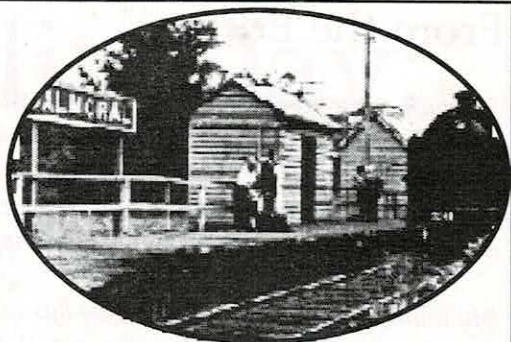


Balmoral

Village Voice



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DOZER BLOCKS RIVER ST.



River Street was blocked to traffic for two hours by a bulldozer on Wednesday night, 2nd February after a mishap while trying to load it onto a truck.

The dozer, a 26 ton Komatsu, had completed some excavating in Lemon Lane and was being loaded onto a float at the top of River street when the engine stalled.

"Without the engine running," explained the driver, "the brakes did not operate. The machine rolled down the ramps and fell onto its side."

Balmoral Fire Brigade attended the scene and dealt with a small amount of fuel which had escaped, as well as assisting passing traffic. The road was later completely blocked when a 50 ton crane was called in from Narellan to right the dozer.

Once back on its tracks the dozer was started and moved into Amy St, where it spent the night until it was successfully loaded the following morning. Scars on River st remain the only evidence of the incident. Pg 1

From the Editor:

So much news to cover in this edition! Many things have happened in Balmoral over the past few months. Most of these are good news or interest stories, but it concerns me to have to report on the vandalism which is continuing to be of nuisance value to residents in the village. It is a shame that we have a small element which doesn't value our great community.

My thanks go to Pat Lawrence who has come to the rescue with another Historical Feature this issue, with her memories of the 're-clearing' of the Balmoral Tennis Court. I am sure that you will find it interesting.

*If you would like to contribute something to the next Village Voice, drop it in to me at No 7 Station Street, phone me on 48 898 146 or Email me **at my new email address.** (paulmallia@yahoo.com.au).*

The next edition will be out in May. (It will be put together throughout April) so there's plenty of time to realise that you have some information that the rest of the Village might be interested in.

Paul Mallia.



Saturday, 4th March, 2000

Clean Up Australia Day is traditionally organised in Balmoral Village by the Fire Brigade, and this year will be no exception, aiming to clean up along the roadsides around the village.

It would be wonderful to see some new faces at the clean up, along with the seasoned helpers. As the roadsides become more littered year after year, a greater crowd on Clean-up day would make the load a lot easier. Any interested residents should **turn up** at the fire shed at 9:00 am.

Bring along a ute, truck or trailer if you have one, or **just yourself with gloves and old clothes.** then **stay** for a barbeque lunch.

Hope to see a crowd to help keep our little part of Australia clean !!!

Australia Day: In True Australian Style

Australia Day 2000 saw a healthy crowd enjoy Balmoral Village's inaugural limited overs Social Cricket Match.

Held at "The Elms", villagers gave their all in a three hour, 22 overs per side match.

A well earned lunch break under the trees was a perfect opportunity for some socialising before the play resumed for

the afternoon session.

Organisers, Lyle Spears and Greg Bardsley, pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm of the players, hope that the event will become an annual event on the Balmoral calendar.

Thanks to Leanne Ross for the use of her side paddock, Lyle spears for preparing the pitch and to Lance Lawrence who umpired the game.



Pictured above: The winning team captained by Lyle Spears .

Highlands Post : Trial Popular

The Highlands Post, a publication delivered free to residents throughout the Wingecarribee Shire is now being delivered, as a trial, to Balmoral Village.

After negotiations between the Association and the publishers of the Highlands Post, a trial has begun to see whether the paper is popular enough with residents of the Village. Each Wednesday afternoon or evening, 20 papers will be placed in a large plastic bin under the Village noticeboard, opposite the Railway crossing.

Over the past three weeks, all papers have been snapped up by villagers. If demand continues, the publishers have agreed to increase the allocation in the centrally located bin, but at this stage there are no plans to have the paper delivered to each residence in the village.

Village Vandalism Continues: Parents Unaware.

Continuing acts of petty vandalism throughout the village indicate that parents may be unaware of what their children and their friends do after dark.

