

# Village Voice



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From the Editor:

Notice of **Annual General Meeting** for the Balmoral Village Association.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2022 at 2pm. General Meeting will follow, and afternoon tea will be provided. Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the association or as committee members need to be emailed to [balmoralvillageassociation@gmail.com](mailto:balmoralvillageassociation@gmail.com) These nominations must be made in writing and received at least 7 days prior to the AGM. The nominations must be accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.

All new memberships will be welcome at the General Meeting.

Membership is \$5 per person.

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**Have you seen these at the hall and wondered what they are for?**



In partnership with the BVA, Lions are funding and building a structure to cover an electric, double plate, wheelchair accessible BBQ and three table settings. The table settings will be similar in style to those currently at the front of the Balmoral Village Hall.

The cover, table settings and BBQ are Australian made and are from Australian suppliers Gossi Park and Street Furniture.

outdoor gatherings.

The two Gossi Hinterland structures, 6M x 3M each on two concrete slabs will accommodate the BBQ and the three table settings. It will allow the community to have

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**Wingecarribee Mobile Library** Contact: 0417 699 642

In front of Balmoral Village Fire shed - Tuesday 1.45pm – 2.15pm

July 26  
November 1,15,29

August 9, 23  
December 13

September 6,20

October 4,18

# Historical Feature

## Human Endeavour Sculpture – Balmoral Village

Written by Philip Morton Southern Highland News, June 27 2016. Photos: SH News/DBDH&FHS

The seven-metre high, 37 tonne concrete sculpture was erected in 1980 as a gift to all and tribute to the men



who in the 1860's toiled to excavate what was for many years Australia's deepest railway cutting. This was a monumental undertaking in those days with only hand tools and dynamite. The sculpture was erected near the scene of their labours.

Balmoral sculptor Joe Enfield, cast the huge work of art in two sections, a small mass forming the base, and the larger 21 tonne top section balanced upon it, forming a series of interesting triangles. The two sections were cast on site. Two big mobile cranes inched the massive top section into place, joining precisely on four long retaining bolts locking the massive work together.



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"The sculpture in sandblasted precast concrete makes an impressive sight in the silent bushland setting" remarked the Southern Highland News. "It is reminiscent of the stylised figure of Atlas, supporting the world on his shoulders and its composition in a number of triangular forms involves the strongest geometrical figure known. The sculpture lies in an east/west line and throughout the day the passing sun throws an ever-changing shadow pattern. It is particularly awe inspiring on a moonlit night in the absolute silence of that area." Impressed by the story of the men who carved the Big Hill railway cutting, Enfield conceived his massive sculpture at Wilson Drive as a monument to human endeavour.

## Loop line Upgrade

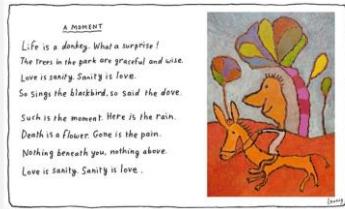
Wingecarribee Council are about to engage a consultant to design a concept for the area surrounding and including the monument as well as a viewing platform over the cutting in anticipation of the steam trains running the loop line. The intention as we understand, is to design and construct a viewing platform, a carpark, picnic table and a garden and walkway around the monument. They have assured us that we will be consulted as, considering it is located in Balmoral Village, we are major stakeholders.

Stay tuned for further updates.

The Loop Line Upgrade Project is a \$14.6 million NSW Government funded project to restore and reactivate the heritage rail line between Picton and Colo Vale.

For more information follow: Loop Line Upgrade Project on Fb  
[loopline@thnsw.comau](mailto:loopline@thnsw.comau) 1300 115599

### A MOMENT



### WINTER



Saturday, 03 June 2017

Michael Leunig



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Balmoral Village RFS Contact Information:

Captain - Peter Lawrence  
Deputy Captain – Scott Marks

Ph: 0427 932523  
Ph: 0409 907624

If you are planning to burn on your property, you need to let the NSW Rural Fire Service know before you light up. A notification form can be completed by visiting - <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications>.

- Material that is to be burnt must only be vegetation from the locality, not household or building material such as plastics, wooden pallets or cardboard boxes (please note it is illegal to burn treated timbers or tyres anywhere in NSW).
- Construct long and wide piles rather than excessively high piles. Piles that are too high produce more intense heat and retain heat for longer.
- Piles should not be greater than 2 m in length or width, and 1.5 m in height. Larger piles will produce more intense heat, will burn for longer and will be more difficult to manage safely.
- Logs over 150mm in diameter should not be added to piles.
- All material must be dead and dry before being burnt. If practical, place vegetation in an area where it will receive direct sunlight to allow the pile to dry out. This will allow for more efficient burning and will reduce the amount of smoke.
- No soft green weeds (such as wandering Jew, grasses, chick weed) should be added to a pile burn. These are most effectively disposed of by composting. Woody weeds such as lantana and privet are suitable. All noxious weeds must be treated according to the guidelines in the Noxious Weeds Act 2003.
- Where possible, construct piles on level ground. Fires will burn more quickly on slopes. If burning on a slope, stack logs to reduce the likelihood of them rolling downhill during the burn.

