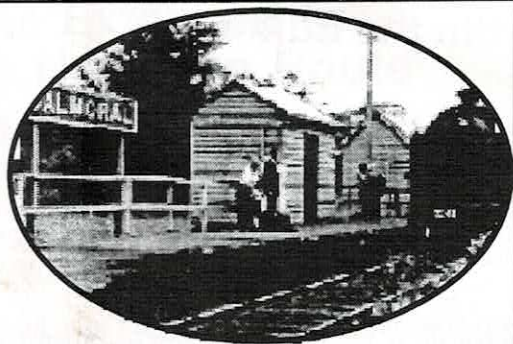


Balmoral

Village Voice



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UNREGISTERED MOTORBIKES ON NOTICE

Recent correspondence received from the NSW Police indicates that unregistered motorbike riders in Balmoral could soon face encounters with the law.

Following letters of concern from local residents over the increasing frequency of unregistered motorbikes in Balmoral, Sergeant Black of the Mittagong Highway Patrol has responded that they have noted the issue and that every effort will be made to reduce or eliminate them.

Sergeant Black indicated that, while there are no police trail bikes attached to Mittagong Highway Patrol, there are two attached to Campbelltown Highway Patrol, where information has been sent to Sergeant Giles.

Sergeant Black has also noted that local residents may be able to assist in this matter and that he would certainly appreciate any additional information such as descriptions of bikes and riders (colours/ makes/ ages etc) and if possible, the registration details of any other vehicle(s) involved in these unlawful activities.

Should any additional information come to light, any of the concerned residents may wish to contact the Highway Patrol Office at Mittagong directly on 48 711 222.

From the Editor:

It's late, I know! You know how time just gets away from you and those things that were going to get done just don't. Well that's my excuse for the delayed publication of this Village Voice. I hope that it is still informative, as I have tried to follow up the topical issues which really concern residents.

Coming up is the Centenary of Federation tree planting, and I cannot urge you strongly enough to involve the children of the Village, who in the future will be its adults. Imagine how they will feel in 50 years when these magnificent trees are a part of the '150 years of Federation' celebrations and they can tell their children about when they planted them. The more people involved in this project, the more special these trees will be to the Village.

If you would like to contribute something to the next Village Voice, drop it in to me at No 7 Station Street, phone me on 48 898 146 or Email me:

(paulmallia@yahoo.com.au). The next edition will be out in November. (It will be put together throughout October) so there's plenty of time to realise that you have some information that the rest of the Village might be interested in.

Paul Mallia.

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Pricing Policy for the Village Voice

At the August '99 meeting of the Association a price was set for business advertising in the VV.

A full page advertisement will cost \$40 or \$10 for each quarter of a page. Of course, Balmoral community service or non-business ad's are free. If you have something you would like the rest of the village to know about, like your business, something you are selling etc, we'll even design your ad'. Contact the Editor for more information.

(48 898 146)

80km/h Zone Extended to Accommodate New Bus Route

The 80km/h speed zone on Wilson Drive has been extended south for a distance of 200m.

This was the result of council resolving to accept a recommendation of the Traffic Committee at their meeting on 23rd May.

The recommendation was brought about after the Association approached Local Member Peta Seaton to act on behalf of the residents, who are working to have the school bus route changed to use the southern crossing to leave the Village, collecting children on the western side of Wilson Drive on its return to Buxton.

Buses were not, however, permitted to turn from the southern crossing onto Wilson Drive into a 100km/h zone. The changing of the speed in the zone was the first step in having the bus route altered.

Negotiations Continue on Insurance Premiums

Negotiations are continuing to reduce insurance premiums in Balmoral Village after a noticeable rise caused by the rezoning of Balmoral as "Outer Metropolitan" by the Insurance Council of Australia.

As reported in the last issue of the Village Voice, Picton, with postcode 2571 has been reclassified as "Outer Metropolitan", and as Balmoral has the same postcode, it too has attracted increased insurance premiums.

Local Member, Peta Seaton has acted on behalf of residents, approaching the Insurance Council of Australia in an attempt to have this anomaly rectified. After receiving an unsatisfactory response from the Insurance Council, Ms Seaton has written, once again, outlining reasons why Balmoral should not be classified with Picton on the basis of postcode alone.

In a further attempt to bring about just levels of insurance premiums for the residents of the Village, Ms Seaton has written to The Hon John Fahey, Member for Macarthur, who she has asked to approach Australia Post on the issue of having Balmoral's postcode changed to that of Hilltop and Mittagong, which both fall into the insurance companies' "Country" zone and attract greatly reduced premiums.

