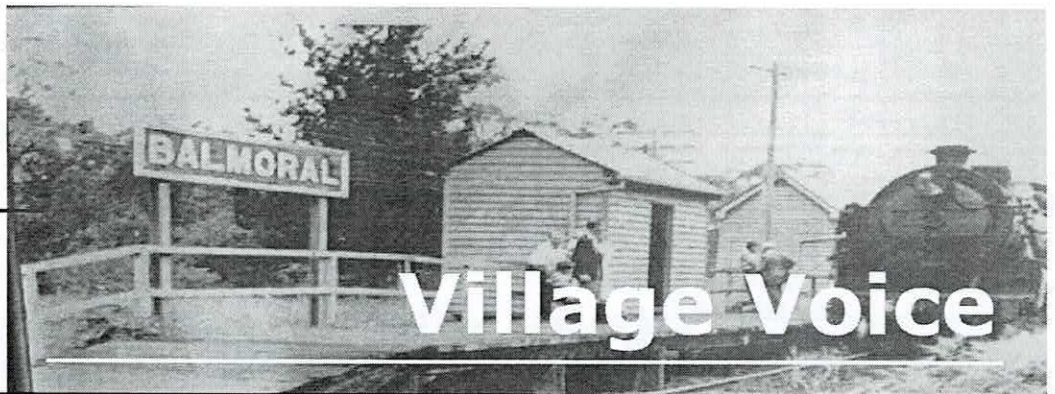


Balmoral Village Association, Inc



A Busy Start to the New Financial Year

The new financial year kicked off with the Christmas In July party which was well attended by around 60 adults & children who all had a great time.

The consensus appears to be that this should become an annual Balmoral Village event—so stay tuned for the next one!

We have also held another successful

Balmoral Village Garage Sale which was well attended by both stallholders and eager treasure hunters. Another great day for the community and it helped raised some more much needed funds for the hall upkeep.

Just gone was the inaugural Halloween Party, which again was well attended by around 60-70 adults and children, most of whom got into the spirit of

Halloween and donned their best costumes. We had a great time with plenty of kids games, great food supplied by all and a terrific atmosphere at the Hall thanks to the many donations of decorations.

The year isn't over and coming up on the 18th December will be the Christmas Party for the kids. More info to follow soon.

From the President

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Village Voice, albeit a bit late. Since the AGM in July, there has been quite a few events held at the Village Hall which has kept us busy.

Firstly, I would like to start off by thanking, the old Committee especially outgoing President, Larry Wilson who has kindly taken on a Hall Manager role for the new Committee Julie Lawrence who has stepped down from joint VP and outgoing Treasurer, Tom Cunneen as well as Leslie (Lill) Bramich; all of whom contributed significantly to the ongoing success of the Association and the Village Hall.

I would like to introduce your new Association Committee, which includes Gordon Ibbett & Pat Quinlan voted as combined Vice Presidents; Lyle & Lisa Spears as joint Secretary; the new Treasurer Lynanne

Hahn; and Jodie Laing continues on as Publicity Officer and Village Voice Editor.

I would also like to thank other community members including Paul Malia; Ronni Ibbett; Len and LeoniJellaco and Jeanette Dunn, for their generous donation of time and effort to the community and the Association over the past twelve months.

As seen at the start of the Village Voice, we have had a successful garage sale, great fun at the Halloween Party and of course a terrific Christmas in July where it was great to see plenty of new faces as well as the usual crowd.

I hope this is the start of what I would like to see happen over the next twelve months, with many more new faces at our social events as we try to get the community more involved socially, taking advan-

tage of our great Village Hall and grounds.

The Association meetings will be advertised on the Village Notice Boards, please join us as we would like to have as many people and ideas for fundraising and social events for 2010 as possible.

Additionally, this is the ideal forum for addressing any concerns over Village issues because **the Village Hall is owned by you, the village community.**

James Laing
President

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Carols at the Hall....

