

VILLAGE VOICE

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RAIL MUSEUM SEEKS YOUR ASSISTANCE

The NSW Rail Transport Museum has requested the assistance of the BVA in raising awareness as to their work with the upkeep of the Loop Line track which runs through the village.

The Museum is responsible for the upkeep of not only the rail tracks but the areas surrounding the track which includes weed management. To assist them in this task the museum utilizes a small rail vehicle which runs through the village on a regular basis to check the track.

Recently, a part of track on the northern side of the village was covered with topsoil, most likely to assist vehicles in crossing the track. Significant work was required by the volunteers at the museum to restore the tracks and the Museum staff have requested that village residents respect the need for ongoing use of the track and not inter-



fere with it in any way.

Presently there are two official crossings, one in the middle of the Village, adjacent to the fire shed, the 2nd to the southern end of the village.

The BVA has made a suggestion to the Museum representative that a third northern crossing would be beneficial to all and would assist in

Pictured Above: Volunteers from the Museum clearing tracks at Balmoral.

preventing damage to tracks and possible danger to the volunteers using the tracks for maintenance.

Any enquiries or comments can be made to Col Wilmot, Perway Supervisor Museum. Ph: 0401 571 790 or 46818001.

BALMORAL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Balmoral Village Association is a non-profit organisation formed and run by local residents. The main function of the Association is to manage and maintain the Balmoral Village Hall.

The Balmoral Village Hall is owned by the local residents of Balmoral and is not funded by council or any other government

agency.

The Association must raise sufficient funds, via Hall Hire, equipment hire and fund-raising social events to pay for insurances, electricity and repairs.

We ask you to help us run and maintain your Hall, by patronising the Hall and future social functions and helping us

whenever and however you can. We are always looking for ideas for use of the Hall, especially for community, educational, recreational and social purposes.

We also ask you to tell your children the Hall belongs to them as well and ask them and their friends to respect the Hall and its facilities.

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BALMORAL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Balmoral Village Association Annual General Meeting was well attended on Sunday 8th July at the Village Hall and despite the chilly weather and threat of rain all happily sat outside to enjoy the fresh air.

Official business included thanks to the 2007 committee for their efforts followed by annual election of officers who are:

Larry Wilson - President
Lyle & Lisa Spears - Secretary
Gordon Ibbett & Julie Lawrence - Vice President
Tom Cunneen - Treasurer
Lesley Bramich & Jodie Laing - Publicity Officers:

Membership to the Association is only \$5 per person or \$10 per family and is due now.

Your membership entitles you to discounts on hall hire Member Fees assist with the upkeep of the hall and grounds.

The BVA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (excluding July, due to the AGM) at 7.30pm at the Hall and all residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS....

Smoke Detectors - Have you Tested Them Recently?

When was the last time you replaced your batteries or pressed the test button on this life saving device?

It is suggested that smoke detectors be checked monthly. Checking your smoke detector on the first day of each month is a simple way to make this job a routine that wont be forgotten.

August - Time to Prepare for Summer.

While the weather is cooler it is an opportune time to prepare your house and land for the upcoming summer bushfire season.

* Trees close to the house can be trimmed, and overhanging branches removed.

* Leaf litter can be raked and burned or composted.

* Firewood near the house can be used up.

* Petrol powered firepumps can be tested and serviced as required.

* Fresh fuel can be purchased for pumps.

During winter months, although a fire permit is not required to burn waste vegetation, residents who wish to burn must still follow council regulations. These guidelines are available from Council.

Membership/ Meetings

If you would like to become a member of the brigade, whether to be an active fire-fighter or to learn about fire behaviour for the protection of your own home, why not go along to weekly meetings. The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet on the first and third Wednesday night of each month 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 and a training night is usually held on the third Wednesday.

P. Mallia - Secretary



FROM THE TENNIS CLUB - COME & ENJOY A GAME!

Come and get some light exercise. Bring the whole family, as it is a game everyone can get involved in.

