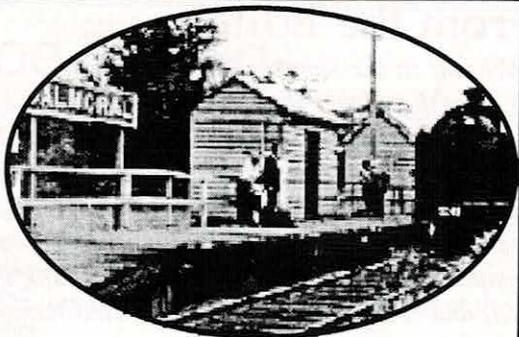


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Village Voice



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Centenary of Federation Grant to Beautify Village Entrance

Wingecarribee Shire Council are currently planning a tree planting project as a part of the Centenary of Federation Celebrations to be held in 2001.

The planned tree plantings will occur in each town or village of the Shire. Community groups who are organising the project for their area will be given \$800 to purchase plants to make unique street corridors or entrances to towns or villages.

It is hoped that the tree planting, to occur throughout the winter of next year, will create long lasting reminder of the Centenary of Federation.

Balmoral was initially overlooked but the Association brought the matter to the Council's attention, resulting in their August meeting endorsing the inclusion of the village in the project.

Community groups have been asked to plan the project in their town or village initially through community consultation, and then continuing to involve the community through the planting and care of the trees.

In the next issue of the Village Voice the Association will be asking residents for their ideas on where and what to plant.

From the Editor:

Welcome to the Summer Village Voice.

It is with sadness that the Village says goodbye to two of its long time residents after the passing of Joe Enfield and Frank Havorka. Joe was a very helpful and active member of the community, as a member of the Village Association for many years, and also of the Fire Brigade. Frank too was also someone who helped so many people out in his time in the Village. On behalf of the Association our sympathies go out to their families. Thank you to the people who knew them both well and contributed an article in their memory.

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:

(paulmallia@yahoo.com.au).

The next edition will be out in February. (It will be put together throughout January) 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.

Vale Frank Havorka

Frank Havorka, ("The Boss" or "The Frankie" as he was known), passed away on Thursday 5th October.

Frank arrived in the village in the early 70s. Although he moved to Balmoral to get away from it all, he developed close friendships with many in the village. He built his house and the biggest dam in the village. His next passion was sheds, to which he connected more water tanks than anyone I know. As Frank always said, "Australia is the dry continent. You must catch the water Man."

Frank was a clever man who could repair or make anything, and he always had the bit you needed. With most of his friends he shared a love of old machinery, and he used this knowledge to help me fix many of my pieces of junk, as he did with others too.

Frank's place was a haven for animals; dogs, horses, kookaburras and magpies. Frankie's dogs Sandy & Buffy, and later Rexie & Cora were always well loved by him, always well fed -

typical butcher's dogs. They were all spoiled. Frank used to call in to our place and even our dogs would greet him and sit by the tailgate of his ute waiting for "the bown".

I'll miss going up to Frankie's to sit around the kitchen table to have a yarn, a smoke and the occasional "Bulma Tea".

Frank will be missed, but remembered with fondness by all who knew him.

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Gordon Ibbett

Vale Joe Enfield

An appreciation by Steve Harrison

Long time resident of the Village, Joe Enfield passed away on 20/8/00

I wanted to write something about the passing of Joe Enfield. Each of us in the village will have had a different experience of Joe, our own experience. I want to write of my Joe, the person I came to know and respect.

Joe and Anne retired to live in Balmoral full time (they had been weekenders for many years) in about 1975. Janine and I arrived just a few months later. Joe sought us out soon after our arrival, he was the first person from the Village to visit us, he welcomed us both socially and personally and we were soon invited to take part in Village life, the Progress Association, the Bush Fire Brigade and to his home for dinner. Joe was straight into it; warm, friendly and welcoming. Joe became a very good friend and there is a hollow place now that he isn't here anymore.

I don't want this to sound like sentimental rubbish. I want to write something meaningful which expresses my appreciation of Joe as my mentor, without degenerating into sentimentality or schlock. I hope I can succeed.

The essential thing that Joe expressed was generosity, generous with his time, his skills, his knowledge and his experience. Joe liked me for some reason and encouraged me. In my early years here he employed me as a labourer which helped me financially, but more importantly he took the time to teach me skills. He spent his time on me for no personal reward to himself. I was employed as a labourer and he spent his time teaching me things. This obviously cost him, but he was endlessly generous in this way. It wasn't as if I was an apprentice and this time and effort would be recouped. It was a gift and I'm grateful.

