

The Berry News

Berry Springs Recreation Reserve



Congratulations to Serin Clarris on her appointment as the new Treasurer for the Berry Springs Reserve Management Committee for 2024/2025!

Serin has been a valued member of the committee for many years, and we're thrilled to have her stepping into this new role. Her dedication and experience will no doubt have a positive impact on the reserve. Welcome back, Serin!

We are also excited to welcome Stephanie King to the Berry Springs Reserve Management Committee! With many years of experience on committees, Stephanie brings a wealth of knowledge to help modernise and organise our processes. We're grateful for her support and look forward to the positive impact she will have. Welcome, Steph!

With these exciting additions, we now only have the Secretary role remaining vacant. Could you volunteer your time to help support the continued growth of the Reserve and its efforts in the community? Your involvement would be greatly appreciated!

Your 2024/2025

Volunteer Management Committee

Chairperson: Taryn Hughes

Vice-Chairperson: Megan Leo

Treasurer: Serin Clarris

Secretary: ??

Other committee

Helen Brooks

Ross Hughes

Roz Johnson

Thong Lee

Stephanie King

Strategic Plan Survey is now LIVE

Our Annual Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Survey is now live, and we want to hear from you!

This is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas to help shape the future of the reserve and ensure it continues to meet the needs of our community. Your feedback is invaluable in guiding future improvements and developments.

➡ Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2K9PWTR>

Thank you for being part of our community—we appreciate your input!

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ME!



NEWS BULLETIN

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News from the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Management Committee

🌱✨ Exciting Reserve Clean-Up Underway! ✨🌱

Over the remaining four weeks, we'll be carrying out essential tree and ground maintenance to enhance the reserve, with environmental health as a top priority. This includes removing dead or invasive trees, trimming overgrown foliage, and clearing old rubbish piles to improve the space for long-term sustainability.

This work is part of a long-term plan to assess and manage vegetation across the entire reserve, ensuring its ongoing health and balance.

We understand that tree removal can be a concern, so rest assured—only unhealthy or invasive species are being removed, and overgrown branches will be carefully trimmed as needed. The natural shade and beauty of the area will be preserved while we refresh and maintain the space.

There may be some temporary disruptions, including equipment in the car park and limited access for those using the reserve as a school route. We appreciate your patience and support as we carry out these important improvements. The upgrades are already making a difference, and the reserve is looking fantastic! Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to care for this valued community space.



🌟 A Vision for the Future 🌟

Behind the scenes, we've been working hard to secure funding and collaborate with key stakeholders to bring much-needed improvements to our community space.

As part of these efforts, we have applied for multiple grants, including the recently submitted Community Benefit Fund, Community Major Grant. This funding would support the development of a Basketball Half-Court and three additional 6m hard-shade structures. While we'll have to wait a little while for the outcome, we have all fingers (and toes!) crossed! Regardless of the result, we remain committed to making these upgrades happen and will continue exploring alternative funding opportunities.

A huge thank you to Taminmin College's Mr John Harris, Dheran Young's Office, Andrew Mackay's Office, Annalisa Martin, and Litchfield Council for their Letters of Support. Your backing means so much to us and strengthens our push for these important improvements! We truly appreciate your ongoing patience and support as we work towards enhancing our reserve. Stay tuned for more updates—we can't wait to share more news with you soon!

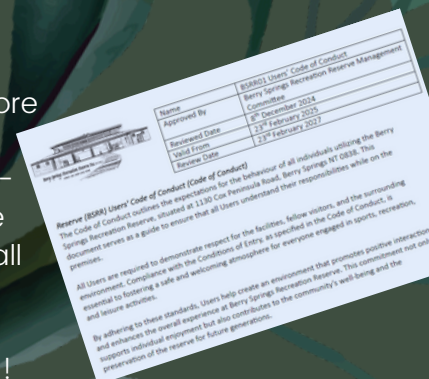
🌟 New User Code of Conduct & Policies! 🌟

We're excited to introduce our new User Code of Conduct, along with updated policies and procedures to make Berry Springs Recreation Reserve a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone!

These updates reflect our commitment to providing a welcoming, safe, and well-maintained environment for all visitors. As part of this, we'll be updating signage across the reserve to ensure the new guidelines are clear and enhance the overall experience.

Read the full details here: www.bsrr.com.au

Thank you for your support in making the reserve a safer and better place for all!



🏡 Need a Space for Your Next Meeting or Event? 🏡

Did you know Berry Springs Recreation Reserve has a Meeting Room available for hire? Whether you're hosting a meeting, workshop, community program, or small event, our space is perfect for bringing people together!

- ✓ Convenient location
- ✓ Affordable hire rates
- ✓ Suitable for various activities

For more details or to book the room, email us at berryspringsrecreationreserve@outlook.com
We'd love to host your next gathering!



Volunteer Registration

✿ Join the BSRR Volunteer Team! ✿

Would you love to contribute to Berry Springs Recreation Reserve but don't want to get tied up in meetings? Would you like to be part of a group that works together to make a real difference in the community? Could you help support Territory Day at the Reserve?

We're looking for passionate volunteers to help maintain and improve this beautiful space—whether it's gardening, event support or lending a hand with small projects. No long-term commitments, just a friendly team and a chance to give back!

- ♥ Flexible opportunities – help out when you can
 - ♥ No meetings – just hands-on community work
 - ♥ Be part of a great team and make a difference
- Interested? Get in touch today!

