CONTINUING A 134 YEAR TRADITION

“A Horse for a Cause”

A Special Melbourne Cup Fundraiser in Burrawang

Under Starter’s Orders …..

Well, what a great community we live in! When I mentioned to some friends earlier this year that I would be going to Kenya in July to volunteer at Nakuru Hope, my friend Susan’s school and orphanage, they immediately said “well, let’s organise a fundraiser”. After a few discussions, we decided that this would be a Melbourne Cup lunch and I was immediately inundated with offers to help – enough food to feed an army, enough prizes to open a shop, enough foliage to open a florist, enough citrus fruit to open a Harris Farm – well you get my drift. And the Burrawang School of Arts was happy to let us have the Hall at no charge – fabulous.

But would the punters come? There seemed to be an awful lot of other MC functions going on out there – who knew? I was getting a bit worried, especially as Susan was coming over especially from Perth to talk at the lunch.

…. And they’re off

The first good sign was a benevolent BWG (Burrawang Weather God) – the day was perfect, she must have known. And once the doors were opened, the punters came flocking in with almost 80 people attending.

As the children used to sing when I walked into their classroom, “welcome, welcome, good to see you ….”

Apart from the fun side to the day, the delicious food, sweeps, raffles and catching up with friends, Susan was able to talk about the work she has been doing in Nakuru.
and the amazing school and orphanage she has built entirely through her own fundraising efforts. The video she showed of the school, the children at Nakuru Hope and the slum they come from, with its very moving soundtrack, literally brought people to tears.

Susan commented afterwards “I was overwhelmed with the interest shown in my work and appreciated the question and answer time so that I was able to bring to the day even more of a reason to get together to have fun.

Rarely does an opportunity come along where I have had the absolute pleasure of meeting so many marvelous people to share time with, away from my own desk in Perth. The time spent in Burrawang has simply been amazing, culminating in this fantastic Melbourne Cup fundraiser organized by my dearest friend Gail Dolphin. A Melbourne Cup fundraiser, where so many worked together to make such a perfect day which will most definitely make a difference to so many little lives in my school and orphanage. A very special thank you to: Elsie and Michael Aip, Sandra Vaughan, Cath Ward and Michael Kelly, Margaret and Bob Spiers, Poss Keech, Les and Elaine Musgrave, Natalie Evans, Fiona Rodger, and everyone else who made all the delicious food.

In Kenya we always say ‘go with the strengths you have’, here in the Southern Highlands where there is so much in abundance, beauty and people willing to give and care about others, it is indeed a strength that I will certainly treasure from being part of it for even just a few short days.”

So a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help, everyone who came, and those who couldn’t but still gave a donation. During her short time here, Susan was able to raise over $6,000 in total, and has been absolutely blown away by the generosity and kind-heartedness of the people in our community.

And finally, in the words of our own Annella Wheatley, “Susan is such an inspiring speaker and so passionate about her school, nobody can have failed to be encouraged to contribute further in some way. What a positive way to celebrate a silly horse race.”

Oh yes, there was some sort of horse race going on too.

Gail Dolphin
Spring has been and gone, and some of you will have noticed that the damaged trees under the powerlines in Hoddle Street have not been removed as we had told you they would be (or at least this was the case when writing this article in November). For those of you who haven’t been following this saga, it began almost three years ago when the BWMPA held a public meeting, and one of the top issues was the damage to trees caused by tree lopping under power lines.

For some months we corresponded with Endeavour Energy to establish whether the lines could be bundled or even better buried. The company showed no interest in providing information or taking any action. We even wrote to our MP who obtained a written response from the Minister basically saying Endeavour was merely complying with legislation.

We then engaged with the Council, which has no control over the energy company, but in response to the problem Shire-wide has developed a Tree Management Plan which over time will remove all trees growing through overhead lines, and in some cases, replace them with lower growing species. The Council surveyed Hoddle Street, identified all the damaged trees, and subject to us consulting you all, agreed to remove them at no cost to the community.

The BWPA consulted the whole community and nobody disagreed with the proposal. The Council said the trees would be removed by spring. They weren’t.

There had been management changes at the Council and the incoming managers insisted on doing their own separate consultation exercise which went ahead in early October. No objections were raised. The officers concerned submitted the plan to the newly elected Councillors. One of these raised objections and temporarily stopped the plan.

As it turns out, the Councillor concerned had assumed that the trees were being removed following a decision by Endeavour Energy! We have spoken with him and hopefully the trees will now be removed.

