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## NEWSLETTER

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### From the President's Desk

For those of you who enjoy a saga with a focus on local businesses then this is the edition for you with the final episode of our Credit Union on page 3 and for the conclusion of Berrima Cement Works' story see page 6. You can also share how we got on at the Illawarra Family History Fair on page 2.

Talking of family history. In the heart of Mittagong, two researchers, Frank Mitchell and Carolyn Dougherty are known for their uncanny ability to uncover the hidden stories of people gone but not forgotten. Their desks are nestled within our Archives and its stacks of old newspapers, biography files, and thousands of photos, each with a piece of history waiting to be rediscovered.

One Monday morning, Ms A shuffled nervously in clutching a faded photograph of her childhood friend whom she hadn't seen for decades and was desperate to know what had become of him. Frank and Carolyn were on the case. They began with a meticulous search of the biography files which offered potential leads. Stories of men who had lived troubled lives distancing them from their roots. While Frank ran his fingers over the keys to unlock the treasures of Trove, Carolyn dug deeply into our cemetery transcriptions.

Is this his grave? This is his name only the dates don't align, so the search goes on. Electoral Rolls, census after census and muster books were pored over with each researcher driven by the passion of hunters after truth and accuracy. Eventually they stumbled upon a mention of Ms A's friend which ignited a spark of hope in her and encouraged our duo to investigate further.

Into our collections of local newspapers now. *Berrima District Post*, *Moss Vale Scrutineer*. Titles long gone as was the man they were trying so determinedly to find. They read articles about a tragic accident involving a man with the same name. Is this the wanted man?

Employing techniques only experienced researchers know, they pieced together the puzzle of a man's life with hints of unresolved family conflicts that may have contributed to his disappearance. With excitement and apprehension, fellow researcher Janet Black tracked him down to his last known whereabouts. She learned that he was living as a recluse in a small nearby town. So finally, after weeks of searching, they found him and to the relief of all he was overjoyed to hear from Ms A and share stories of their childhood.

For our researchers, history is their passion while confidentiality is their guide.

Stuart Handley

### GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 2024** Thursday 26 September at 2:00pm

Linda Emery 'Rogues and Vagabonds of the Southern Highlands'

**OCTOBER 2024** Thursday 24 October at 2:00pm

Dr Peter Mitchell A talk on James Squire and Bennelong of Kissing Point, Sydney

**MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD DOWNSTAIRS IN ARCHIVES ROOM**

**AFTERNOON TEA** is served following the speaker

The **Family History Interest Group** meets at the Mittagong Archives on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm.



## Moore Memorable Musings



### EDIBLE PERSONALITIES

As you may gather, I love playing with proper names, for Pete's sake. Aussies use them all the

time and we like taking the Mickey. Here's an example of my daily Captain Cookup.

After a wake-up shower I'll ask my bride what she prefers for breakfast. If it's a Stephen Fry up, we usually have some Morgan Free-range if not Nicholas Cage-free eggs to make a delicious Kevin Bacon & Egg Sheeran. I could also pick some fresh Elvis Parsley to sprinkle on top.

On odd days we may decide to have Cereal Dion washed down with a glass of Robert de Milo.

'Here's a cold O. J. Simpson or a refreshing Orangealina Jolie before you hoe into your Chuck and Halle Berries or would you prefer a Banana Rama instead?'

For morning tea there's a Bun Jovi or James Earl Scones with Cream and Pearl Jam. You may even prefer something more savoury like Paris Stilton or Brie Larson. I really recommend the Cheese Theron, followed by a cup of Leonardo de Cappuccino.

Lunch is pretty special with a choice of Won Tom Cruise or Macauliflower Culkin soups, sopped up with a Pita Pan dipped in Lawrence Olive Oil. I notice we even have some leftover

Barry Maniloaf, or better known as Meatloaf in the frig. Frankfurts McDormand is also a winner.

Of course, if the day is warm a good old Julius Caesar salad always satisfies. A taste of John Candy or Elmer Fudge in the afternoon is always a sweet delight.

For dinner one needs an aperitif like a Ginger Rogers with a twist of Jack Lemon, or sometimes I prefer a glass of no-nonsense Alec Guinness or even a cheeky Marlon Brandy.

The main course is invariably a Rosemary Clooney infused Marilyn Monroast Beef served with Baroccoli Obama, Tomato Hanks, Zac Saffron, Rice Withaspoon and Englebert Pumpernickel bread.

