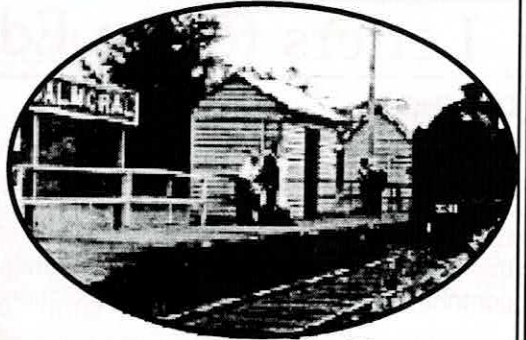


Balmoral

Village Voice



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Village Playground Gets Council Go Ahead

Balmoral Village will have a new playground installed thanks to the successful application of the Village Association in the 1998/99 Wingcarribee Community Grants Scheme.

The plan was formulated as an alternative solution to the replacement of the village playground which was removed by Council last year. With not enough funding to install new playgrounds across the shire, Balmoral was faced with the prospect of waiting until future parks funding permitted the construction of equipment in the village.

The Association, in an attempt to gain funding through other sources, applied for a grant of just over \$5000 through the Community Grants Scheme, to purchase the equipment needed, and

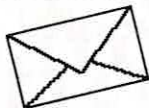
arranged with the Parks Department of Wingcarribee Council to, if the grant was successful, install the equipment and provide borders and soft fill.

A meeting of the Council's Grants Committee on March 24 resolved to approve a grant for \$3.607 to the Association for purchase of playground equipment.

This amount will purchase one swing set, two rocker critters and one wave slide. Council are still willing to provide installation and the necessary fill.

The Association are currently liaising with Council with a view to having the playground in the Hall grounds operational as soon as possible.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Paul,

Having recently received a copy of "Village Voice" I must commend you on your initiative. Frankly I was unaware of the "Voice's" existence.

Because of business commitments which often necessitate travel, and the fact that I am at "Truro" usually only at weekends, it is rarely possible for me to contribute personal time to the Associations endeavours.

I would however, like to offer some tangible support and my cheque for \$500 is enclosed. I will leave its particular disposition to the President's discretion, with the general request that the funds be used to further the aims of the Association.

Sincerely

Bruce J Fisher

From the Editor:

I must begin this edition by, on behalf of the Committee, thanking Bruce Fisher for his generous contribution to the Balmoral Association. The Association operates through the efforts of volunteers who arrange functions and fundraisers, attend working bees and liaise with council and other local organisations. A contribution such as Mr Fisher's allows the association to more easily provide facilities for the community's use.

I should, at this time, also welcome the new residents to Balmoral Village. I know that we have had several new residents move into this wonderful village over the past few months. There are many ways you can take part in and add to the 'village life'. This newsletter tries to keep everyone informed so that the village atmosphere is not replaced with the 'anonymous' neighbourhood of the suburbs.

*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 **at my new email address.** (paulmallia@yahoo.com.au).*

The next edition will be out in August. (It will be put together throughout July) 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.

News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Playground Grant a Success

As reported on the front page, the Association was successful in this year's Community Grants Scheme, gaining a grant for \$3 607 plus installation and soft fill for the village playground.

Many thanks to Larry Wilson and Lesley Bramich for their efforts in compiling and submitting the grant application.

Annual General Meeting

The Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 4th July at the Village Hall, commencing at 11:00am.

Elections for office bearers for the 99-2000 year will be held, as well as a full report on the previous year's efforts. This is an ideal opportunity to come along and have some input into the direction of the Association over the next year.

Morning tea will be served at the completion of the meeting. All residents are welcome to come along.

Working Bees

A working bee will be held on Saturday 15th May at the Village Hall to make improvements to the grounds. Helpers will be working on such tasks as weeding gardens, planting trees, painting etc. This is

the same weekend as the Village Garage Sale, so why not come along, buy some treasures and then stay for little while to help out.

