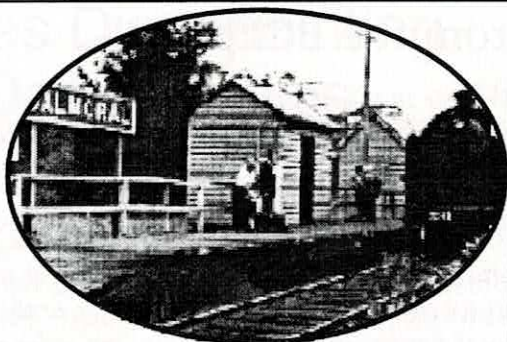


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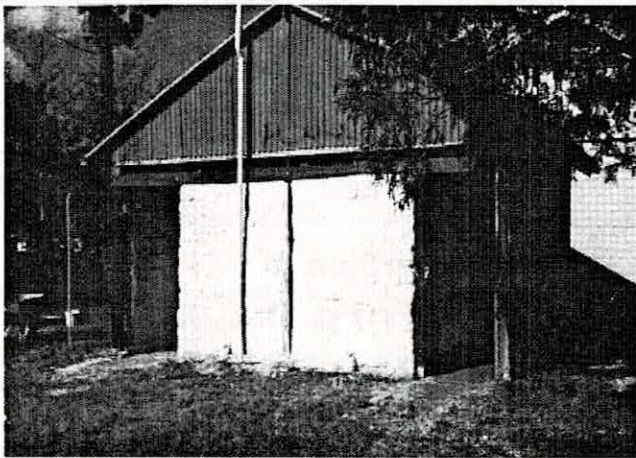
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FACELIFT FOR TOILET BLOCK

The toilet block at the Village Hall has undergone much needed repairs over the past three months in order to extend the life of the building.

The mudbrick and timber construction, which was built by Balmoral residents in 1983, was beginning to deteriorate, especially on the eastern and western walls which had no eaves to protect the mudbrick from the weather. The interior too was becoming more difficult to maintain with dust from the mud walls constantly blanketing the floor.

Over two weekends, a group of residents repaired damaged



mudbricks, mixed a cement/ lime render mix to coat the walls and oiled the exposed timber. The result is a cleaner, easier to maintain interior and a more durable and hopefully long lasting exterior finish.

A huge thank you to those who gave their time to assist with the project. Through their efforts, amenities for functions at the hall are much more pleasant.

From the Editor:

Welcome to the winter edition of the *Village Voice*. Recently the Association did a count of the number of houses in the village when distributing the *Village Voice*. I was surprised that there are now 110 houses in and around Balmoral. The *Village Voice* is delivered to each of these houses, as well as Balmoral residents who have post boxes at Buxton. Extras are available at the Buxton Newsagency. If you know a local resident who is missing out for some reason, be sure to let me know so that we can make a point of getting one to them.

Local horticulturalist, Tom Cunneen, who many readers will know, has kindly offered to do a regular page in the *Voice* on Gardening in Balmoral. He will choose plants which he knows will survive in this often harsh climate. Thanks to Tom for contributing and sharing his knowledge.

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 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.

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Every other Sunday,
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Enquiries:

Michael Course - 48 898 645

Dulcie Waite - 48 894 207

Balmoral Defies Disappointing Clean-up Day Statistics

Yet another successful Clean-up Australia Day in Balmoral this year was not typical of the turnout across the Wingecarribee Shire.

The Southern Highlands News reported that 150 volunteers had registered across the entire Shire. Of these, between 30 and 40 were from Balmoral.

The large contingent of volunteers, co-ordinated by the Balmoral Bush Fire Brigade, showed that the community spirit in Balmoral had not given way to the complacency of other towns.

In the single morning, residents cleaned roadsides along Wilson Drive from the Buxton top crossing to the Monument

at the top of Saddleback. Roads throughout the village were also cleaned, leaving the entire area noticeably cleaner.

The rubbish this year consisted mainly of 'light litter' which was probably thrown from car windows.

The most common finds were Blue Horizons cigarette packs, cans of Jim Bean brand Bourbon and Cola, as well as Victoria Bitter stubbies.

Recent Association meetings have discussed the installation of "Dob in a Dumper" signs for various 'hotspots' to alleviate some instances of rubbish dumping.

Roadside Mail Delivery : What does it Mean ?

As you may or may not be aware, the mail delivery to Balmoral is performed by a Roadside Mail Service. David Maddison, Delivery Manager at Australia Post has provided the following guidelines for Roadside Delivery.

In order to maintain eligibility for a delivery by this means, it is necessary for residents to locate their mailboxes in a position which conforms with Australia Post and Local Council requirements.

The mail box should be situated in a position which provides convenient access in all weathers for the Mail Contractor, and also sufficiently close to the roadway to enable delivery to be effected without the necessity for the Contractor to enter gateways or walk from a vehicle to place mail in the box. At the same time, the box should be positioned sufficiently clear of the

roadway to conform with Council requirements.