Ms Seaton has assured the Association that she will continue to campaign on behalf of the residents in this matter.

News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Federation Tree Planting

The Australian Government allocated funds to every member of the Federal Parliament, for local projects to commemorate the 1901 Federation of Australia.

All villages through local community organizations and schools were invited to participate in a tree-planting program, initiated by Councilor Duncan Gair, then Chairman of the local Centenary of Federation Celebration Committee. Each group was allocated \$800 to cover costs.

You are invited, at 10 am on Saturday the 22nd of September 2001 at the main level crossing, to plant trees which will beautify the entrance to the Village and create a living monument to the Centenary of the Federation of Australia. (See Ad' pg 6)

Dog Attacks

A number of residents have complained of dogs attacking and killing livestock, including sheep, goats and chickens. Larger livestock, including horses and cattle, have also been chased by these dogs.

It is a concern that these dogs may attack children if they are game enough to harass large livestock.

Eyewitnesses describe two large dogs, one being a darkish german shephard, possibly with a red collar, and the other as being similiar to a rotweiller, as being the main offenders.

The Association is writing to the Rural Lands Protection Board, the NPWS and Wingecarribee Shire Council to ask for action on this matter.

Please remember by law that your pets and their actions are your responsibility at all times.

Postal Address

The Balmoral Association shares a post office box at Buxton along with the Balmoral Tennis Club and Fire Brigade. If you would like to send correspondence to the Association, the official Address is:

Balmoral Village Association
PO Box 87,
Buxton,
NSW, 2571.

(Content for the Village Voice can be sent to the PO Box or directly to the Editor)

Hall Hire

The hall, which is managed by the Association is available for hire. It is ideal for classes, parties or regular meetings etc for very reasonable rates. Also for hire are the hall seats, tables and a marquee tent, ideal for people having parties at home. Contact Larry Wilson well in advance, if possible, on 48 898 151.

All Welcome !

The Balmoral Association meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

In upcoming meetings the Association will be discussing lighting of the hall and its grounds, ground improvements as well as any other topical local issues.

All residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

Ladies !!!

Are you new to the Village ?

Interested in meeting local women socially over a coffee ?

The Balmoral Women's Group

Meet Wednesdays 10am - noon
at the Village Hall.

(No group over school holidays)

Age No Barrier
Children Most Welcome

For more information call:

Lill - 48 898 151

Deb - 48 898 347

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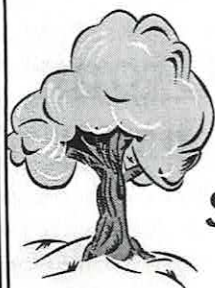
3rd Sunday of the month,
Holy Communion, 10:45 am.

Every other Sunday,
Morning Prayer, 10:00 am.

Enquiries:
Michael Course - 48 898 645
Pam Thurlow - 48 894 288
Rev Peter Frith,
19 Albert St, Mittagong
ph 48 711 947

You are invited to participate in the

Centenary of Federation Tree Planting



on

Saturday 22nd September

at

10:00am

Meet at the Fireshed - Railway Pde.

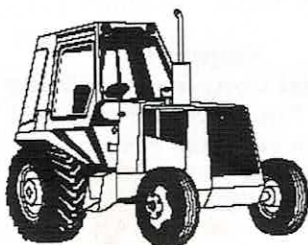


*Bring the children along to help plant 10 liquidambers an 2
Pin Oaks at the Village entrance.*

*Equipment - shovels, wheelbarrows etc will be provided
Please wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves if you wish to plant*

Morning tea will be provided afterwards

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48 898 740.

If you would like a birthday of a friend or relative added to our birthday list, contact the editor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

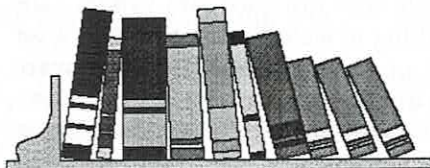
Leanne Lawrence - 7/8
Justin Spears - 23/8
Lyle Spears - 29/8
Rory Spears - 8/9
Brendon O'Connor - 19/9
Lesley Bramich - 2/10
Mick Ibbett - 16/10
Roy Bramich-Wilson - 19/10
Peter Lawrence - 28/10

Wingecarribee Mobile Library - Tuesday Afternoons

Now 3:15pm -3:45pm
near Village Noticeboard

At Balmoral on:

Tues, September 4th, 18th
Tues, October 2nd, 16th, 30th
Tues, November 6th, 20th



From the Tennis Club... Come and Have a Game!

