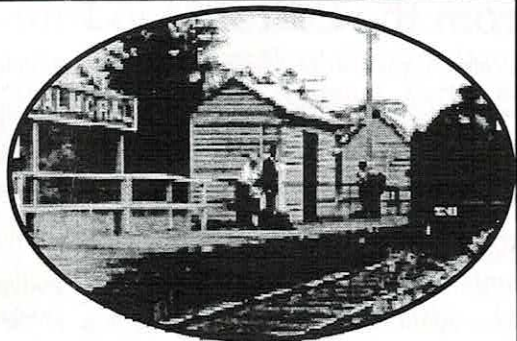


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Village Voice



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LOCAL MEMBER ACTS ON LOCAL ISSUES

Peta Seaton, Member for Southern Highlands, recently visited Balmoral to discuss local issues with residents of the Village. The meeting, held in the Village Hall, was attended by a small number, but several worthwhile concerns were brought to the local member's attention.

Residents discussed issues relating to the condition of roads and the need for roadside vegetation removal, the location of the bus stop and bus routes, the speed limit on Wilson Drive, the disapproval of entry fees into the Thirlmere Lakes National Park, rising insurance premiums due to Balmoral's postcode, increased power costs for Village Hall, litter and dumping issues and illegal quarrying operations.

On each of these issues Ms Seaton, on behalf of the residents, forwarded correspondence to the appropriate government body, resulting in action on almost every issue.

Ms Seaton has sent copies of her correspondence to the Village Association which will monitor further progress on issues and keep residents informed. (See pg 3 for details.)

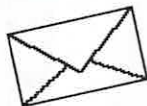
From the Editor:

Welcome to the winter edition of the Village Voice. I hope you find something in here which you find informative or entertaining. You might notice from the articles that behind the scenes, lots of people do their little bit to get things happening in the Village. Why not get involved yourself, with one of the community groups which operate, whether it be the Fire Brigade, Women's Group, Association, Film Society or Tennis Club.

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.



Letters to the Editor

'Rostalleen'
Wilson Drive,
Balmoral Village.

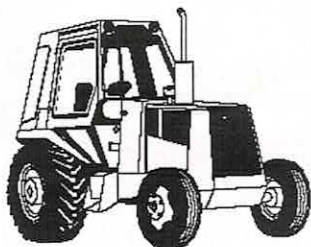
On the morning of Thursday 19th April two dogs entered my property and attacked each of my nine angora goats. Four were killed, two had to be euthanased, one treated by the vet will probably not survive and two appear to be on the road to recovery even though they are deeply traumatised.

I saw the two dogs as they were leaving my property. One was a tall black dog with prominent ears while the other had the colouring of a German Shepherd with short hair and was thickset as though crossed with a doberman or a Rottweiler.

Would the owner of these dogs or anyone who knows the owner of these dogs please contact me on 48 898 573.

Len Hollingsworth

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Local Member Acts on Local Issues... from Pg 1

Roads Require Attention

It was brought to Ms Seaton's attention that the gravel roads in the village had not been graded for some time, and that considerable amounts of vegetation had regrown along roadsides making it dangerous for pedestrians.

Ms Seaton has written to Wingecarribee Shire Council requesting that the matter be given attention.

Bus Shelter Needed

Parents of school children discussed the need for a bus shelter to be built on the Eastern side of Wilson Drive near the fireshed so that school children who wait at that bus stop will have shelter. Once again, Ms Seaton has requested that Wingecarribee Shire Council give consideration to building a shelter.

Quarrying Operations

Residents concerns over quarrying operations on a property in Balmoral prompted Ms Seaton to contact Council inquiring about the status of their investigations.

Council have informed Ms Seaton and the Association that the unauthorized quarry was investigated, the owner was served with an order to cease the activity, and that council have passed a motion to instigate legal proceedings.

Rubbish Dumping

Ms Seaton has written to the Minister for the Environment stating residents' concerns over the increased illegal dumping in local bushland and National Parks, as well as the concerns that recycling materials are making their way into bushland. She suggests that the community need to be informed of the information needed to communicate to authorities to achieve a conviction.

