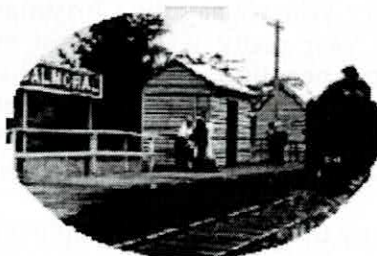


Village Voice



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We must apologise for the shambles that became the last issue of Village Voice- The poor old printer went into a state of dementia before dying altogether when it was not nearly finished, consequently, some people got copies with the pages mixed up, some printed upside down and a lot didn't get a copy at all. We think that maybe these last were the lucky ones. Anyway we apologise sincerely and would appreciate the indulgence of the people who got the whole article to bear with us once again as we would like to repeat the article about Joe Enfield and his "Atlas Carrying the World" monument as we think it is important enough that people understand what it is all about and not just the silly folly that many people think it is

..If you consider the work that must have gone into the cutting – the deepest hand cut cutting in the Southern Hemisphere and the great heart of the man who designed and built the monument to those men (not to mention the generosity of the Balmoral men who helped build it) , it seems a great shame that it is left in the sad state that it is. We are sure that if it were in any other place it would be treated as it should be. A tourist site with a place to stop for a cuppa and consider the difficulties met by these brave men of yesteryear

Village News

Every year we say the Christmas Party was the best ever but this year really was the best ever. So many new faces, so many beautiful children all having a great time but still behaving so well. It was a pleasure to be there. One visitor remarked that it was a great party and we should do it every year. "We do" was the smug reply.

Many thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make it the success that it was - especially the musicians from Hilltop - we are so lucky that they come down here every year and do their bit for us - without them the party wouldn't be half as good.

There are so many to thank that it is impossible to mention them all - Sue and Fred and Julie and the others who cooked the sausages - Gabrielle and Simon who donated the sausages - Ralph who as usual did everything - The ones who donated and served the supper - everything so beautiful and fresh - those who donated prizes for the Tombola - what a lot of fun that was - Elizabeth who sold the tickets - Lesley who as always donated the beautiful Christmas tree which the little ones had so much fun decorating -and was finally donated to the Church - Julie who went shopping for Santa and helped wrap the presents - Lorraine, Leonie, Julie who decorated the hall and to Ian who was the best Santa you could wish for. A special thank you to Steve and Sylvia from the Tahmoor Nursery who donated bags of very helpful garden items.

So many people who did so much and made it such a wonderful night *thank you one and all!!!*
Let's look forward to next Christmas - it should be even better!

The Music Group had a great afternoon and night on Australia Day the music was good and the day was most pleasant there was a good crowd turned up and we think everyone enjoyed the day. The Music Group meet every fourth Saturday and everyone is always welcome

Thanks to Ernesto, Ian, Len, Gordon and Ralph who set up our new tables and seats in the yard. The day set aside for the job turned out to be cold and wet and as miserable as a summer day can be, but they puddled round in the mud digging the bases for the furniture. Then Mick came to the rescue with the loan of a post hole digger and tractor which was received with much gratitude and relief and made the job so much easier. Thank you Mick – thank you so much. It was appreciated more than we can say. And thank you too, to the Council for the grant which made it all possible. It all makes such a difference!. Our new tables and chairs were most popular at the Christmas Party. It was all very worthwhile.

We are sorry to say that the Spears Family are leaving us and going to Queensland, Lyle and Lisa have been great workers for the Association and the community for many years – We have been very lucky to have had such willing workers who, while ever they could, involved themselves in everything that went on, They will be sadly missed. Best of luck Lyle, Lisa, Justin and Rory – we will miss you.

The Councillors are launching their “Our Village, Our Future” Project on Saturday March 16th. It’s all very exciting so we have decided to turn it into a party - a Sausage Sizzle and all that - we

hope to make it a good night so do come along and help us make a good impression. (It might mean a new park for Balmoral) The Sausage Sizzle starts at 6pm.

Any workers forthcoming?

We want to make it a great success so as it is the eve of St Patrick's Day wear something green to be sure, to be sure, to be sure!
Hope to see you there

The hall is for hire to local residents at very reasonable rates If you have an event coming up where you need to hire it ring Ian Janoska on 4889 8170 - he is the keeper of the keys and will give you a good deal.

We have heard from the Small Hall Theatre Company offering us a show (a tragic melodrama in the classic Theatre Restaurant format) which sounds like a lot of fun) later in the year. We do hope it can happen.
More of this later as we hear from them..