We are completely aligned with the Council on these issues. Local councils should be given control (currently they have none) over the positioning of power lines and related vegetation management, and our Council continues to lobby for changes to regulations that would force the energy companies to bundle or bury power lines in pretty rural communities such as ours. This is a political issue however, and unless our elected politicians think they will suffer at the ballot box nothing will change.

It seems probable that if the ongoing costs of tree lopping and the costs of repairs when falling trees sever overhead power lines were taken into account, bundling or burying wires would be financially attractive. It would of course damage the profits of the tree loppers.

It is a great shame that the Baird government is not using any of the multi-million dollar proceeds of the privatisation of poles and wires to provide rural communities such as ours with a 20th century, let alone 21st century, energy infrastructure.

We are not sure whether dog “mess” fits entirely within the remit of the Progress Association, however, we have received numerous complaints about dog poo on the streets and verges in Burrawang. People who allow their dogs to foul public areas are antisocial and create a health hazard, particularly for young children. Enough said.

And now to some better news - the Council has developed an attractive plan to renovate the Hoddle Street Playground in Burrawang, and has set aside $51,000 in this financial year to fund initial work. To complete the plan an additional $38,000 needs to be found, and we have said we will attempt to raise some funds, hopefully through grants. If any of you have bright ideas about sources of funding please contact the BWMPA, bwmpressassociation@gmail.com

Other good news: the Council has approved the DA for the National Broadband tower and we are advised NBN should be available February next year.
We continue to meet with and correspond regularly with the Council and as a result of our contacts with Council the potholes which continue to appear in Church Street are being filled.

Following a member raising this at our AGM, we asked whether there were plans to remove large branches overhanging Wildes Meadow Rd between Church St and Cleary’s Lane. The Council said there were no such plans but that they would review it.

We asked the Council how they identified dangerous trees and prioritised work to remove them. The response was there is a Council Tree Master Plan based on regular inspections and input from residents. The response time for a Council officer to inspect a tree in response to a customer request is 5 working days unless the work is clearly urgent.

A similar process is involved when the Council receives complaints that road signs are obscured by vegetation, although there are ongoing routine roadside vegetation and sign maintenance programmes.

We raised the issue of the speed limit on Wildes Meadow Rd which is narrow, has a number of bends, and visibility is limited by vegetation. The current limit is 80kph and we suggested this should be reduced to 60. The Council agreed to raise this with the RMS which is responsible for speed zoning and the Illawarra Highway.

Regarding the dangerous crossing where Sheepwash Rd meets the Highway the RMS has applied for Black Spot funding to modify the crossing to increase safety. It is not clear whether funding will be available until June 2017.

The Council has also referred to the RMS our safety concerns regarding the turning from the Illawarra Highway to Church St. We have suggested extending the double centre lines either side of the turnoff to prevent overtaking, and the creation of an overtaking lane. Given funding constraints we are not optimistic that anything will be done.

As ever, I should stress on behalf of the BWMPA that we exist to reflect your views about actions needed to protect the unique character of our community. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to let us know. To that end, save the date in your diary when we will be holding an important village meeting and morning tea – 10.00am Saturday March 18 2017.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Alex Campbell
President
Burrawang Wildes Meadow Progress Association
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Burrawang School of Arts
Invites you and your family as our guests to our Community Christmas Party
Saturday 3rd December 2016 at 5.00pm
Christmas Cheer and Carols
Drinks & nibbles provided by the School of Arts Committee
Please register ASAP
or call Annie Jones on 0418 272 500
It’s Not Just The Cricket Season That Has Started

While the sound of leather on willow is about to fill many a local lounge room, the cricket season isn’t the only thing upon us. The fire season has also started. But what does that mean?

Basically, fire restrictions now apply as we head into the warmer months. While we have had quite a cold and wet period, that doesn’t mean the risk of fire is any lower. Indeed, if all this growth we’ve had dries out over the coming months, the risks become very real. If anyone wishes to conduct a burn on their property, you will now need to seek a fire permit from the shed in order to do so. If you wish to conduct a burn on someone else’s property, you should seek legal advice and possibly legal representation.

As many of you would have heard at the RFS morning tea, now is also a good time if you haven’t done it already, to get your fire plan together. It sounds daunting, but it only takes a few minutes and is a valuable tool to get you to think about what you would do in the event of a fire. It is also good to learn the bush fire alert levels so you are familiar with them in the event of a fire in the local area. Simply head to http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan or if that link is too difficult to type out, just google RFS NSW and the survival plan is right there on the first page.

