

# Village Voice



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It has been a very quiet in the village since the last Village Voice went out. The cold weqther is not very encouraging for people to go out and everyone seems to have been suffering from the winter blues colds, sniffles heed aches, you name it – we have all had it. This year seems to have been worse than usual but nevertheless we did hid have our Bush Dance which as always was a lot of fun It's a pity more people don't come to these affairs as they are always such a lot of fun.

The Bonfire had to be postponed because of a weather forecast predicting strong winds (which didn't eventuate – It would have been an ideal night) but it was held the next month, a beautiful moonlit night, cold but with a great fire to keep everyone warm Beautiful music to enjoy as we sat around the fire.

Many, many thanks to the Music Group for their wonderful help and support they gave, it was appreciated very much. The Music Group meet at the hall every fourth Saturday, it is a very pleasant afternoon lots of fun and music and everyone is welcome whether you can perform or not – just come and be entertained.

Thank you too to those people who rolled up their sleeves to help when things began to get too much to handle Janine, Elizabeth, Sylvia thank you, thank you.

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We now have the air conditioning installed and working in the hall

The Music Group were full of praise for it,  
So now we don't have to freeze when we are there.

We thank the Council very sincerely for this generous support and especially Mr Jason Gordon the former Manager of the Council who was the power behind it but unfortunately he was no longer with us to celebrate by the time we finally got things done, but we are not likely to forget him very quickly.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. The following members were voted to the committee

<b>President:</b>	Ronnie Ibbett
<b>Secretary:</b>	Julie Lawrence
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rita Flemming
<b>Social Secretary:</b>	Judith Collins
<b>Hall Hire:</b>	Ian Janoska
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Ralph Emmerson

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A lot of people go walking in the village it's good for your health and a wonderful place to walk but some people have advised us that if you walk along the railway line on the south

end or if you kids play there, please be careful as there have been found a number of used hypodermic needles thrown on the ground, . Please kids. Be careful don't touch them. You don't know how dangerous they can be. We don't know if the Council have been advised but keep a good lookout.

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Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Pat Quinlan who were married at the hall on the 16<sup>th</sup>. August, Pat has always been a great supporter of our association and we wish them both all the very best for their future life together.

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The next Theatre Night will be held on October 18<sup>TH</sup>. This is always a great night out . We don't yet know the name of the play they are producing but if it is anything like the ones we have already seen.it will be well worth while. We will be having the usual supper afterwards so come along and enjoy yourself.

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The Christmas Party ahs been set for Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be more information later but for now, put it on your calendar so that you won't miss it

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The land on which the hall at Balmoral stands was deeded to the people of Balmoral in the 1800s and is under the trusteeship of the Crown Lands Department and finally to the trusteeship of three local people The Crown Lands are also responsible for a great deal of public land in NSW of which they are now trying to rid themselves. They have offered the halls to the various relevant Councils none of whom are anxious to take on the responsibility of the extra cost in maintenance etc. which is not surprising. Our hall and Glenquarry

hall are the two halls offered to our Council who maintain that they would cost in the vicinity of \$220,000 to get up to standard - most of which would go Glenquarry as the hall there is in much worse condition than ours.

Our hall was built in 1839 by the local people after the original hall was burn down in a bush fire and has been kept in good repair by the generations of local people especially local tradesmen who have generously donated their time and equipment and by the other people who have done al the hard work over the ears.

A lot of those people have died and a lot have left the district and many are still here and working very hard to keep he place in good condition. It is the only meeting place we have in long, separated community.

We have no shops, no church. no Post Office, no place where people can meet and greet except our hall and we try to keep up activities there to try to keep the community together and to raise enough money to keep the hall in repair and pay the insurance and all the other official costs in running such an establishment We try not to ask the Council for too many grants but when we do they are always very generous and helpful, We hope they don't desert us now.

There is to be a briefing session in October when members of both hall committees will be asked to present their cases so we will let you know the result in the next issue.