Your house number and any property name should be clearly displayed on or near your mail box to avoid difficulties with delivery. The size of your mail box should be large enough to hold any large packets or parcels you may occasionally receive.

Your co-operation in the correct positioning of your mailbox with a minimum of delay will be greatly appreciated. Failure to do so within a reasonable period may lead to your mail being treated as undeliverable. Pg 3

Balmoral Village Annual Bonfire Night



Saturday Night, 1st July
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,
get lucky in the Bushfire Brigade raffle.
Jumping Castle for the Children.

Organised by the Balmoral Bush Fire Brigade & Balmoral Association Inc
Please Note : No Fireworks or Bungers are permitted this year.
Any person lighting fireworks will be asked to leave.

Heather's House Cleaning

- * Weekly, fortnightly or just a one-off.
- * Excellent references.
- * Reasonable prices.

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News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday 9th July, 11:00am at the Village Hall, where office bearers will be elected for 2000-2001, as well as a general goal setting discussion for the coming year. All residents are welcome to attend the meeting which will be followed by a morning tea.

Working Bee Success

As reported on the front page, working bees held in March and April resulted in the restoration of the Hall toilet block. A huge thank you to people who turned up and volunteered their time.

Corner Light

The Association have written to Council thanking them for acting upon their request for a street light on the corner of Hall St and Wilson Drive. This light will make the corner safer as well as providing light for people entering or leaving the hall.

Fireworks Regret

When renewing the insurance for the hall recently the Association was informed that any fireworks used at the Hall would void their insurance policy, both for the building and for public liability, possibly leaving event organisers liable in the case of an accident. This regretfully has implications for the fireworks display at the Annual Bonfire Night.
(more in Fire Brigade News)

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 well in advance, if possible, on 48 898 740.

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)

All Welcome !

The Balmoral Association meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. (July meeting is the AGM on Sunday 1st July).

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.

Fire Brigade News.....

Annual Bonfire Night

Due to restrictions placed on the Balmoral Village Hall by insurance companies it will not be possible to conduct our own fireworks display this year at the Annual Bonfire Night. To have a licensed operator provide a 10 minute display, it would have cost the Brigade approximately \$1500, which was just not possible considering that the Brigade is a non-profit community organisation.

The bonfire night will still go ahead, however, no fireworks, including bungers, will be allowed. Any patron who brings their own fireworks along, will unfortunately have to leave, as the Brigade must ensure the safety of the other patrons.

There will still be lots to do (see ad' pg4) so come along and join in one of the traditional Balmoral social events.

Hazard Reduction 2000

The brigade has made plans to conduct hazard reduction this winter in the following locations around the Village.

* The area to the north of the Village on the eastern side of the railway line, from the back boundary of properties on Railway Parade through crown land as far as Weir Road to the east and Balmoral Park Rd to the north.

* Completion of the burn previously conducted behind properties on Station St, including Truro.

* Along sections of the railway line from Buxton to Saddleback.

Thank you to those property owners who have given access to the Fire Brigade to reach land behind their properties. This co-operation allows for hazard reduction to occur in what could become very dangerous areas if a bushfire should occur in summer.

Fire Brigade Raffle

Members of the fire brigade are currently selling raffle tickets to raise money for the operation of the brigade. The brigade is a non-profit organisation which only receives income from donations or fundraising activities.

Prizes include a 34cm Colour TV with remote, CD Radio Cassette Recorder and Wheelbarrow. Please consider purchasing a ticket if you are approached.

Tickets will also be available at the Bonfire night on 1st July, before the raffle is drawn at 8:30pm.

Fire Restrictions Over

Now that fire restrictions are over and the weather has cooled for the winter, residents can begin the hazard reduction on their own property in preparation for next summer. If you have a small, safe fire to burn, you are permitted to light without informing authorities, but for any reasonable sized fire, please inform Michael Course on 48 898 645.

Burning off must be completed by August this year, as it is likely that restrictions will come into place leading up to the Olympics.

Annual General Meeting

At the March Annual General Meeting of the Brigade, the following Office Bearers were elected:

Captain - Peter Lawrence
Senior Dep. Cap. - Michael Course
President - Trevor Peddle
Vice President - Gordon Ibbett
Secretary - Brendan O'Connor
Treasurer - Julie Lawrence

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. Participating in the small upcoming hazard reduction activities or water pumping exercises 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 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.

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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)

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Film Society Saturday Nights

The Winter Programme.....

Saturday 13th May.

The Tin Drum

German, 1978. Directed by Volker Schlöndorff. (144 mins)

Saturday 10th June.

Summerfield

Australian, 1977. Stars Ken Hannam, John Walters. (94 mins)

Saturday 8th July.

Nashville,

US, 1978. Directed by Robert Altman. (160 mins)

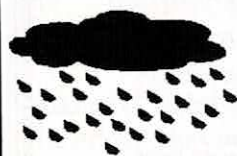
Saturday 12th August.