If your dreams of opening the batting for Australia are long past you, but you still fancy the idea of donning bright yellow garb on a regular basis, then please feel free to come down to the fire shed on Wednesday evenings from 7.30. We have recently had four trainees pass the course (congrats Nick, Bruce, Alex and Chris) so we currently have a healthy roster at Burrawang but we’re always keen to expand our membership. Even if you just have a few questions or are simply interested in seeing the big red fire truck, please feel free to come and say “Hi”.

We will also be setting fire to a few sausages at the annual Burrawang Brigade Christmas party. From 6pm, Wednesday 21st December Burrawang Hotel All welcome. It would be great to see you there.

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Burrawang Brigade and here’s to a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
Rob Macdonald
For all Emergencies call 000

Spring Fox Baiting Programme

In late September to early October a group of rural properties to the north and west of Burrawang Village implemented a fox baiting programme

Due to the proximity of these properties to the village, stringent conditions were applied to ensure that accidental poisoning of non-target animals did not occur.

A public notice was placed in the Southern Highlands Press and a letter box drop was undertaken to residents on Wildes Meadow Road, Church Street and the Illawarra Highway. Members of the progress association were advised by email and a notice was placed on the School of Arts Notice Board. (Thank you Annie).

The programme used commercial 1080 poison which was injected into baits which were placed at 36 separate locations on the participating properties. No bait was placed within 150 meters of a dwelling and all baits were tied down so they could not be moved to another location by foxes or birds. The bait locations were inspected every few days and baits that had been taken were replaced.

In total 86 baits were laid and 55 were taken. At the conclusion of the programme, all bait locations were inspected and the remaining baits were collected and disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Pest Control Order.

We believe that the programme was successful and poultry owners may notice a reduced incidence of fox attacks. On the other hand, an increase in the rabbit population may also result. However, the area is not yet free of foxes as there have been sightings of foxes in the area of the baiting programme since the programme was completed. It may take a series of repeat programmes to get the population down to manageable levels.

Paul Shanahan
News from Burrawang Public School

Principal’s Message - 2016 Highlights

Reflecting on the year almost gone, it has been busy and productive year at Burrawang Public School, full of wonderful learning and achievements.

Once again this year, our students participated in “Genius Hour,” where for one hour each week, students chose and controlled their learning. Students learned about something that really interested them and then presented this information to their peers and parents. The different skills gained through this project were amazing, as students collaborated, problem solved, created websites and showed their creativity.

On the sporting field, our Burrawang relay team came first in the regional athletics and made it to the State Athletics, Frankie was named Girls champion at the small schools athletics carnival, and Abbey came 1st in several events in the Interschool Equestrian Day.

Our students have all participated in a wide range of activities, including chess, public speaking, spelling bee, debating, gymnastics, dance, swim school and performing recorder at the Sydney Opera House. In NAPLAN, our school topped the provincial (country) schools in writing, and scored 4th overall in country schools. This is an amazing achievement for our beautiful school, especially when we compete against much larger schools and independent schools. Well done to our students and our teachers for a fantastic effort.

In our ICAS competition, we achieved many distinctions and credits across the different subjects, and Ella came first in the local public speaking competition.

This year our school has embarked on the journey of Visible Learning. In order to have the greatest impact on student learning, students need to take more responsibility for their own learning. We have been working on making expectations more visible to students, so they know what they need to do to improve. We have also begun sharing this learning with each other and with our parents, through an app on the Ipad. This has been a very exciting project for our school.

We look forward to celebrating our learning and achievements at our End of Year Presentation Afternoon. This will be held on Thursday 8 December at 4pm at the School of Arts Hall. All welcome.

If I was the boss of Burrawang School for the day I would:

• Make everyone listen to Justin Bieber songs for the whole day because Justin Bieber is the best. Daisy
• Let them have big pet day because it would be fun for the kids and I would get to bring my horse to school. Abbey
• Get a class pet for both classes because I love pets. Indigo
• Build a mini house where people can go when they need to relax. Harper
• Make it where once a term, the zoo came to our school to teach us about specific animals. This would help students’ confidence with animals and because a lot of students like animals, so I think it would be fun. Celeste
• Have a store out the front of the school and sell arts and crafts and our garden produce. It would be a great way to earn money for the school. Breanna
• Add a new system for sport equipment. When people say what equipment they want it appears automatically. Mikey
• Get a science facility so that people can use it for experiments. Luke
• Let them have more sport so they can get fit and be experts at running. Sequoia
• Make a chute that sends and receives plastic containers with messages from the class to the Principal’s room. Declan
• Have an Ewok day to raise money for furry animals. Declan
• Invent a phone so if someone were to get lost they can contact people so they can find their way back. Tom
• Paint the bathrooms to make them less gloomy. Bronte

Michelle Laval
BBQing Like Nobody’s Business

The P & C would like to thank everyone who stopped by the BBQs we recently held for both the federal and local elections. It was great to chat with so many people, which is something we don’t get to do at the Easter Markets. Hearing stories from former students and complimentary comments from people who had rarely had the opportunity to come into the school was wonderful.

