



The Berry News

December 2025



The Berry News – Newsletter

What's been happening at the Reserve?

The past few months have been a busy time at the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve, with a mix of community events, unexpected challenges and ongoing improvements taking place across the site. Despite the disruptions along the way, the Reserve has continued to be well used by the community and remains an important space for local events, activities and gatherings.

October 26, 2025 - The Mango Festival

The Mango Festival, held on 26 October, was a wonderful community highlight and marked the successful delivery of the first Mango Festival run by the newly created Berry Springs Market Association. Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc. proudly operated the Community Kitchen and raffle stall, with committee members and volunteers working tirelessly throughout the day. The success of both activities would not have been possible without the generous support of our amazing sponsors.

A special thank you is extended to Territory Logistics, who sponsored the Community Kitchen, including the provision of food and cooking personnel. Sincere thanks are also extended to the following sponsors for their valued support of the local raffle:

- o Andrew Mackay MLA, Member for Goyder;
- o ACR Electrical & Air Conditioning;
- o AJ Plumbing;
- o Northern Ground Maintenance;
- o Tackle World Coolalinga;
- o Barramundi Adventures Darwin;
- o Berry Springs Mechanical; and
- o Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly



All proceeds raised through the Community Kitchen and raffle remain with the Association and play an important role in supporting its ongoing operation and future sustainability. These funds help ensure the Association can continue supporting and activating this valued community space for the community.

Congratulations to everyone involved in delivering a successful and well-attended Mango Festival, and congratulations to all of the raffle winners.



November 9, 2025 - Annual General Meeting

Although the Annual General Meeting was delayed due to behind-the-scenes issues with the timing of financial information, it was successfully held on 9 November. A sincere thank you to the outgoing committee members for their time, effort and dedication in supporting the ongoing management of the Reserve.

It was encouraging to see so many community-minded individuals put their hands up to support this valuable community space. The Management Committee is made up entirely of volunteers who generously give their time, skills and experience behind the scenes to ensure the Reserve remains safe, compliant, well-managed and welcoming for all users. Their contribution is vital to the ongoing operation and success of the Reserve.

Chairperson: Taryn Hughes
Vice Chairperson: Megan Leo
Secretary: Stephanie King
Treasurer: Hayley Manners
Public Officer: Serin Clarris
Committee Member: Ross Hughes
Committee Member: Annalisa Mertin
Committee Member: Helen Brooks

This strong level of volunteer involvement plays an important role in ensuring the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve continues to thrive for the benefit of the wider community. We wish the new 2025/2026 committee the best of luck with the next year.

November 22, 2025 - Cyclone Fina

On 22 November, the Reserve was significantly impacted by Cyclone Fina, resulting in the loss of one of the Reserve's largest mahogany trees. Due to its size and extensive root system, the fallen tree destroyed the skate park shade structure and caused damage to underground services. As a result, the Reserve was closed for approximately two weeks while assessments and repairs were undertaken to ensure public safety.

The Reserve was reopened just in time for the Christmas Markets.



A special acknowledgement is extended to Jill Enriquez and Rebecca Taylor from Litchfield Council, along with the contractors involved, for their support, coordination and cooperation throughout the recovery and reopening process. Their assistance contributed to the timely reopening of the Reserve.

December 7, 2025 - Christmas Market

The Berry Springs Market Association ran a successful Christmas Market on 7 December, which remains an important day on the local community calendar. The market provided an opportunity for families and visitors to come together and enjoy the Reserve.



Photo Credit: Kris Civitarese, South Ward Councillor

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL



November 24, 2025 Litchfield Council, Annual Community Grant

We are thrilled to announce that Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Inc. was successfully awarded the Litchfield Council Annual Community Grant!

These funds will be used to install additional tables and chairs within the newly constructed shade structures, enhancing comfort, accessibility and usability across the Reserve. This upgrade will benefit families, community events, sporting groups and casual visitors alike. The new seating options will be installed within the coming weeks.

Thank you Litchfield Council!



Members Noticeboard



ALIGNED ENERGY NEW YEAR WORKSHOP

START THE YEAR BY CHOOSING YOUR ENERGY NOT CHASING IT.

Join Nic for a 2.5-hour New Year workshop blending energising movement, guided journaling, and a crystal-infused meditation. Reconnect with your body, set meaningful intentions, and realign your energy for the year ahead.

All materials included – no experience needed.

■ Saturday, January 3rd 2026

🕒 9:00am – 11:30am

📍 Berry Springs Recreation Reserve

⌚ Investment: \$75 (includes crystals + take-home card)

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As many members would have noticed, the Caretaker's Residence is currently receiving some much-needed attention, with clean-up and maintenance works now underway. While there is still progress to be made, the Management Committee is taking a considered and staged approach to improving the building and exploring options for its future use.

Further updates will be provided to members as planning progresses.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Reminder: NT public schools are now on their Christmas break and will not return until Tuesday 27 January 2026. Please take extra care on rural roads, with more children out and about during the holiday period.

Members Advertising

Are you a member of the BSRP & would like to put something on our noticeboard? Simply email berryspringsrecreationreserve@outlook.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BERRY SPRINGS RECREATION RESERVE OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.