burrawang in 1882, 1883 and 1884, after which Robertson became the permanent home. The club was an active organisation interested in promoting agriculture.

An occasional dance or concert provided amusement for residents of Burrawang and district. In 1890 the Burrawang Ethiopian Troupe was formed to provide shows for the residents. When the moving pictures came to Australia, itinerant showmen visited the town and staged a show in the School of Arts, and in 1929 an enterprising individual began a weekly exhibition of films.

This article is sourced from the archives of Berrima District Historical and Family History Society, Bowral Rd, Mittagong.

The Burrawang Rifle Club



General Information about Burrawang and Wildes Meadow

Burrawang and Wildes Meadow Community Association

The Burrawang and Wildes Meadow Community Association was formed in 2000 for the purpose of constituting a community based point of contact for the Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) and the residents of the area. We aim to be an effective interface between the council, utilities and State Government bodies and the whole community: village and rural; fulltime and part-time residents.

Our primary activities consist of:

- acting as a community focal point where significant undertakings impact on residents. for example, at the time that the nbn was about to become available in the area, we arranged for a senior person from nbn Co to speak at a public meeting and explain the programme and address the issues of concern to our residents.
- community enhancement projects: as an incorporated body, we are able to apply for grant funding to support local initiatives and to negotiate with the regulatory authorities to bring them to fruition. The recent upgrading of the Hoddle Street playground is an example of this.
- supporting individuals making representations to regulatory authorities, primarily by advising on how to navigate the regulatory maze. We have no formal role in the administration of planning regulations and do not normally seek to intervene in council's processing of development applications. However, we try to help those concerned with specific applications to understand the process.
- regular meetings with the General Manager of the Wingecarribee Shire Council and Deputies where we are able to place emphasis on the issues that are important to the community and to influence council's activities in accordance with community priorities.
- we also have a modest calendar of social events which supplement the many other significant events in the community. We organise an annual community picnic day each October.

Membership of the Association is open to all people in the area who have an interest in community affairs. As a new arrival to the area, I'd encourage you to join the Association and participate by making your views known on community issues.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Association or would like to know more, please contact us at BWMCAssoc@gmail.com.

Welcome to Burrawang.

- Chris McCann – President
- Grant Sherborne – Vice-President
- Elizabeth Varley – Secretary
- Rebecca Duffy – Treasurer
- Erica Leeming
- Michelle Waters
- Frank Lawson
- Jon Hill
- Glenda Young

Burrawang School of Arts

The Burrawang School of Arts was originally known as the “Star of Burrawang” lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Society. The Hall was completed in October 1883 and in 1890 the lodge and land was given to the people of Burrawang by the Oddfellows. Since ownership, the original building has been progressively extended and maintained entirely by public subscription and voluntary labour.

In 1919 a War Memorial, also paid for by public subscription, was placed in front of the original hall. The School of Arts building occupies a prominent position on Hoddle Street and provides for the social life and development of community services in the village of Burrawang and Wildes Meadow.

Past and future events include - various concerts, ANZAC Day commemorations, Easter Saturday Market, the annual ball, trivia night, various morning tea events, Christmas carols and drinks and a “Meet Your Neighbour” supper.

Would you like to become a member of the School of Arts? Please see the membership form enclosed, or visit the website. Also, if you would like to give us a helping hand, we are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, communications and other behind-the-scenes activities.

Contact details: Annie Jones, 0418 272 500
Email: amjones2021@gmail.com
http://www.burrawangvillage.com/school-of-arts

The Burrawang Village Hotel

The Burrawang Village Hotel was built in 1920 and is located on Hoddle Street, in Burrawang. Over the years several owners have renovated and extended the hotel but have always maintained the hotel’s original character. At the rear of the hotel is a large outdoor area with a beautiful outlook over the rolling hills of Burrawang. The hotel is a focal point for social and village activity and also offers accommodation.

The pub is very much a focal point of the village: every Thursday evening is local’s night when one can catch up with the latest "goss" around the traps; come the Queen's Birthday weekend and there is always a spectacular fireworks display at the bottom of the beer garden complete with sausage sizzle and, of course, there is Christmas Eve when Santa tethers his reindeer outside the pub and visits all the children while accepting the odd cordial or two.

Contact details: 4886 4206
http://www.burrawangvillagehotel.com.au/

The Burrawang General Store

Built in 1867, this iconic building has developed from a traditional general store to a culinary destination for locals as well as visitors to the Southern Highlands. The General Store and licensed Café is in the main street of the village. Enjoy a meal from our creative menu on the verandah, inside by the wood fire or in our beautiful garden.