Letterboxes have been regularly damaged or removed from their posts or fences on a number of occasions and the Village Hall toilet block has been damaged more than once over the past few months.

These incidents seem to occur on Friday or Saturday nights coinciding with parties held in the village.

Residents have compiled a list of dates on which the incidents occurred, including 18th December, 31st December and 8th January.

Adding to the frustration of letterboxes being damaged, noise and disturbances have, on occasions, occurred late into the night which have prompted some villagers to call Police to report the incidents.

Picton Police have suggested that, "If a disturbance occurs or if your property is damaged then you should contact us immediately. In this way, if a number of reports are made, we will attend to the incident more promptly. Knowing that we are involved will hopefully discourage the offenders."

Picton police can be contacted day or night on 46 771 288.

News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Christmas Party

It was another successful Christmas party in December, however crowds were down a little on last year. Thank you to all who provided assistance on the day. A community function does not just happen without the dedicated helpers in the Fire Brigade and Association. (see pictures Pg6-7)

Working Bee

A working bee is to be held at the hall on **Saturday 26th February**, beginning at 9:30 am and all interested residents are invited to attend. The recent vandalism of the toilets, as well as the high maintenance surface of the mudbrick have resulted in a committee decision to 'bag' the walls of the toilet block with a more durable cement mix.

Other jobs to be carried out on the hall are gardening and painting.

All assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare a little time on the day, please call Larry Wilson on 48 898 151.

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 marquee tent, ideal for people having parties at home. Contact Stephen Bishop well in advance, if possible, on 48 898 740.

Fire Brigade Saves Money

While recently renewing the insurance policy on the Hall, the Association were delighted to hear that the insurance company was recognising the fact that Balmoral Village had a functioning fire brigade.

The result of this was a 30% decrease in the cost of the insurance policy, due to the fact that the 'risk' was seen as being reduced.

Postal Address

The Balmoral Association shares a post office box at Buxton along with the Balmoral Tennis Club and Fire Brigade. If you would like to send correspondence to the Association, the official Address is:

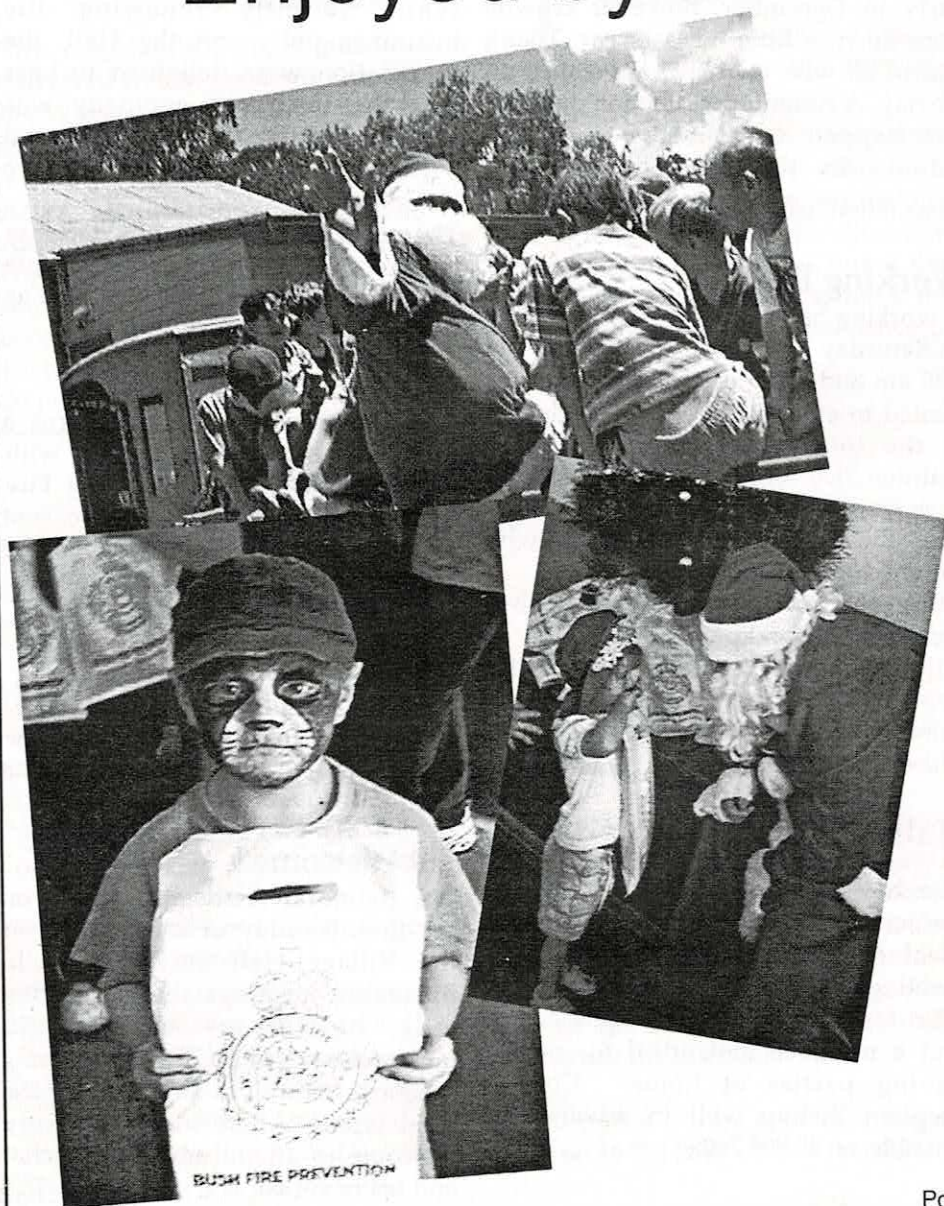
Balmoral Village Association
PO Box 87,
Buxton,
NSW, 2571.