Lakes Entry Fees Unpopular

Recently the National Parks and Wildlife Service has introduced a \$6 entry fee to the Thirlmere Lakes Recreation Area, by way of an honour box.

Ms Seaton has contacted the Minister for the Environment explaining the longrunning support the local residents have given the Lakes and the fact that the box is likely to be vandalised, making it impossible for some law abiding citizens to access a ticket. She commented to the minister on the support for the removal of the fee or the implementation of a residents' exemption.

Postcode Increases Premiums

Recently postcode 2571 (Picton & Balmoral) was reclassified as 'outer metropolitan', resulting in an increase in insurance policies for all residents with that postcode. This disregards the fact that Balmoral is not in the same shire as Picton or that it is closer to Hilltop with a postcode of 2575, which is classified as rural.

Ms Seaton has requested that the Insurance Council of Australia support Balmoral residents in their request to have Australia Post reclassify the village, or have the insurance industry recognise the real risks (and reduced costs) of Balmoral

Extension of 80Km/h Zone

Residents requested that the 80Km/h speed zone through the village be extended to include the southern rail crossing. Ms Seaton has requested that Council refer this matter to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

Balmoral Village Annual Bonfire Night

Saturday Night, 30th 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,
get lucky in the Bushfire Brigade raffle.

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

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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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News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Annual General Meeting Hall Hire

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday 8th July, 11:00am at the Village Hall, where office bearers will be elected for 2001-2002, as well as a general goal setting discussion for the coming year. All residents are welcome to attend the meeting and stay for morning tea.

Federation Tree Planting

During recent meetings the Association has decided on a planting scheme for the Centenary tree planting.

The proposal to Council will be for a grove of Liquidambers and Ornamental Pears. This will provide spring blossom as well as autumn colour. Thanks to Lill Bramich who has co-ordinated and documented the proposal. A Council committee will now review the proposals of each village or town before purchase and planting, which is to occur on 22nd September.

Power Bill Saving

Local Member, Peta Seaton, has recently sent correspondence to the Minister for Energy requesting an explanation for the Association being charged an 'access fee' and virtually commercial rates on power, despite the fact that they are a non-profit organisation.

The result of this representation has been a reduction of the tariff from commercial to domestic rates, saving the Association approximately \$79.20 per year.

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.

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.

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.

Balmoral Women's Group

Meet Wednesdays,
10am - noon
at the Village Hall.

For more information contact:
Lill - 48 898 151
Deb 48 898 347

Fire Brigade News.....

Hazard Reduction 2001

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.

* From the southern end of Railway Pde, along the railway line, east into bushland.

* The area to the south-west of the village, bounded by Coates Road, Bolans Road and the rear of properties along Wilson Drive. (This will happen in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service)

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

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

Larger turn out needed for next Clean up

A smaller number of residents turned out for this year's Clean Up Australia Day. Those who did spare some time were joined by workers from the National Parks & Wildlife Service and managed to collect several truckloads of rubbish from roadsides and bush fringes. Unfortunately, with numbers down, some sections of Wilson Drive had to be overlooked this year. Hopefully next year, with better weather, we will have a return to the usual large number of people showing village spirit and pride.

Annual Bonfire Night

The Annual Bonfire night will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday Night 30th June. This event, besides being a social event for the village, is an important fundraiser for the brigade. Why not come along and support the brigade by buying dinner and some raffle tickets while you enjoy the company of fellow villagers.

Annual General Meeting

At the March Annual General Meeting of the Brigade, the following Office Bearers were elected for 2001:

Captain - Peter Lawrence

Senior Dep. Cap. - Michael Course

President - Trevor Peddle

Vice President - Gordon Ibbett

Secretary - Brendan O'Connor

Treasurer - Tracey Lawrence

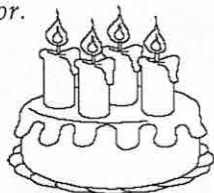
Chainsaw Sharpening

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. 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.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

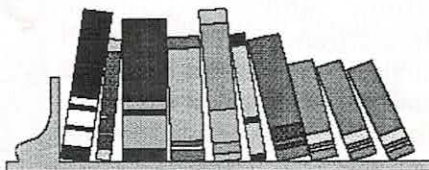
Jessica Tait - 9/5
Pat Lawrence - 30/5
Michael Lawrence - 10/6
Ronnie Ibbett - 19/6
Leanne Ross - 11/7
Lance Lawrence - 14/7
Gordon Ibbett - 19/7

Wingecarribee Mobile Library - Tuesday Afternoons

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

At Balmoral on:

Tues, May 29th
Tues, June 12th, 26th
Tues, July 10th, 24th
Tues, August 7th, 21st



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.