Bruce Moore

## Spreading the Word at Fair

On Saturday 17 August, five members of our Family History Group 'manned' a stall at the Illawarra Family History & Heritage Fair held at the Diggers Club in Wollongong. The event was hosted by the Illawarra Family History Group Inc who invited us to attend.

Denise Mackey, Family History Group Convenor, coordinated preparations and the team travelled down and set up the display stall as pictured below.

The day went very well, showcasing and promoting our Society. We also gained valuable contacts for future progress through the opportunity to network and share ideas with a variety of other organisations.

## Preserving Local Heritage

Wingecarribee Shire Council has taken a major stride in preserving the region's rich heritage by adopting the Community Heritage Study 2021-23. This comprehensive plan, approved at the August Ordinary Meeting, aims to identify and protect significant heritage sites throughout the Shire.

The study, which has undergone extensive community consultation and an independent peer review, was also considered by the Local Planning Panel in mid-July 2024. The Panel also reviewed the Independent Peer Review Response to Submissions (July 2024) and subsequently provided recommendations which were incorporated in the final report.

Key outcomes of the study include:

- 412 properties have been identified for heritage listing, including the addition of new heritage elements to four existing heritage listed sites.
- Eight new heritage conservation areas in Bowral, Burradoo, Exeter, Kangaloon, Robertson and Wildes Meadow and extensions to existing heritage conservation areas in Bowral, Bundanoon and Mittagong.
- Some properties and areas will undergo further assessment and consultation before a decision on heritage listing is made.

To learn more, visit: [participate.wingecarribee.wsc.nsw.gov.au/community-heritage-study](https://participate.wingecarribee.wsc.nsw.gov.au/community-heritage-study)

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At the Illawarra Heritage Fair, pictured are Stuart Handley, Ros Dale (on left), Robyne McKinnon and Frank Mitchell (on right).

## September General Meeting

### Rogues and Vagabonds in the Southern Highlands

Speaker: Linda Emery

The Southern Highlands has had its fair share of bushrangers, murderers and rogues over time.

In this talk, Linda will tell the stories of some of the more infamous characters in the early days of white settlement, from the husband-and-wife bushranging team who robbed unsuspecting settlers, the notorious bushranger Paddy Curran tried at Berrima Court House, a serial killer hanged at Berrima gaol, and the Quaker murderer who owned Berrima land.

In more recent times, the Minister for Justice who laid the foundation stone for the Moss Vale Court House in 1923 ended his days in Broadmoor prison in England. Berrima Gaol too has hosted some high-profile figures including the 'Amorous Dentist' Louis Bertrand in the 1860s and Rex Jackson, former Minister of Corrective Services in the 1980s (both pictured below). Rogues and vagabonds all!



## "Windows into Local History"

### 2024 RAHS CONFERENCE

#### Campbelltown Catholic Club, 26–27 October 2024

The theme of the Royal Australian Historical Society's annual two-day history conference at Campbelltown is *Windows into Local History*. With its intimate view of the past, local history can broaden and challenge our understanding of Australia's national history. Campbelltown's diverse historic sites, landmarks and festivals make it the perfect location to explore how local histories can enhance our understanding of the past. For more information, phone 9247 8001 or visit [www.rahs.org.au/2024-rahs-conference/](http://www.rahs.org.au/2024-rahs-conference/)

## A history of our local Credit Union

Part 2 in a series by Ian Mackey

In last month's article, the credit union movement's formation was traced from the 1850s to its adoption in Australia in 1946 and subsequent uptake. Locally, SPC Employee's Credit Union Ltd was established at Berrima Cement Works in 1963 and from humble beginnings this grew into the BDCU, the current district wide, community banking franchise.

The SPC Credit Union decided to open a new office in Moss Vale. The move was necessary to continue the growth of the Credit Union, however the office at 405 Argyle Street had no street frontage and was located on the first floor via a steep set of stairs.

At the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in September 1972 it was reported that membership was then 657, savings increased to \$46,320 during the year but was insufficient to meet the loan requirements, calling on the Credit Union to use its borrowing capacity to meet the demand. The highlight of the year was the purchase of a cottage at 226 Argyle St Moss Vale and the setting up of a registered office at that address. Renovations were carried out to make it fit for purpose with the front half becoming the office and the rear residential accommodation.