If you are able to volunteer some time, call Gordon Ibbett on 48 898 385 or just turn up on the day in your working clothes. All help will be greatly appreciated.

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 Stephen Bishop on 898 740.

All Welcome!

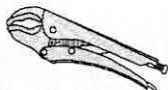
The Balmoral Association meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7:30pm (except July where the AGM is held on a Sunday morning). In upcoming meetings the association will be discussing the installation of the village playground, ground improvements to the hall, including outdoor furniture and lighting, we will discuss fundraising functions, as well as any other topical local issues. All residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

Balmoral Village Volunteer Fire Brigade's
Huge

Village Garage Sale

Saturday 15th May, 8:00am
& Sunday 16th May
Balmoral Village Hall.

Treasures collected from around the world...
and Balmoral back yards!



**We Need
Your Junk**

As a major fundraiser, the Balmoral Fire Brigade would like to come and collect anything which you would like to donate for sale at the Village Garage Sale.

Pick up days will be Saturday 8th May and Sunday 9th May.

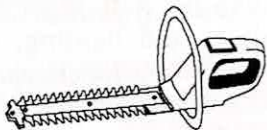
If you have anything which might make some money
for the brigade, call:

Peter Lawrence (48 898 004) or

Gordon Ibbett (48 898 385)

before Friday 7th May to arrange for free pick up.

* Goods will also be accepted to be sold on commission.



All proceeds to the Balmoral Bush Fire Brigade.

Fire Brigade News.....

Hazard Reduction for '99

Hazard reduction plans for 1999 have been approved by Wingecarribee Fire Control.

A Major area to be burned this year is along the Weir Road, between Balmoral and Buxton to the escarpment above the old Bargo Weir.

Another large burn will be done in the area to the south-east of the southern Balmoral rail crossing, extending to Woodhouse Creek.

The preparation for these burns will require many manhours of planning and work, cutting trails and burning edges.

In addition to these major burns, smaller hazard reduction operations will occur along the railway line between Hilltop and Buxton, near the Village Hall and behind "Truro" to complete a burn which was not completed last year.

If you have any concerns please feel free to attend a fire brigade meeting where your mind can be put to rest.

Time to Plan Your Own Hazard Reduction

Autumn is the perfect time to plan and conduct hazard reduction around your home in preparation for the summer of 99-2000. Waiting until spring means that if the weather is unfavourable for burning, you are left with dangers around your home for the entire bushfire season.

If you would like some assistance in planning to make your property safer, call the fire shed on Wednesday nights between 7:30pm and 8:30pm to arrange for a qualified brigade officer to pay you a visit. Also in this issue is a home safety checklist to help make your home a safer place.

Brigade Helps Hail Victims

Following the recent devastating Sydney hailstorm, seven brigade members generously volunteered their time to assist city residents. The members, Peter Lawrence, Gordon Ibbett, Michael Course, Duncan Tait, Stephen Bishop, Larry Wilson, Lesley Bramich and "Stretch" spent up to four days in Sydney placing tarpaulins over damaged houses and securing homes against the weather.

Clean-up Day Thanks

This year's Clean Up Australia Day saw the biggest attendance in years from the residents of Balmoral. Thirty-five people turned out to make a huge difference to rubbish blackspots and roadsides around the village. A big thanks to all who attended


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. Now that winter is coming on, participating in planned hazard reduction activities might give you an insight into the work of the fire brigade.


The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the fire shed. 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.




Balmoral Village Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Night



**Saturday Night, 19th June
6:00 pm till late
at the Village Hall**




This has traditionally been a fun social event for everyone in the village to get together.



Come along, meet new people and have a fun night.

Buy dinner at the barbeque or enjoy some hot soup,

Enjoy the fireworks,
get lucky in the Bushfire Brigade raffle.



