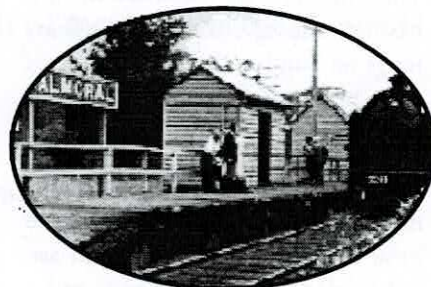
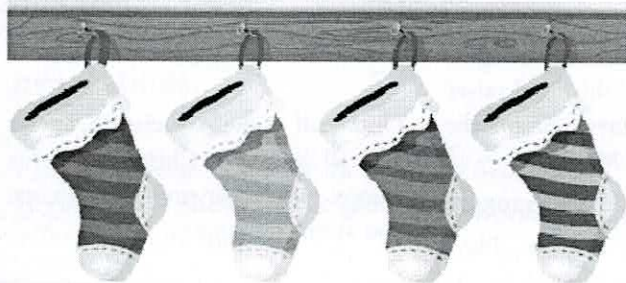


VILLAGE VOICE



**SUMMER 2008
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A NEWSLETTER PRODUCED BY THE BALMORAL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC.

WHAT A YEAR.....

Welcome to the Christmas 2008 edition of the Village Voice.

It has been a busy year and to recap...

The proposed Balmoral Recreation Reserve (Cnr Hall St & Wilson Drive) was removed from the list of properties (after significant representation by Balmoral residents) for sale as part of the 2007 Draft LEP. Improvement of the land cannot commence until the LEP has been finalized. The Draft LEP is expected to be back on public exhibition in February 2009.

A great garage sale was well attended and fun was had by all. We look for-

ward to another in the New Year.

Balmoral Villagers pulled out all stops again for the Clean-Up Australia day and we look forward to the next event and even more helpers.

A working bee cleaned up the hall, repaired damage caused by vandals to the toilet block and the day was capped off by a BBQ put on by Len and Leonie Jellaco which was greatly appreciated.

Lastly, we have received terrific support from our advertisers and I would like to make special mention and thanks to Tom & Jane Cunneen, Vicki and Pete from Thirlmere Meats and Di

from Hill Top Bakery for supporting our fund raising activities.

To top off the Year the BVA will be at Bunnings on Sunday 14th December doing the Sausage Sizzle to raise much needed money for the Association and Hall upkeep so come along, enjoy a snag and cold drink and buy some tickets in the Raffle.

Our last event for the year will be the Christmas Gathering at the Hall on Sunday 21st December. Bring the family along for a BBQ, Carols and Santa's visit.



Carols at the Hall....

SUNDAY 21st December 2008

BBQ Start 5.00pm

6.30pm Santa arrives

7.00pm-8.30pm Carols

Tea & Light Supper provided after Carols

**Sausage Sandwiches \$2/Drinks \$1.50
Christmas Raffle, Lolly Bags for the Kids**

Join your friends and neighbours for a night of caroling and good cheer.

Presented by Balmoral Village Rural Fire Brigade, Balmoral Village Playgroup, Wollondilly Presbyterian Church Tahmoor and Balmoral Village Association

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FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.....

This month the Association are having a sausage sizzle stall at Buntings on Sunday 14th December to raise money for the Halls upkeep and expenses.

The Balmoral Village Hall and Tennis Club are owned by you, the local residents of Balmoral and are not funded by Council or any other

government agency.

I would like to thank the villagers who have organized this fund raiser and who will be involved on the day, especially Paul Mallia.

The Association is also involved with the local Fire Brigade, Playgroup and Tahmoor Church in or-

ganizing a Village Christmas Party and Carols on Sunday 21st December.

On behalf of the Association, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you at our functions.

Larry Wilson.

FROM THE EDITOR.....

As we come to the close of another busy year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who supported my run for Council.

Although I was unsuccessful, the experience was one that I will continue to value and some of the initiatives that came from my cam-

paign will continue to be followed through. One such issue is Buses.

We desperately need 7 day a week bus services in the Shire and I will continue to lobby for this with the support of the combined Chambers of Commerce. You can show your support by signing a petition at Pru

Gowards' office or by emailing me at buses4highlanders@gmail.com with your comments.

Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year.