*Office at 226 Argyle Street Moss Vale C1980*

From July 1973, members of the Local Government Credit Union, comprising employees from Berrima County Council, Wingecarribee Shire Council, Bowral Municipal and Mittagong Shire Council transferred their engagement to SPC Employees Credit Union Limited. This had the effect of increasing the total membership by 40% to 916. At this meeting the Manager, Tom Richards, stressed the value of owning a block of land in the district and money was readily available to members for this type of investment.

At the 1973 Annual General Meeting it was reported that the total assets were \$541,346. In 1974 Jim Galloway was elected Chairman of the Board and served as a director for over 20 years.

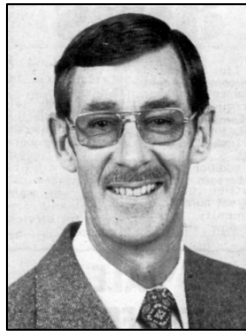
Jim was a pivotal force behind the development of the Credit Union over many years. The late Jim Galloway (pictured here in 1980) was a member of our Historical Society and, having been raised in Medway, wrote a history of that village which is held in our Library.



Tom Richards, always keen to add assets to the Credit Union, brought to the attention of the Board of Directors the sale of a property next door at 224 Argyle St. On 28 August 1974 the purchase was completed for \$17,000. The property was tenanted until the construction of the new administration premises in 1980.

In 1976 Geoff White was elected to the Board of Directors and remained on the board for many years. In 1977, the Manager, Tom Richards resigned due to ill health. He was replaced as Manager by Ken Byrne.

Ken (pictured) came to the Credit Union from Sydney where since 1968 he had been involved with the Credit Union movement. As a fellow of the Credit Union Institute of Managers and a registered tax agent, Ken was able to apply his vast experience for the benefit of the Credit Union and members.



On a state-wide basis Ken was a member of the marketing committee of the NSW Credit Union League which assisted with the promotion of the Credit Union movement. As Manager, Ken nurtured the Credit Union through the years 1977 to 1995 when he retired and was responsible for introducing the branch network throughout our district as well as in Goulburn.

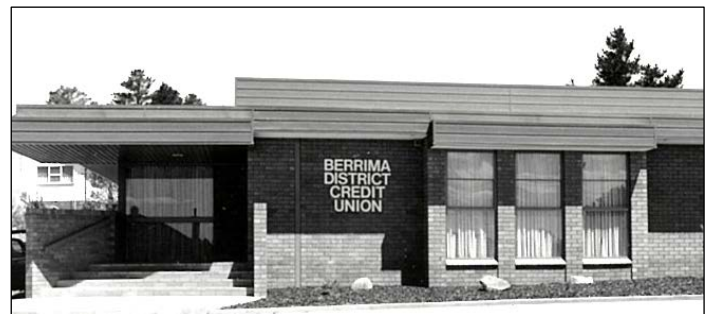
At the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 22 September 1978 the Board voted for a rule change that included changing the name of the Credit Union to the **Berrima District Credit Union Limited**, reflecting the wider community in which it was operating. At the same meeting the rules were altered to have the Credit Union change from a Mutual to a Community Credit Union. The change to a Community Credit Union would have an impact on the Berrima District as time went by, as more and more local residents made use of the financial services.

It was reported that cash turnover for the year was more than \$3,350,000 with assets exceeding \$1,000,000. The Chairman, Mr Jim Galloway, announced that the Credit Union had been accepted

by the NSW State Government into the newly created Credit Union Savings Reserve Fund. This new fund had been set up to protect the savings and investments of members of NSW credit unions.

In 1979 a Credit Union operated insurance service was introduced to provide insurance for cars, homes, contents, caravans, etc. Two major projects were approved during the year, firstly, an online computer service linked to Sydney and the erection of a \$100,000 bungalow style office to be constructed on the site of the two cottages at 224/226 Argyle Street, Moss Vale. The cottages were sold and relocated to other sites in Moss Vale.

1980 proved to be the culmination of three years of planning with the Manager, Ken Byrne and his staff moving into a new modern office on 19 August 1980. The office was designed by Architect Ralph Brading of Bowral and the work carried out by Centennial Constructions Pty Ltd. It was opened by Terry Sheahan, Minister for Housing and Co-operative Societies on 29 November 1980.