SATURDAY 19th December 2009



BBQ Start 5.00pm

6.30pm Santa arrives

7.00pm-8.30pm Carols

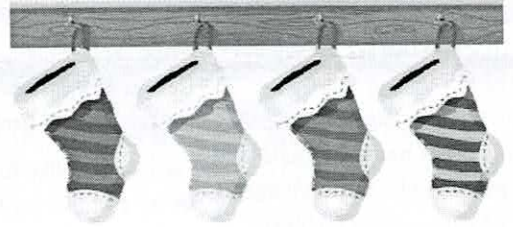
Tea & Light Supper provided after Carols


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Christmas Raffle, Lolly Bags for the Kids

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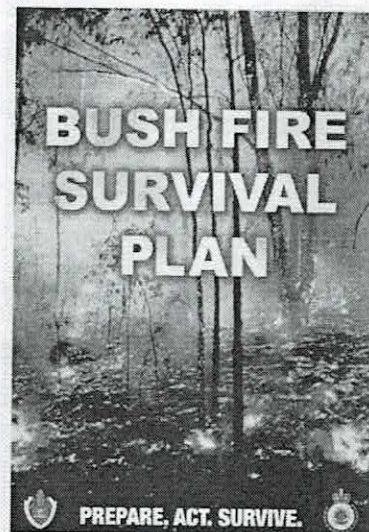
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- * How reliable is your water supply to fight a fire?
- * Do you know your community responsibilities before lighting a fire in summer?
- * What will you do as a bushfire approaches your home?
- * Is your Bushfire Survival Plan complete?

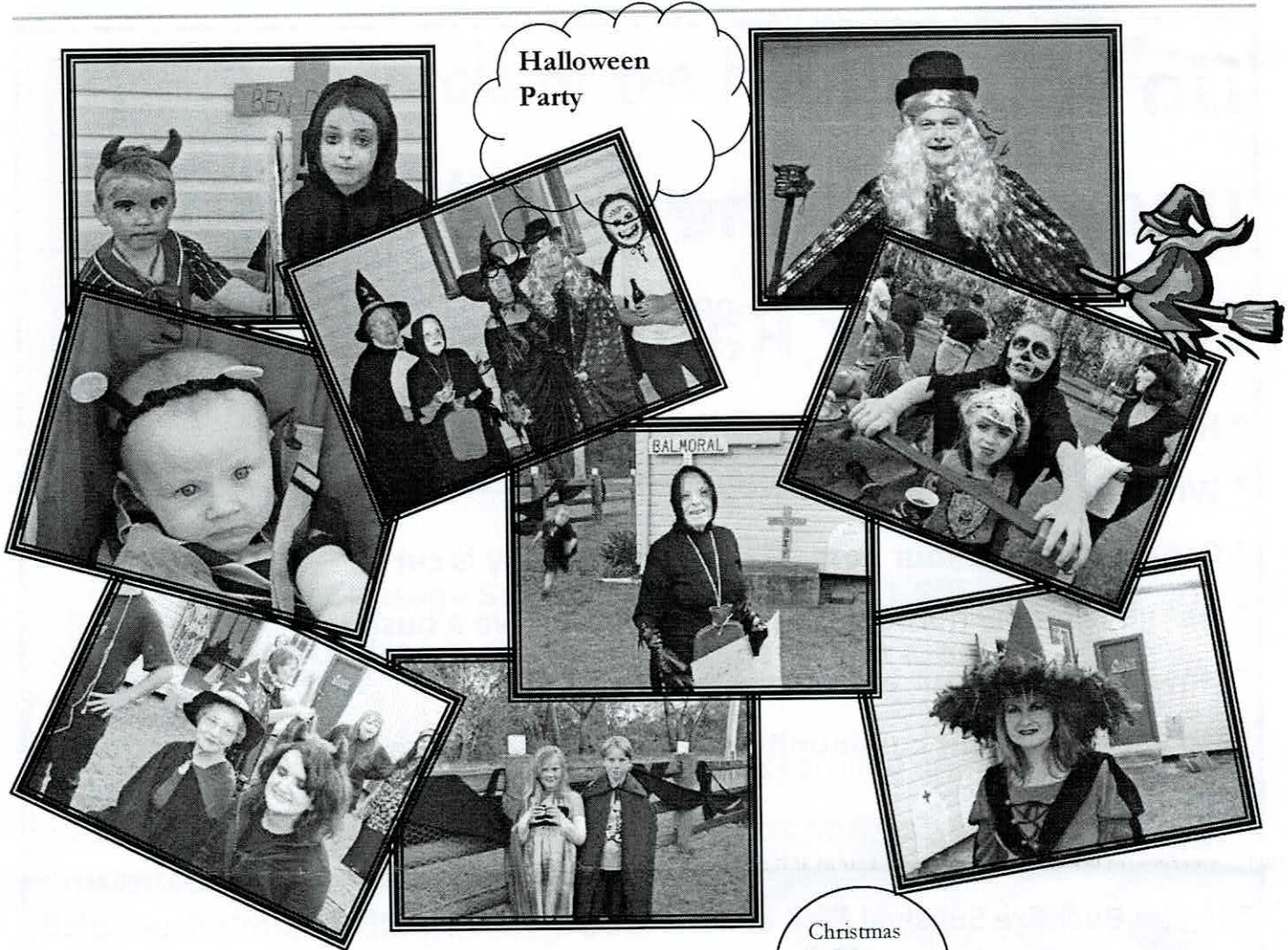
**Come Along to the
Public Information Meeting
At Village Hall
Sunday night, 28th November
6pm - 8pm**

