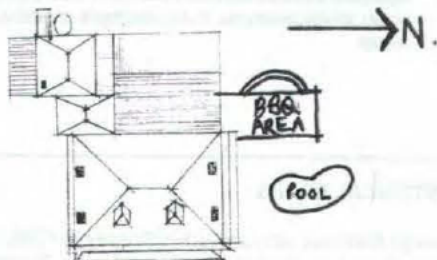



MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

'BALMORAL' - MUSWELLBROOK

PRESENT NAME 'Balmoral'		REFERENCE No MUSW/R014
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No
		DATE INSPECTED 20th March 1996
LOCATION STREET No 310 STREET NAME Denman Road TOWN/SUBURB Muswellbrook POSTCODE 2333 LOCALITY Muswellbrook LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK		SITE SKETCH PLAN 
PRESENT OWNER NAME [REDACTED]	TYPE Private	PROPERTY DETAILS:
OWNERS ADDRESS [REDACTED]		a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Pt Lot 11 & Lots 14 & 16 DP236687 Parish of Brougham b SITE AREA 84.15 hectares c EXISTING ZONING 7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas
CATEGORY Building		MAP REFERENCE '56' 298900E, 6425320N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N
SUB CATEGORY Homestead		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1857		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Reuss and Brown		
BUILDER Bringeman and Dewar		

PHOTOGRAPH



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HISTORICAL NOTES

George Bowman, who arrived in Sydney in 1798, founded one of the Hunter Valley's most influential families. His sons came to own Archerfield, Arrowfield, Strowan, Oaklands, Gyarran, Skellatar and Balmoral. The last of these was the property of William Bowman and it was still in the hands of his descendants in 1978. The Bowmans of Balmoral have been leading citizens of Muswellbrook since its foundation. William was the first mayor of Muswellbrook and a Member of Parliament.

Balmoral homestead was commenced about 1857 and the family believe it was designed by Reuss and Brown and built by Bringeman and Dewar of local bricks with its original slate roof still in place. The only addition to 1978 was a sunroom at the rear, added about 1963.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE Victorian Filigree	MATERIALS: Exterior Brick with slate and galvanised iron roofing, timber verandah posts and cast iron balustrading.		
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Stone quoins to external walls. Original entrance gateway and picket fence.			
c MODIFICATIONS Vine-covered colonnade. Barbeque and swimming pool.			
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INFORMATION SOURCES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically this homestead is linked with one of the region's longest established families and one of the very first successful pastoralists in the region. Balmoral has regional historical significance for having been one of a number of surviving homesteads built by George Bowman for his many sons throughout the Upper Hunter Valley. Aesthetically the homestead is of significance to the region for its unusual features designed by regionally important Architects and built from bricks made on the property in the middle of the last century. Socially the building is of great significance to the current Bowman resident descendants and to other regional Bowman family descendants for whom the house provides tangible links with their ancestry. Scientifically the building is significant to the region for its potential to reveal a great deal which could contribute to an understanding of the lifestyle of the influential Bowmans of the mid-late 19th century and about the skills of local tradesmen and designers of the period. It is of a completeness rare in the region.