

Village Voice



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Balmoral Village Reserve – Opposite the hall

There has been a lot of history and communication on this council owned block over the years. Members of the BVA have recently met with a representative of Wingecarribee Shire Council at the site.

Council have said their understanding of how things currently stand are:

- Within the Developer Contributions Plan – there is money identified for Balmoral Village Green – Passive Park.
- Wilson Drive Footpath Project – there was \$150k allocated in the 2021/22 Capital Program for the delivery of a footpath along Wilson Drive from Hall St to the railway level crossing.



Progression of the project largely stalled upon discovery on the reserve containing both Hairy Geebung and Mittagong Geebung which are both listed as endangered flora within NSW. In light of the recent habitat investigation and internal collaboration, council are now confident that they are able to proceed with works within the cleared area and APZ. But no works are permitted within the uncleared areas.

With all this in mind, their proposal is for a concept design to be made up internally, showing the Wilson Dr footpath now passing through the cleared area of Balmoral Reserve, gated at either end, with some park furniture & a low maintenance play space located along it. They will put the concept design up for community consultation, then look to finalise it based upon feedback received.

Community Links with Danielle

The Community Bushfire Project has a few upcoming events!

- Sunday 18th September, we will be having owners Judith and Paul Collins of Earth Keepers give a free guided tour of their edible and medicinal garden. This tour booked out very quickly, so we will be organising another one which is soon to be announced.
- Saturday **24th September** will be running a group of stalls at the **Warragamba Community Day Markets**. With live art by Michael Fardon, interactive kids' art with Melissa Barton, a bush tucker spread by Jacqui at Earth Seed and Fire, native plants provided by Greg at Yama 2 You and a free photobooth. We would love to see you there.
- **October 9th** @ Balmoral Village Hall and **October 16th** @ Wingello Village Store, Julie Vulcan and Casey Gibson will be running a **Citizen Scientists workshop**, learn what it is and how to join! We will soon be sending out more information and how to RSVP.

If you would like to know more about any of these events, upcoming events or just to get in touch in general, please get in touch with me, Danielle, at 0437 378 625 or DanielleV@communitylinks.org.au

What's on in Balmoral Village

The primary goals of the Balmoral Village Association are to maintain the hall and its grounds and keep the community connected to it by providing a facility for everyone to use. As well, the Association helps to ensure that the Village has a voice with our Council and Government departments and ensures that the need of the community can be heard.

We are excited to advise that over the next 18 months the Balmoral Village Association intends to offer a calendar of special social events and a range of regular activities such as **Bootcamp, Ukulele lessons, Yoga/Pilates** and **technology lessons**. These activities will be free workshop sessions across a variety of interests.

Some of the larger events up for consideration on this calendar include '**Country Hall Concerts**' - (series of concerts of different musical genres), a **Bonfire night, Trivia night, Halloween Party** and of course our annual **Christmas Party** as well as continuing to offer **Easter Egg Hunts**. We may even try to host a **Bush Dance**.

These functions will provide a great way to meet the newcomers to the village and encourage residents to reconnect, face-to-face with each other. We hope that many of these events will become a regular part of our social calendar.

Of course, we cannot run these events without your assistance and support, so if you would like to get involved, please contact someone from the Association. For details on how you can do so or if you have any suggestions for activities you would like to see at our hall, please email us at:

balmoralvillageassociation@gmail.com



Balmoral Village Christmas Party Saturday 10th December 2022



Banana Cake Recipe

Recipes by Rae-Anne

INGREDIENTS:

4 Medium Ripe bananas (1 ½ cups mashed)
½ cup (125ml) light flavoured olive oil
3 eggs
1 ½ cups (265g) brown sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 ½ cups (225g) self-raising flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Place the bananas in a bowl and mash with a fork. Add the oil, eggs, sugar and vanilla and mix to combine. Add the flour and cinnamon and mix to combine.
2. Pour into a 22cm round cake tin lined with non-stick baking paper. Cook for 45 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Allow to stand in the tin for 5 mins before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Serves 8-10



Village Hall Works

You may have noticed further work occurring at the Village Hall over the past few weeks. We are very happy to be making positive changes to the hall and its grounds.

- The toilets have just been renovated, with the installation of new cisterns, pans and tiled floors. They are about to be painted internally to make them much nicer.
- Thanks to the "Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants" the Association are currently doing an electrical upgrade to the hall and providing a new power link down to the tennis clubhouse. Other grants from Wingecarribee Council and St Vincent de Paul have given the Association the funds to provide lighting to the tennis/basketball court and outdoor lighting for the hall, the grounds and the tennis clubhouse. You will see further work on these projects over the next couple of weeks.
- Additionally, an extensive camera security system is being installed, covering the buildings and grounds of the hall. This will provide much needed security as we improve the infrastructure in and around the hall and court.
- The two slabs near the court are awaiting the installation of two pavilions with electric BBQ and picnic table sets.
- Following the electrical installations, the Association will be working towards installing paths and gardens.

