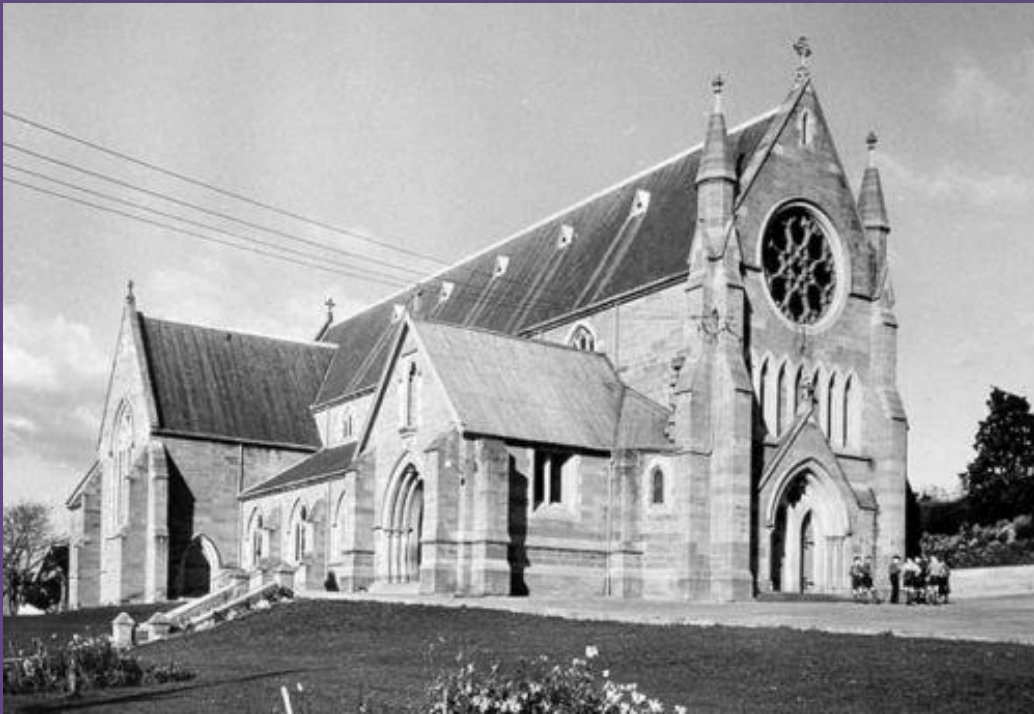




Beryl Burns 'My Journey'

Beryl was born on the 4th of May 1923 at the private hospital in Hobart. Her full name is Dorothy Beryl Chaplin however she prefers to be called Beryl.



Beryl was christened at St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart.

Beryl grew up in National Park where she lived in a federation style home. Her mum stayed at home to look after the children and her father worked in the forestry industry. Beryl is the second eldest of seven children with five sisters and one brother.



Beryl's Mother and Father

Growing up Beryl played hopscotch and marbles in the backyard when the weather was nice.

Inside she played board games and cards.



Beryl attended National Park School and did subjects such as history, geography and maths.

