

Terms of Reference Sustainability Review Group (SRG)

Purpose / role of the SRG:

- Coordinate community action to help “establish Berry as an environmentally aware community looking to adopt sustainable practices”
- Develop and implement an action plan, in conjunction with relevant community stakeholders, to achieve the following strategic focus objectives that are listed under “Theme 5 – Sustainability” in the Berry Community Strategic Plan;
 - Advocate for improved recycling and green waste infrastructure
 - Encourage and support local food production
 - Support the work of Landcare, Bushcare and Parkcare
 - Advocate for better public transport
 - Help build community support to make Berry a ‘plastic bag free’ town
 - Encourage the use of renewable energy
- Identify and progress other worthwhile opportunities for a sustainable future for Berry based on community inputs, interest and commitment
- Report to the Berry Forum Committee as required on direction and progress and maintain close liaison with other Forum Review Groups to ensure consistency
- Liaise with Shoalhaven City Council as required to progress relevant SRG projects
- The SRG will not determine outcomes, but will be impartial in facilitating the wishes of the broader community, acknowledging that sometimes compromise outcomes may be required.

Membership:

- The SRG should ideally comprise five to seven members, with a minimum of two members from the Berry Forum Committee. This is flexible depending on needs.
- The SRG will be chaired by one of the Berry Forum Committee representatives

Reporting / accountability:

- The SRG will regularly report to the Berry Forum Committee through its Chair on progress with its programme of activities

Working methods / ways of working:

- Subject to Berry Forum Committee approval, the SRG will initiate and manage specific projects related to its sustainability objective
- The SRG will be responsible for engaging with key stakeholders, the community and Council in relation to these projects

Meetings:

- Frequency, format and administration of meetings to be determined and finalised by the SRG at its first meeting

Review:

- Quarterly review the relevance and value of its work and the terms of reference