Der Starke Ferdinand,

German, 1976. Directed by A Kluge. (98 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



March

February

Feb 12 - 10mm
Feb 14 - 2.5mm
Feb 22 - .5mm
Feb 26 - 18.5mm

Mar 5 - 4mm Mar 14 - 13mm
Mar 6 - 5.5mm Mar 19 - 17mm
Mar 7 - 7mm Mar 20 - 27mm
Mar 8 - 22mm Mar 21 - 15.5mm
Mar 9 - 6.5mm Mar 22 - 12.5mm
Mar 10 - 4.5mm Mar 23 - 7mm
Mar 13 - 3mm

April

Apr 1 - 4mm
Apr 2 - 2mm
Apr 4 - 8.5mm
Apr 6 - 5.5mm
Apr 14 - 11mm
Apr 16 - 6.5mm
Apr 25 - 1.25mm
Apr 27 - 3mm

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

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

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

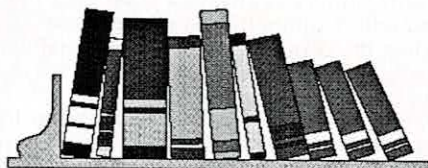
Wingecarribee Mobile Library - Tuesday Afternoons

Now 2:15pm -2:45pm

near Village Noticeboard

At Balmoral on:

Tues, May 4th, 18th
Tues, June 1st, 15th, 29th
Tues, July 13th, 27th
Tues, August 9th, 23rd



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.

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The Balmoral Gardener

Tom Cunneen

Delightful Daylilies

So you need a hardy plant that will tolerate a dry, sun-baked garden. Or perhaps something for the boggy spot at the bottom of the garden. Daylilies may well be the answer for you.

The Daylily (or *Hemerocallis*) is native to China, Korea and Japan, where there are about 15 different species. It is a clump forming plant with grassy green, straplike leaves and flowers, as the name suggests, that last for just a day. However, most varieties are so loaded with buds, there are always flowers present for up to six months of the year. Out of the 15 or so species, over 30,000 varieties have been developed. Every taste has been catered for; from miniature growth habits to large, from single flowers to double, ruffled flowers and plain, and even some with a fragrance.

Daylilies can be transplanted throughout the year, but it is best to avoid planting in the middle of winter, and in the heat of summer. Try and find a site that has at least 5 hours of sun a day for best flowering (although Daylilies have been known to flower with as little as two hours of light a day). When planting, add a few shovels of compost and mix in well, especially for most Balmoral Village soils (or lack of). Fertilise using pelleted poultry manure, and water in well. Don't plant too deep, or there is a chance the plant will rot. Adding mulch is always a good idea. Once established, the Daylily should be hard to kill, and will require little maintenance.

When the clump is big enough (usually after about 2 to 3 years), it can be divided with a spade, or more carefully if desired. Not only will this give you more plants for your garden, but it will encourage flowering.

Daylilies should be available at the local garden centres throughout the year, and especially in late spring/early summer. Mountain View Daylily Gardens in Maleny, Queensland have a massive range of varieties and can supply a mail order catalogue. Call 07549 42346, or check out their internet site at www.daylily.com.au. The hardest thing about growing Daylilies will be choosing the variety.

Thanks to The Royal Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants for the photos.



Hemerocallis "Bertie Ferris"



Hemerocallis "Stella de Oro"

Historical Feature

Pat Lawrence has been able to provide us with a newspaper clipping from when the movie "Kitty and the Bagman" was filmed at Balmoral in the 1970's. Although I cannot specify the date, the clipping and excerpts did come from the Southern Highlands News.

"Kitty and the Bagman" Filmed at Balmoral and Thirlmere



The Southern Highlands is becoming more and more popular with filmmakers.

This week a film crew are working at Balmoral and at the Railway Museum at Thirlmere, with exterior shots for the new feature film, "Kitty and the Bagman".

Stars of "Kitty and the Bagman" are Liddy Clark and John Stanton, both presently appearing in TV series, "The Sporting Chance" and "Bellamy".

Also appearing are Val Lehmann, whose name is almost synonymous with "Prisoner", and John Ewart, one of Australia's most popular character

actors.

The film crew has been working under difficulties in the very wet weather, but when the NEWS visited them on Monday, all appeared extremely cheerful under the circumstances.

The filming at Balmoral involves an incident when a train collides with a car on the railway line, and a steam engine from Thirlmere is being used.

Balmoral and Hilltop Bush Fire Brigades are standing by to help - but if this pouring rain continues, their expertise in dealing with any bushfires certainly will not be called on!

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday 6th June,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 10th June, Film Society:
"Summerfield". Contact Janine King.
- * Saturday 1st July,
Annual Bonfire Night, 6:00pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 8th July, Film Society:
"Nashville". Contact Janine King.
- * Sunday 9th July,
Balmoral Village Association AGM, 11:00am, Village Hall.
- * Tuesday 1st August,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 12th August, Film Society:
"Der Starke Ferdinand". 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.
- * Fire permits,
Peter Lawrence 48 898 004or Michael Course 48 898 645.

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