*Administration Offices at 224/226 Argyle St, Moss Vale*

The first branch of the Credit Union was opened in Permewan's store in Bowral on 1 December 1980. Mittagong had an agency facility established with Keith Simpson in his shop on 1 June 1982. The Bowral branch moved to street frontage at 26 Wingecarribee Street in October 1982. The Credit Union opened a branch in Goulburn on 1 November 1983, the first branch Manager being Mark Pincott.

On 31 October 1984 the transfer of engagement from Yass & District Credit Union to Berrima District Credit Union Ltd occurred. The Goulburn Workers Council Members Credit Union transferred engagement to Berrima District Credit Union Ltd on 21 June 1985.

Also in 1985, the BD Credit Union expanded services to introduce member chequeing and a Visa card. The first ATM was installed in the Bowral branch in October for ease of banking.

In March 1989 the Credit Union purchased 288 Bong Bong St Bowral. It became the Bowral branch in 1991 when it moved from Wingecarribee Street.

Mittagong agency moved into office space in 1990 and continued to be run by Keith & Mary Simpson. In September 1993 it became a branch office.

Moss Vale branch office was set up in November 1993 at "Woodville House", Elizabeth St, Moss Vale. This left 226 Argyle Street purely for administration.

On 1 June 1994 transfer of engagement between Southern Tablelands County Council Credit Union Ltd and BDCU Ltd was exchanged.

From 1977 to 1995 Ken Byrne steered the Credit Union into a viable and efficient Community Credit Union. In 1995 Ken retired as General Manager.

### **CEO Janet Edwards 1995-2019**

Mrs Janet Edwards was appointed General Manager of the Credit Union in 1995. Born in Canada, Jan had 20 years management experience. As well as being appointed General Manager, she held the following positions:



- Member of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Advisory Committee
- Chair of the Credit Union Industry Association Advisory Committee
- Member of the Wingecarribee Shire Council Finance Committee
- Director of Harbison Care Retirement Village and Chair of its Governance Committee
- Governor, Oxley College.

Early in 1997 the Administration building at 226 Argyle St Moss Vale was sold. On 27 September 1997, after extensive renovations, administration moved to the old AGL building in Merrigang St Bowral. BDCU continued to operate from the Merrigang St site for some years until the purchase of Bowral Ambulance Station at 411 Bong Bong St. This two-storey building was extensively upgraded to accommodate both a branch office and the administration offices. The facility was officially opened by the Hon John Fahey AC on 6 December 2004, with Jan Edwards and Board Chairman Daniel Marmont officiating.

### **Tanya Schiller current CEO**

Tanya Schiller was appointed to the position of CEO on 1 January 2020. Tanya joined BDCU in 2008 from KPMG and was employed in a variety of capacities, including as deputy CEO. In her farewell speech Jan Edwards said it was a logical time to step aside "for the next generation of leaders within the organization. Tanya is a highly capable and intelligent individual who is extremely



passionate about BDCU as a commercial and social enterprise. Tanya is also a local, who was raised in the Southern Highlands and has strong family connections to the Highlands". Tanya holds a Master of Business Leadership with a robust skill set that includes being a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Due to difficult trading conditions during the early 2020s, BDCU transitioned to an alliance with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd. The entity was called BDCU Alliance Bank, and the agreement allowed BDCU to use some, but not all, of the Bendigo Bank Products.

This agreement was discontinued and, on 4 March 2023, BDCU Community Bank transitioned to a full franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. All member accounts were given new Bendigo Bank numbers. Baring a few technical issues, the transition went smoothly and resulted in a profit of \$1,788,184 for the 2022/23 financial year, with group assets rising to \$11,304,557.

**BDCU The Collective Impact** is the trading name of **BDCU Limited** which is a 100% Member Owned Mutual. It is owned by over 10,000 Community members. It holds the ownership of a purpose-driven, face-to-face banking presence and the delivery of non-banking commercial and social enterprise activities to improve the economic and social prospects of the community.

**Community Bank BDCU** is the trading name of **BDCU financial Services Pty Ltd**, a subsidiary 100% owned by BDCU Limited. Its purpose is to provide the delivery of purpose-driven banking services and provides for the day-to-day operation/management of the Community Banking Financial Agreement.

BDCU celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2023 with an anniversary dinner. An address was given at the dinner by both Tanya Schiller and the Board Chairman Daniel Marmont.