Jodie Laing

FIRIES UPDATE

Fire Danger Period

It is that time of year again when the climate makes it unsafe to burn. The bushfire danger period began in October and depending on the weather, will cease on 30th March next year. During the bushfire danger periods no fires are permitted in the open. (barbecues are allowed except for Total Fire Ban days).

Membership/ Meetings

If you would like to become a member of the brigade, whether to be an active fire-fighter or to learn about fire behaviour for the protection of your own home, why not go

along to weekly meetings. The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meets on Wednesday nights 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 and a training night is usually held on the third Wednesday.

Time to Prepare Your Home - Before it is Too Late!

Included in this issue is the Rural

Fire Service publication "**Home Bushfire Preparation**". It is important for all residents living in a bushfire prone area like Balmoral to prepare their home for fire **before the fire season** so that if a fire does approach, the risks will be reduced. Please read and think about the contents of this factsheet.

P. Mallia - Secretary

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PLAN TO PROTECT YOUR HOME....

FACT: Most people who die in bushfires die as a result of last-minute, unplanned evacuations.

Preparing your Home for the Bushfire Season

If you follow these simple guidelines you can reduce the threat of embers and bushfire affecting your home:

- Clean leaves from gutters, roofs and downpipes regularly and fit quality metal leaf guards.
- Screen vents on roof voids with fine metal wire mesh.
- When installing LPG cylinders around your home, make sure that pressure relief valves face outwards so that flame is not directed towards the house.
- Keep woodpiles well away from the house and covered.
- Cut back overhanging trees, keep grass short and rake up flammable leaves, twigs and cuttings.
- Do not deposit tree loppings, grass clippings etc behind your property into council reserves or bushland.
- Ensure your garden hoses are long enough to reach the perimeter boundary.
- Plant trees and shrubs that are less likely to ignite due to their lower oil content.
- If you have a swimming pool, have a Static Water Supply sign placed on your front fence. Contact your local fire service for information.
- Consider purchasing a portable pump to use from your swimming pool or water tank.
- If there is a Community Fire Unit or Firewise group nearby, become a member.
- Make sure that any fire hydrants near your home are easily located and not obstructed.
- In the event of bushfire threatening your home:
 - Don't enter the bush if smoke or fire is in the area. Stay calm and report all fires on 000!
 - Check if elderly neighbours need assistance.
 - If possible, block your gutters and fill with water.
 - If you choose to self-evacuate, do so early.
 - If ordered by the NSW Police or ACT Emergency Services Personnel to evacuate you must obey, so have pets and valuables packed and ready to go.
 - Wear long sleeves and long pants, natural fibres and sturdy footwear.
 - Close all windows and doors, block spaces beneath doors with towels or blankets.
 - If the fire is approaching your house, bring your garden hose and fittings inside so they won't melt in the fire, as you may need them later.
 - To help put out spot fires once the fire has passed, keep hoses, ladders, shovels and metal buckets at hand.
 - Keep a torch and portable radio in the home in case the electricity supply fails.

Reproduced from NSW Rural Fire Service Fact Sheet 2

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!

Further to the problems in June with break-ins in our village, we have been advised the suspected Balmoral Burglars are back!

A property was again broken into on the 27th of November whilst the unsuspecting property owner was talking to one of the possible culprits.

The description we have is a couple (male & female) who drive a small blue vehicle, Registration Number AY36LL..

Bowral Police have advised that **ANYONE SEEING THIS VEHICLE SHOULD CALL THEM IMMEDIATELY ON 4862-9299** and advise that the vehicle suspected of being associated with thefts in Balmoral, has been sited in village and a radio call is to go out.

LOCAL ARTIST

Local Artist, Steve Harrison from Hot n Sticky located at the Old School has an upcoming exhibition....



Steve Harrison

THE GIB EXHIBITION Date: Fri 19 Dec

2008 - Sun 15 Feb 2009, Venue: Sturt

Gallery, Range Rd, Mittagong, Con-

tact: 4860 2083. An exhibition of

prints, drawings, photography and ceramics by Robyn Kinsela, Tony Ame-neiro, John Lascelles and Steve Harrison - taking inspiration from Mt Gibraltar. To be opened by Jan Jones, writer and critic Friday 6pm December 19.

Open 7 days 10am - 5pm.