Keep your fingers crossed for us.

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One of the reasons we love the Irish is because unlike many other peoples they can always tell a joke against themselves and don't depend on clever insults to others that sometimes are not very funny at all. Some of the best Irish jokes we have heard have been told by Irishmen. Here are a couple of them;



Paddy was coming home one afternoon when in the middle of the street he saw a Rarie. He was immediately in love and took it home to proudly show his wife his wonderful find, but she ordered it out of the house and told him to get rid of it – or else! So he went over to his best friend's place and offered it to him but he said "It's a beauty all right but my wife wouldn't let me keep it no matter what". So he took the Rarie all over town to everybody he knew but no one would take the thing.

His wife demanded he get rid of it - one of them was going she said, so the only thing he could do was to take it to the next town which was on the coast and drop it over a cliff into the sea and hope it would be lucky enough to drift off to another country where people might be more appreciative, but with a heavy heart as he looked down over the cliff to the sea he said sadly to himself "It's a long way to tip a Rarie.'

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A man was taking his evening stroll along the river bank where he saw another man fishing. When he caught up to him he said "Hello, are you catching anything/' the fisherman who proved to be an Irishman said "Not really, but I just caught a whale."

The man was astonished. He looked around and could see no sign of anything fishy anywhere so he said "You caught a whale? What did you do with it?"

The fisherman answered "Oh I threw it back."

"Why on earth did you do that?" asked the man.

"It was no good it didn't have any spokes in it' was the answer.

## Poet's Corner

### WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD IT WOULD BE

If only a king could be king without state,  
If only a rich man would give at his gate,  
If only a poor man could laugh at his fate,  
What a wonderful world it would be !

If only the plain folk who haven't a gift  
Could be lending a hand or giving a lift;  
Or hailing a ship that is going adrift,  
What a wonderful world it would be!

If only the love and the dream in my heart  
Could still the world's sorrow and soften its smart  
Our lover would be God's love and doing His part;  
What a wonderful world it would be!!!

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The trouble with a kitten is that  
Eventually it becomes a cat.

(Apologies to Ogden Nash)

## Cookery Nook

### Beef and Pasta Bake

2 tbsns Olive Oil	1 onion
1 clove garlic crushed	2 bacon rashers chopped
1 sml carrot chopped	1 stick celery chopped
300gr mushrooms chopped	500gr minced beef
400gr can tomato soup	2 tbspsn tomato paste
¼ cup tomato sauce	½ teasp grated oregano
½ teasp dried marjoram	150gr spiral pasta
Dash of Tabasco sauce	1 cup grated tasty cheese

Heat oil in pan , add onion garlic and bacon cook stirring until onion is soft. Add carrot, celery, mushrooms, cook further 3 minutes. Add beef , cook stirring until well browned, add soup, paste, sauce, herbs and Tabasco, bring to boil, simmer covered for 20minutes stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, add pasta to large pan of boiling water, boil uncovered until just tender, drain. Combine pasta and beef mixture, transfer to an ovenproof dish (8 cup capacity) top with cheese. Bake in moderate oven about 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and lightly browned. Serve.

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I am not a vegetarian because I love animals I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.

# **New South Wales Rural Fire Service**

## **Balmoral Village Volunteer Fire Brigade**



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### **News from the Captain:**

Good day to you.

The colder weather is on the way, here are a few helpful hints to keep the family safe;

- It is time to start the coming into spring clean up.
- Clean gutters and any debris on your property.
- If you are doing your own clean up burn off, keep the pile to a manageable size, the material you are burning needs to be dry and let your neighbours know before you light up.
- Please ensure you clear around the pile and have a source of water close by, no lighting up if it is too windy!
- Start checks on pumps and other items used to defend your Home during warmer months.

All ready it has been busy with fire calls in our Shire and in other States around the Country. We could be in for a hot summer by all indications at this time, this could bring a higher risk due to lack of rain.