*Foundation members (from left) Dennis O'Keefe, Susan Webb and Ian Mackey cutting the Anniversary cake*

### **Sources**

- BDCU Limited, Tania Schiller & Matt Sewell
- Former employees Jenny Martin & Kathy Cupitt
- BDCU Archives, in particular the early BDCU records contained within the SPC newsletters accumulated by Leonie & Greg Knapman over many years.

## The Cement Works still going strong

A history of the local Cement Works at Berrima, Medway and Marulan commenced last month and continues here, after an outline of the earlier history.

The Southern Portland Cement & Coal Company (SPC) was floated by Arnold 'Stan' Taylor to build a cement works on the Moss Vale-Berrima Road. It would be supplied with coal from his mine at nearby Medway and limestone from his quarry at South Marulan. Construction started in 1927 and the works began operation in May 1929, with two kilns. At startup, SPC became a subsidiary of Australian Iron & Steel Ltd at Port Kembla, owned by the Hoskins Brothers, with Cecil Hoskins being SPC Chairman. AI&S in turn became a subsidiary of BHP in 1935.

After several successful years, SPC's cement works, colliery and quarries almost ceased operation during the Great Depression and the period of World War II but managed to survive.

### The Cement Works huge expansion

A 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1929-2004) booklet, published by Blue Circle Southern, subsequent owners of SPC, provides a history of the Berrima Cement Works from which the following details are taken.

The post-war years heralded a major revival, as a construction boom throughout Australia brought about an unprecedented demand for cement and the Berrima Works sold all it could produce. Annual production increased to 183,000 tons by 1950.

Warragamba Dam, to be Sydney's main water supply, took 300,000 tons of Low Heat cement between 1948 and 1955. With

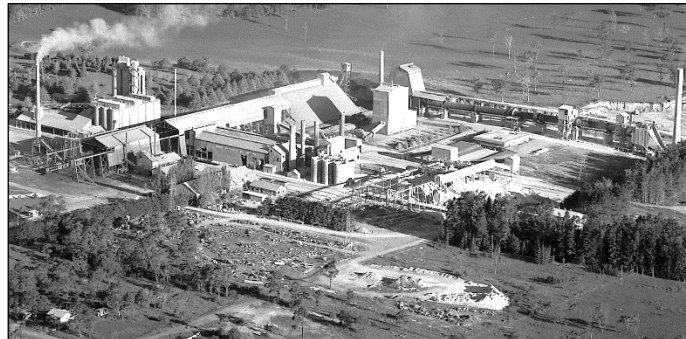


demand continuously outstripping supply, the decision was taken to install a third kiln at Berrima. The dams of the Hydro-Electric Scheme in the Snowy Mountains were consuming huge tonnages of cement. Kiln 3 came online in 1954, lifting Berrima's annual capacity to 260,000 tons.

Such was the escalation of demand that within six months it was decided to build a fourth and much bigger kiln. This resulted in the first major upgrade of Berrima Works. Kiln 4 was a giant. It had an annual capacity of 140,000 tons and required an additional raw mill, two new cement mills and a coal mill.

SPC held the major share of the cement market with Berrima's production of up to 400,000 tons plus its other works at Maldon (also established by Taylor).

Producing ordinary cement and the low-heat variety for dams, vast quantities were supplied to major dams as mentioned, and to undertakings including several in the National Capital and the Opera House in Sydney. An even bigger kiln was soon required.



When the mammoth Kiln 5 (pictured) commenced production in 1964, it was the biggest in the Commonwealth, with a capacity in excess of 435,000 tons per annum. To cope with the increased output, a new cement mill and silos were built which also included direct loading of bulk cement into rail wagons. A new coal mill was also included in the upgrade. Kiln 5 represented a major improvement in environmental performance as electrostatic precipitators were installed to reduce dust emissions by collecting the dust and returning it to the process.

Berrima Works annual capacity from Kilns 4 & 5 was 600,000 tons of clinker. Clinker is a mix of lime, alumina, silica and iron combined in a rotary kiln at temperatures in excess of 1400 degrees Celsius. The older, less efficient Kilns 1, 2 and 3 were no longer needed and gradually phased out, although a sudden boost in demand brought Kiln 2 temporarily back into service after a major upgrade in 1971.

