

Village Voice



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“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?”

The only good thing we can say about winter is that it is followed by spring, things have been a bit confused lately though, Summer fell on a Wednesday in Autumn and the flowers think it's spring already - there are jonquils flowering in May -(what a shock they are in for when the cold weather hits them - poor.confused little things) but we all will feel the icy blasts won't we?

It's lovely to see the first flowering of the wattles - when that happens we know it won't be long before the jonquils (the ones that are not all mixed up, that is) and all the other bulbs and the blossoms will not be far behind. But all of that is far away at this stage and we must prepare to face the cold. Let's look on the bright side and hope it will be a short winter!

A bonfire seems a good place to start so we are making arrangements for one and a Christmas in July and a Barbeque get together meet the people night so get your woollies together get in a supply of whatever it is you like to drink and come on in and have some fun.,

We will send a calendar of events for the next three months to put on your fridge to remind you of what is happening and hopefully encourage you to come to whatever is on. The more the merrier.

Don't let old man winter defeat you!!!!

Village News

Bunnings have offered us an opening for a Bar-b-q on the 24th June. This is usually a good fund raiser so we need some volunteers to cook sausages - slice onions and sell drinks and have a good time generally. It is usually done in four shifts - 8am to 10am - 10am to noon - noon to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm. If you are able to help in any way please let us know. The more the merrier.

Ralph Emmerson has been doing a lot of research into the possibility of putting solar power on to the hall. This would save us not only the regular power bill but will make a bit of a profit whilst the rebates are on and we need every penny we can get for the upkeep of the hall.

The hall belongs to the people of Balmoral - not the Council so we have to fund everything ourselves. It is available for hire like McNamara's Band "for wakes and weddings and every fancy ball"

The cost for hall hire is very reasonable - \$30.00 per hour in the daytime and \$50.00 per hour at night

For bookings phone Pam Kooyman on 4889 9035,

The hall maintenance is done by volunteers in their own time and for no repayment. They do it out of a sense of community.

We would appreciate as many kind souls as can come and help. If you hire the hall please leave it clean and take away your garbage as we cannot afford the cost of the Council garbage service -- they do not provide this - even as a community service.

Many thanks to Russell Scholes who regularly keeps the grass cut. At one stage we were starting to look for lions and tigers in the grass. Grateful thanks Russell!.

What about the spiffy new "Balmoral" sign at the crossing? Gives one a sense of identity doesn't it? Well done Peter Lawrence

The fund raiser was a great success – we raised \$480.00. which will go a long way towards our Solar Power Project. The heavens were good to us - a cool, dry night with the most wonderful moon you ever saw. Just the night for hanging around the fire and catching up on all the gossip Many thanks to the wonderful, good natured people who came from Sydney at their own expense to entertain us. There were people from all different countries singing and dancing.

Every song was from a different country but all done to the beat of the African drums. The beat was so irresistible that it was impossible to walk up the hall - one's feet danced of their accord. They had a ball and so did we. Well done Deb, Angela and Gabrielle!!

Thanks again to Russell Scholes and family who not only donated the Bar-B Que food, but spent their night cooking it whilst Deb's huge pot of chicken and corn soup warmed the cockles of our hearts and to Gordon who donated the bread. Oh for more people like that!!

Many thanks to Pat Quinlan for his generous donation towards the night which boosted the coffers considerably. Thanks, Pat – it wasn't spent on raffle tickets – promise. Thanks too to Marlene Yee for her kind donation also from Paul and Sharon Magnion who made a wonderful donation to the cause as well - so many good generous people. What would we do without them!!!

Sincerest sympathy to our wonderful Ralph and Nerida Emmerson on the death of his mother. It is a very sad time for them We all know what it's like as we've all been there.

Rest in peace Anne

On a lighter note - Pat and Lance Lawrence achieved their Golden Wedding in May. So they celebrated by attending a church service held at the church in which they were married fifty years ago, the church in Buxton. Congratulations to you both. It is a great achievement – Not all that many people make it.