The tennis club are always looking for new people to come along and join in their Wednesday social games, but may consider a weekend social game, Saturday or Sunday, depending on interest shown.

The Tennis court behind the hall is also available for private bookings at very reasonable rates. Its good to see that more families and friends are hiring the court for casual games.

If you would like to join any of the social games or to hire the court phone Pat Lawrence on (02)48 898 066.

(Call the day or night before if possible).

Children must always have an adult supervising.

Pat Lawrence.



Fire Brigade News.....

Fire Awareness Meeting

(Michael Course)

A credit to those living on the western side of Balmoral and other areas around the Village facing extreme fire risk, who came together for a public meeting on a cold Friday night, 3rd August at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Around 60 people attended; dads, mums and children, to watch Channel 7's bush fire report. It was scary, informative and led to many questions being asked on various subjects including whether to stay at home or to leave, survival in the car, plants that are least fire prone, safe clothing to wear during fires and wise use of water. Also discussed were regulations for lighting fires, barbecues etc and the responsibilities the community can take towards helping one another through a bush fire season, caring for pets and other animals and the list goes on.

After the main meeting had finished, due to time, many stayed afterwards to discuss information contained in many bushfire brochures. Over a cup of tea and a piece of cake it was generally decided that a further meeting would be of benefit to all who attended.

The Brigade wishes to thank everyone for coming and for sharing their concerns about various problems they are facing as individual families. Your comments are valued. Please contact the brigade or the Village Voice.

Vale Dennis Crean

Dennis became a member of the brigade after moving to Balmoral in 1999, and enjoyed the teamwork and social aspect the Brigade added to his village life. He passed away on Wednesday 26th August after a long battle with Cancer. Our thoughts are with Maree, his wife, and the rest of the Crean family. He will be missed by all.

Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions are due to come into force on 1st October, however this date may be brought forward by the Government if weather conditions are unfavourable. All residents should plan to have their preparation for the summer fire season well underway before this time. Any areas of hazard reduction, and any piles of garden waste to be burned should be dealt with in September.

Chainsaw Sharpening

Chains for chainsaws can be sharpened at the fireshed on Wednesday nights for a fee of \$4.00 per chain. Discount for Brigade members.

Membership /Meetings

If you would like to become a member of the brigade, whether to be an active firefighter or to learn about fire behaviour for the protection of your own home, why not go along to weekly meetings. The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the fireshed. The meetings are conducted in a relaxed social setting over a cup of tea or coffee and everyone is most welcome to attend. Business is conducted on the first Wednesday of each month.

Film Society Saturday Nights

The Spring Program.....

Saturday 8th September,

The Picture Show Man Australia, 1977, (98 mins)

Stars John Meillon, Gary McDonald, Judy Morris, Jeanie Drynan & Rod Taylor

Saturday 13th October,

The Last Crop (Video)

Australia, 1990 Based on the short story by Elizabeth Jolley (57 mins)

WC Fields Compilation (Video)

U.S 1915-1932 inc shorts from

The Pool Sharks, The Golf Specialist & The Dentist (51 mins)

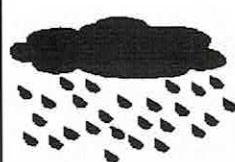
Saturday 10th November,

Dersa Uzala (VHS)

USSR (the then). 1975, Directed by Akira Kurosawa (135 mins)

The Balmoral Film Society meets at Steve and Janine's at 5 Railway Parade (the old schoolhouse) on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00pm during Winter. If you are interested in joining the Society please ring Steve or Janine on 4889 8479 .

Janine King.



The Balmoral Village

Raingauge



May

May 5 - 3.5 mm

May 7 - 1mm

May 10 - 3mm

May 22 - 2mm

May 23 - 4.5 mm

May 28 - 3mm

June

Jun 12 - 1 mm

July

Jul 2 - 1.5mm

Jul 5 - 4.5mm

Jul 9 - 3.5mm

Jul 10 - 17.5

Jul 11 - 1mm

Jul 12 - 1mm

Jul 22 - 2.5mm

Jul 24 - 3.5mm

Jul 25 - 8mm

Jul 26 - 24 mm

Jul 27 - 3.5 mm

** Results collected by Lyle & Lisa Spears in Balmoral Village. Readings are taken each morning at 7:30am for the 24 previous hours.*

The Balmoral Gardener

Tom Cunneen

Lovely Lavender

There are about 25 species of *Lavandula* or Lavender, and many subspecies. Combine this with many breeding programs to develop better perfume and garden varieties and we end up with an overwhelming number of lavenders available in the Australian market.