We play Wednesdays at 10am - 2pm. We alternate with Hilltop Tennis Club, playing one Wednesday at our court and the following week at the Hilltop court.

The Balmoral Tennis Court can be hired an time.

Contact Pat Lawrence on
48 898 066.

Please ring the night before, so we can arrange things. Hire costs are very reasonable.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

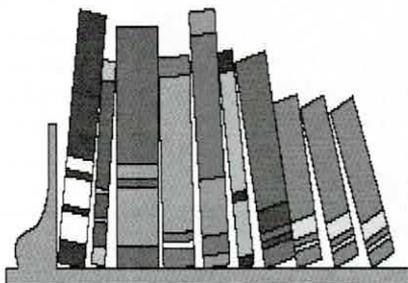
MOBILE LIBRARY

TUESDAY 2.45 - 3.30

The mobile library calls at Balmoral Village on Tuesdays between 2.45 & 3.30pm on the following dates for the remainder of 2007.

NEAR THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

August	7, 21
September	4, 18
October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11



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.

RUBBISH DUMPING

Don't forget, You can Help

If you see rubbish dumping occurring, contact Council immediately. The sooner you act, the sooner action can be taken. Ring the Resource Recovery Centre Speak to Wayne Willis, Investigation Officer. Ph 48 680 504 FAX 48 681 501 email wayne.willis@wsc.nsw.gov.au

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL SHOOTING FACILITY

The Hill Top Resident Action Group (HTRAG) is seeking residents interested in opposing the excise of 1,000 hectares of conservation land for the purposes of creating a Regional Shooting Facility for the Southern Highlands & Illawarra Rifle, Pistol and Shooting Clubs.

There are pending Development & Building Applications to the State Minister for Planning. This project is at a cost of \$4m and the main

points of concern to HTRAG members are:

- Environmental Damage
- Endangerment of flora & fauna including koala's
- Water pollution to Sydney Water Catchment
- Noise Pollution
- Due process in excise of the land
- Use of property by Army with undisclosed weapons

- Operating hours
- Further expansion of use .

If you have concerns contact HTRAG directly:

Post: PO Box 3024
Hill Top NSW 2575

Email: nogunclub@optusnet.com.au

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FROM THE EDITOR.....

After a short vacation through 2006/07 the Village Voice is back on track.

This newsletter is produced to bring you information and news on Balmoral Village and it's surrounds. Any funds raised by advertising in the newsletter are used

to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall and its grounds.

Please feel free to contact the editor with any snippets you would like to share —all contributions are gratefully accepted.

The Voice will be published 4 times a year and therefore your

support with articles, advertising and feedback will assist in publishing a meaningful newsletter.

One new feature will be the Spotlight where Balmoral residents are featured so you get to know your community.

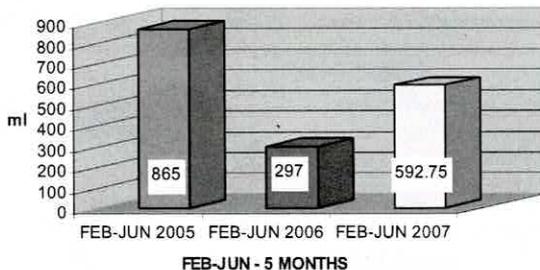
We look forward to your support.



THE VILLAGE RAINGUAGE

February		March		April		May		June	
Date	ml's	Date	ml's	Date	ml's	Date	ml's	Date	ml's
1	2.00	1	4.50	6	6.75	9	3.00	7	9.00
8	2.50	4	7.50	24	1.00	17	23.00	8	23.00
10	64.00	5	4.00	25	11.00	18	15.00	9	19.00
11	55.00	6	4.00	28	9.00	21	1.00	14	65.00
13	13.00	8	9.00			29	3.00	15	50.00
19	8.00	17	11.00					16	21.00
22	16.00	19	6.00					18	2.50
23	1.00	24	4.50					19	23.50
24	44.00	25	1.50					25	13.50
25	4.00							26	13.00
26	4.00							27	2.00
28	1.00							28	7.00
29	7.00								
Total	220.50		52.00		27.75		44.00		248.50

BALMORAL RAIN FALL



*RESULTS COLLECTED BY LYLE & LISA SPEARS IN BALMORAL VILLAGE READINGS ARE TAKEN EACH MORNING AT 7:30AM FOR THE 24 PREVIOUS HOURS.

