

Village Voice



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Spring is sprung .the grass is riz,
I wonder where the flowers is?

Spring is indeed sprung, the sun is shining, (well, sometimes), the birds are singing, the flowers are flowering, God's in His Heaven all's right with world.

The Council have generously given us the special grant we asked for to pay this year's compulsory insurance, so we live again for another year. We thank them very sincerely. We also thank Dr Marlene Yee and Russell and Judy Scholes for their generosity in donating cheques towards the dreaded insurance, which like the sun keeps coming up - thank you very much indeed, it is appreciated.

A number of very good people have been coming to the meetings and offered their help, so we will be having our Bonfire on August 20th. In the hopes of raising some funds, so do come along, everyone is invited it should be a lot of fun. (more details inside).

The Annual General Meeting was held on 26th June and a new committee was elected, thanks to those who braved the cold and came along and thanks to those who accepted office. Their names and positions are listed inside

Ronnie Ibbett
Editor

Balmoral Village Association News

As mentioned earlier, the Annual General Meeting was held on 26th August and a new Committee was elected, they are as follows:

President: Gordon Ibbett

Vice Presidents: Pat Lawrence, Jack Homburg

Secretary: Rita Flemming

Treasurer: Ronnie Ibbett

Village Voice Editor: Ronnie Ibbett

Hall Hire: Pam Kooyman

Hall Maintenance: Ralph Emmerson

Congratulations, everyone, hope you have a good year.

The year started badly, as we didn't seem to be getting anywhere, two of our hardest workers left the district and our numbers were going down quickly, There was no one left to do the work necessary to raise much needed funds or to have any kind of social gathering but happily, later in the year a number of people have been coming to the meetings and things are looking much brighter .

Whilst there has not much been going on in the year socially but there has been a great deal going on behind the scenes. We got the Special Grant from the Council in which we were very fortunate - as they are not supposed to give grants of money for any properties not belonging to the Council but they stretched the point and gave us this Special Grant for which we are very grateful,

We finally received our permit to raise funds from the Gaming and Racing Authority after a lot of argy bargy. Thank goodness it only has to be done every five years!

The Bonfire was a great success thanks to the many wonderful people who worked so hard to make it so. Especial thanks to Ralph, Kenny and Gordon who worked all day to build the bonfire - to Russell and Judy, Fred and Sue, Cooks of great magnificence, --Rob and Maureen - Maree and Jack . Maree was a powerhouse of energy who never stopped all night. She seemed to be doing everything! the ever faithful ever reliable Pat and Lance working from

beginning to end. There were so many people who worked so hard that we have not been able to thank you all.

These marvellous people worked from early afternoon setting up till well into the night. And the night was a credit to them.

Thanks also to Rob and Rita, Lee, and Lynanne who did the shopping, Lynanne who was not well herself and missed the bonfire. Hope things are looking up for you Lynanne.

Rita managed to score a great deal from the butcher who we must thank especially for his generosity and help. Thirlmere Meats not only gave us a great price on the sausages but gave a generous donation too! Wish there were more like him!

Thanks too, to the Paul and Brad and Pat from the Music Group who entertained us at the fireside. What a difference that made! It turned an ordinary Bonfire into a real entertainment. Thank you all so much. We can't think of anything more idyllic than a cool night, sitting in front of a warm fire - a glass of something good in hand - talking to friends old and new and listening to the music and singing (which was remarkably good)

Heaven, perfect heaven!

And speaking of heaven how lucky we were that the rain and wind stopped before we started. Everything seemed to be in our corner - a great night.

Membership fees are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. So if you would like to be a member you will be very welcome. (Not to mention the \$5.00) . We are trying to organise a membership drive, so if anyone comes knocking on your door - be kind. Come and join up and be part of the community and part of the fun.
It is your village you know!

In The Garden

Courtesy Tom and Jane Cunneen

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 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 Balmoral Village soils (or lack of). Fertilise using a pelletised 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.

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 the 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.

Have you got a tree that is in the wrong place? Well, Jeremy is still chopping 'em down and chopping 'em up. His prices are good You gardeners out there if you want some good mulch Jeremy is your man. Cheaper than you will get anywhere else, Ring him on mob, 0400 777 605, you won't be sorry.

The next big fundraiser will be the Bar-B-Q at Bunnings on Sunday the 9th October. Are there any fabulous Bar-B-Q chefs out there who could donate about two hours on that day? It's usually a lot of fun and we do make a good profit for the Association, so keep it in mind, and if you can help we would appreciate it.

If you are planning to hire the Hall in the near future, call me on 4889 9338, as Pam has had a nasty accident and crushed her arm. She will be incapacitated for a few weeks. All the best, Pam for a quick recovery. That wasn't a very good way to start being Keeper of the Keys, or is it your way of saying you don't want the job? Cheer up, you'll feel better in a few weeks.