Organised by the Balmoral Bush Fire Brigade & Balmoral Association Inc

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**Would you like to
advertise something in
the next Village Voice?**

If you have something you would like the rest of the village to know about, like your business, something you are selling etc, you can advertise it in the next Village Voice for a small donation to the Balmoral Association. We'll even design your ad'. Contact the Editor for more information. (48 898 146)

Padded Cells

Anna Tait

Ph (02)48 898418

**Patchwork Quilts are tomorrow's heirlooms.
Choose one of the standard patterns, or
evening designing your own by appointment.**

Standard Patterns or Customised Patchwork Quilts,
made to order.

Patchwork made with top quality specialty cottons.

Average prices:

Wall Hangings	.....	\$ 150
Cot size	.....	\$ 225
Lap size	.....	\$ 325
Single bed	.....	\$ 475
Double Bed	.....	\$ 525
Queen size	.....	\$ 625
King Size	.....	\$ 825

Applique block kits,
instructions and fabric \$15

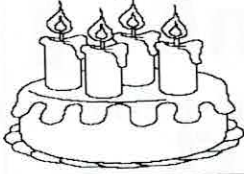
Patchwork kit for single bed quilt top,
instructions and fabric... .. \$165

Evening Patchwork and Quilting Classes
(depending on demand)... .. \$10 per session

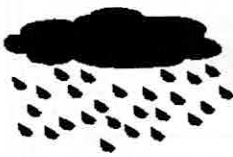
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

Jessica Tait - 9/5/99
Pat Lawrence - 30/5/99
Michael Lawrence - 10/6/99
Ronnie Ibbett - 19/6/99
Leanne Ross - 11/7/99
Lance Lawrence - 14/7/99
Gordon Ibbett - 19/7/99



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



The Balmoral Village

Raingauge



February

Feb 1 - 27.5mm Feb 10 - 4mm
Feb 2 - 4mm Feb 16 - 1.5mm
Feb 3 - 1mm Feb 21 - 5mm
Feb 4 - 2.5mm Feb 22 - 8.75mm
Feb 7 - 1.5mm Feb 24 - 1.5mm
Feb 8 - 11mm Feb 25 - 0.75mm
Feb 9 - 7mm Feb 26 - 1mm

March

Mar 1 - 13.5mm
Mar 6 - 1mm
Mar 7 - 3mm
Mar 12 - 1.5mm
Mar 13 - 1mm
Mar 18 - 1.75mm
Mar 19 - 8.5mm
Mar 20 - 4mm
Mar 21 - 0.25mm
Mar 26 - 0.25mm
Mar 27 - 23.5mm
Mar 31 - 1mm

April

Apr 3 - 0.5mm
Apr 4 - 9mm
Apr 5 - 6mm
Apr 6 - 2mm
Apr 9 - 7mm
Apr 10 - 3mm
Apr 11 - 7.5mm
Apr 21 - 1.75mm
Apr 22 - 1mm
Apr 29 - 2mm
Apr 30 - 15mm

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

John Lund

Johnny Kool

Rowan
Lund

Automotive

For all your mechanical and spare parts needs.....

33 Boronia Ave
Hill Top, N.S.W. 2575

COMPETITIVE GREEN SLIPS

Ph (02) 4889 8231

Film Society Saturday Nights

The Winter Programme.....

Saturday, May 8th,

Kiss Me Deadly.

U.S, 1955. Based on the novel by Mickey Spillane (106 minutes)

Saturday, June 12,

Mildred Pierce.

Hollywood, 1945. Stars Joan Crawford. (111 minutes)

Saturday, July 10th,

Mouchette.

French, 1966. Directed by Robert Bresson (81 minutes)

Saturday, August 14,

Strangers on a Train.

U.S, 1951. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (101 minutes)

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

Janine King.

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.

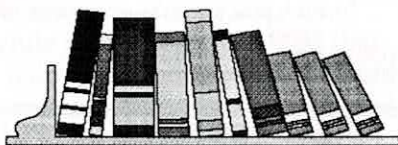
If you would like to join any of the social games or to hire the court phone Pat Lawrence on (02)48 898 066. (Call the day or night before if possible).