(Content for the Village Voice can be sent to the PO Box or directly to the Editor)

All Welcome !

The Balmoral Association meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. In upcoming meetings the association will be discussing ground improvements to the hall fundraising functions, as well as any other topical local issues. All residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

Christmas Party - Enjoyed by All





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Pricing Policy for the Village Voice

At the August '99 meeting of the Association a price was set for business advertising in the VV.

A full page advertisement will cost \$40 or \$10 for each quarter of a page. Of course, community service or non-business ad's are free. If you have something you would like the rest of the village to know about, like your business, something you are selling etc, we'll even design your ad'. Contact the Editor for more information. (48 898 146)

Fire Brigade News.....

Fire Restrictions

A reminder that fire restrictions are in force until 1st April, 2000 unless otherwise announced. This date may change depending on weather conditions. This is a NSW Government requirement and there are penalties for breaking the law.

Until the end of 'fire season' a permit is required for all fires (not barbecues). Permits are obtainable from Captain Peter Lawrence by phoning 48 898 004.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Fire Brigade will occur on Wednesday night, 1st March.

All positions will be elected, and all members of the brigade are urged to attend.

Clean-Up Day

Clean-up Australia Day is to be held on Saturday, 4th March. All residents are urged to help out in cleaning up the ever increasing amount of garbage which is deposited along the roadsides. (see ad' pg 2)

Training

If you are interested in completing the basic firefighting training course, either to become a regular member of the brigade, or to assist you in the case of a fire around your own home, contact the brigade.

Membership /Meetings

If you would like to become a member of the brigade, whether to be an active firefighter or to learn about fire behaviour for the protection of your own home, why not go along to weekly meetings. Participating in the small upcoming hazard reduction activities or water pumping exercises might give you an insight into the work of the fire brigade.

The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the fireshed. The meetings are conducted in a relaxed social setting over a cup of tea or coffee and everyone is most welcome to attend. Business is conducted on the first Wednesday of each month.

Steve's Slashing Service

- * Small or Large acreages
- * Slashing
- * Fence post removal and general tractor work
- * Reliable operator

Ring Steve for a competitive quote.

48 898 740.

If you would like a birthday of a friend or relative added to our birthday list, contact the editor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

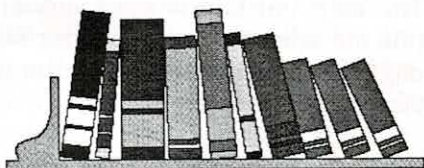
Duncan Tait - 1/3
Julie Lawrence - 8/3
Trevor Peddle - 14/3
Scott Lawrence - 16/4
Adrian Butler - 18/4

Wingecarribee Mobile Library - A change to Afternoons

Now 2:15pm -2:45pm
near Village Noticeboard

At Balmoral on:

Tues, Feb 8th, 22nd
Tues, March 7th, 21st
Tues, April 4th, 18th



From the Tennis Club...

Come and Have a Game!