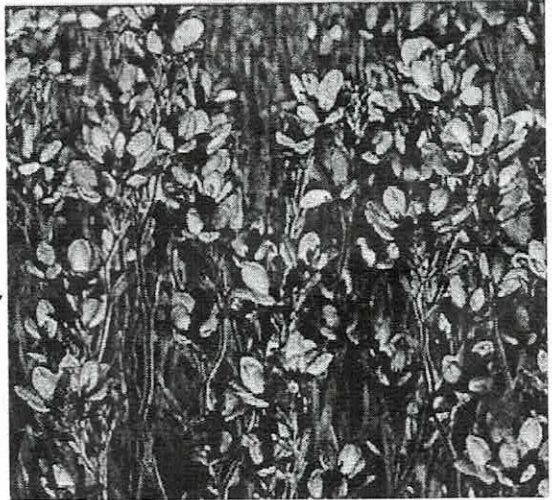
The Balmoral Gardener

Tom Cunneen

Bulbs for Balmoral

Now is the time to plant bulbs for spring colour. In this edition, we will look at a few of the more unusual bulbs that might add a bit of interest to your garden.

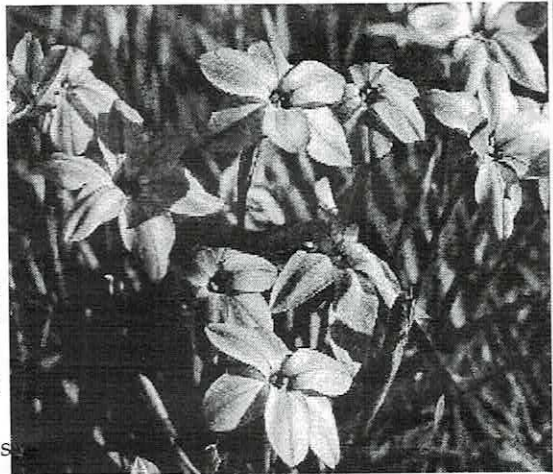
Babiana: The Baboon Flower consists of around 50 species native to South Africa. They are available in a range of colours from blues and lavenders through to reds, purples and whites. They are best planted about 10cm deep in a full sun position, and if possible, protected from frost. The growth through winter may be damaged by severe frosts, but to overcome this it is possible to plant when the danger of frosts is over for a late summer flowering. Otherwise the flowers will appear in spring. The flowers are like mini gladioli and are shown on stems about 30cm high.

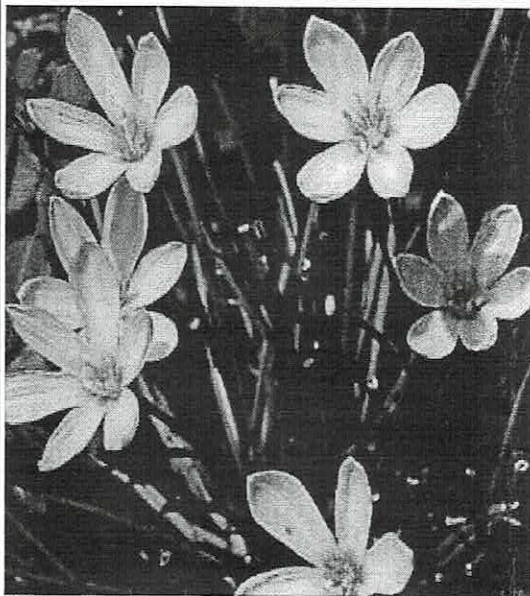


Above: Babiana

Ipheion: Spring Starflowers are native to South America and are one of the longest flowering of the spring bulbs. Each bulb produces a number of starshaped flowers in pastel blue through to white on stems about 10cm tall. Plant about 5cm deep, in a full sun to part shade position, and allow to naturalise for a great show. When not flowering, the soft green leaves give an interesting effect.