You can find fresh bread, eggs, daily newspapers and other basic pantry items at the General Store.

Open every day from 8am-4pm. All day breakfast and lunch. High teas and functions by arrangement. Bookings available.

Contact details: 4886 4496

Email: sales@bgsc.com.au
Facebook or Instagram @burrawanggeneralstore

Mauger's Quality Meats

Why not enjoy the finest quality Southern Highlands produce from Burrawang's local butcher? The Mauger family butchery was founded by Joe Mauger and is now run by his grandson Matthew. The butchery offers locally produced top quality grass fed beef and lamb. Whilst beef and lamb are the main produce, ham and bacon are also available using the same smoking technique for thirty-five years. The ham, bacon and pork products like the lamb and beef are also free range.

Mauger's meats now also offer chutneys relishes and salad dressings using their own recipes and made on their premises. Mathew also produces beef jerky from the family's free range beef which is smoked and cooked in Mauger's special marinade. In the fridge there is a range of basic pantry items for sale.

They have also introduced Mauger's Meats Paddock to Plate tours which run monthly and are held on their farm "Laurel View". Information can be found on the website as well as Destination Southern Highlands.

Contact details: 4886 4327
http://www.maugers.com.au/

Burrawang Public School

Burrawang Public School is looking forward to an exciting year of innovation and further pursuit of excellence. We enjoy an active, supportive local community who enrich the life of our school. Burrawang school embraces 21st century learning with flexible, inspired learning spaces, personalised learning and a curriculum that is diverse, challenging and relevant for the new times in which we live.

Children are encouraged to become critical and creative thinkers who take responsibility for their learning. We enjoy the benefits of wide open spaces, sustainability initiatives, community involvement and a connectedness to our learning environment. Burrawang school is small enough to care and big enough to challenge!

We welcome new residents and potential students to come and see us in action before making a decision as to where they wish to educate their child. Our friendly staff will be happy to discuss the learning and teaching at Burrawang and how we can best assist you in achieving your child's full potential.

Contact details: School office: Ph:4886 4261
burrawang-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Burrawang Public School Parents and Citizens

The Burrawang Pubic School P&C is the parents and citizens' organisation for the local public school on the corner of Hoddle and Church streets. As our school is small the P&C committee relies on the efforts of a few of the parents so participation from members of the community is welcome. The P&C is heavily involved with the Easter Market, as it serves as the main fundraiser for the school for the year - funds from the stall fees are shared between the P&C and the School of Arts and various community groups.

The P&C meets at the school on Wednesday evenings in weeks three and seven of each term.

Contact details: School office: Ph:4886 4261
burrawang-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Burrawang Easter Market

Burrawang Easter Market Association is responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of the annual Burrawang Easter Market which is held on Easter Saturday and sees over 150 stalls take over Hoddle Street (main street of Burrawang), the lower section of Crown Street and the School of Arts. It is such a great event that it sees about 8000 people descend on the village for the day

The revenue from the stall fees is shared between the School of Arts and the Burrawang P&C. BEMA has also established the Burrawang Grant from a portion of the revenue raised from each market. This grant is available to help support local groups or individuals who are looking to raise funds.

Due to the large volume of traffic coming into Burrawang, there are significant traffic changes that are needed on the day itself, with access to some streets restricted. However, everything is back to normal by late afternoon.

We are always looking for people keen to put up their hand to help out on the day and we have a range of roles that people can help out with. We normally look for volunteers about six weeks out from the market each year. So keep any eye out on Facebook.

Contact details: 0498 015 530
stalls@burrawangeastermarket.com
Burrawang Market Facebook page

Burrawang Rural Fire Brigade

The Burrawang Rural Fire Brigade (BRFB) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our wonderful community. As part of the Rural Fire Service of NSW our local volunteers work hard to protect and support our community. The BRFB responds to emergency events in the Wingecarribee region and in particular around the Burrawang, Wildes Meadow, Robertson and Fitzroy Falls areas.

A Station Open Day is held every year on Easter Saturday during the Easter Market Day. We encourage everyone to come and meet our great fire fighters and volunteers where we can answer any questions regarding the fire safety for your property. In September, we also hold a morning tea at the School of Arts where we share information and assist the community in readiness for the fire season ahead.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in taking a look at how the brigade operates you can visit us on any Wednesday night from 7:30pm at the Burrawang Fire Station, located behind the park in Hoddle Street, Burrawang

Contact details:
Captain: Colin Munro - 0421 568 754
President: Phillipa Drewett - 0419 426 874
Email: brfb@bigpond.com

St David's Anglican Church

St David's has a rich history of local people gathering to hear the Bible taught, pray and encourage one another. Prior to 2007, when the new building at Robertson was built, St David's hosted weekly services, however with the new warm and comfortable building just a few minutes down the road in Robbo, we now only offer one service once a month at St David's. This service is on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4.30pm. It is a relaxed, structured service and everyone is welcome.