Later, he encouraged me further and gave me the confidence to go into business in a larger way myself. He encouraged and supported me in those early years, for which I am eternally thankful.

I don't want to give the impression that everything was always perfect. We found common ground on social attitudes and politics, but disagreed on other issues, sometimes passionately. There was a whole year when we didn't speak and I regret that now, but life consists of a full range of experiences and we have to come to terms with everything eventually, even death and loss.

Perhaps my experience of Joe wasn't that different from other peoples, but for me it was special. I think of him with fondness and respect. He helped me so many times in so many ways, as he helped so many residents in the Village and farther afield.

After the fire that destroyed our workshop he was here wanting to know our plans and how he could help us. In essence he said he didn't know anything about pottery or mud bricks but he would do our plumbing and he wouldn't take a cent for it. As I said, he was endlessly generous.

Joe is survived by his wife Anne and three children. Marcelle, his youngest daughter, still lives in the Village.

News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

Community Day

A Community Day was held on Sunday 15th October at the Village Hall.

A small handful of residents attended to complete small but important maintenance and improvement tasks on the Village Hall and its grounds. Thanks to all who attended.

Keeping in mind that the Village Hall belongs to the people of the Village (and not the Council as with most Community Halls) it is important that the residents of the village show their support for its well being.

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 Larry Wilson well in advance, if possible, on 48 898 151.

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 V. 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 lighting of the hall and its grounds, ground improvements as well as any other topical local issues.

All residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

Vale Joe Enfield

The sudden death of Joe Enfield occurred today 20/8/00. Balmoral will mourn the loss of a man with strong community-minded spirit.

He and his wife Anne bought their block of land ("Oasis") in Balmoral in 1961 and came regularly to the bush for holidays. They became fulltime residents in 1975.

We were invited to dinner at the Enfields within the first month of our arrival in Balmoral the following year. It was there we discovered in Joe a man who carried strong convictions with a will to execute them.

He sought an excellence in people that was often hard to deliver and although one could passionately disagree with his point of view (and many of us had occasion to) he would never bear a grudge.

He was the President of the Village Association (the then Intercommunity) when we received a substantial grant of money from the Shire Council to line the Hall. He oversaw this project with unrelenting energy.

Our warm sympathies to his wife Anne, and to his children and grandchildren.

Janine King



*Balmoral Village
Children's*

Christmas Party

*Saturday 9th December
at the Village Hall*



*Starts 11:00 am
Lunch 12:00
Santa arrives 1:00*



*Games
Face painting
Christmas show bags for children
Free BBQ lunch for children
BBQ & drinks on sale for adults*

Ladies !!!

Are you new to the Village ?
Do you have some free time during the week?
Interested in meeting other Balmoral Women socially
over coffee / lunch?

Age no Barrier
Children Welcome

Proposed Venue - Village Hall / Playground
Day, time and frequency yet to be decided.

Interested ?

Call Deb (48 898 347) or Lill (48 898 151)

Fire Brigade News.....

Christmas Party

Please note that the Christmas Party for this year will be held on Saturday 9th December at the Village Hall. (See add pg 5)

This is an enjoyable day for adults and children alike, and much time and effort is put into the day so that the children of the village experience something that children in the city and suburbs really don't get to enjoy. We hope to see you there with your children.

Engraver for Hire

The Brigade has recently purchased an engraver to enable it to engrave all equipment, making it less inviting for thieves.

The brigade will hire the engraver to residents of the Village for a small donation so that they too can protect their valuable possessions. Contact the Fireshed, Wednesday nights, on 48 898 387.

Chainsaw Sharpening

Chains for chainsaws can be sharpened at the fireshed on Wednesday nights for a fee of \$4.00 per chain. Discount for Brigade members.

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.

Film Society Saturday Nights

The Summer Programme....

Saturday 9th December,

Pather Panchali,

Indian, 1956. Directed by S. Ray (111 mins)

Saturday 13th January,

Seven Samurai,

Japan, 1954. Directed by Akira Kurosawa. (184 mins)

Saturday 10th February.