Cookery Nook

Courtesy of Lee at Pheasant's Nest Home Delivery Produce

Home made Creamed Corn

Cut kernels off two corn. Place in a feed processor for about 20 secs just so the kernels are smashed up, in a pan heat 50 gr. Butter and fry 2 cloves garlic until soft add your smashed corn and 1/2cup cream or milk and heat stirring frequently, season with salt and pepper.

Cauliflower w Sesame, Cashew and Coconut sauce.

1 medium sized cauliflower cut into flowerets	60 grms grated coconut
2 tbl sesame seeds	5 tbls veg oil
60 grms Cashew nuts	2 cloves garlic
2 tbls lemon juice	½ cup water
Salt and sugar to taste	1 tsp black mustard seeds
2 tsp black pepper coarsely ground	Splash of Soy sauce

Sauce: Toast coconut, sesame and cashews until golden than place into blender, add lemon juice, garlic, olive oil and seasonings and blend until sooth (you can add some chopped fresh chilli if you like spicy dishes) add 12 cup water for consistency. In another pan, fry black pepper and mustard seeds in 1 tblsp veg oil for 1 min, then add cauliflower and stir- fry for a few mins Add sesame sauce and another ½ cup water and a splash of soy then simmer for 5 mins until the cauliflower is only just cooked but still crisp, season with salt and sugar to taste and serve. Serve with plain steamed rice or as a side dish to any fish meal.

Buttered cabbage and corn.

Thinly slice cabbage (about 3 cups), cut kernels off 2 corn and stir fry with oil garlic, a pinch of cayenne pepper and salt.

Add ½ cup water and cover steam for 1 minute.

Serve as a great side dish for any meal.

You can contact Lee for delivery of beautiful fruit and veg on

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Free disposal of televisions and computers at Council's Resource Recovery Centre

As of 1 with a network of other waste facilities and together, we can save a January 2013, Wingecarribee Shire Council will be accepting computers and televisions free of charge at its Resource Recovery Centre (RRC).

The free drop off is part of the new National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, a key initiative under Australia's National Waste Policy.

Under the proposal, residents will be able to drop off a range of electronic goods for free which will then be recycled.

"It's estimated that in 2011 almost 29 million televisions and computers were disposed of across Australia," said Council's Resource Recovery Site Supervisor, Andrew Leslie. "Unfortunately, many of these units ended up as landfill."

As part of the initiative residents can now recycle computers, laptops, notebooks, PDA's, tablets, computer peripherals including adaptors, cables, parts and accessories, printers and all types of unbroken televisions, monitors, projectors and flat panel screens free of charge.

Council is hopeful that by joining this national scheme it can help lift the national electronic waste, or E-Waste, recycling rate. "We saw a real demand for this type of recycling when we trialed a similar limited drop-off earlier this year," Mr Leslie said.

"At present the recycling rate for these types of electronic goods is just 17 per cent but we're hoping to lift this rate to 30 per cent by June 2013 and bump it up to 80 per cent within ten years time."

Whilst Wingecarribee Shire Council had previously accepted these types of electronic equipment, the goods were stock-piled before being sent to an off-site facility for processing.

"Until now, to responsibly deal with this waste was very costly," Mr Leslie said. "But now we're able to collect the units in conjunction significant amount in transport costs."

"In addition to saving costs, we're removing the hazardous materials some of these pieces of equipment contain and subsequently helping to reduce the amount of E-Waste which is ending up as landfill," he said.

Items that cannot be accepted under the scheme and therefore incur a disposal charge include DVD Players, VCR's, Set Top Boxes, whitegoods, microwaves and assorted kitchen appliances.

Of course you've heard about the soldier. Who saw a damsel in distress in the street, she had locked her keys in her car and was most upset. Our hero, though, rushed to the rescue, whipped off his pants and used them to open the car door. The lady was amazed.

"How did you do that?" she asked,

"Easy" answered our hero "I simply used my khakis!"

Poet's Corner (Thoughts on climate change)

Dirty days hath September,
April June and November,
From January up to May_
The rain, it raineth every day

All the rest have thirty one
Without a blessed gleam of sun
If any of them had two and thirty
They'd be just as wet and twice as dirty

The Weather was so dry that the Council had to close two lanes in the Municipal Swimming Pool

KIDS KORNER Courtesy of the Christmas crackers (How bad can you get?)