We will be looking forward to the Diamond Wedding next. Better start saving up Lance!

Ralph has been exploring the possibility of getting a grant to buy new seats and tables for outside the hall. It would be wonderful if he is successful. We need them desperately enough - as you would know if you sat on one of those seats with only one plank for any length of time. So here's hoping for a winner.

Congratulations too to Karen Kennedy whose young colt won reserve Champion as well as a first and a third at the Royal Easter Show - Also to Gabrielle Marlow who had two paintings of Clydesdale horses on display and sold one!! Well done both of you.

Have you filled in and sent your survey to the Council for the Our Village Our Vision. If you haven't please do so. We don't get much from the Council but as they are offering to help improve the Village we should make the most of it. It is an offer we don't get very often and it would be a pity for it to fail because of the perceived disinterest of the village people.

Bonfire

The date for the Bonfire has been set for June 16th. Everybody loves the Bonfire, it's always a lot of fun. We need help to build the Bonfire as this is not women's work. If you can help please let us know. Phone 4889 9338.

If you can, bring a plate of something nice for supper - ..tea and coffee will be provided. There will be a sausage sizzle if we get enough helpers. It saves you from having to cook dinner.

A.G.M

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday July 8th. Everybody is welcome. This is the meeting where we elect the Committee and call for as many new members as we can get. Membership is only \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family. Even if you can't get to the meeting please consider joining the Association

Christmas in July

Christmas in July has been set for July 14th. This is always a good night so don't miss it. There will be more details of these events sent out later in the month. Don't settle in for a cosy warm winter at home - come out and have fun.

Tennis:

Don't forget the tennis courts are still there waiting for you to come and have a hit and some fun. It's the best thing on those cold winter days. We can't think of anything more fun - healthier or more likely to keep you warm than tennis on those cold days we are looking forward to (however unwillingly). Ring Pat Lawrence to book the court - she is the keeper of the keys and will look after you well.

Phone Pat on 4889 8066.

Morning Tea Group

The Morning Tea Group will be meeting at the hall every first and third Monday of the month, Starting on Monday 4th. June at 10am. Everyone is welcome - men and women - it is a great way to meet the people - hear all the gossip - have a cup of tea or coffee and some home made cake (we do have some excellent cooks in the village) - it will cost you nothing except time and hopefully a bit of the latest news of the village. Do come we are sure you will enjoy it!

He walked into a pawnbroker's shop in Redfern and asked for a loan of \$20. "Where's your collateral?" asked the pawnbroker. He pointed to a Rolls Royce parked out the front handed over the keys and ownership papers. He got his \$20 and was off.

Five days later he came back to reclaim his car., handed over his \$20 collected his keys and papers and was charged \$2 interest.

The pawnbroker couldn't contain his curiosity and asked "Why should a man like you need a loan of \$20?"

The man replied "Oh, I don't really but I'm down from Brisbane on business, and where else can you park a car in Sydney for five days for \$2?"

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675gr Onions chopped
50gr salt
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1 1/4 Brown Sugar
150g Flour

Courtesy Gabriell Marlow

2teasp Tumeric
2teasp dry Mustard
2 teasp Curry Powder
½ teasp grated Nutmeg
½ teasp ground cloves
½ teasp ground Ginger

Arrange the vegetables., in layers, in a bowl, sprinkling each layer generously with the salt. Cover with water and set aside overnight. Drain and rinse in cold running water.

Put 1 1/4.litres of the vinegar and the sugar into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Stir in the vegetables, then bring to the boil again. Mix all the remaining ingredients with the remaining vinegar, then stir into the pan, simmer for 10 minutes or until the pickle is thick .

Makes about 4kg.

Poet's Corner

My forgetter's getting better, but my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny but to me it is no joke
For when I'm here I'm wondering if I really should be there
And when I try to think it through I haven't got a prayer.