Trained Brigade members will address these issues and more. Information which may save your life and property. All village residents are encouraged to attend.

A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

**For further information call
Brendon O'Connor on 48 899 121**

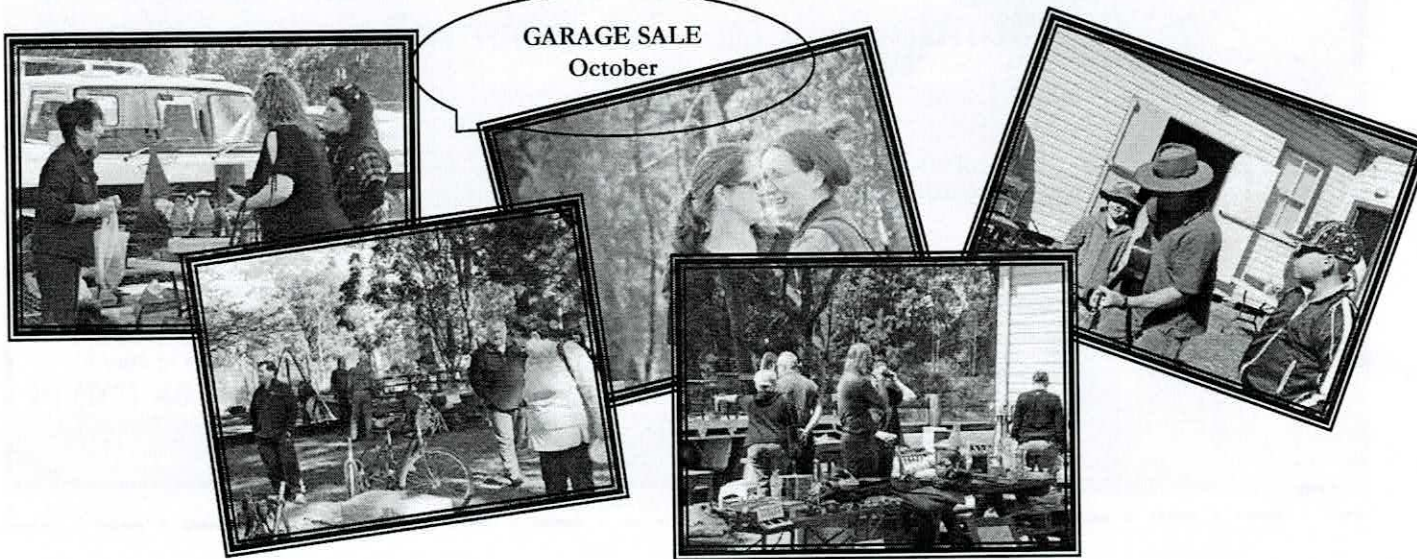
Halloween Party



Christmas In July



GARAGE SALE
October



Playgroup Update

What a relief that spring is here! We celebrated by planting some flowers in the hall garden... but did forget about the snails. Oh well – the garden is looking quite nice anyway. It will be good to be able to play on the swings again.