Simply go to

<https://form.jotform.com/250688797111870>

We'd love to have you on board!



Blast from the Past!



Some of our long-term members may remember this photo from the Reserve's Anniversary, while for others, it's a special glimpse into the past!

This stunning shot was taken over 40 years ago—a true piece of our history! Thank you to Russell Anderson for sharing it with us.

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MARKETS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



We regret to inform that the Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Monthly Markets will be put on hold until further notice. This decision has been made as we actively work to find a suitable entity to manage and run the markets for 2025 and beyond.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this time. We will provide an update as soon as the situation changes and a new plan is in place.

Thank you for your continued support, and stay tuned for further updates.

SAVE THE DATE



**NT CHILLI FEST @ BSRR!
SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025**



The 2025 Casual Hire Fees have
now been released!

Member Benefits now apply!

Go to our website

www.bsrr.com.au



Term 1 Yoga Schedule

Wednesday
8:30am - Ashtanga Foundations
75 minutes with Nic @BSRR

Thursday
6:00pm - Ashtanga Yoga Focus
75 minutes with Nic @BSRR

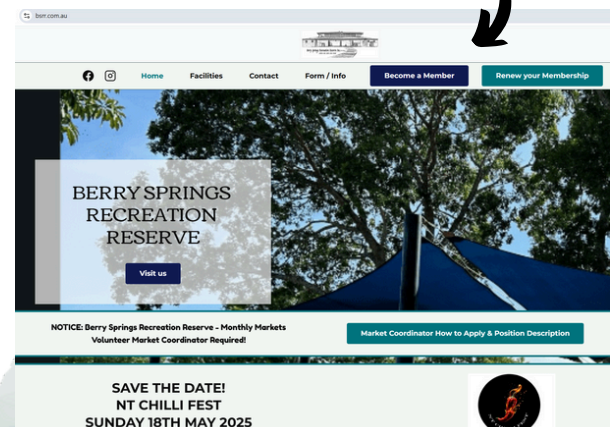
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BSRR - Berry Springs Recreation Reserve, 1130 Cox Peninsula Rd, Berry Springs.
nicole@nicsyoga.com.au

BSRR Membership Applications & Renewal Forms are now online!

WWW.BSRR.COM.AU



YOUTH WEEK

2025

APRIL 4-12



LITCHFIELD COUNCIL



**FRI
04**

AUGMENTED REALITY PARK POP UP LAUNCH

Howard Park Rec Reserve Oval

LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Berry Springs Reserve & Humpty Doo Village Green

**SAT
5 & 12**

**ALL
WEEK
5-12**

ESPORTS & VR GAMING

Taminmin Community Library

FIRST AID + PAINTING WORKSHOPS

Berry Springs Reserve, Livingstone Reserve, Howard Park

**M-W
7-9**

**M-W
7-9**

SELF-DEFENCE WORKSHOP

Howard Spring Reserve & Humpty Doo Village Green

BEAD JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

Howard Spring Reserve & Humpty Doo Village Green

**FRI
11**

**TH 10 &
FRI 11**

BREAKDANCING CLASS

Livingstone Reserve & Humpty Doo Village Green

ALL FREE EVENTS

SNACKS INCLUDED! BOOK YOUR SPOT THROUGH THE QR CODE

council@litchfield.nt.gov.au to RSVP or ask questions

MORE DETAILS:



PlayConnect+

Playgroup NT deliver 3 supported playgroups within the PlayConnect+ Program. Our playgroups at Berry Springs, Howard Springs and online are designed to provide a safe, supported and non-judgemental space for adults and children. We are dedicated to working with families to better meet their needs, establish connections in the local community & links to support services.

Crafty Kookaburras Playgroup



PlayConnect+

Does your child become overwhelmed at playgroup?

Our PlayConnect+ program offers a supported playgroup designed for families of children aged 0– 8 years who experience social anxiety, sensory processing differences or overwhelm, developmental delays or disability.

No formal diagnosis or assessment is required for your child to participate. We are an inclusive non judgmental space dedicated to working with families to better meet their needs.



Families, carers and siblings are welcome to come along and join us for a morning of joyful play.

Each Tuesday
9:00-11:00 AM
Meeting Hall,
Berry Springs
Recreation Reserve

This program is fully funded. There is no cost to families.

For further information contact Cindy at Playgroup NT on 0437 711 672 or email info@playgroupnt.com.au



WHAT IS A SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP?

Supported Playgroups are funded and run by Playgroup NT facilitators. It is at a supported playgroup that families can seek out advice, find information about support services and extend their social network. There is no cost for families to attend.

Our PlayConnect+ Playgroup Facilitators have a range of qualifications and experience of working with families in education, early childhood and health. Each facilitator has undertaken inclusion training, and we all have lived experience of being a parent and the challenges (& rewards) this brings.

Our Playgroup Facilitators plan play experiences that follow the children's interests and to ensure a fun and joyful time.

One of the features of our Berry Springs Playgroup is regular Animal Encounters with Top End Critters. The inclusion of our regular animal encounters with the terrific Tom have offered a space where children & adults can sit, observe, take turns, show care & kindness..

WHO CAN ATTEND?

We have had some feedback that this playgroup is only for children with a disability or that have a diagnosis. This is not accurate; our playgroups have a broader early support focus for all families with young children living in isolated areas where minimal services operate.

All families are welcome, especially at our Berry Springs location.

At this present time, we have low attendance numbers. We are seeking new families to ensure that we can continue to operate at this location after June 2025.