Oft times I walk into a room and say "What am I here for?"
I wrack my brain but all in vain – a zero is my score
At times I put a thing away where it is safe, but Gee!
The person it seems safest from seems always to be me!

When shopping, I see someone, say "Hi" and have a chat.
But when that person walks away, I wonder "Who was that?"
Yes. My forgetter's getting better while my rememberer is broke.
/And it's driving me just batty and that is 'nt any joke.

Way Back When

Henry Harry - A Portrait

Courtesy Janine King

Old maps refer to **The Private Village of Balmoral**. That was not uncommon at the time (Hilltop was also called the "Private Village" of Jellore). However it did not mean that the village was to be designed along the lines of the English Manorial Village as some supposed.

The stories of Henry Harry being 'a remittance man, an illegitimate son of English royalty and a wealthy aristocrat all proved to be untrue. Instead, the research I have been doing I discovered a different man entirely. He was an assisted immigrant, born in 1835 and the fifth child of ten children born to Aamia (nee Richards) and John Harry at St. Keverne in Cornwall, England.

His siblings were - Sarah (b 1826), Elizabeth (b 1830), John (b 1832), Mary (b 1834), Ann (b 1837 - christened as Nancy), James (b 1838) and Amy (b 1841), and Lovdy (b 1845). His sister Alice died in 1843. She was 7 months old.

By the age of sixteen, Henry Harry had become an apprentice carpenter to his grandfather, Francis Richards of "Roaring Stile". His father, a tenant farmer of "Polkurch", a fifty-four acre farm, (which is still farmed today) died when Henry was nine.

In 1857 (aged 22) Henry Harry left Plymouth with his brother James (aged 19) on board the ship "Zemindar". They landed in Sydney on the 23rd of August. The passage took 95 days and cost them £1 each. They were both 'labourers' and both able to read and write. Their religion is recorded as Church of England. They had at least one relation 'in the colony' listed as James Richards (their Uncle, residing in Bathurst

Henry Harry must then have become a hard worker, building up business sense and capital. Using Sands directory I found a Henry Harry listed as grocer, Cleveland St. in 1883 and storekeeper Toothill St Petersham in 1882. '84 '85 '86 and '87 (ironmonger and grocer). These entries may both be the Henry Harry who came to Balmoral.

He was 32 years of age when he married Esther Moore on 9th August 1867 (his occupation was described as a ship carpenter on his marriage certificate). Esther's mother was Eliza (nee Dix) and her father Hezekiah. Esther was 21, having been

born 14th Nov 1846. They were married (as Wesleyans) at "Shepherd's Paddock" in Darlington, Sydney.

Henry Harry resided in Australia for at least twenty years before building Truro at Balmoral (then Bargo Siding) for his wife and three (teenage) children. The year in which Truro was built I do not know for certain. The sale of the property to Henry Harry is dated 1889 and in the 1891 census, it was recorded that there were six males and seven females staying at Truro. That would leave 4 males and 4 females, possibly being guests.

When Henry Harry died, the valuation of Truro (... "brick built containing 10 rooms and a young orchard...") was calculated to be £1,200. He also owned two brick cottages in Pigott St, Petersham that were rented out. There were two weatherboard cottages (one described as being very old and sharing a common boundary to the Truro land) and another on three-quarters of an acre which he was renting out. The latter was let in the summer months at 17/6 per week. There was a further £1,424 of his estate on which death duties had to be paid.

The piano was the most valuable single item in Truro at the time of his death (valued at £15). In the six bedrooms there were 11 beds (after all it was a guest house too). The books in the drawing room were valued to £3 but it was the subscriptions to the Daily Telegraph, Sydney Mail, the Southern Mail and the Herald that had cost £5:45:6 (and still to be paid).

He kept two cows and some hens, but no horse and cart in the inventory. He did though have a plough, scarifier and harrows. Had the horse been left out of the inventory or did he hire the horse when required? Or did he borrow his neighbours?