We had a wonderful visit to Wirrumbirra Nature Sanctuary together. Caro-

line – our very own Balmoral Village volunteer at Wirrumbirra – took us around with her as she fed the animals. She was a deft hand at coaxing Warren the Wombat over to munch on his plate of delicacies! We even got to see a day old Sulphur Crested Cockatoo chick. A really special day – thank you Caroline!

If you have been planning on coming along – please do! We would love to see you, how ever often you can make it. We always seem to have a lot of fun!



PLAYGROUP NSW INC

For more information contact

Janette Dunn 4889 8002

Jodie Kilmister 4607 0000

Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30am

at the Village Hall (during school terms)

Tahmoor Garden Centre Moves On

Stephen and Sylvie Hollingsworth have moved their business, Tahmoor Garden Centre further along Remembrance Drive.

The new centre is a delight to wander around and rumor has it that Sylvie's café is an absolute must!

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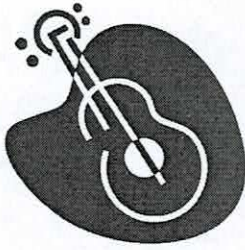
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Music Group

"Music at the Hall" has proven to be a relaxing and entertaining Sunday afternoon experience for the musicians as well as spectators. It has been encouraging to see 'closet musicians' from the village come along to watch and then join in. Hopefully anyone else who can play or sing will give it a go over coming months.

It is an exciting to see guitars, mandolins, violins, banjos, bodhrans, accordions and drums all playing together to create a wonderful accompaniment to singing voices. The style of music has ranged from contemporary to country, folk, traditional Irish dance tunes and blues.

So if you enjoy a little

bit of live music, whether you are a musician or a keen audience member, come along to the next Sunday afternoon get together. The dates for each month are now set, and the "Music at the Hall" signs usually go up a week in advance near the railway crossing. Hope to see you there.

New Saturday Bus from Hill Top to Bowral

Berrima Buslines released it's new Timetable on 12 October.

The most significant change is the new Saturday service which will be available from Hill Top to Moss Vale via Colo Vale, Braemar, Willov Vale, Mittagong, Bowral with two trips each way, although only one trip could be considered to be a potential return trip.

There are also some changes to the weekday schedule with the extension of return trips from Bowral—now allowing travelers to return from

Bowral at 3.50pm and 5.40pm.

Berrima Buslines have committed to a letterbox drop of the new timetable however you can see it on their website. Simply go to: www.berrimabuslines.com.au.

This timetable will be in place for the next three years, and I am sure that with use, the Saturday service could be expanded in the future.