Right: Spring Starflowers (Ipheium)





Above: Autumn Crocus (*Zephyranthes*)

Zephyranthes: The Autumn Crocus, unlike the other bulbs, flowers at this time of year. There are about 70 species native to the Americas, and most are frost tender. *Zephyranthes candida* is not, and is suitable to this area. It is a hardy species with white, cup shaped flowers. There are also yellows and pinks available but these are not quite as hardy as the white. Autumn Crocus is suitable for most conditions, and has been used in roundabouts to great effect. When not flowering, the grass like foliage adds interest to the garden, much like Mondo Grass. A vigorous clumper, divide when not flowering to spread the display.

Although these bulbs shouldn't require too much preparation, to give them a better start, dig in some well rotted compost where the bulbs are to be planted. After planting at the appropriate depth, water once and wait till you see shoots. Then apply some slow release fertilizer and treat like the other plants in the garden. The Autumn Crocus and Spring Flowers should be available in pots and will need to be planted to the depth of the potting mix.

Ixia: This hardy bulb is available in a range of colours from blues and pinks, to oranges, yellows and white. The most interesting species is *Ixia viridiflora* with a beautiful metallic green/turquoise flower on stems about 60cm tall. Plant about 5cm deep in a full sun position, as the flowers tend to close up on cloudy days and at night. Flowers will appear in late spring through to early summer, and can be used as a cut flower. Foliage is thin and up to 60cm as well.

Most of these should be available at the local garden centres now, or call up some of the bulb suppliers like Tesselaars (03 97379811, www.tesselaar.net.au) or the Blue Dandenongs Bulb Farm (039756 6766, www.blued.com.au) and ask for a mail order catalogue. For something really interesting, call the Kangaroo Island Bulb Farm (08 8553 2480) and ask about the miniature gladioli.

Thanks to Botanica for the photographs.

Film Society Saturday Nights

The Winter Programme.....

Saturday 9th June,

Billy Liar, U.K, 1963,

Stars Julie Christie, Directed by John Schlesinger (99 mins)

Saturday 14th July,

Johnny Guitar, U.S, 1954,

Stars Joan Crawford. Directed by Nicholas Ray (110 mins)

Saturday 12th August,

Jules et Jim, France, 1962,

Directed by Francois Truffaut (102 mins)

Saturday 8th September,

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

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



February

Feb 1 - 7.5 mm

Feb 2 - 6mm

Feb 4 - 24.5mm

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Feb 6 - 10mm

Feb 7 - 2.5mm

Feb 14 - 5.5mm

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

Historical Feature

Pat Lawrence has once again been kind enough to share her memories of a past event in Balmoral. This time Pat looks back to one of the parties held by former owners of 'Truro'. A New Year's Eve party, Pat thinks it was about 1979.

We went to a New Years Eve party at my sister's place that night at Dapto. When we arrived home after one or so, we saw lights down the railway line. Being curious, as we though it may be a derailment, we went to investigate.

Nearing 'Truro' we saw a steam train (hired from the city we believe) and a red carpet leading from the train to the gates of 'Truro'. Two burly bodyguard types were at the gates vetting the guests arriving. We of course drove slowly past and were given a look.

'Truro' at the time was owned by an advertising group from Sydney, (Magnus, Nanerves & Curl). They mainly came up at weekends and holidays. We knew of one couple, Melanie and Allan who lived next to Rob Wilson. They gatecrashed (climbing through the back fence) and blended in with the beautiful people and ate and drank well.

Pat Lawrence

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday 5th June,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 9th June, Film Society,
Billy Liar,. Contact Janine King.
- * Saturday 30 th June,
Annual Bonfire Night, 6:00pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 14th July, Film Society
Johnny Guitar, Contact Janine King.
- * Sunday 8th 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
Jules et Jim,. Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 4th September,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 8th September, Film Society
The Picture Show Man, 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 inquiries, phone Janine King or
Steve Harrison, 48 898 479.
- * Fire Inquiries,
Peter Lawrence 48 898 004 or Michael Course 48 898 645.

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