The Journey,

Australia, 1972. Directed by Paul Cox. (46 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 .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to :

Peter Lawrence - 28/ 10

Nathan Hahn - 5/11

Paul Mallia - 8 / 11

Larry Wilson - 29/11

Samantha Dowling- 3/12

Jemma Hahn - 4 /12

Lisa Spears - 10/12

Sharon Spears - 10/12

Stretch - 22/12

Jared Everton- 7/1

Glenn Hahn - 17/1

Matthew Hahn - 18/1

Wingecarribee Mobile Library - Holiday Dates

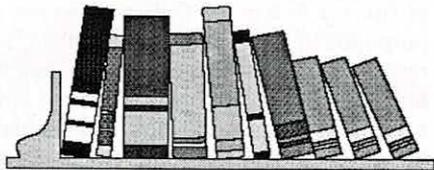
Now 2:15pm -2:45pm
near Village Noticeboard:

Tues, Nov14, 28

Tues, Dec 12

Wed, Dec 20

Wed, Jan3, Jan 17



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.

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The Balmoral Gardener

Tom Cunneen

A Brief History of the Rose- Part 1

Readers of garden magazines and watchers of TV's lifestyle programs would be familiar with when and how to prune roses, and what to do to all the nasty things that infest them. So instead of going through this information again, for something a little different, in this edition we will have a very brief look at the history of the rose, in particular, the Old or Heritage Roses.

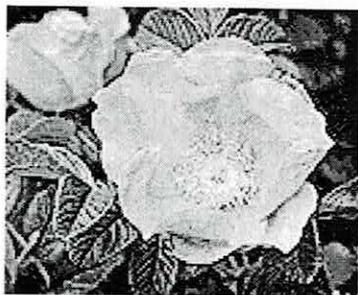
There are about 150 species of rose, which are native to most continents in the Northern Hemisphere. The wild roses are generally woody shrubs or scrambling climbers, much like the blackberry. On top of this, most have small flowers, thorny or prickly stems and lose their leaves in winter; some of these unfortunate characteristics not being improved in the centuries of breeding new cultivars.

Roses were used for fragrances and oils during the Sumerian civilization of Iraq around 2000B.C. Cultivation in China for ornamental purposes was noted around 550B.C. The rose was introduced to Europe by the Romans and was primarily used for medicinal purposes. The first European introduction of note was in 50B.C. This rose, called *Rosa damascena sempervirens* or Autumn Damask, flowers briefly in spring, and then, if lucky, briefly again in autumn. Stems on this species grow longer than 6 feet in a season. Forms of *Rosa gallica* or the Gallica roses are also thought to have been common for ornamental purposes in Europe up to the 1400's, and this rose is considered the ancestor of garden roses. Examples of the Gallica roses include "Anais Segales" (with deep pink flowers), and "Complicata" with white centred pink flowers. Heading towards the 1700's there were a number of introductions of species to cultivation, and several hybrid groups were formed including the Alba, Centifolia and Moss roses. The Alba rose (*Rosa x alba*) is thought to be the rose of the York family in the 30 year War of the Roses. This war with the Lancaster's for the throne of England began in 1455. The Lancasters chose the red rose *Rosa gallica officinalis* as their symbol. The Lancaster's won.

The first true repeat flowering roses were the China roses introduced in 1752. Although new for the Europeans, the China roses had been developed in Asia over a number of centuries. Today, the majority of the roses that we grow are derived from this group. An example of China roses is "Mutabilis", a semi climber with pink to copper coloured flowers. Tea roses (they smell like crushed tea leaves) were introduced around the same time. Examples include "Souvenir d'un Ami" with large, fragrant light pink blooms, "Lady Hillingdon" with yellow blooms, and "Anna Oliver" with creamy orange flowers.

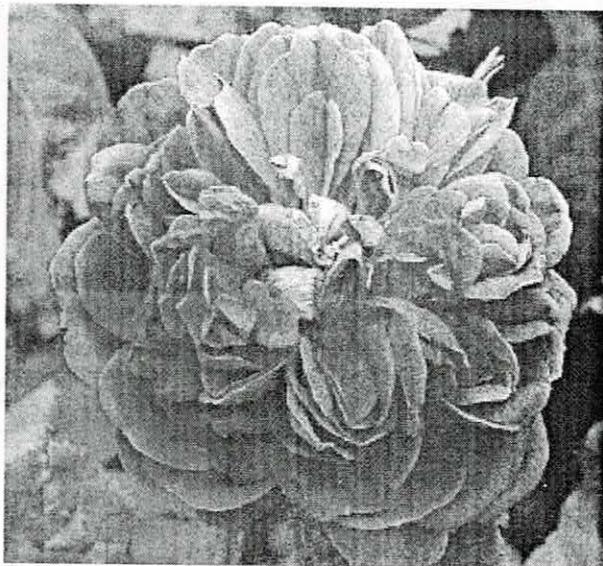
The China roses led to the introduction of the compact, repeat flowering Bourbon roses, (eg "Souvenir de la Malmaison" with very fragrant light pink blooms) and the Portland roses (or Perpetual flowering Damasks, eg "Comte de Chombord" with pink/lilac blooms with fragrance). Intensive breeding between the Gallica, Bourbon, Portland and China roses led to the development of the Hybrid Perpetuals, the most popular roses of the 19th century. Cultivars include "Hugh Dickson" with red, fragrant blooms, "Baronne Prevost" with deep pink blooms, and "Baron Girod de l'Ain" with red flowers tinged with white. Crossing the Hybrid Perpetuals to the Tea roses led to the development of the Hybrid Tea and Floribundas.