By this time SPC had become a major employer in the local district. A team of 600 workers had built the Berrima Works in 1928/1929, and thousands more were employed to run it over the following decades – including steam shovel drivers, cart horse reinsmen, boiler-men, fitters, chemists, kiln burners, truck drivers, purchasing clerks, boilermakers, electricians, draftsmen, engineers, carpenters, managers, accountants, secretaries and process controllers. An SPC Employee's Credit Union was established in the 1960s (see Ian Mackey's history of the local Credit Union in this and previous issue).

A major change in ownership took place in 1974 when SPC merged with Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (Aust) Ltd (APCM), owner of major cement works in NSW and Victoria. BHP held a 41%

interest in APCM, with the other major shareholder being APCM (UK), part of the Blue Circle Group which was then one of the world's top ten cement organizations. The Australian company changed its name to Blue Circle Southern Cement Ltd (BCSC).

In 1975, NSW and the ACT consumed 1.8 million tonnes of cement, of which BCSC supplied 71%, according to the *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* booklet (2004), and yet even more capacity was being planned for.

In 1978, Kiln 6 was built at Berrima and was a giant leap in manufacturing technology for Australia, its output being more than Kilns 4 & 5 combined. This made Berrima a more cost effective, internationally competitive plant.

An article in the *Highlands Post* of 18 February 1977 stated that when Wingecarribee Shire Council gave its blessing to the company's plans to build No 6 Kiln, one of the requirements was that the environment would not suffer. As a result, an ash dump was levelled and topsoil brought in for the planting of trees and shrubs so that the area surrounding the Cement Works would eventually look more like parks and gardens than a major industrial complex.

A special feature on local developments at Blue Circle's works following the ownership change in 1974 was provided in the 8 April 1981 issue of the *Southern Highland News*. It included that:

Marulan to Berrima and further along the Hume Highway to Maldon covers about 130 km and to the people at Blue Circle Southern Cement it represents the world's longest integrated manufacturing process. BCSC is Australia's largest cement company and recently spent \$72 million on plant development at its Berrima, Maldon and Marulan complex.

"South Marulan is by far the largest limestone deposit quarried in NSW and supplies the Marulan lime plant, the Berrima Works and BHP's Port Kembla steelworks". The article also stated that there was a workforce of 180 at the South Marulan plant, some of long standing. The Manager had been employed there for 28 years, 13 workers had recently received 25-year service watches, and a few had been there 32 years.

"At Berrima, the BCSC plant covers 263 hectares, although only 16 hectares is used at this time. Part of the remaining area forms a wide buffer around the



plant with the rest being used as grazing land. Berrima receives the raw materials from Marulan by rail and has the capacity alone to produce more than a million tonnes of cement clinker a year. The rail then takes the clinker to Maldon where the cement milling capacity also exceeds a million tonnes."

In January 1985 the *Southern Highland News* reported that a group of 22 engineers and officials from the People's Republic of China had begun familiarisation with BCSC's cement making process at the Berrima Works. This had resulted from the signing by BHP of a \$48 million contract with China for the building of a cement works in Shanchung, Fujian Province. It was to be based on the design at Berrima, particularly the No 6 Dry Process Kiln, being then one of the world's most up to date, with electronic and computerised control systems.

In December 1986, BCSC's major shareholders, Blue Circle UK and BHP, placed their collective 82% share of the company on the market and a \$573 million bid was made by Boral, one of Australia's largest companies. Boral's bid was accepted, and it took control in 1987, retaining the Blue Circle Southern name until re-branding to Boral Cement during 2010.

In 1994 BCSC's Medway Colliery operating assets were sold to Centennial Coal Pty Ltd, with the deal including a contract to supply Blue Circle Cement with its coal requirements for the next 10 years, with an extension provision.

Today the Boral Berrima Works is responsible for the supply of more than 60 percent of cement products in NSW and the ACT. Operating with one kiln (No 6), the Works takes limestone delivered by rail from the Boral Marulan South Limestone Mine and, after blending with other materials, burns it at high temperature to produce clinker. The clinker, in the form of pellets, is ground to produce the cement powder and products with which consumers are familiar. The Berrima site employs around 115 people in operational and administrative roles.

Some other public infrastructure built in NSW/ACT using cement from Berrima Works include Federal Parliament House, High Court of Australia, National Art Gallery (Canberra), Anzac Bridge, Harbour Tunnel (Sydney), and Motorway sections of the Hume, Pacific and Federal Highways.

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