The parents also recently got their sandwich on, making an unbelievable amount of bread-based delights for 280 people from the National Trust weekend. By all reports, it was a fantastic success, with early fears of soggy bread from too much beetroot going largely unrealised. The funds raised from the BBQs and sandwich day will go towards subsidising learning and excursion opportunities for all the Burrawang School kids.

For those who find themselves in the local watering hole on a Friday evening over these warmer months (you know who you are), the proceeds from every second raffle go towards learning and excursion opportunities for the school. You’ve gotta be in it to win it - so be in it! If you happen to see any of the children there helping mum and dad sell tickets, feel free to give them a spot quiz or impromptu spelling bee. You’ll be amazed at the words these kids know…

The P & C are also very much looking forward to welcoming the Munros into the parent fold next year. Colin has been earmarked for a long and fruitful role on the P & C committee. “President Munro” has a certain ring to it. A “Je ne sais quoi” if you will.

Rob Macdonald
P & C President.

Russell’s Ramblings

We have recently endured another Council election with a multitude of candidates standing in organised groups or teams, plus a few genuine independents standing on their own merits.

I cannot understand the logic of having a team of six when the current voting system makes it almost impossible for anyone other than the team leader to be elected.

It is interesting to note that the new mayor is one of those who stood as an independent.

I have known Ken Halstead for a long time, having been involved in sports administration when he was an employee of the Council. Ken is a man of action who believes in getting things done, and it is hoped that he gets the support that he deserves. I will certainly support him and wish him well.

I have always been a great believer in doing voluntary work for the benefit of the community, whether it is through a local organisation, or a sporting body, or the many and varied charities that do marvellous work for those in need. However, we are constantly being restricted in what we are allowed to do by the imposition of rules and regulations which do not serve any useful purpose. People are no longer allowed to do things for the common good of the community for the fear of legal action if some trivial thing goes wrong.

I am one of the old school types who believe those who act in good faith, with care and common sense, should be supported not regulated out of existence. Unfortunately that seems to be the way that we are heading.

We can’t expect the Council to do everything.

Burrawang Bushcare
Volunteers needed!!

Join us on the 4th Wednesday morning each month at the boardwalk between George and Harman Streets
Contact Cath Ward 0405 151 651
BOOK REVIEW- BY PJW

Habemus Papam!

I have been reminded by the editor that this is our Christmas edition. Like our august counterparts the Spectator or the Guardian, the Burrawang Herald should nominate its own suggestions for holiday reading. Accordingly, my recommendation combines both religious themes and entertainment.

Robert Harris, author of such intelligent political thrillers as Fatherland, The Ghost Writer and the Roman trilogy based on the life of Cicero, has just published his latest novel, Conclave. It is an account of clerical intrigue within the ultimate closed society - the cardinals sequestered in the Vatican to elect a new Pope. It is set in the near future after the death of an unnamed Pope, not dissimilar to Francis.

There is much to like about the novel: Harris's interest in the machinations of politics, in this case ambition disguised as piety; the details of the conduct of a conclave; the absence of any overt violence or sex; and the rare delight of a book in which the sin of simony (the sale of ecclesiastical favours) provides a crucial plot point. Harris maintains a nice balance between the momentum of the story, sustained through successive ballots, four each day, as papabile (possible popes) rise and fall, and an appropriate dignity or gravitas as he tells the story through the eyes of a senior cardinal.

Unfortunately, the outcome of the conclave is predictable as soon as the various personae, or candidates, are introduced, but the process itself remains compelling. Harris adds a final “twist” that is simply silly; but it comes so late in the novel that it does not detract (much) from one’s enjoyment.

If you like Harris’s novels, you must read his earlier non-fiction work Selling Hitler, a rollicking account of the Hitler diaries fiasco in the early 1980s. It is a tale of greed, folly and hubris, with a plot more implausible and absurd than any he could hope to invent. The details are arresting, from the journalist who “discovered” the diaries using the proceeds to buy Goering's yacht Carin II to Hugh Trevor-Roper beginning to doubt his initial authentication of the diaries on a coach excursion from Cambridge to the opera (sadly not Wagner).