NPWS have been conducting hazard reductions in Hilltop and Buxton on the Western side recently and these will be joined when they do from Hilltop to Buxton in the near future.

Congratulations to the following members on passing their Bush Firefighter training and assessment:

Nerilly Thomas, Michael Lacey, Tracy McCutcheon, Lorann McCann, Amy McCutcheon, Greg Walker. Russell Scholes and Connor Scholes. Thank you for volunteering your time to help protect our Village and surrounding Villages.

Congratulations to Warren Davis, Scott Marks and Elisa Flemming on passing their Village firefighter training course and assessment.

Peter McCutcheon only has assessment for the Advanced Firefighter course he has been doing over the last couple of months.

### **Village Brigade Hazard reductions:**

Brigade volunteers have started conducting a number of hazard reductions in and around the village early due to favourable weather conditions – weather permitting we will continue over the next couple of months.

## Kids Corner

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it's gone!

My hand measures nine inches, three more and it would have been a foot,

'If the palm of your hand itches you are going to get something – if your head itches you've already got it.

On the other hand, you have different fingers,

Why did the man with one hand cross the road?  
To get to the second hand shop of course.

If I'm standing at the North Pole, facing the South Pole and the East is on my right hand what would be on my left hand?  
Fingers!

Why did the silly kid stand on his head?  
Because his feet were tired.

My uncle has a cedar chest,  
So what? My father has a wooden leg.

What disappears when you stand up?  
Your lap.

## **In Your Garden**

Courtesy Naomi Williams      Tahmoor Garden Centre

Hello again, Village Gardeners, Spring, it's here – the wattles are in full bloom, that smell of warm weather is in the air and our gardens come alive. All those deciduous trees that have been naked through winter are bursting into leaf and flower, Did you remember to pray your trees? It's not too late, deciduous trees such as stone fruit and roses should be sprayed again now for fungal and pest control, spraying with either a copper or sulphur based product will help prevent attack and allow your trees and roses to come into leaf and flower and flourish with minimal pest attack. Strengthening your plants now means less spraying throughout the next coming seasons.

Feeding your garden is important in spring, so feed everything now. I feed all flowering garden beds using composted manures and Dynamic Lifter. Azaleas and Camellias are very hungry as they have taken most of the nutrients out of your soil to flower. Feed them with a specific fertilizer and they love a great feed of cow manure .

I can hear those lawn mowers again, are you mowing a green lawn or weeds? Spray your lawn for weeds now before they take over. Spray with a selective herbicide, remember to take a note of what type of lawn you have to get the right spray for your type. Once sprayed, feed with fertilizer suitable for your lawn type.

Stephen and I can help you here at Tahmoor Garden Centre with all your gardening needs and feed your hungry bodies with some freshly baked in house cakes and yummy lunches in our café. Sylvia makes the best coffee and cakes in town  
Look forward to seeing you all – Happy gardening.  
Naomi



Hello, I am Louis Amateo and I am the owner of Autoplus Mechanical Repairs next to the BP Service Station in Picton. I and my partner Naomi moved to Balmoral Village in June 2013 from Wollondilly, I have been in the mechanic business for 35 years and have come from a family of respected mechanics.

I am offering to my fellow village dwellers quality service at realistic prices. I have a team of qualified mechanics who take pride in their work and will make sure your vehicle is fitted with quality parts. If you can't get your vehicle to me, I can arrange a pick up and drop off service, as I do for many of my village neighbors.

My business is open 6 days a week and I look forward to meeting you all and offering exceptional service.

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Here's one for the Maths Class:

Before America was America there was an Indian who had three wives. To the first one he gave a buffalo skin, to the second one he gave a horse hide and to the third one he gave a hippopotamus hide.

In time the one on the buffalo skin had a baby - a boy, then shortly after that the one on the horse hide also had a baby another little boy, then, later still the wife on the hippopotamus skin had twins - two more boys!

So the squaw on the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws on the other two hides