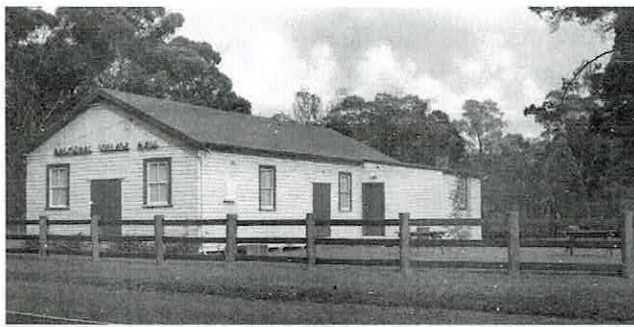
The legacy left by the Harry family is not only the grand residence called 'Truro' built for them but also the naming of the roads in the local vicinity. We have Amy, Emily, William, Henry and Harry Sts in Balmoral but there is no Esther road. Perhaps her name should be considered in any new road constructed here.

Henry Harry died on 11th January 1893 at the age of 58 (although his death certificate states that he died at the age of 55 yrs as does his headstone) from "Chronic Bright's Disease" (a disease of the kidneys). Dr Mills of Mittagong attended him in the early hours of the morning he died. He was buried in the Church of England section at the Lower Mittagong Cemetery (Rowes Hill).

The Bowral Free Press (Sat 14th Jan 1893) records that "*An old resident of Balmoral, Mr Henry Harry died at his residence at an early hour on Wednesday (11th) after a lengthy illness, extending over many months.*"

He was well-known as an energetic and prominent citizen, and will be greatly missed from the public ranks of the town he had made his home for six years. The deceased gentleman has left a widow and three children". ¹¹From a letter to J.King (25/8/1998) from Derick Joseph Harry (a descendant of Henry Harry's brother, John)

Continued next edition.



We apologise for this at the beginning. We came across it the other day and thought it too good not to share. **However it does come with a warning** – if you are a Superior Person or even if you are only a High Minded Person do not read any further, Stop now – cease and desist. The rest of you peasants read on and chuckle.

It is a a letter of complaint from a European Food Import Company to their suppliers in London – it reads:

On der last two pecetkages we got from you off coffee was mitt rattschiddden mixt.

Ve did not see any rattschiddden in der samples vich you sent us. It takes much valuable time to pick der rattenschiddden from der coffee. Ve order the coffee clean but you schipt schidtt mid it.

Ve like you to schip der coffee in one sek und the rattenschiddden in an udder sek. Und zen ve can mix it to suit the customer.

Please write if we should schip der schidt bek and keep der coffee, or should we schip bek the coffee und keep the schidt. or should we schip bek the whole schiddden vurks?

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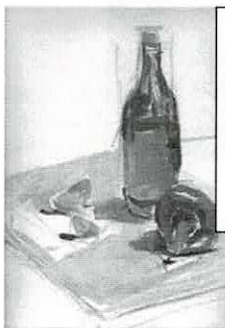
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Thoughts on Liars

A lie is an abomination to the Lord but damned helpful in getting out of trouble/

The only thing that stops him from being a barefaced liar is his moustache.

Does your husband lie awake at night?

Yes and he lies in his sleep too,

She's not really a liar – she just rearranges the truth



Volunteer Fire Brigade

News from the Captain:

Good day to you;

The colder weather has begun which means our fire places, electric and gas heaters are being used, here are few helpful tips to keep the family safe:

- A wire mesh screen should be used for any open fire place to reduce the risk, of logs rolling or burning sparks coming out of the fire place.
- Keep any combustible materials away (i.e. drying of clothing and linen) from any electric, gas and wood fireplace/heater. Keep any portable heaters away from curtains as well.
- Keep children well away from heaters and fire places or bon-fires as there clothing or sleep wear may be combustible.
- Watch any cooking on the stove stop; turn it off if you have to leave it for a minute.

Village Brigade Hazard Reductions:

Brigade volunteers will be conducting a number of hazard reductions in the village area weather permitting over the next couple of months leading up to summer.