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A SPOTLIGHT ON.....STEPHEN HOLLINGWORTH

I've been a Balmoral Village resident since 1986 and I am the owner of Tahmoor Garden Centre.

After completing an apprenticeship at Berrima Bridge Nursery and studying horticulture and nursery at Ryde School of Horticulture, I went on a working holiday, working and visiting gardens in England, Ireland, France, Canada and USA for three years, learning as much as possible and having fun.

On my return, I worked for a few local nurseries and landscapers before purchasing Tahmoor Garden Centre in August 2000 and my own home in Balmoral Village in 2001.

I am proud to be from Balmoral Village and cannot see myself living anywhere else.

So please on your next visit to the garden centre, mention if you are a resident, I would love to meet you and help with your gardening ideas.

Balmoral Village has a great climate for gardening and after superb June rain, we are ready for a fantastic spring.

Tahmoor Garden Centre specializes in trees, shrubs, roses, seedlings, fruiting, ornamental pots and statures, gardenware, garden chemicals and more.

The shop is open 7 days from 9am to 5pm for your convenience and always has qualified horticulturists to help you.

We offer free delivery to Balmoral Village and we hope to see you soon.

Happy Gardening....Stephen

SORRY TO SEE YOU GO.....



A farewell to the **Gibson family**. Formerly of 'Four Winds' in Balmoral, Marcelle and Robert, and their son David and daughter Rachael have moved away after more than twenty years of living here. Their company will be missed and we wish them all the best.

Contribution by Steve Harrison & Janine King

**60TH
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS
13 OCTOBER
9AM-11PM
STREET
PARADE
MARKET
STALLS &
EVENING
SOCIAL**

FRIENDS OF HILL TOP WAR MEMORIAL

The Friends of Hill Top War Memorial are advertising their bumper event calendar including:

GARAGE SALE—At the Hall 9-2pm on Saturday 25th August 2007

60TH BIRTHDAY Celebrations—An all day & night event including Market Stalls,

a Street Parade (which may include the very first fire engine from Hill Top Bush Fire Brigade); Live Music & Entertainment, Line Dancing & Dave Debs Family Social from 7pm (BYO).

Also coming up:
YOUTH DICSO NIGHT (at the Hall) on Saturday 10 No-

vember catering to both Primary Students (5pm-7pm) and Secondary (U18) from 7.30pm to 10pm.

FAMILY DANCE in January 2008 with further details to be announced.

Contact 4889-9467 for further details.



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**IT'S ON AGAIN... THE BIG
BALMORAL SPRING
CLEAN GARAGE SALE
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 20TH**



Book a Stall— \$30

Table Hire \$10 (First In First Served)

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Gates open at 9.00am

Bacon & Eggs Brekky 9-11am

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ALL DAY

**All proceeds to the Balmoral Village Association for the
Hall upkeep**

**Donations of Goods for the Association Stall
Welcome—Call Larry Wilson 4889-8151**

THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Regular Events:

- * Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night, 7:30pm at the fire shed.
(business conducted on First Wednesday of month)
Captain: Scott Whiting, ph 48 899 888
- * Village Association meet second Tuesday night of the month, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
President, Larry Wilson, ph 48 898151
- * Tennis club play Wednesdays, 10:00am, at the tennis club (behind village hall)
Contact Pat Lawrence, ph48 898 066

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, ph 48 898 479.
- * Fire permits,
Scott Whiting 48 899 888.
- * Hall bookings, Larry Wilson, 48 898 151.
- * Bowral Police: 48 629 299

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