If, like me, you are also fascinated by the inner workings of the Vatican, I recommend John Cornwell's “A Thief in the Night”, his attempt to recover the truth about the death of John Paul I, after only thirty-three days as Pope, from the thickets of lurid conspiracy theories involving corrupt cardinals, the Vatican Bank and the Mafia. His book is a small masterpiece of the “true crime” genre (although he argues that there was, in fact, no crime).

Cornwell was permitted extraordinary access to the Vatican and his book describes that curious society - the isolation of the Pope, the cardinals manoeuvring for his favour, the nuns who cooked and cared for him, observing everything but saying nothing, the priest who served as private secretary and confidant, promoted on the Pope’s death to bishop and removed to a remote diocese in Ireland.

Interestingly, Harris acknowledges his debt to the Cornwell book in Conclave.

Anyway, happy reading!

PJW

Mobile Library

Our staff love celebrating Christmas and love books, so what better to do in the week before the big day than enjoy Storytime with us? Our Children’s librarians have chosen some fun Christmas stories and craft for the children at each of our libraries. There will even be a special story time for Burrawang children when the ROADS vehicle visits 22 December, so bring your picnic blanket and good cheer for some pre-Christmas crafty fun.

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Wingecarribee Library News

Christmas is fast approaching and Library staff has been busy organising some exciting new resources and fun activities to keep you well read and relaxed over the holiday period.

Zinio, our popular eMagazine service, has recently been updated to bring you over 300 more Australian magazine titles from Australia and around the world.

Our new service, OneClick Digital is now available and offers a great range of eBooks and eAudio titles including Australian authors and award winners. OneClick Digital complements our Overdrive service, and together they offer a huge range of eAudio and eBook titles for adults and children.

We are very excited to offer a film streaming service to our members... With BeamaFilm you will soon be able to select and stream your favourite documentaries and Indie features from around the world.

Go to our website, [www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au) to find out how to select, download and enjoy BeamaFilm, Zinio, OneClick Digital and Overdrive on your PC, Mac or mobile device from home or wherever you are these holidays.

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For information on all Christmas and holiday activities and for Library holiday opening hours please see our website, [www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au)

The Library staff wish all Burrawang Herald readers a very happy Christmas and a relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Electric Light at Burrawang

Sixty years ago when the ‘slush lamp’ and camp fires constituted the illumination of this particular portion of the early settlement it is now ablaze with electric light. What a change? Burrawang, like a monarch, sits upon a throne overlooking, with all its majesty, the most picturesque landscapes in the state of New South Wales.

At her feet lay verdant meadows, and supported by the famous Fitzroy, Bellmore and Blakeman’s waterfalls, this, together with wonderful look-outs and English-like dairy farms, makes Burrawang one of the gems of the Australian Commonwealth.

Now that she has her diadem studded with electric lights, and a railway station within five minutes travel from her centre, and only a hundred miles from Sydney, gives the city dwellers the opportunity of the respite they so much desire.

The electric light serves the up to date Commercial Hotel, banking accommodation, shopping centre, butchers, bakers, up-to-date School of Arts’ magnificent hall, public school, churches, boarding houses, private houses, and ‘tis said that next summer night tennis will be enjoyed by district exponents.

Though the official switching-on was performed at Robertson, the Parents and Citizens’ Association at Burrawang commemorated the event at the public school, when Mr. Samuel Irving did honour to switching-on the Burrawang light. If one building shone out more than another, it was the Commercial Hotel. Mr. A. Ford had every room in his hotel ablaze with light, and on the whole, Burrawang reflected for miles.

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St David’s Burrawang

Christmas is coming and we are excited at St David’s Anglican Church! Our carol service is one of the highlights of the year. We invite you to come along and join us. It’s more of a traditional carol service with traditional hymns, good music, bible readings and a short talk from the Bible. However, over at St John’s in Robertson we’ll have a Kids Carol gathering which will be more suited to the youngsters.

Here’s the details, please come along and join us, and bring a friend!

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(Both the above services will have some snacks and yummy treats to follow)

Our Christmas Day service will in the CEC at St John’s in Robertson at 9.30am.

One of my favourite carols is What child is this? To be honest, I think I love the 3/4 timing more than anything. As a guitarist it always sounds and feels nice. Here’s the first stanza:

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

It’s a peaceful scene: a mother’s lap, angels greeting with anthems sweet and shepherds watching on. It’s a far cry from what happens to this baby around 33 years later. Here’s the 4th stanza:

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

The facts are Jesus didn’t come to stay as a peaceful baby. Jesus said he came to die for you and me. To give his life in a most violent way so that we could have peace with God. This Christmas I invite you to investigate Jesus. Don’t hold back, come along to one of our services or just pick up a bible and read the Christmas story for yourself. Have a great Christmas!