KEVIN O'GRADY WATER

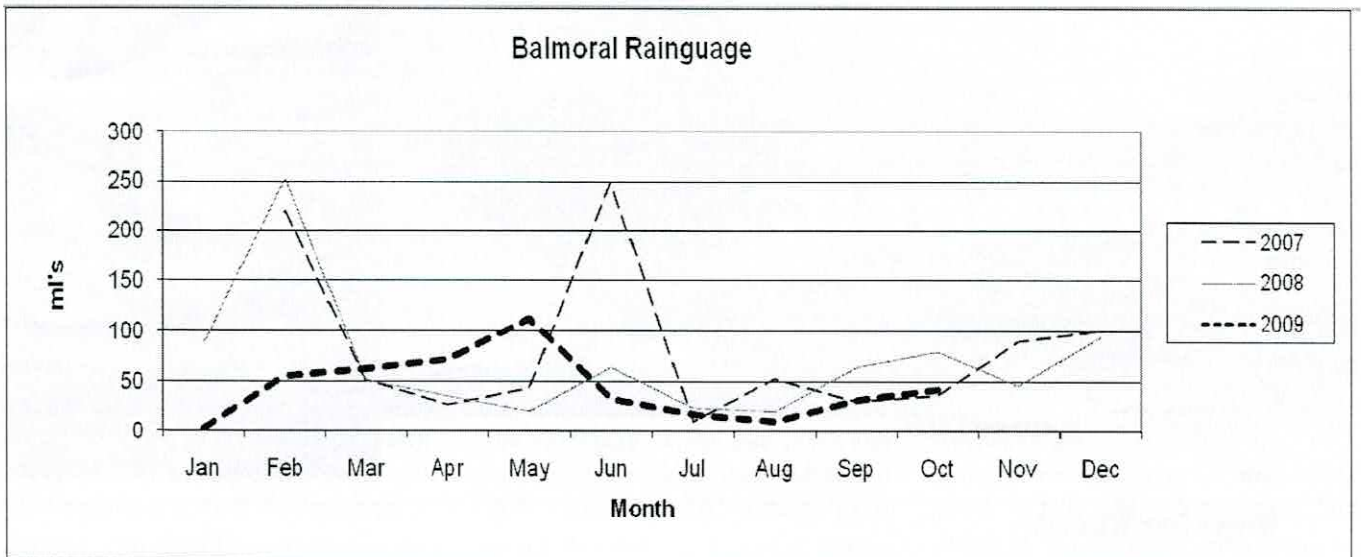
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*Results collected by Lyle & Lisa Spears in Balmoral Village. Readings are taken each morning at 7:30am for the 24 previous hours.

Mobile Library

FORTNIGHTLY Tuesday 1.45 - 2.15

The mobile library calls near the Village Notice board of Balmoral Village on Tuesdays between 1.45pm and 2.15pm

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 **4889-8066**. 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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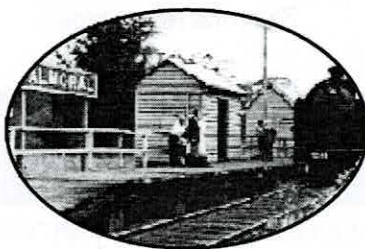
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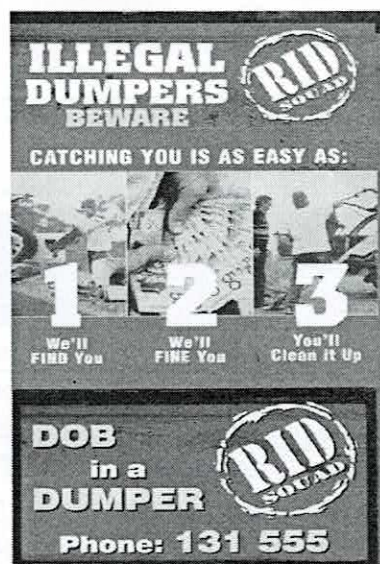
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Hall Hire/Caretaker—Larry Wilson 4889 8151



Regular Events:

- * **Balmoral Bushfire Brigade** Meet 1ST & 3rd Wednesday of each month — 7:30pm at fire shed. (business conducted 1st Wed. of month)
Captain: Peter Lawrence 48898004 or Mobile 0427 932523

- * **Village Association** meet first Tuesday of every 2nd month (even months) from 7:30pm, Village Hall. President, James Laing 48899607 or 0408 696480

- * **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

Phone Numbers:

- * Bush Fire Control Dial 000
- * Tennis Club or Tennis Court bookings, phone Pat Lawrence, 48 898 066.
- * Fire permits, Peter Lawrence. 0427 932 523
- * Hall bookings, Larry Wilson, 48 898 151
- * Bowral Police: 48 629 299
- * WIRES: 4862-1788 (Wingecarribee)

Devonshire Tea at the Hall *Wednesday mornings 10am to 12pm*

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy morning tea at the Village Hall. If you are free – come along! The company will only be surpassed by the scones!