If you are doing your own clean up keep the pile to a manageable size, the material you are burning needs to be dry, and let your neighbors' know before you light up.

Thank you to Volunteer Glen Greenup who made and installed two metal checker plate ramps for the inside of the station.

Thank you to Volunteers Peter Lawrence and Peter McCutcheon for their continued work around the station, they have recently installed a reversing

camera to our category 2 fire tanker making a safer working area for the pump operator.

Please ensure you clear around the pile and have a source of water close by, no lighting up if it is to windy!

Village Fire Station:

The volunteers have completed more work at the Fire Station, We have installed a projector screen which we received through a grant from the Rural Fire Service Association to assist with meetings and training

Volunteering or Donating:

Have you thought of Volunteering or Donating to help our Volunteer Brigade Members protect our Village?

Either by volunteering your Time or Donating to our equipment and training fund would be a very welcomed assistance.

We are a Volunteer organization and rely on fund raising and donations to keep our fire fighters safe with the correct equipment and training equipment, while protecting Life and Property in our Village.

We are currently fundraising to purchase the correct raincoats for our members at a cost of \$350.00 each set, we need 10 sets for our active fire fighters.

We need to purchase 3 portable handheld radios for communications these are \$650.00 each.

Please assist where you can as these items are not supplied by the Rural Fire Service, Local or State Government, but are very crucial in keeping your Volunteers safe and dry when responding to an incident or conducting hazard reductions. Thank you and stay safe and warm,

Brendon O'Connor
Captain
Balmoral Village Rural Fire Brigade
M) 0409 634 066

KID'S KORNER

Q. What do you call an elephant in a telephone box?

A. Stuck.

Q. When things go wrong what can you always count on?

A. Your fingers.

Q. Why was Cinderella so bad at sport?

A. Because she has a pumpkin for a coach and ran away from the ball.

Q. Where were potatoes first found?

A. In the ground.

The drunk in the hotel lobby declared he could fight anybody in the entire world.
The elevator man took him up.

“What on earth would you be wanting with a glass of whisky at this hour of the morning?”

“Soda”

Why did the chicken cross the basketball court?

Because he heard the referee calling fowls.

Critic: “What do you consider your best work of fiction?”

Author: “My latest income tax return”

Q. What do you call a man who works out?

A. Jim.

Q. What do you call a lamb with a machine gun?

A. Lambo.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the basketball court?

A. He heard the referee calling fowls.

She dropped a dollar in the blind man's cup.

‘God bless you, lady! I knew you was kind hearted the minute I saw you turn the corner!’

Calendar for June, July, August

Tear this off and pin it to your fridge

June:

- Saturday 7th. Music at the hall 4pm everybody welcome. 4pm.
Monday 4th. Morning Tea at the hall 10am.
Tuesday 5th. Library Bus at the crossing
Wednesday 5th. Fire Brigade Meeting at the hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th. Ordinary Association Meeting at the hall 7.30pm all welcome
Saturday 16th. Bonfire
Monday 18th. Morning Tea
Tuesday 19th. Library Bus
Saturday 24th. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 30th. Music in the hall 3pm

July:

- Monday 2nd. Morning Tea
Tuesday 3rd.. Library Bus

Wednesday 4th. Fire Brigade Meeting
Sunday 8th. Annual General Meeting 7.30pm at the hall
Tuesday 10th. Ordinary Association Meeting
Saturday 14th. Christmas in July
Monday 16th. Morning Tea
Tuesday 17th. Library Bus
Monday 30th. Morning Tea
Saturday 28th. Music at the hall 3pm
Tuesday 31st. Library Bus

August:

- Wednesday 1st. Fire Brigade Meeting
Monday 6th. Morning Tea
Tuesday 14th. Library Bus
Ordinary Association Meeting
Tuesday 18th. Music at the hall 3pm
Monday 27th. Morning Tea
Tuesday 28th. Library Bus