



# NEWS SHEET

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the balmain association

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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 6 JULY 1981  
7.30 PM-WATCH HOUSE

## SPOTLIGHT

### VIEWING HOUSES NEEDS LOTS OF PEOPLE

Older members will remember the importance of house inspections as a means of introducing the public to Balmain. They were also a great source of income for the Association - something that is much needed now.

Our Treasurer has explained the hard cold facts of spending more than we earn and so a worthwhile fund-raising event is vital to our stability. We therefore plan to hold a House Inspection again but lots of helpers are needed. Owners of houses require members to be on watch to keep an eye on precious interiors and contents.

In the case of two-storey houses, six people are needed for each house. Divided into two shifts there needs to be one upstairs, one downstairs and one on the gate. Multiply this by the four houses that we hope to "show" and you will arrive at our target of 24 members.

Added to this number are the volunteers needed to show the Watch House which will be the key building of the day.

Your help would be greatly appreciated for this important September/October event. Please let us know if you are able to help raise funds,

Ring Rod Linklater on 82.0323.

### GO FLY A KITE . . .



So the song goes! Members interested in organising the making and flying of kites during the windy months should contact Rod Linklater on 82 0323. This activity is aimed at children of all ages.

### CARS AND TRUCKS AND BIKES?

### CITIZENS IMPACT STATEMENT

The following are excerpts from the Transport Group Newsletter:

According to residents, there is no doubt that the problems associated with traffic and transport included the marked increase in the number of container trucks in the area, and the use of narrow residential streets as short cuts, by these and other trucks; the lack of off-street parking; and too much reliance on the motor car as a means of transport, which is partially due to the inadequacy of the public transport system, including the lack of cross-country services.

There were several recommendations and solutions suggested by the residents of Leichhardt. The most popular of these included the movement of containers by rail instead of road; stricter pollution regulations; more frequent public transport; and the introduction of more bicycle ways.

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Did you know that the State Government will match any amount put up by local councils for bicycle facilities?

From the responses given in the Citizens Impact Statement, a large number of residents expressed great interest in the bicycle as an alternative to the car and public transport. A number of residents stated that they would use a bicycle if there were bike ways on streets and parks.

It would seem that a growing number of people are becoming interested in the bicycle and it seems the government is responding to this by informing the public that they will match any amount put up by local councils for bicycle facilities.

If you are interested in bicycles as an alternative form of transport, contact your local council and see what they are doing about bicycle ways or other bicycle facilities. If the council does not show much interest, contact Mr. Richie on 268-2920 at the State Bicycle Advisory Committee and talk to him about your local area and express interest in the concept of the bicycle as a means of transport for the future.

### KILLING OUR VEGETATION!

Balmain residents are still wondering as to the results of lab checks by the Maritime Services Board on trees killed during blackberry spraying at the Board's Killeen Street depot last October. The Board continues to use 245-T and 24-D despite the abandonment of both these chemicals by Leichhardt Council (and most other Sydney Councils) for weedkilling. The lab checks followed the death of more than 40 trees which local people attribute to spraying on a windy day.

Leichhardt residents concerned about the need for more open space and green areas are invited to attend Leichhardt Council's Trees and Open Space Committee meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at Leichhardt Town Hall at 8 pm. Residents can participate as full voting members in the Committee. Waterfront parkland is seen as a priority.

At the National Labor Women's Conference recently held in Sydney women from WA and Victoria recounted horror stories of the destruction to vegetation and unique heathlands in Kwinana and Portland by the aluminium industry. Serious problems have resulted with water tables, salinisation of land and desert encroachment.

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Recent research has demonstrated that the Sahara Desert was covered with trees as recently as 6000 years ago, and that it was turned into a desert by nomadic tribes who burned the trees for grazing areas for their herds. Well we might ask are we, in Australia, turning our country into another Sahara by burning off our bushlands, felling trees in our rainforests and destroying our vegetation so hazily?

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THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS FOR PEOPLE IN BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE



# BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB



## WATCH THESE DATES

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### Jessica Murray STRIKING ROSES FROM CUTTINGS

It is interesting to experiment with these as most Floribundas and many Hybrid Teas strike quite easily and also the Miniatures.

