



VILLAGE VOICE

September 1997

Welcome to our latest edition of the Village Voice. As most residents will know, there has been much activity at our hall recently. We were issued with a Community Grant in 1994/95. The previous Committee started renovations to the Hall which has been continued with the election of the acting Committee in May 1997.

The Hall belongs to the people of Balmoral Village. Without a Committee the Council may acquire the hall and grounds. The latest work has been focused in the kitchen. Thanks to the many hours and weekends that have been given up by several residents and friends, the kitchen is looking great! The sanding of the floor has brought out the natural old wood grain and looks lovely, complimenting the previous renovations of new paintwork and wood panelling. Thankyou to our previous Committee for their contributions. Our local residents and friends have also donated much needed items...they are greatly appreciated. THANKYOU.

The Hall has seen much activity over the years. The travelling show people "The Sloggetts" often played here and the dance floor was one of the best in it's time. Well, the floor is not so shiny, but it won't be long before the Hall will be ready to hire. With a fully equipped kitchen - just think - no mess in the house for that 21st, reunion, engagement, etc., etc.

There will be an A.G.M. in late September or on the completion of the renovations. A Committee will be formally elected. All will be informed at a later date and we hope for plenty of support!

Water Anyone?

Our local member Peta Seaton paid us a visit recently, she was given a small but warm welcome by local residents. We discussed the request for speed limits through the town. The dust problem on Railway Parade. Water and the cost per household. Are you ready...

\$21,000 per household!!! These things will be discussed at our next meeting.

We're Watching

A local resident was appalled recently at finding tyres and a large amount of rubbish dumped at the back of her property. The waratahs that were growing beautifully had been smashed, not to mention the added fire risk. Growing up in this area I have seen the devastation caused by bush fires. We cannot become complacent!

Wipeout (Kids have a say)

It's only 20 minutes to Picton, so how come we catch the bus at 7.45a.m. to get to school at 8.45a.m.! We are usually there at 8.15a.m. We get home at 4.35p.m.! *It doesn't make sense!*

Balmoral Village Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

The Brigade meets on Wednesday nights at 7.30p.m. All are welcome to come along. These people give much to the community not only for our safety but they put on events for our entertainment, often with little or no profit. The Christmas Party is always a hit and they have recently acquired a permit for fireworks. The recent bonfire was a success and the fireworks were enjoyed by all who attended...and some who didn't! THANKYOU FROM US ALL.

Close Encounter...or Mistaken Identity?

It was June, I think...I always take my dog for a walk about 7.00p.m. and I always look up at the sky...It seems so vast, without street lights to dim the view. I always hope to see a falling star and sometimes I do. This night I got more than I bargained for though. I looked straight up at a plane. It was directly over the house, unusual because that is not the normal flight path. I stared at it - large blue centre light, red and white lights moving in a fluid motion around what appeared to be a triangle! Then I realised...it was

Close Encounter cont'd

stationary! I kept looking, trying to rationalise this phenomenon...no it was definitely not moving. I yelled for the kids to come and look...I guess one or two minutes passed. As we watched it suddenly turned as if on an axis and silently headed north/east..there was no noise..just maybe the sound of air. We could only explain it as a flying triangle! For the next few nights I looked for it, but never have I seen the same thing. I wish that I had not seen it really, as now instead of hoping to see a falling star, I find myself looking for that flying triangle!

...Balmoral Village Resident.

New Signs for Balmoral Village

The new signs look great, but unfortunately they have forgotten to add "Village". Apparently in the 1970's Balmoral was changed to Balmoral Village to avoid confusion with Balmoral in Sydney. We are lucky, because some of the names offered were Tarlington, Bargo Brush and Starlight - to name a few!

Anyone wishing to contribute items of interest, etc. to this publication are very welcome. Phone 898179.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE NEXT A.G.M.

NOTIFICATION OF DATE TO BE ISSUED.

From the Editor,
On Behalf of the Balmoral Village Hall Assoc. Inc.