All the Rural Fire Service documents are available from your local RFS Fire Control Centre, or from the RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

## Wildlife Tips with Inga

Eastern long necked turtles - *Chelodina longicollis*  
(It is actually a side necked turtle, snake necked turtle)



These guys are the only native species local to our area/shire. They grow to about 25 cm long. The carapace (upper shell) is reddish brown, and the plastron (lower shell) is a creamy yellow, but that can change a bit, e.g., darker shading. These turtles are quite strong and can give you a good bite. When assessing a turtle, hold it with both hands, never turn it upside down and point the bottom end away from your face, they release a very smelly substance and, believe me, you don't want that on your face.

\* If you find a turtle that looks a bit different, PLEASE do not release it and let me know.

\*\* If you see a turtle, please also let me know, as we keep records of all sightings now (there are not as many as we thought there were).

\*\*\* Please do not put the turtle on the other side of the road, or the side it is going to, these guys change their mind all the time and lots get hit by cars, so, don't release near the road please.

### **IMPORTANT Turtles must be released within 1 km of where found.**

Also, unless you are sure that they are healthy (that's often a bit hard to tell), don't release it. Green moss on the carapace is good though, a bit like sunscreen for these guys, but there could be red worms crawling around in there.

Just a few things we look for in turtles: dehydration, shock, emaciated, bite wounds, shell injuries, head trauma, jaw fractures, tongue injuries, eye injuries, limb injuries, tail injuries, fly blown wounds, cloacal prolapse, snout abrasions, parasites, dysecdysis (improper shedding), skin diseases, fungal infections, parasites, etc. the list goes on.



Sadly, we've also got some feral turtle species, the red eared slider and other ex-pet turtles which have been 'released'. So, again, if not 100% sure, please contact me and I'll be happy to assess the turtle.



It is illegal to keep a native turtle (same as any native animal), even if you have a reptile licence. No animals from the wild, found or given to you, can be kept. Your licence will list the animal/s you have in care, they must be acquired through a registered breeder.

Call **WIRES: 1300 094 737 (24/7)**

**Lorraine 0477 467770** (birds and possums only)

**Inga 0417 218824** (all native animals, including snakes, monitors, bats, spiders, advice on native species, also scanning of domestic pets)

## **Winter Warmer**

### ***Slow Cooker Pea & Ham Soup Recipe***

#### **Ingredients :**

500grams green split peas

2 parsnips diced

2 carrots diced

1 large onion diced

1 large smoked ham hock

3 bay leaves

8 pepper corns

#### **Tips**

This soup thickens if left in fridge.

A splash of Worcestershire Sauce when serving is a bonus.

#### **Method :**

- 1 Soak split peas in water for 24 hours, then rinse & strain.
- 2 Place all ingredients into slow cooker.
- 3 Cover with water & cook on low for 8 hours.
- 4 When cooled remove ham hook, discard skin, fat & bone, shred meat with 2 forks & place back into slow cooker
- 5 Remove bay leaves & discard.
- 6 Stir & serve



## *Music at the Hall*

The local and not so local musicians have been meeting for an acoustic jam session at the hall on the first Saturday of the month for about 15 years.

You never know what each monthly session will bring, from folk to Irish, country to Jazz and everything in between. It's a very informal arrangement with everyone bringing their drinks, nibbles, and instruments; and either playing along or just listening and enjoying the music. A donation is appreciated to go towards the hall upkeep.

Feel free to drop in from 3:00pm-7:00pm. First Saturday of each month.

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### **Regular Events at The Hall - All Welcome**

- Art group. Mondays 10am-1pm. Contact: Ingrida 0400460696.
- Highlands Physical Culture. Tuesday afternoons. Contact: Tanya 0409736010.
- Playgroup. Fridays 10am-12pm. fb: Balmoral Village Playgroup.
- Music at the Hall. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 3pm. BYO Drinks & Nibbles. Contact: Paul 0427686449

### **Important Dates – All Welcome**

- Balmoral Village Association AGM. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Followed by General Meeting.

### **Hall Hire**

- Online Booking: [Balmoralvillageassociation.org.au](http://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](mailto: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.

### **New Events coming soon. Stay tuned.....**



**FOR ALL HALL BOOKINGS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
**[Balmoralvillageassociation.org.au](http://Balmoralvillageassociation.org.au)**