**BEST TIME:** The cooler months are best for this - from April to August. I have found late April and May the optimum but have had successes from pieces of prunings done in July so if you know where there is a particularly nice rose, ask if you can have a piece at pruning time, in July.

**SOME ROSES WORTH TRYING:** I have seen good results from "Peace" (yellow), "Roundelay" (dark red), "June Bride" (cream), "Cecile Brunner" (small pink), "Buff Beauty" (musk apricot), and "Alister Stella Gray" (golden). Yellow and white roses are said to be the least satisfactory, with pink the easiest and then red ones.

**METHOD:** Best pieces are those that have borne a flower. Take pieces about 9 inches long of ripened wood and nearly the thickness of a pencil. Cut off any flower remains and all leaves except top two (do not tear off leaves - this may cause damage). Cut straight across below node at the bottom and dip in rooting powder. Make a trench about 8 inches deep in a cool shaded place and have one vertical side. Put 2 inches of sand in bottom of trench and put in cuttings about 4 inches apart leaning slantwise against the vertical side. Fill up trench and firm the soil very well. Water well, keep damp but NOT soaking wet.

**WHEN TO TRANSPLANT:** Late the next autumn or early winter of next year - they should be ready for their permanent spots.

**MINIATURE ROSES:** Mr Alec Taylor of Gladesville, who gave a talk on these plants to our members recently, mentioned that Rumsey's Nursery grow all their vast number of Miniatures from cuttings and they grow perfectly on their own roots.

He also brought a large number of cuttings of Miniatures for our members to try. They were all prepared pieces about 5 or 6 inches long with all leaves removed and each taken from the mother plant with a heel at the base. He recommended planting several in a 5-inch pot of sand and vermiculite (sand and peat moss would do as well).

**CUTTINGS OF VERY OLD ROSES:** If you are interested in these the places to find them are in old cemeteries. You can be sure that if the rose is still growing after 50 or 100 years of complete neglect, it knows something about surviving that many of our finicky modern Hybrids do not. The old "Gallicias", "Musk Roses" and old "Tea Roses" usually strike very easily - so give them a go! I have known of cuttings of unique old roses being obtained at Gore Hill, Hill End, Richmond, Hexham.

### Management Committee

Gladys Chanter, Margaret Dobson, Frances Heathfield, Rod Linklater, Ethel May, Andrea Nield, Richard Norman and Peter Reynolds met at the Watch House on 1 June at 7:30 pm and processed the following business:

- 1 Letters sent to Hon E Bedford, Mr M Maher and Ashfield Council re our support for the conservation policy of the Haberfield Association.
- 2 Letter received from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences asking for whereabouts of shop interiors still in existence that would be suitable as illustrations for forthcoming display.
- 3 From the National Trust advising that the Young Trust group wish to visit the Watch House on 16 August 1981 as part of a tour of buildings designed by architect Edmund Blacket whose centenary occurs in 1983. Resolved to accept a visit on the day suggested between 2 00 pm and 4 00 pm.

1981 MEETINGS DIARY \*\*\*\*\*  
To simplify arrangements for Management Meetings, General Meetings and History Meetings one meeting combining all these functions will be held on the first Monday of each month - public holidays excluded.

Monday	3 August
Monday	7 September
Tuesday	6 October
Monday	2 November
Monday	7 December

Monday 6 July ←

Remember, first Monday in each month at the Watch House at 7 30 pm - ALL WELCOME.

The BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB meets every third Saturday in the month at the Watch House 179 Darling Street at 1 00 pm.  
On 20 June the members will visit an Earthworm Farm and on 8 July Hunters Hill Camellias. Visitors are always welcome.

WELCOME

We welcome the following new members: Tony Wadick, Miss Mary O'Rourke, Mrs D Yeates, Mr and Mrs B Hutton, John K Wright, Christian Bros High School, Leo and Lynden White, Sylvia Beresford, Debby Cramer and Terry Horsley, Mrs N A Rolfe and Peter Toogood (re-joined).

DEADLINE FOR NEWS SHEET COPY IS THE NIGHT OF EACH MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.//////////

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OUR AIMS ARE TO:

- \* improve the living working and recreational amenity of our area
- \* maintain all features having natural architectural and/or historical value
- \* compile and record the history of the area - keep a permanent collection of items of historical interest
- \* seek the co-operation of everyone concerned in the realization of the above

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