Rev Graham Thomas
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St John’s Robertson Anglican Church
office@robertsonanglican.org.au
ph. 4885 1210

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Burrawangherald@gmail.com
The School of Arts has been a bit quiet over the last couple of months. However the wedding business is booming again, with 2 more before Christmas, and 3 booked for next year. In addition, there are some fun future events, and some old favourites back for next year.

**COMING EVENTS**
5 pm Saturday 3rd Dec
Burrawang Community Christmas Party (details/booking on website)

**NEXT YEAR**
10 am Saturday 4th Feb
Wildlife Rescue Morning Tea (details on website soon)

5 pm Saturday 11th Feb
Trivia Night (surprise new quizmaster) (details/booking on website soon)

Friday 24th Feb
ABBA Tribute Show (details/booking on website soon)

**Annie Jones**
President
School of Arts

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**Burrawang Wildes Meadow Progress Association**

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PO Box 3209 Robertson NSW 2577
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American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan was recently awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. How many of his classic songs can you identify from the following lyrics

1. How many seas must a white dove sail, before she sleeps in the sand?
2. Oh, where have you been, my blue-eyed son?
3. Then you better start swimmin’ Or you’ll sink like a stone
4. In the jingle jangle morning I’ll come followin’ you
5. But you’d better take your diamond ring, you’d better pawn it babe
6. There must be some way out of here” said the joker to the thief
7. Oh come all without, come all within
8. Silver hair, ragged shirt and baggy pants, that old soft shoe
9. They paved paradise, they put up a parking lot
10. Pistols shots ring out in the barroom night
11. Mama, take this badge off of me
12. May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung
At Christmas time I am always looking for some quick and easy things to prepare for friends and family. You never know who is going to call in and share some of that famous Burrawang Christmas Cheer. So here are a few ideas.

**Creamy artichoke & spinach dip**
1/2 bunch English spinach, leaves roughly chopped (to give 1 1/2 cups)
2-3 marinated artichoke hearts (100g total), roughly chopped
1 small garlic clove, crushed
3 teaspoons lemon juice
3 tablespoons finely grated Pecorino Romano (see note)
1/2 cup (120g) fresh ricotta
2 teaspoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
Crispbread, to serve

**Step 1**
Blanch the chopped spinach leaves in a saucepan of boiling salted water for 1-2 minutes until wilted. Drain and cool, squeeze out excess water. Cool completely.
(I cheat here and use chopped frozen spinach)

**Step 2**
Place the artichokes, garlic, lemon juice, pecorino and parsley in a food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Add ricotta and spinach and pulse to combine. With motor running, gradually add oil until you have a smooth puree, scraping down sides with a spatula if needed. Season to taste. Transfer to a bowl, drizzle with extra oil and serve with crispbread and antipasto.

Recipe by Olivia Andrews

**Goat’s cheese pissaladiere tarts**
1/4 cup olive oil
6 small brown onions, halved, thinly sliced
2 sheets frozen puff pastry, partially thawed
16 pitted black olives, thinly sliced
16 anchovy fillets, halved lengthways
80g goat’s cheese, crumbled
32 small watercress sprigs

**Step 1**
Heat oil in a large heavy-based saucepan over medium heat. Add onion. Stir to coat. Cover. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened. Remove lid. Cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for a further 20 to 25 minutes or until golden. Transfer to a bowl. Set aside to cool completely.

Pomegranate Pimms

**INGREDIENTS**
200ml Pimms No. 1 Cup*
200ml pomegranate juice* Ice cubes
1/4 telegraph cucumber, halved cut into long, thin slices
1 orange, thinly sliced
1/4 cup mint leaves

Sparkling Pear and Cranberry Cocktail

**INGREDIENTS**
2 tablespoons dry cranberries
1/2 cup organic pear nectar
32 ounces Moscato d’Asti wine
8 small sprigs fresh rosemary

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Put cranberries in a small bowl; add 2 tablespoons warm water. Soak until cool, about 15 minutes. Drain, pat dry, and refrigerate until serving.
2. Divide pear nectar evenly among eight tall champagne glasses. Add cranberries, and then gently pour the Moscato d’Asti into the glasses. Garnish each with a rosemary sprig.
Step 2
Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Line 3 baking trays with baking paper. Cut each pastry sheet evenly into 16 squares. Transfer to prepared baking trays. Using a small, sharp knife, score a 1cm border around edge of each pastry square (don’t cut all the way through). Spoon onion mixture onto the centre of each tart. Top with olive, anchovy and goat’s cheese.