Children must always have an adult supervising.

Pat Lawrence.



Wingecarribee Mobile Library



10:45am -11:15am
near Village Noticeboard

At Balmoral on:

May 4th, 18th
June 1st, 15th, 29th
July 13th, 27th
Aug 10th, 24th



**DERKS PRODUCE
6TH ANNUAL**

FIELD DAY

SATURDAY 29TH MAY 1999

**FREE
ENTRY**

WHAT'S ON

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE
REFRESHMENTS**

Fundraising for:
**Thirlmere Public School
+ Wollondilly Pony Club**

- 9:00 am Horse breaking in and training - Henry Davis
9:00 am Ferret Derby - Bring your own ferret - Heaps of prizes from Long Gully Ferret Club.
10:00 am Chiropractic Animal Demonstration with Andrew Marsh
10:00 am Creatures on Call - The Canine Country Club and Cattery - See your favourite pet actors in the flesh performing their advertising tricks
10:00am Veterinary Talk - John Kohnka is available to give you one to one personalised advise.
10:00am Diseases in plants from Warrimbirra Sanctuary.
10:00am Fireweed control advise - Bruce Watson
10:30am How to get the best out of a Besser Block - the right advise from Bowerbird Nursery
10:30am Dog Obedience Demonstration - Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club.
11:00am Ferret Derby - Bring your own Ferret - Heaps of prizes from Long Gully Ferret Club.
11:00am Horse teeth and feet demonstration with Craig Watson.
11:00am Worms - let us examine your small sample on the day. Goats, cows, horses - Merial & Camden Agricultural Society
11:30 am Picton Line Dancers Exhibition
12 noon Creatures on Call

- 12:30pm Pets in Fancy Dress - Bring along your pet dressed in their best, and win heaps of prizes
1:00 pm Horse Breaking in and Training - Henry Davis
1:00 pm Ferret Derby - Bring your own Ferret - Heaps of prizes
1:30pm Picton High School Band
1:30 pm Creatures on Call - The Canine Country Club and Cattery - See your favourite pet actors in the flesh performing their advertising tricks
1:30 pm Picton Line Dancers Exhibition
1:30 pm Fireweed Control Advice
2:00 pm Veterinary Talk - John Konkha gives one to one advice
2:00 pm Horse teeth and feet demonstration with Craig Watson.
2:00 pm Chiropractic Animal Demonstration with Andrew Marsh
2:30 pm Horse Breaking in and Training - Henry Davis
2:30 pm Illawarra Dressage Club - Demonstration by Christine Fowles on dressage advice
3:00 pm Ferret Derby - Bring your own Ferret - Heaps of prizes.
3:00 pm Worms - let us examine your small sample on the day. Goats, cows, horses - Merial & Camden Agricultural Society.
3:30 pm Dog Obedience demonstration - Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club
3:30 pm Raffle Draw
Lucky Door Prize draw - Must be there to win

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

Thirlmere Public School & Wollondilly Pony Club Raffles
Sentry 2000 Fence Energiser / Dinners & shows /
Electric Kettle / Open orders at Bowerbird Nursery /
Thirlmere Hardware, Thirlmere Skin Care / Folk art
serving tray / Gift basket / Shampoo / Manicure /
Electric Knife / Floral Arrangement
PLUS LOTS MORE



FOR THE KIDS:

- * Iddy Biddi Farm
- * Pony Rides
- * Kids' Corner
- * Fancy Dress Pet Show
- bring your own pets!.