Q. What do you call a sick crocodile?

A. An illagator

Q. What did Baby Corn say to Mummy Corn?

A. "Where's Pop Corn?"

Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A. A Christmas quacker

Q. What can you make that cannot be seen?.

A. A noise.

Q. Why are policemen so strong?

A. Because they hold up traffic.

Q. How do snails keep their shells so shiny?

A. They use snail polish.

Q. What is a frog's favourite drink?

A. Croaka Cola

Q. What would you call a country where everybody's car was painted white?

A. A white car nation

Q. What goes "Woof, woof, woof, Boom!

A. A Terrier-ist

From The Southern Highlands News, March 19th and 21st 1980

PIONEER LABOURS INSPIRED SCULPTOR

"HUMAN ENDEAVOUR"

Carving the deepest railway cutting through a sandstone mountain outcrop at Hilltop a century ago was a monumental task for men with only hand tools and blasting powder. As a monument to them – Balmoral sculptor, Joe Enfield has erected a massive concrete sculptures near the scene of their labours.

The sculpture, in sandblasted pre cast concrete makes an impressive sight in the silent bushland setting near Saddleback Bridge at Hilltop, where it was erected last Monday

The mechanics of the sculpture are impressive. It weighs 37 tonne and comprises two main parts. A smaller base supports a 21 tonne section. This structure is reminiscent of the stylized figure of Atlas supporting the world on his shoulders. The sculpture lies in the east west line and throughout the day, the passing sun throws an ever changing shadow pattern which further emphasizes the triangular shapes. It is particularly awe inspiring on a moonlight night in the absolute silence of the unspoilt area.

Mr Enfield, German born and a hardworking plumbing contractor in Sydney for 25 years came to Balmoral with his musician wife, Ann four years ago where, at last he could indulge himself in his art.

He had developed an interest in art in Germany as a young person when he helped a sculptor friend of his father. His interest carried through to a major work in Sydney about six years ago.

This is a three metre high sculpture entitled "The twelve Tribes" on which he and several other craftsmen worked.

Mittagong Council who had approved the contract some time ago, was represented by the Shire President, Cr Jim Gasson and Hilltop Councillors Mrs May and Ben Chalker, all of whom voiced unqualified approval of the massive grey sculpture

About twenty local residents were present during the erection process and all were delighted with the final effect, certain to become a landmark, especially if promised landscape later results in the area being used by the passing public

Editor's note: Unfortunately, the Council did not live up to its promise of landscaping and are now no longer Mittagong Council. The monument has been left to stand forlorn and neglected for thirty two years now – the brass plaque that explained what it was all about has been stolen by some miserable thief. The monument was put there to honor the men who worked and died on the job building the **deepest hand cut** cutting in the Southern Hemisphere, which is something to be proud of, not neglected or used as a dumping ground for road building materials or unwanted household rubbish as seems to have become its fate.

The local Association have often wanted to do something to make it what it should be, but, unfortunately never have the money as it is all we can do to keep the hall going. You see people every day parked by the bridge looking down at the cutting and there is not even a sign to tell them what a wonder they are seeing.

Its design is very interesting in itself as Joe explained it, it is designed as a series of triangles though no triangle can be seen in it, Next time you go past don't just drive by, stop and have a look at it. It is really quite amazing.

**Balmoral Village N.S.W. Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade
News**

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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.

Brigade News:

We have had a mixed bag of weather this fire season from a catastrophic day to pouring rain, thank you to the residents who came and spoke to us at the Fire Station on those high risk days when we were at Station and informing us where pumps and water supplies were on their properties. Balmoral Village Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade members attended a couple of fire calls out of area to Yerrinbool and Bigga near Crookwell. We also attended one burning off call within the Village, this is disappointing that some selfish residents still do not take the No Burning Off seriously and continue to put our residents and fire fighters at possible risk. If something goes wrong when they do this, any damage, injury or death will be on their shoulders and they will be dealt very harshly as they should be in a Court of Law.

Three members have recently had their assessments completed successfully, congratulations to Elisa Flemming, Scott Marks and Glenn Greenup.

Brigade Activity:

We will shortly be starting up our hazard reduction program for the season; these will be done over weekends, weather permitting. We have a couple of hazard reductions that have been put over from the previous year which we will try to get done this year, we try to get as many done as possible and they need to be prioritized which is why some may get put back.

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

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 fire station drop in to grab an application form, or to just say hello and have a look around.

Listen to local media, RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 679 737 for updates.

Thank you for your time.

Captain Brendon O'Connor
Balmoral Village Rural Fire Brigade
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Puzzled about his first lesson in evolution young Joey asked "Mum, is it really true that I am descendant of apes, monkeys, and gorillas

'I really don't know" she replied "I never met any of your father's family.