Step 3
Bake for 10 minutes or until golden and puffed. Set aside for 2 to 3 minutes to cool slightly. Top with watercress sprigs. Serve.

Super Food Ideas - June 2012, Page 87
Recipe by Gemma Luongo

Corn blini with prawns

1/2 cup self-raising flour
1 egg
3/4 cup buttermilk
1 green onion, thinly sliced
310g can corn kernels, drained
Olive oil cooking spray
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
24 (700g) cooked medium prawns, peeled, deveined

Step 1
Place flour, egg and buttermilk in a bowl. Whisk until smooth. Stir in onion and corn.

Step 2
Spray a large non-stick frying pan with oil. Heat over medium-high heat. Using 2 teaspoons mixture per blini, cook 6 blini for 2 minutes each side or until lightly browned and cooked through. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Repeat to make 24 blini.

Step 3
Combine sour cream, dill, chives and lemon rind in a bowl.

Step 4
Place blini on a platter. Top each with 1 teaspoon sour cream mixture and 1 prawn. Season with salt and pepper. Serve.

Super Food Ideas - December 2010, Page 30 Recipe by Emma Braz

After all the indulgences of the festive season – it is back to eating kale. While you munch your body weight (as prescribed by the doctor) of leafy greens think about what good all that fibre is doing for you. Merry Christmas and all the best for a healthy New Year.

Elizabeth Varley

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Using search tools to get more out of your search

When you search Australia you get about two billion web pages you can look at. Google have found that 90% of people only look at the first page of search results and 60% of people only click on the first 3 links. With a very small amount of effort it is very easy to get more relevant results using the search tools.

Click on search tools to reveal additional menus. There are different search tools for the Web, Images, News and Videos.

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Search tools will help get better search results so you can find exactly what you are looking for.
Hotel News

2016 Battle of the Banger
This year’s event was hotly contested with good product and close voting. The eventual winner was John Symons (Symo) who has also won previously with Tony Fisk runner up.
There was a great effort from all who participated. Special thanks go to Schofield Holsteins and the Hotel social and fishing club as major sponsors. From the cash and prize pool Symo made donations to Legacy and Camp Quality.

2016 Burrawang Cup
Another great annual event this year held at Gibraltar Golf Club. Twenty four players contested The Cup and this year’s winner on a count back was Ed Woolfrey – a first time winner since The Cup started in 1994.

Up and Coming News
Friday 9th December – Burrawang Social and Fishing Club Christmas Dinner
Seafood Affair, Moss Vale. $50pp – pay and register at the hotel. The evening includes pre dinner drinks at the Hotel, bus transport to and from the restaurant and a 2 course dinner.
24th December – Christmas Eve – Santa Claus Comes to Burrawang.

Bring the family to the Hotel to meet Santa and enjoy pre-Christmas drinks with friends

31st December – New Year’s Eve
BBQ dinner at the pub – booking advisable
Late January or early February 2017 – Yabby Day
Date to be confirmed – it is a wonderful fun event for the children. Check Facebook and the notice Pub board for Christmas closures and updates on events.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and New Year
Ed and Julie Woolfrey

RJ Mackey Real Estate
Open 7 days, every day except Christmas Day

‘Wishaven’ Moss Vale
Price Guide $1,295,000
5 bed, 2 bath, 1 acre

Old Bank & Residence Robertson
$1,250,000 - 3 bedroom home, beautiful original architecture

Mount Murray
$1,250,000 - $1,375,000
3 bed, 1 bath, 5 acres, spectacular south coast views
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Poo….poo…..poo**

Many of us have had enough of walking in dog poo left on our verges in Burrawang, and in several cases, in our own gardens. There are a growing number of complaints about this problem.

We hate seeing visitors to our beautiful village trying to clean poo off their shoes! Can there be much worse than walking in dog poo, getting it in your car or on your carpets, or your young children…and you don’t even own a dog! Very frustrating when you mow the verge and miss some dog droppings, which then spray everywhere!

The problem has become so bad and we are aware of some of the dogs who are leaving their droppings when being walked. Even those being walked early in the morning have been spied leaving their poo’s for us to walk in. We know who you are and you will know who you are.

Why would anyone not pick up their dog’s droppings. Repeated offenders sadly will need to be reported and fined, something none of us want to do but fairs fair to all our residents and visitors.

