

VILLAGE VOICE

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free to Balmoral residents

contributions welcome

To the Villagers of Balmoral,

Welcome to the first edition of " Village Voice", an occasional newsletter to keep you up to date with events in this, our centenary year. In case you hadn't heard, the "Private Village of Balmoral" was named 100 years ago in 1888. The Intercommunity Association has formed a committee to organize activities to mark the occasion. Our first meeting decided that, among other things, to develop the Centenary spirit we needed to communicate - to get your ideas, your support and involvement - hence this paper!

Other ideas floated so far include: a celebration day with a fete, a Bush Dance one evening, maybe a steam train visit. Steve and Janine at the Old School are keen to co-ordinate the writing of a local history. Are there any residents or past residents who have any stories or bits of history to tell. Old photos are especially welcome - of houses, people, and their activities. Contact Steve Harrison or Janine King

at The Loopline Pottery
Railway Parade
Balmoral Village
via Picton 2571 or ring (048 898479).

Another project suggested was the planting of 100 trees along the railway side of Railway Parade. A clean up has begun, starting at the southern exit of Railway Parade. We anticipate a regular working bee each Sunday morning, fortnightly, starting from **June 5th**.

The Centenary Committee will be meeting together again at the Village Hall, on Sunday **May 29th** starting at 10.30 a.m. Its not an exclusive club, all residents are cordially invited to attend, or send your suggestions to Janine (as above).

Finally, if we are to compile this newsletter, we need your contributions especially information re events and happenings in the local area. We hope that this newsletter will be a community service to you, and you will want to contribute to its pages.

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