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## Council upgrades Berry village centre

Shoalhaven City Council has completed a \$265,000 upgrade to the streetscape and footpaths around the centre of Berry

Funding for the project came from a \$265,000 Federal grant under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said the project has brightened Berry and provides easy walking access around the city centre.

"Council has also planted some wonderful evergreen Magnolia 'Little Gems'. They complement the existing street planting in the village and will provide shade and perfume when in flower," Clr Green said.

"The works have also included additional seating which will allow visitors and Berry citizens to sit, relax and enjoy the wonderful streetscape we now have in the village."

The enhancement works included:

- Removal of bitumen pavement and enhancement of heritage streetscape, including paving in Queen St, Berry [on the south side] from Prince Alfred Street to the NAB Bank building
- Paving works on the north side of Queens Street
- Additional paving works in Alexandra Street
- Council also completed a footpath in Princes Street.

The works involved about 380 square metres of paving, supply installation of street furniture, tree planting and garden beds and restoration of heritage sandstone kerbing.

Contractor for the street paving and other works for the Queen Street enhancement project was RJ and PS Smith, of South Nowra, while contractor for the works in Alexandra and Princess Street was Ferncroft Rural and Landscape Management, of Berry.

**Photo captions:** Councillor Gareth Ward with Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green enjoy the new Berry village centre with [from left] John Underwood from the Berry Chamber of Commerce, Rick Gainford from the Berry Alliance, and Councillor Andrew Guile.

Two visitors enjoy a coffee on the new seating in Berry under one of the evergreen Magnolia 'Little Gems'.

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