The tennis club are always looking for new people to come along and join in their Wednesday social games, but may consider a weekend social game, Saturday or Sunday, depending on interest shown. The Tennis court behind the hall is also available for private bookings at very reasonable rates. Its good to see that more families and friends are hiring the court for casual games. If you would like to join any of the social games or to hire the court phone Pat Lawrence on (02)48 898 066. (Call the day or night before if possible). Children must always have an adult supervising.

Pat Lawrence.

Film Society Saturday Nights

The Autumn Programme.....

Saturday 11th March,

Pearls and Savages

Australian, 1921. Directed by Frank Hurley. (58 mins)

Nanook of the North

US, 1922. Directed by Robert Flaherty. (65 mins)

Saturday 8th April,

Sunday Too Far Away

Australian, 1975. Stars Jack Thompson. (95 mins)

Saturday 13th May,

The Tin Drum,

German, 1978. Directed by Volker Schlöndorff. (144 mins)

The Balmoral Film Society meets at Steve and Janine's at 5 Railway Parade (the old schoolhouse) on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm during daylight savings time. If you are interested in joining the Society please ring Steve or Janine on 4889 8479 .

Janine King.



The Balmoral Village



Raingauge

December

November

Nov 3 - 5mm
Nov 5 - 10mm
Nov 6 - 2mm
Nov 8 - 21mm
Nov 10 - 1.5mm
Nov 15 - 1.25mm
Nov 21 - 7mm

Dec 8 - 1mm	Dec 24 - 18.5mm
Dec 9 - 20.5mm	Dec 25 26.5 mm
Dec 16 - 3mm	Dec 26 - 16mm
Dec 17 - 3mm	Dec 27 - 33mm
Dec 19 - 2.25mm	Dec 28 8mm
Dec 23 - 3.5mm	Dec 29 .25mm

January

Jan1 - 2.5mm
Jan 8 - 1mm
Jan10 - 3mm
Jan 15 - 4mm
Jan 26 - 3.5mm
Jan 27 - 3.5mm
Jan 28 - .5mm
Jan 31 .5mm

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

Historical Feature

The Balmoral Village Tennis Club

The original tennis court was established in or about the 1920s. Apparently it was well used by the local people. They had competition tennis along the Loopline Villages, where the villages from Picton to Hilltop played one another. The original court was antbed surface.

I was talking to Shirley Harvey from Buxton who used to play with Ella Marsh, Bill Marsh, Dot Brown and Keith Murdock for the Balmoral Team. The Marshes won numerous trophies.

In 1980, a group of us, Dot Brown, Dot & Charlie Wilson, Mavis & Dal Bridge, Joe & Anne Enfield, Lance and myself (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone) decided to clear the site of the original court. We cleared the shrubbery by hand, no machinery, so as not to wreck the surface. It came up well and we swept and rolled it until it was fairly even. We found two nets under the hall and strung one between two posts.

We played on it for a year or so and took the opportunity to speak to a councillor who was at a meeting in the hall. We showed him what we had done and asked if the Council could get us some loam to fill in the dents. We must have impressed him because they not only put down a new surface, Bullio gravel, but fence posts, wire and a net winder, which we didn't already have. We purchased a new net from the Council through Government Stores at a reduced price.

Since then we've had two more surfaces, bitumen and an all weather surface. They were obtained through a dollar for dollar system with the Council. We have worked hard since 1980 to keep the tennis court functioning.

Pat Lawrence



Photo courtesy of Pat Lawrence

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Wednesday 1st March,
Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm at the Fireshed
- * Saturday 4th March,
Clean-up Australia Day,
Begins 9:00 am at the Fireshed
- * Tuesday 7th March,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 11th March, Film Society:
"Pearls and Savages". Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 4th April,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 8th April, Film Society:
"Sunday Too Far Away". Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 2nd May,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 13th May, Film Society:
"The Tin Drum". Contact Janine King.

Regular Events:

- * Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night,
7:30pm at the fire shed.
(business conducted on First Wednesday of month)
- * Tennis club play Wednesdays,
10:00am, at the the tennis club (behind village hall)

Phone Numbers:

- * Bush Fire Control Dial 000
- * Tennis Club or Tennis Court bookings,
phone Pat Lawrence, 48 898 066.
- * Film Society enquiries, phone Janine King or
Steve Harrison, 48 898 479.
- * Fire permits, Peter Lawrence 48 898 004.

If you have a date or other information for the noticeboard, contact the editor (ph48 898 146)