In December every year St David's hosts a traditional carols service with a light supper following. It's always a hit and well attended. And for those couples who like a more rustic feel to their wedding day, St David's hosts a number of weddings throughout the year.

If you have questions regarding the goings on at either the Robertson Anglican or St David's churches, please be in touch, we'd love to chat, or you can always check us out online.

Contact details:
St David's is part of the Robertson Anglican Parish
Rev Graham Thomas (minister)
Church office: 64 Hoddle St Robertson
02 4885 1210 (office)
www.robertsonanglican.org.au
office@robertsonanglical.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/robertsonanglican/

Church of St Peter's Catholic Church

St Peter's is part of the St Paul's Parish Moss Vale. It was built in 1869 by the early settlers, –Catholic, Presbyterian and Church of England. It is a beautiful acknowledgement to their faith commitment. The tradition is lovingly continued today, praying and supporting each other, and come 2019 we will celebrate 150 years

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We welcome all - old and new residents and visitors to our celebrations.

Mass Times:

- 1st 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month at 8am
- 2nd, 4th Sunday of each month at 5pm

Christmas and Easter celebrations may vary - see the web site

Contact details:
Parish Priest - Fr Richard Green osppe
St Paul's Parish Moss Vale - 48681931
Burrawang contacts - Noel and Marilyn North - 48864391
www.stpaulsmossvale.org.au

Burrawang and Wildes Meadow Internet Communications

An nbn™ Fixed Wireless connection utilises data transmitted over radio signals to connect a premises to the nbn broadband access network. This connection is typically used in circumstances where the distance between premises can be many kilometres. Data travels from a transmission tower located as far as 14 kilometres, to an nbn outdoor antenna that has been fitted to the premises by an approved nbn installer.

Fixed Wireless connections also require an nbn connection box to be installed at the point where the cable from the nbn outdoor antenna enters your premises. This device requires power to operate, and can only be installed by an approved nbn installer or phone and internet provider.

Under the NBN, areas served by fixed wireless are not subject to the switching off of ADSL service 18 months after NBN service becomes available. This means that those with satisfactory ADSL service can continue using this indefinitely.

https://www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/network-technology/fixed-wireless-explained.html

Things To Do and To Get Involved

Bushcare

The Burrawang Bushcare group meets on the 4th Wednesday morning of every month (except December) to look after the boardwalk and footpath between George and Harman Streets. For the last five years we have maintained this area, removing weeds and non-native invasive species and replanting with natives. We work together with council officers who provide all the tools, plants and mulch as well as share their vast knowledge of Australian flora. Tasks may include weeding, mulching, planting, or seed collecting. Our working sessions are also rewarded by a delicious morning tea!

If you would like to join us, please either contact Cath Ward on 0405 151 651 or turn up to any session. We meet at 9.30am in summer and 10am in winter at the boardwalk. Wear suitable gardening gear and boots, a hat and sunscreen. Some initial council form-filling is required, but nothing too onerous. We are a small band, and new members would be most welcome.

Contact details:
Cath Ward - 0405 151 651
http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/environment/get-involved/bushcare

Film Nights

Burrawang School of Arts Film Nights generally happen on the last Friday of each month, December excepted. The venue is the Middle Hall at the School of Arts, and the film starts at 7.30pm. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up on the night: $10 buys a glass of wine on arrival, and an ice-cream at interval; the film comes for free!

The program of films is varied, and each month's title is publicised in advance via posters around the village, and on the village website. But for most of our loyal audience, the choice of film is fairly immaterial, as it's a social occasion: an opportunity to have dinner beforehand, perhaps at the pub, then watch a good film in good company.

Tennis Club

The Burrawang Tennis Club comprises of two rebound ace hardcourts with excellent lighting on both courts for night tennis. Undercover BBQ facilities, and playground enjoying a quiet rural setting with lots of space for parking. Location: Burrawang Park ,Church Street, Burrawang.

Court hire and bookings can be made with the Secretary, Carol Hill. Keys are available at Burrawang Village Hotel, Hoddle Street, Burrawang. Court hire is $10.00 per hour for both courts and night court hire is $20.00 per hour for both courts.