OVER 80 DISPLAYS & REPRESENTATIVES:

Ambulance, Police and Fire Brigade / Phil McCarrol Ford / Kara Kar Horse Floats / Moss Vale Land Protection Board / Warrimbirra Sanctuary / Southwells / Bower bird Nursery / Campbelltown Steam Engines / Delta Magnetic Technologies / Upper Nepean Catchment & Macros / A.R.I Plastic Tanks / Sugar Cane Mulch / Friskies Dog Food / Meaty Bites Dog Food / Bonnie Dog Food / VIRBAC Horse, Dog and Cat Medical Need / Daken Electric Fences / Merial / Zilco / Sunbeam / Carbine Chemicals / Coprice Stock Feed / Ridley Stock Feed / Horsepower Stockfeed / Hanson Pipe Fittings / Queens Brooms / Prime Pine Logs / Mitavite / International Animal Health / Vetsearch / Copra Meal / Dr John Konke / Equine Kentucky Computer Printouts **PLUS LOTS MORE**

110 CEDAR CREEK ROAD THIRLMERE - Phone 4681 8251

Historical Feature

The first part of this 2 part historical feature relates to the history of the early years of Balmoral Village School. It is a collection of snippets taken from the Hilltop Public School Centenary booklet, written by Tony Stevens and published by Hilltop School in 1984. I believe that there are still some copies of the book available from Hilltop School if you would like to read the full story and see the accompanying photographs. Part 2 will be published in the August edition.

In 1888 there were four families with fourteen children of school age at Balmoral and three families with six children around Buxton. Almost all of them were attending a private school operated by Miss Harry, who had come to Balmoral the previous year with her father Henry Harry. The result was that the enrolment at Hilltop had fallen to 13. Inspector Murray visited the area to report on an application for a school at Balmoral. The facts were that the private school at Balmoral had made it impossible for Hilltop to survive in its current form, and yet there were not enough children at Balmoral for a Provisional School. The rather neat solution Murray found was to recommend that Hilltop became a half-time school with Balmoral, and the department accepted this economical recommendation in July, 1888.

The residents had to provide the building for the half time school, and Thomas McGlynn was willing to lease half an acre near the station to the Department for a nominal shilling a year. A building of sawn slabs with an iron roof was erected on this site by parents, and the department supplied and paid for the furniture - two desks and three forms nine feet long, a table and chair, a blackboard and easel, a

bookpress, and 24 hat-pegs - and the basic requirements like reading books, slates and maps. Everything was ready in November, and Eleanor Rixon opened the new school later that month. She taught at Hilltop in the mornings and Balmoral in the afternoons, the train timetable suiting this arrangement.

The figures for the two half time schools were surprisingly high. When school broke up for the Christmas holidays, Hilltop's enrolment was 27 and the average attendance was 20 while Balmoral's figures were 16 and 13. Not surprisingly, the people of Hilltop sent a petition for the conversion of their school to a full-time operation again. Murray explained that while it had been assumed that when Balmoral opened Hilltop would not have enough pupils for a full-time school, Hilltops attendance had risen substantially because the private school at Balmoral had been replaced by a half-time government school, and some parents were sending their children to Hilltop each morning and Balmoral each afternoon. The figures therefore included some double counting. The Department told the petitioners that if, after a fair trial, the numbers were good, both schools would be converted to provisional schools.

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Saturday 8th /Sunday 9th May,
Garage Sale Collection Days,
Contact Peter Lawrence 48 898 004 or Gordon Ibbett 48 898 385
- * Saturday 8th May, Film Society:
"Kiss Me Deadly" , Contact Janine King.
- * Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May,
Village Garage Sale, Village Hall.
(also Hall working bee Saturday 11:00am)
- * Tuesday 1st June,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 12th June, Film Society:
"Mildred Pierce". Contact Janine King.
- * Saturday 19th June,
Village Bonfire & Fireworks Night, 6:00pm , Village Hall.
- * Saturday 4th July,
Balmoral Village Association AGM, 11:00am, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 10th July, Film Society:
"Mouchette". Contact Janine King.

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 enquiries, phone Janine King or
Steve Harrison, 48 898 479

If you have a date or other information for the noticeboard, contact the editor (ph898 146)