

# Village Voice

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What's this in the letterbox, not another Village Voice, that makes two this year. Things are looking up. There are several important matters happening that need to be shared with the Villagers.

Firstly, hands up if you noticed the change in the banner. Yes, that's it we've had another name change. More than that, we have a total new constitution. Our registration as an Incorporated Association has come through and we are now known as **The Balmoral Village Association Incorporated**. It is just on 104 years since the Balmoral folk first met to form our ancestor organization The Balmoral Progress Committee. The timing could not be better as this month is our scheduled **Annual General Meeting** so we can start the new organization off with a fresh management committee.

The second big announcement arrived just hours too late for the last Village Voice. So many people may already know; but for those that have not heard, we have received a \$3000 grant from Wingeecarribee Council to renovate the Hall kitchen. After our next meeting on we are going to be looking for volunteers to assist in the building. All offers of help, time labour, advise etc gratefully received. Contact Ian Tait on ph. 898 418

The final announcement is a follow up to the "Steam Trains to Balmoral" issue. The General Manager of the Rail Transport Museum Mr Arthur Tubby has agreed to come to our next meeting to talk about the Museum's plans for the rail line. This has particular implications for the many unofficial crossings of the rail line that have been built since the end of regular services.

First Annual General Meeting of the  
**Balmoral Village Association.**  
Sun 18th Sept.

10.30 a.m. Village Hall

**Special Visitor:** *Mr Arthur Tubby of the NSW Rail Transport Museum will answer questions about plans for the loopline rail line.*

**Did you know:**

Balmoral Village is situated in the tract of country originally known in 1820 as "Kennedys Brush", and lies south of the Bargo Brush which gave its name to the present town of Bargo. The older aboriginal name of "Merrigong" has never been fully recognized. Our Village is situated on what is apparently the Merrigong Range which is the main height of land which runs from Thirlmere and trends southwards to junction with the Mittagong Range at the head of the Nattai River. It appears the natives used it as a territorial route and made it known to the explorers Kennedy, Throsby and others.

**Balmoral Village Film Group**

Screenings in the Village Hall  
7.30 p.m. 2nd Sat each month.

**All Welcome, more information Gay Scott ph. 898 246**