

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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Welcome to the July 2024 Corurgan Comment.

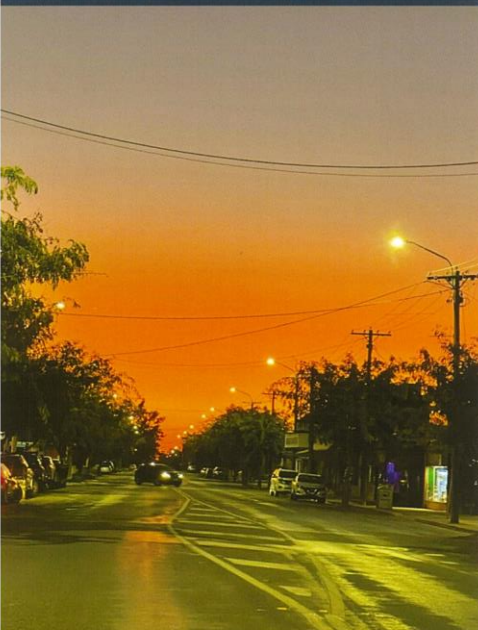
## CONTINUING JULY CORURGAN COMMENT – PART C

### Berrigan CWA

On behalf of the Berrigan CWA, I have attached a flyer they were involved in preparing that highlights BERRIGAN. [Last two pages].

*On behalf of the Berrigan CWA let's look at the flyer they have published highlighting 10 fabulous things about BERRIGAN.*


Enjoy the quirky charm of Chanter Street



### BERRIGAN FIRSTS

This small village is full of movers and shakers and has a long history of visionary people.

- 1893 - Initiated first people's conference for Federation in Corowa.
- 1896 - First pioneer light railway in the colony.
- 1900 - First registered volunteer Bush fire brigade in Australia.
- 1908 - Set up Barooga Water Trust, the first system of its type in NSW to gravitate water from the Murray River to Berrigan.
- 1913 - Initiated the first conference and constitution of the NSW P & C Association.
- 2002 - First hydro-electric power station built on an irrigation canal.
- 2018 - First town in Australia to have doctor, pharmacy, hospital and aged care facilities connected to the MHR (My Health Record).



## 10 THINGS TO DO IN BERRIGAN

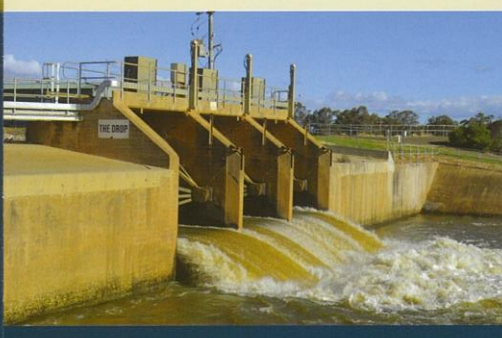
A little town with a big heart

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Berrigan: It's History and People


### Top 10 things to do when you stop to explore what this little Riverina gem has to offer.

Situated in a major irrigation area in the southern Riverina, Berrigan is just 25 minutes north of the Murray River and is surrounded by cereal crops, vegetable farms, sheep and cattle farms and dairies.

The sandhills south-west of the town are covered by citrus trees including the famous Sumo mandarins and in spring there are vast areas of yellow canola.



Hydro-electric power station at The Drop



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**WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Built in 1899 as a School of Arts, this was extended in 1927 as a war memorial. The interior has been repainted in heritage colours, plus gilding. The original projection box and film equipment is intact.

**FEDERAL HOTEL**

First built in 1890, destroyed by fire in 1913 and rebuilt in 1915. This hotel has been an integral part of Berrigan's history for over 120 years.

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**STREET ART**

View the mosaics on the CWA, Museum and library walls and the murals on the Momalong and Royal Hotel walls.

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**BERRIGAN BOOKSHOP**

Browse in this exciting shop which houses over 100,000 used and new books in 11 rooms of what was an original bakery building.

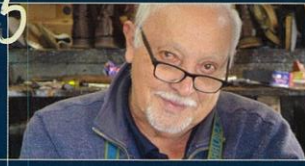
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**BEN THE COBBLER**

This tiny shop draws people from a wide area because not many towns have a cobbler now. As well as mending all varieties of boots and shoes, Ben makes a range of genuine leather belts.

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**BERRIGAN & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM**

The local RSL shares its building with the Museum. Amongst the Museum's treasures are many local family histories, fire brigade history, RSL history and much more.

**APEX PARK**

Have a picnic in the shelter while the children enjoy the extensive playground equipment.

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**NATURE RESERVE WALKING TRACK**

Enjoy this scenic track through a regenerated area featuring wetlands and a bird hide.

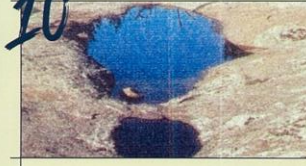
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**BERRIGAN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB**

The club has bar and catering facilities, an interesting 18-hole golf course, tennis courts and squash courts.

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**BOAT ROCK**

A short drive east of Berrigan is a 5,000 year old aboriginal water hole on a rocky ridge. There are 3 connected ponds, the deepest being 1.5m, painstakingly developed by the aboriginals long ago, to create a regular water supply.

**Big 'Corurgan Comment' this month.**

**So big, I needed to split into three parts before I could upload onto the website.**

**I hope you enjoyed reading the diverse topics.**



**END PART C**

*Whilst the West Corurgan Newsletter is primarily provided to keep Members informed of all water matters relating to the WCPID Scheme, you will note it also has a lighter side. It is this lighter side that should be read in the spirit for which it is intended and with 'tongue firmly planted in one's cheek'!* 😊 Debbie