Membership is set at our annual meeting around October each year. Adults $40.00 - juniors $10.00 for all players, competition and social players. Tennis Club competitions and events are mixed doubles – men's & ladies' night comp on:

- Monday nights – from October to Easter each year.
- Thursday ladies' doubles comp with Wingecarribee Tennis Association are held from January to June, then July to December, commencing 9.30 am each Thursday – all standards are welcome.

Upcoming improvements to the facilities include: the renovation of the clubhouse which will include a unisex/disabled toilet for visitors to our park. The newly design inside clubhouse will enable events to be held inside if the weather is inclement.

All new visitors and new members welcome.

Contact details:
President - Donna Eccleston – 0415 854 637
Secretary - Carol Hill - 0429 430 305
Treasurer - Sharon Donovan – 0402 090 106
Email: jhi33654@bigpond.net.au

Street Library

The library is an initiative of the Burrawang School of Arts. It is a community resource which has been established to share the love of reading, storytelling and music with residents and visitors in our beautiful village. There are no rules, forms, borrowing cards or expectations to using this library. You may donate, borrow or swap books, magazines, DVDs or CDs. If you wish to donate something more than a couple of items please contact us. Please do not leave large donations near the cupboard as the area is not weatherproof.

Contact details:
Rob Bearlin - 0448 454 407
Sally Boucher - 0418 628 712

Regular Events

Monday	2:00-2:45pm	Meditation Group Burrawang School of Arts	Sally Boucher 0418 628 712
Tuesday	9.30am	Yoga Class Burrawang School of Arts	Roxanne Hayes 0400 063 097
Wednesday	11.00am	Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention Burrawang School of Arts	Thelma Johnson 0400 035 643
Friday	2.00pm	Stitch and Bitch yarning circle Burrawang General Store Cafe	Cath Ward 0405 151 651

Handy Numbers and Websites

Burrawang Village Facebook			
What's on in Burrawang			www.burrawangvillage.com/whatson
Police	Community Portal	131 444	http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/home
	Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000	
Emergency	Fire Police Ambulance	000	Emergencies only
Medical	Robertson Medical Centre	4885 2569 Mon - Fri	http://robertsondoctor.vpweb.com.au
	Eastbrook Medical Centre	4862 7666 7 days	https://eastbrookemedical.com.au/medical-centre/bowral/
	Bowral Public Hospital	4861 0200	www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/bowral
	Bowral Private Hospital	4862 9400	www.southernhighlandsprivate.com.au
	Robertson Pharmacy	4885 2937	http://www.robertsonpharmacy.com.au/
Wingecarribee Shire Council	General enquiries	4868 0888	wscmail@wsc.nsw.gov.au 68 Elizabeth St, Moss Vale
	Council New Resident Kit		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/new-resident
	Waste Hotline	1300133 969	
	Water & Sewerage Services		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/water-sewerage/water-and-sewerage-services
	Domestic Waste Services		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/domestic-waste-services
	About Your Bin Service		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/about-your-bin-service
	Community Recycling Centre		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/waste-recycling/community-recycling-centre
	Swimming Pools		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/swimming-pools
	Ranger Services		http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/ranger-services
Snap Send Solve App	Report issues to council or local authority		http://www.snapsendsolve.com/

Churches	St David's Anglican	48851210	www.robertsonanglican.org.au
	St Peter's Catholic	4868 1931	www.stpaulsmossvale.org.au
WIRES	Wildlife Rescue	1300094737	www.wires.org.au
Veterinary	Southern Highland Vet Centre	48681310 7 days	http://southernhighlandsvets.com.au
Buses	Berrima Buses	4871 3211	www.buslinesgroup.com.au/berrima
Schools			Southern Highlands Schools
Endeavour Energy	Power outages	131 003	Check for Outages in Your Area
	General enquiries	133 718 Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm	
SES (NSW)		132 500	https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/about-us
Dial Before You Dig		1100 (freecall)	www.1100.com.au
Sydney Trains	General info		www.sydneytrains.info
	Sydney timetables		Timetables
NSW Trains	Southern Highlands Line		Routes and timetables
Train Link Busses	Moss Vale to Wollongong via Burrawang		Routes and timetables
Moss Vale Train Station		4868 1115	
Destination Southern Highlands		4871 2888	Events and Activities
NBN			https://www.nbnco.com.au
Taxi/Airport transfers	Southern Highlands Taxi	4872 4800	www.southernhighlandstaxis.com.au
	Highlands Chauffeured Hire Cars	4872 3038	http://hchc.com.au/