STOP PRESS

Approval has been given for the opening of our beaut new Fire Station. It will be on Saturday, October 22nd. from 10am til midday. Come along and be part of the fun, it should be a great day.

Everybody in the village should support the fire brigade., they are our guardians. You never know – Your life may depend on them one day. Hopefully not on this day though!

Do come along, eat. drink and stickybeak, You will be more than welcome

The Two Balmoral Village Halls also known as the Mechanics Institute or School of Arts building

A fascinating Peep into the Past - Courtesy Janine King

We know from records (oral history at least) that the first Balmoral Hall was old in 1936 when it burnt down..

A long time past resident of Balmoral, Dot Brown, wrote this to me

The Mechanics Institute was situated on the land where the Hall now stands. It was built like a small cottage with a large hall attached to one side. In one room was the library - another room was used as the kitchen for the supper at the dances. Dances, concerts, church services and Sunday school were held in the Hall.¹

And, in 1936

... despite valiant efforts by the bushfire fighters. Teddy Ladbury, then a teenager, climbed in through a window and others passed buckets of water to him, until he was told to get out, as the fire could not be stopped. The new Hall was built by builders from Picton².

Another version of the Village's first Hall burning down was from Mr Bill Marsh, another past resident,. He said the Hall was old, insured and full of white ants so there was not too much concern about it burning down.³

I understand that the new hall was built in its place fairly soon after the first one burnt down. The year though that the new Hall was officially opened has not been determined but our Village Hall must be over seventy years old now.

¹ Letter to the author from Dot Brown 15th June 1988

² *ibid*

³ From a taped interview with Bill Marsh in 1988

In my search in old (government) records I located documents, letters and newspaper reports, which show that the first Hall had not been built by 1893 but was in use by 1897.

I found this newspaper report at the Fisher Library in Campbelltown.

Picton Penny Post, October 27 1897

BALMORAL DOINGS

PROGRESS SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Balmoral progress committee was held on the first Thursday in the month in the Assembly Room, the president in the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE

On the motion of Messrs. Doust and McGlynn the following correspondence was read: - From Mr W. McCourt MLA and from Mr Bensusan. The secretary was instructed to reply to Mr McCourt with thanks; the letter from Mr Bensusan had been replied to. A formal acknowledgement of the Committees letter, re River St Road, was read from the Public Works Department.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr T. McGlynn's motion, of which he had given was as follows; - That the fees be reduced to 3d a month, from next month until such time as it may be found necessary to the rate as per rule. - Seconded by Mr Hales, and carried.

Mr G Lewis gave notice of motion, that the rules be printed and distributed.

OTHER BUSINESS

The president read a series of rules of order for the guidance and conduct of the society, which were commented on by the members. It was ultimately decided on the motion by Mr Cobbett and Doust, that the following members be constituted a committee to draft rules of order, and present them at next meeting ; - Messrs Hales, Littlejohn, Corner and Doust.

Mr Littlejohn nominated Messrs. Halloran and S O Bensusan and Mr G Lewis nominated Dr V Kelly and Mr R V Kelly who were elected as members of the society.

Mr Littlejohn moved, Hales seconded and it was carried that the treasurer present his accounts at next meeting.

The secretary tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Mr Hales was appointed secretary on the motion of Messrs Walters and G McGlynn.

Mr Cobbett moved that the secretary write to the minister of Agriculture, asking him to favor Balmoral and district by instructing Mr Thompson, the lecturer of the Department to proceed to Balmoral and give one of his very instructive lectures. Seconded by Mr Walters and carried.

After the dues were collected, the meeting adjourned to Saturday 6th November.

KID'S CORNER

- Q. Why is sheet of writing paper like a lazy dog?
A. A sheet of writing paper is an ink lined plane
An inclined plane is a slope up
A slow pup is a lazy dog!
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Knock,Knock!
Who's there?
Bumble Bee
Bumble Bee who?
My Bumble Bee cold if you don't let me in!

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Butcher
Butcher who?
Butcher pants on or your Bumble Bee cold too!

Used cars are alright as far as they go!

The cat was called Ben Hur, it used to be called Ben till it had kittens.

First Drunk: How long have you believed in reincarnation?
Second Drunk : Since I was a frog.

"I say, old chap, who is Fonsonby talking to/
"Himself"
"Then why is he shouting?
"He's deaf"

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Children, what comfort in old age! And how soon they bring it on!

Wingecaribee Mobile Library

Tuesday Afternoons 1.45-2.15

October 11th 25th

November 8th 22nd

December 6th 20th



Recommended Reading:

The Broken Window by Eva Stone

The Greco-Russian Struggle by Euripidies Shiroff

A little boy went to the library and selected a book called "Advice to Young Mothers". The librarian asked who he was taking it out for, He said "It's for me, I want to read it".