Lavenders are a member of the mint family (Lamiaceae), and are native to the Mediterranean, the Middle East through to South West Asia and India. *L. angustifolia* and *L. latifolia* are commonly used to extract oil for use in perfumes, scented oils, cleaning products and insect repellents. *L. stoechas* was used as an antiseptic and toiletry herb by the ancient Greeks, Romans and Arabs.

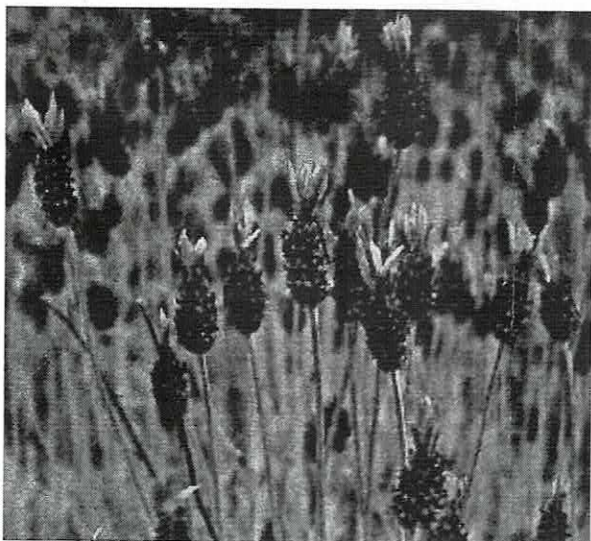
In our nursery and garden we have trialled a number of different lavenders, and we have found that the best performers are the French lavender, *Lavandula stoechas* and its subspecies, especially subspecies *pedunculata* (*L. dentata* is more commonly known and accepted as French lavender though). *L. stoechas* subsp. *pedunculata* is known as Spanish lavender and sometimes as Italian lavender. It is native to Spain, North Africa and the Balkans, growing to around 60cm tall. The dried flowers of *L. stoechas* can be used as an addition to pot-pourri. The leaves can be crushed to release the fragrance, which can be used as a relaxant and an aid in relieving nausea. "Winter Purple" is a variety of Spanish lavender and performs extremely well in this area.

Some lavenders prefer more alkaline conditions, but "Winter Purple" seems quite adapted to most soil types. Flowering time is near continuous.



Left: *Lavandula stoechas* subsp. *luisieri*

Lavenders prefer a full sun position with well drained, moderately fertile soil. An easy way to kill your lavender is to overwater it. Water in to establish the plant, but after this it will be tolerant of dry conditions. It is recommended to regularly trim the plant to keep it in good shape. A common mistake is to wait until the plant is very large and then hack into it to get it back in order.



Rather than do this, trim at least every 3 to 4 months to encourage fresh growth and flowers. Fertilise with controlled release fertiliser for best results and mulch well.

Thanks to Botanica, and Encyclopedia of Herbs for the photos.

Left: *Lavandula stoechas* subsp. *pedunculata*

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Saturday 8th September, Film Society
The Picture Show Man, Contact Janine King.
- * Saturday 22nd September,
Centenary Tree Planting, 10:00am
- * Tuesday 2nd October,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 13th October, Film Society
The Last Crop, Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 6th November,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 10th November, Film Society
Dersa Uzala, Contact Janine King
- * Tuesday 4th December,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.

Regular Events:

- * Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night,
7:30pm at the fire shed.
(business conducted on First Wednesday of month)
- * Tennis club play Wednesdays,
10:00am, at the the tennis club (behind village hall)

Phone Numbers:

- * Bush Fire Control Dial 000
- * Tennis Club or Tennis Court bookings,
phone Pat Lawrence, 48 898 066.
- * Film Society inquiries, phone Janine King or
Steve Harrison, 48 898 479.
- * Fire Inquiries,
Peter Lawrence 48 898 004 or Michael Course 48 898 645.
- * Hall bookings, Larry Wilson, 48 898 151.

If you have a date or other information for the noticeboard, contact the editor (ph48 898 146)