If you would like to be a part of these projects to improve the hall, we could really use a few pairs of extra hands. Just contact one of the committee members or email the BVA.



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Balmoral Village RFS Contact Information:

Captain - Peter Lawrence
Deputy Captain – Scott Marks

Ph: 0427 932523
Ph: 0409 907624

Balmoral Village RFS - Get Ready Weekend.



The Fire Station will be open this **Saturday, 17th September from 10am to 2pm.** *Come along and enjoy the BBQ put on by the brigade.*

Preparing for the fire season is as important as ever and Get Ready Weekend is the perfect time of year to get ready. Our RFS Brigade will be available to help with advice, guidelines and resources.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FIRE PERMITS AND THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD WITHIN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AREA:

The Bush Fire Danger Period within the the Wollondilly and Wingecarribee LGA's **DOES NOT COMMENCE until the 1st of October 2022.**

Fire Permits will be required to undertake pile burning activities from that date and will be available from your local RFS Captain.



The new Fire Danger Ratings have four levels instead of six- Moderate, High,

Extreme and Catastrophic. When there is minimal risk, such as when it is raining,

'No Rating' will be used. This the white wedge sitting under Moderate.

There are actions for each level, so you will know what to do to protect your life, family and property. You can check the daily fire danger rating on the RFS website, in the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone app, or look out for the roadside signs.

DRAFT MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers,
Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre, 68 Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale

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9.18 Balmoral Village Geographic Names Board Submission

Report Author: Public Domain Asset Officer

Authoriser: Director Service and Project Delivery

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT:

1. Council support the proposal to change the locality name from Balmoral to Balmoral Village.
2. Council submit the proposal to the Geographic Names Board (GNB) for consideration.

The Manager Assets introduced the item.

MN 2022/162 MOTION moved by the Administrator

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DECLARED CARRIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Friday Playgroup

Playgroup has been regularly running each Friday at the hall since January 2021. When there is beautiful weather, activity tables are set up outside for the children. Photos are posted on the Balmoral Village Playgroup fb page, where children happily play outside with bikes and scooters, on the playground equipment and doing many organised activities.

Grandparents are encouraged to attend and school aged children are welcome in school holidays. Playgroup is on every **Friday from 10am-12noon**. Coffee and tea are provided, and parents are asked to bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation for the hall.

Amanda has passed the baton to Amber who has now just recently had a new little bub. Playgroup has been a little quiet the past few weeks with a few new babies and bad weather. Over the next few months, Playgroup is hoping to organise some fun days with hopefully a visit from the local fire brigade.

Join the fb page Balmoral Village Playgroup and come along and meet new friendly faces.

YOGA WITH NELL 🧘🧘

If you are looking for more balance and harmony in your life then come along to Balmoral Village Hall **Thursday evenings 7pm - 9pm** and let me guide you through a gentle slow paced yoga practice, while being held safely and supported with like-minded people.



~ **No experience necessary** ~

Come as you are and start from where you are at.

Entry ~ Gold coin donation, going towards up keep of the Balmoral Village Hall.

School terms only.

**NATIONAL DAY OF
MOURNING FOR
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**



PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022

Regular Events at The Hall - All Welcome

- Art group. Mondays 10am-1pm. Contact: Ingrid 0400460696.
- Highlands Physical Culture. Tuesday afternoons. Contact: Tanya 0409736010.
- Yoga with Nell. Thursday 7pm-9pm. School terms only.
- Playgroup. Fridays 10am-12pm. fb: Balmoral Village Playgroup.
- Music at the Hall. 1st Saturday of the month from 3pm. BYO Drinks & Nibbles. Contact: Paul 0427686449

Important Dates – All Welcome

- Balmoral Village Association Next General Meeting. 10th of October 2022 at 6.30pm

Hall Hire

- Online Booking: Balmoralvillageassociation.org.au
- Booking Enquiries: Paul 0427 686 449

Balmoral Village Association Contact

- If you would like a copy of the Village Voice emailed to you in the future or you have a date or information for the next edition, please contact Jane Cunneen, Secretary.
balmoralvillageassociation@gmail.com
- Please let us know if someone in the village has achieved something worth highlighting, and we will give them due recognition in the next Village Voice.

FOR ALL HALL BOOKINGS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
Balmoralvillageassociation.org.au