The first Hybrid Tea, "La France", was introduced in 1867. This started the era of the Modern Rose, and we will look at these in a future edition of the Village Voice. During the centuries, the Climbing roses, Rambling roses and Scotch roses were also developed.

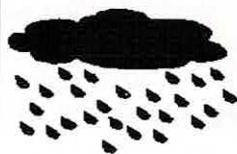


Above: *Rosa Damask*
"Rose de Rescht"

Right: *Rosa rugosa*



Thanks to timelessroses.com. Also to ortho.com for the *Rosa rugosa* picture and Botanica for the "Rose de Rescht" picture. For more information on roses, go to www.links2go.com and key in roses, or our local bookstore. To order some old world roses for your garden, try Spring Park Nursery in Victoria on 03 5348 3351, or ask our local garden centres.



The Balmoral Village

Raingauge



August

Aug 6 - 1mm
Aug 8 - 1mm
Aug 12 - .5mm
Aug 13 - 6mm
Aug 22 - 1.5mm
Aug 28 - 5mm

Sept

Sept 1 - 5.5mm
Sept 7 - 2mm
Sept 9 - 1.5mm
Sept 23 - 7mm
Sept 24 - 4.5mm
Sept 25 - 24 mm
Sept 26 - 7mm

October

Oct 8 - 12.5mm
Oct 9 - 11mm
Oct 13 - 9mm
Oct 17 - 1mm
Oct 18 - 13.5mm
Oct 19 - 1mm
Oct 20 - 2.25mm
Oct 31 - 4mm

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



Christmas Trees



for

Sale



“Glengariff”

Wilson Drive, Balmoral Village
(Between Balmoral & Buxton)



Open From

Saturday 2nd December
to
Sunday 24th December

Come and Choose Your Own Tree

Price Range: \$10.00 to \$25.00

Phone (02) 48 898 215



Historical Feature

I Remember When.....

Pat Lawrence shares some memories of the 1968 bushfires which burned through Balmoral.

The weather had been very dry and we were all low on water. The fires were burning everywhere. Lance worked on the railways then and he had to go to Wingello to replace burned sleepers.

Peter was in his first year at Buxton School. He went to school as usual but the fire were moving quickly and the school was evacuated. The children were all sent home.

Luckily my family lived in Buxton and Peter went home with my sister and brothers. They lived where Anna and Johan now live, next to the railway crossing. There were big pine trees about 4 metres from the front of the house and they began to go up with the heat. Thinking that Peter was safely at school I wasn't worrying about him.

At the time, the army were playing "warries" down in the gullies to the west of the Village. They had to get out because the fires were heading their way. They came up into the Village and came and saw us to apologise that they couldn't help us as they could only do things under orders. They gave some of their rations to the children. They said that they missed their own families as they had been in the bush for weeks on end. They left and the fire was coming fast from the west.

At that time we only had a trailer with a small tank and pump to fight the fires, which had to be attached to any available ute or car.

In the afternoon they came and told us that we had to evacuate. The fire was heading for the Village. It was very hot and the sky was red. I was becoming anxious because I had Jenny and Julie (who was about 18 months old) to worry about. Some of the older residents refused to leave but I had the girls to consider.

I threw a few things into the car and drove through the lines of firefighters and police, and drove to pick up Peter. I drove to Lance's sister's at Picton.

We returned the next day to the smell of burned bush. I don't recall any loss of homes in Balmoral.

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Tuesday 7th December, Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 9th December, Village Christmas Party, 11:00am at the Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 9th December, Film Society: "Pather Panchali". Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 2nd January, Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 13th January, Film Society: Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 6th February, Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 10th February, Film Society: 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 or Michael Course 48 898 645.

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