We also have a problem with dogs roaming our streets. There is a very old black and white dog who regularly does the rounds and others which get out. One of the wonderful charms of our village is that school children can ride their bikes or walk to school and this could be dangerous if dogs are allowed to run loose on the street. Legally dogs in public spaces must be tethered on a lead. If you see a stray dog or dogs on the street please tether and ring the Ranger on 4868 0888. You may be doing the owner a big favour as we don’t want dogs hit by cars or children scared in any way.

The majority of people understand that these concepts ensure their cherished pets are neither in danger nor a nuisance to anyone.

Let’s all enjoy living together in this wonderful village and respecting each other by not leaving dog poo in any public places and ensuring our dogs don’t roam the street unrestrained.

**A Concerned Resident**

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**A BURRAWANG CASE**

Ten residents of Wildes Meadow and Burrawang were charged at Moss Vale Police Court with being found on the premises of the Royal Hotel, Burrawang, at 10 o’clock on the night of 26th December. Sergt. McGrath and Constable Gowe went out by car from Moss Vale and found defendants in the bar. The Sergeant pointed out to the Bench that there was a dance in progress at the hall and that complaints had been made in regard to the supply of liquor at such times. Mr Paine who appeared for all the defendants to plead guilty, stated on their behalf that it was a holiday night, and that most of the defendants were there more in a holiday spirit than anything else, and that they were not heavy drinkers. The Bench imposed a light penalty, taking into consideration that it was holiday time, but pointed out the evil that follows where a dance is being held and men go in and out getting drink and come back eventually to the annoyance and discomfort of the members of the other sex; he fined each defendant 10s., with 10s. costs and witnesses expenses. Arthur Ernest Ford, hotel licensee, was fined £3, with 8s. costs; he had also pleaded guilty. The Bench took into consideration that it was his first offence, and urged on him the necessity of conducting his house with proper care as to complying with the provisions of the Liquor Act.

Robertson Mail, Friday 22 January 1926
Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas.
Johnny Carson

There are some people who want to throw their arms round you just because it’s Christmas, there are other people who want to strangle you just because it’s Christmas.
Robert Lynd

“Lord, make us grateful for the cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, weight gain and indigestion we are about to receive.”

“Peace on Earth, good will toward men? There’s an app for that!”
Dear Sagittarians, what lies ahead for you in 2017? A good year on balance - as long as you’re careful with finances. Avoid stress and junk food as there’s the possibility of some stomach issues later in the year. As far as your relationship goes, after a bit of family related upheaval, you will be closer to your partner but you’ll probably have to bite your tongue a fair bit to keep the peace (nothing new there).

My infinitely wise advice is to plant a veggie garden and spend your time alone in the great outdoors pursuing lawn grubs with homicidal fervour. That’ll sort out the stress and the diet with the added benefit of a little space away from your beloved. Hearts grow fonder with absence, right?

Don’t thank me; some of those late season raspberries will do nicely.

Family. The next year is all about family for you, goaty people. There’s loads of quality time with those closest to you, and of course, the inevitable rows but do try and resist the urge to reach for bright and shiny stabby things; romance is a wonderful cure-all. Reach back into the dim, dark recesses of your passionate youth and proceed accordingly. Nothing too strenuous, your back’s not what it used to be.

Travel that benefits you financially is definitely on the cards though it could be just to the local TAB to collect your winnings or it might be a good year to journey up to the Burrawang Hotel and try your luck in the banger comp.

What do I think? Take some risks. Break out of your routine. Do something unexpected. Surprise us. Watch that back!

2017 is very favourable for employment and investment but you should take advice from your elders (if you have any, we’re not spring chickens in this neck of the woods) before making any decisions. There’s definitely money in the air if you work hard at it.

Health wise, it’s only an average year, so keep an eye on your diet and stay away from those appalling people who venture out in public with colds and sniffles.

Get out and walk each day – it’s great for you and if you’re lucky you’ll pick up enough village gossip to make it worthwhile. If you’re a gardener, a few sly cuttings are there to be had if you work fast enough.

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**Trivia Answers**

1. Blowing In The Wind  
2. A Hard Rain’s Gonna Fall  
3. The Times They Are A-Changin  
4. Mr. Tambourine Man  
5. Like A Rolling Stone  
6. All Along The Watchtower  
7. The Mighty Quinn  
8. Mr. Bojangles  
9. Big Yellow Taxi  
10. Hurricane  
11. Knockin’ On Heaven’s Door  
12. Forever Young
Burrawang School of Arts
Film Nights

Friday 27 January 2017 7.30pm

Saturday 18 February 2017 7.30pm
## What’s On CALENDAR

### December 2016

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