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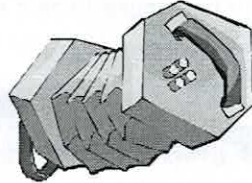
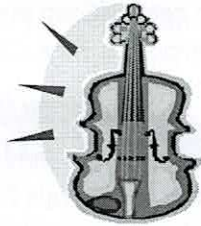
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**This is a BYO afternoon, Music supplied.
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**A coin donation for the upkeep of the hall would be
appreciated.**

**For further information, contact
John Doyle
48 899 594**

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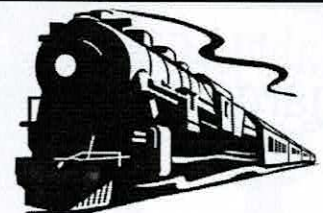
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PLAYGROUP UPDATE



PLAYGROUP NSW

Term 4 has flashed past us quickly as the previous 3! With the end of the year upon us, we've been playing some games to prepare the 'big kids' for school, as well as planting a Jacaranda tree under the elderly watter trees on the 'hill' next to the hall—things that have us looking ahead to things to come. (Stop press: Boistrous play activity has caused some minor damage to tree.. The top is clean gone. We wait to see if it decides to recover!)

But it's also just been a lot of fun playing with friends—and talking lots to each other. A pirate day initiated by Captain Phillip had the great ship Balmoral sailing away on the high seas with a very enthusiastic crew. We are looking forward to Christmas, and starting to plan some fun things to make. Everyone is excited about the Carols night, and joining in with a play group item. Hope to see you there!

We'll be meeting until the end of the terms, so come along if you have a Tuesday morning free. Everyone is always welcome, even if you can only come occasionally, and for a short time. It's been a great way to get to know others, and for the kids to connect with friends close by. Plans for next year are being tossed around—we'll let you know details in the New Year. Feel free to call me any time if you have ideas or want to discuss the days you are available—or want to organise a holiday play in the park!

Merry Christmas everyone, and all the best wishes for a happy new year, with lots of fund, family and play!



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(during school terms)**

CONTACT JANETTE DUNN 4889 8002

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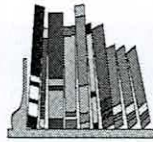
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MOBILE LIBRARY—NEW TIME

FORTNIGHTLY TUESDAY
1.45 - 2.15



The mobile library calls at Balmoral Village on Tuesdays between 1.45pm and 2.15pm pm on the following dates for the first half of 2008.

NEAR THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

FROM THE TENNIS CLUB

COME AND GET SOME LIGHT EXERCISE.
Bring the whole family, as it is a game everyone can get involved in.

We play Wednesdays at 10am - 2pm. We alternate with Hilltop Tennis Club, playing one Wednesday at our court and the following week at the Hilltop court.




The Balmoral Tennis Court can be hired any time.

Contact Pat Lawrence 48 898 066. Please ring the night before, so we can arrange things.
Hire costs are very reasonable.


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 small marquee tent, ideal for people having parties at home.

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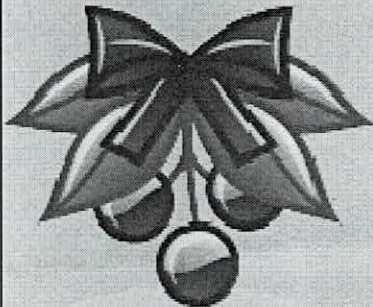


THE VILLAGE RAINGUAGE



Apologies as the Village Rainguage is not available for this issue.

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



We wish you and your families a safe and merry Christmas for 2008 and a happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in 2009

THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Regular Events:

- * **Balmoral Bushfire Brigade** Meet 1ST & 3rd Wednesday of each month — 7:30pm at fire shed. (business conducted 1st Wed. of month) Captain: Scott Whiting, ph 48 899 888
- * **Village Association** meet second Tuesday night of the month, 7:30pm, Village Hall. President, Larry Wilson, ph 48 898151
- * **Tennis club** play Wednesdays, 10:00am, at the tennis club (behind village hall)
Contact Pat Lawrence, ph48 898 066
- * **Playgroup**—Tuesday mornings 10am—Midday At the Village Hall
Contact Janette 48898002 or Helena 48898157

Phone Numbers:

- * Bush Fire Control Dial 000
- * Tennis Club or Tennis Court bookings, phone Pat Lawrence, 48 898 066.
- * Fire permits, Scott Whiting 48 899 888.
- * Hall bookings, Larry Wilson, 48 898 151.
- * Bowral Police: 48 629 299
- * WIRES: 4862-1788 (Wingecarribee)

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