She was intrigued "Why would you want to read this book?" She asked. He answered "Well, I have just started my moth collection and I want to know more about it."

Rainfall for the Last Quarter: Courtesy Lyle and Lisa Spears

June 31.5

July Nil

Aug. 36

Some of these figures are estimates only as they were overseas for part of the time

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New South Wales Rural Fire Service

Balmoral Village Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade

News from the Captain

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Winter is nearly over and Springs on it's way, we need to get busy getting our Fire Hazard's squared away, let's not leave it to the last minute, or it could be to late, when Summer comes a knocking lets all be fire safe.

Brigade News:

Balmoral Village Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade will be starting to conduct Hazard Reduction's over the next couple of month's leading up to the fire season to reduce the fuel load in and around the Village; these will mainly take place on weekends.

- We are ready to start on the Eastern side of Wilson Drive from Boundary Road near Buxton, back to the railway cutting toward Hilltop,
- the Eastern side of the Village has our local RFS mitigation crew's preparing the fire trails out the back of River Street, we hope to start this as it is a large hazard reduction in September or October,
- National Parks is planning a Hazard reduction on the Western side of the Village, the RFS will be assisting with this when we are notified,
- We will also be conducting some Hazard reduction's on Private properties on Railway Parade and Wilson Drive.

What you can do?

Now is the time as long as the wind is not stronger than a gentle breeze, to Burn off any small piles of Dry leaves and branches. Contact myself if you need assistance.

Remember if you are going to burn off, give your neighbour's the courtesy of letting them know well in advance, at least 24hrs. If possible light it up toward the end of the day.

Be prepared with water on hand, clear the area around where you are going to burn, and only light the Fire on good weather conditions not to windy just right.

Finally after many years and 8 months of construction the Balmoral Village Fire Station is nearly completed, we should be in by the end of August.

The Brigade will still have plenty to finish off inside and outside of the New Station once we move in. Any small donations would be greatly appreciated (we are a non profit organization) to assist in getting the station up and running as soon as possible.

We are hoping to have the official opening on Saturday 22nd October 2011, we will put a notice out to homes and signage at the Fire Station when the Commissioner confirms. We would like to see as many Balmoral Village residents enjoy this day with us.

The Brigade meets at the fire station the first Wednesday of each month for our monthly meetings. Training is on the third Wednesday's of the month.

We are seeking new members to join the Brigade, (No Experience Necessary, All Welcome), training provided.

For anyone that would like to help protect our beautiful village either as an active member assisting with hazard reductions and fire calls or as an ancillary member assisting in the fire station with radio and support work for the fire crews, please contact myself or another member of the Brigade and have a chat about how you can join.

If you see us in the new station please drop in to say hello and have a look around.

Thank you for your time, stay safe.

Balmoral Village Rural Fire Brigade
Captain Brendon O'Connor
M) 0417 246 078

**No Fire Permits are issued during the Fire Season and there is No Burning off Permitted, from the beginning of October to the end of March each year.
Please call myself before burning off if you are unsure.**

"Quick, there's a fire! There's a fire!"

"Where is it?"

"At my place, of course."

"I mean, what's the location?"

"It's in the kitchen."

"But how do we get there?"

"Crikey. Haven't you got a fire engine?"

Cookery Corner

Crunchy Cabbage (or how to get the kids to eat the stuff)

This only takes a couple of minutes, so have the cabbage and onion ready to cook at the last minute,

Slice the cabbage into strips as in coleslaw – slice the onion

At the last minute put about a tablespoon of butter into a large saucepan, fry the onion to clear (not brown) add cabbage and stir till all the cabbage is coated with the butter and onions and just starts to wilt. Serve straight away
It makes cabbage delicious!

He parked the flashy new sports car outside the clinic and bounced inside without an appointment. "I just want to thank you for your treatment!" he said hugging the doctor

"But you're not a patient of mine, are you?"

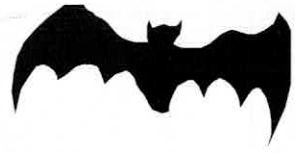
"No, but my late Uncle Harry was!"

The Last Word

We give the last word to Robert Browning:

The Year's at the Spring,
The day's at the morn'
The morning's a seven
The hillside's dew pearled
The lark's on the wing'
The snail's on the thorn
God's in His Heaven,
All's right with the world

It's



HALLOWEEN

Saturday, 29th October, 2011
from 6.00 pm at the

**BALMORAL VILLAGE
HALL**



Come along and join in the fun and
games.

Prizes for the best costumes -
Adults & Children

Kids, bring your torches for a treasure
hunt, weather permitting



Bring a Plate
BYOG