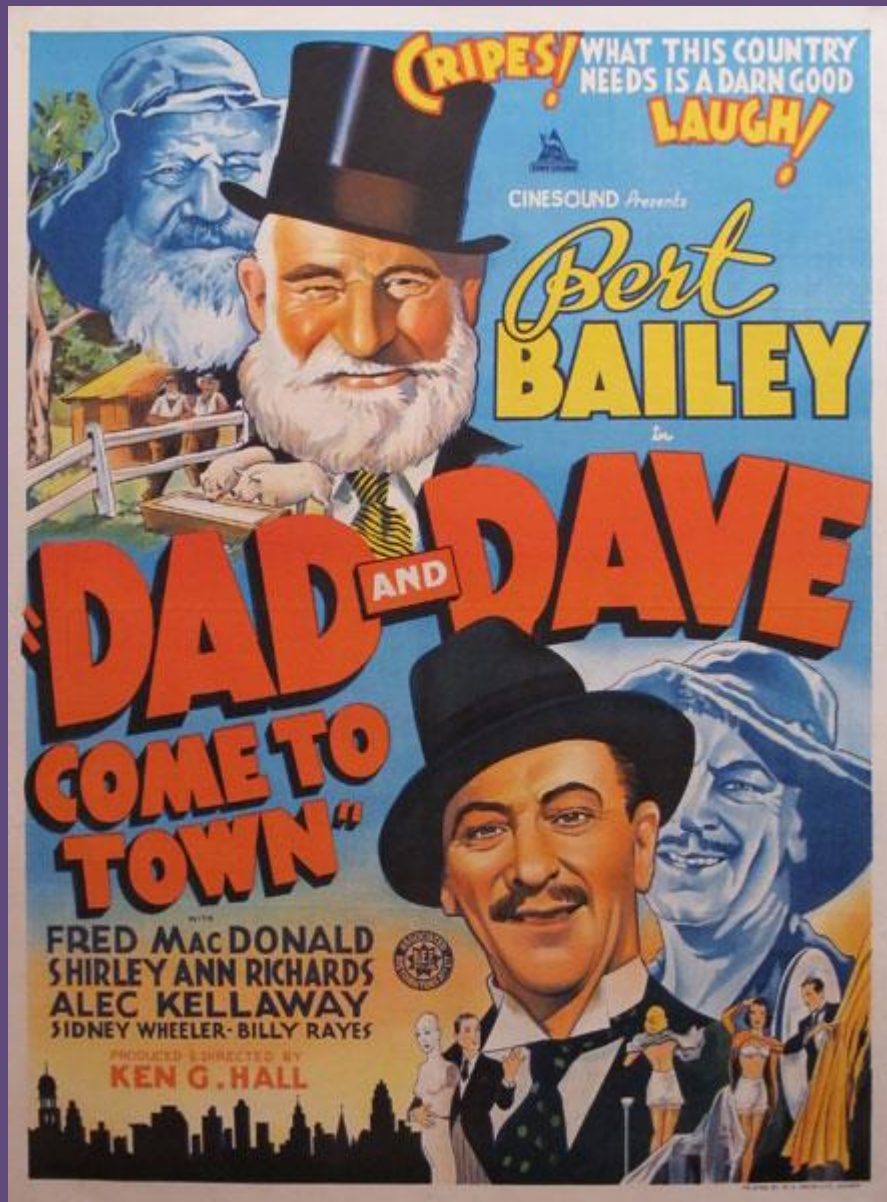
Beryl knew not to talk in class as the ever present threat of the cane was on display. Beryl never got the cane though.

Her father's first car was a Model T Ford with a crank handle to start it. He used to swear when it didn't start.

He was not happy when lollies were left under the seat and no one cleaned them up.



A four door Model T Ford



Beryl enjoyed going to the pictures at Fitzgerald.

Her favourite movie was Dad and Dave and her favourite lollies were Jaffa's because she would throw them at the people in front of her.

Beryl left school at age 14. Beryl worked at the National Park Hotel, which was the hub of the community and the hospitality was second to none. Beryl's job was even to set up the dining room ready for guests of up to 100 and cater for the tourists.



Beryl at age 16

During World War 2 Beryl joined the Girl Force. She had ration coupons for food and clothes. Beryl had a gramophone to listen to and sing along with. Beryl walked or rode everywhere as she did not own a car.



1950s Gramophone

Beryl and her husband Reg were childhood sweethearts. They were married at New Norfolk's St Peter's Catholic Church by Father Murphy in 1944. Beryl's dress was passed down by her sister. They returned to National Park Hotel for their wedding breakfast with 70 guests in attendance.



Beryl and her husband Reg



St Peter's
Catholic Church
New Norfolk

Beryl and Reg had three children a daughter Carole born in 1945, a son Barry born in 1948 and another son Kenneth in 1958.



Beryl with her three children



After Reg passed away Beryl stayed at home until she was unable to care for the home herself anymore. Beryl moved to Corumbene in August 2013.

