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# NEWS SHEET



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## "COLONIAL LIVING" IN BALMAIN

The antique sandstone cottage (c. 1840) at 37 Campbell Street, Balmain, is a very interesting place to visit nowadays. It has recently been converted to an Australiana Gallery and is open for inspection on weekends.

The emphasis is on Australian antique furniture, a very rare commodity, and the gallery, called "Colonial Living", has a good selection of pieces available, including chairs, tables, chests of drawers, bookcases and wardrobes. Each room of the Gallery is decorated to a theme, and the effect is of a small house decorated to suit the period. For anybody restoring an old house in traditional style, a visit to Colonial Living is very educational.

Another aspect of the gallery is the superb range of re-created Australian antiques, featuring frames, chairs, tables and beds. Designed to accommodate an ever-growing market for an ever-diminishing commodity, this range is a sight to behold. Each piece is modelled after selected originals from the collection of Dr. John Buttsworth, a collection regarded as one of the most extensive collections of colonial furniture. Each piece is handmade from quality cedar and is hand-finished with the traditional wax polish so loved by our early cabinet makers.

Colonial Living also brings together a number of traditional craft skills and displays the work of very talented people, including a blacksmith, a bush furniture maker, a jeweller and a lead-light artist. Everything is Australian; and set in the old cottage the atmosphere of the gallery is very pleasing and very authentic.

It all adds up to another very interesting spot to visit in Balmain, and is full of historical interest. Really promoting Australia's heritage in furnishings and decor, Colonial Living is sure to be a boon to Balmain's historic atmosphere and colonial spirit.

The cottage in which this is all housed is owned by Dr. Buttsworth and Margaret Throsby, and they invite you to inspect Colonial Living between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

PETER REID



The photograph shows an example of Colonial Living's cedar furniture. One of these chairs is 125 years old. The other is brand new!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FROM THE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



CHRISTMAS DRINKS  
PLEASE CALL IN



SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER 1984

## THINKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS . . . . .

Help the Association.

- "Half A Thousand Acres"  
(Reduced Price for Members) \$7.50  
(Numbered copies 1-50) \$15.00
  - Postcard-sized photographs, set of 4,  
Rozelle Post Office and other buildings  
'As They Were'. 50c
  - Badges - 'Living in Balmain' 10c
  - Novelty Cards showing boats or houses, coloured 5c
- ALL AVAILABLE AT THE WATCH HOUSE.

Members of the Balmain Association and local residents of Balmain are cordially invited to 'drop in' at the Watch House, 179 Darling Street, on 22nd December with a view to 'quaffing' some 'Christmas Cheer'.

This festive occasion will provide the opportunity to visit the Watch House and also to meet members of the Management Committee.

ALL ARE WELCOME BETWEEN 1 PM AND 3 PM-ISH!

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 6TH FEB 1985 AT 7.30 P.M.

WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING STREET, BALMAIN.



1001 EAST BALTIMORE STREET  
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THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
IN SENATE  
January 10, 1911.

REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE  
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE  
MAY 17, 1909.

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Local residents were vocal at a Public Meeting (28.11.84) held at Gilchrist Place (ex Canefields) to determine landscaping policy for this foreshore area.

Those attending rejected the Council's intention to provide BBQ facilities and fixed shelters. It was suggested that steps be provided in the sea wall for the launching of portable watercraft, and landscaping the foreshore at Duke Street also for this purpose. It was pointed out that access to Cooper Street seemed no longer to exist. Appropriate arboreta species also requires further consideration, intended large trees of the Moreton Bay Fig type variety being rejected.

The Association will continue to monitor landscape proposals for this area, and interested residents should contact the Association with any ideas that they have.

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**AUCTION AT SOTHEY'S - LONDON**

A volume of drawings and watercolours of Sydney and its environs by GEORGE PENKIVIL SLADE, a Sydney solicitor, was auctioned in London last month.

The volume itself was bound in linen and leather with the inscription on the cover "Sketches/G.P.S., and contained some 80 drawings. Many of them were signed with initials and almost all inscribed and dated between 1858 and 11 November 1865; and consisted of water colour over pencil (some pencil only), and occasionally heightened with body colour and gum arabic.

Included in the volume were views of BIRCHGROVE HOUSE, BALMAIN FROM BIRCHGROVE and BALMAIN REGATTA. Among the many other views included were Hunter's Hill Regatta; the North Shore; Middle Harbour; the Harbour from the Botanical Gardens; Windsor, including the Church, the Parsonage, Ferry and South Creek; Braidwood, including Durham Hall; and interiors on Macquarie Street.

The estimated sale price was around £8,000-12,000 sterling; but it is understood that the volume was sold for a sum in excess of £30,000 sterling.

NOTE: The Balmain Association will attempt to contact the buyer of the Slade volume of drawings and watercolours with a view to obtaining copies of any drawings associated with Balmain.



**BOOK FAIR**

at

**TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE**  
3rd Floor, Argyle Arts Centre  
18 Argyle Street, Sydney

From Saturday 24 November 1984 to Friday 25 January 1985

**Hours:** Weekdays 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturdays (November & December) Noon to 5 pm  
Sundays (November & December) 1 pm to 5 pm

TEC's Bookshop specialises in a wide range of books on the environment, flora and fauna, rainforests and sea-shores, as well as urban planning and the problems of cities.

A limited stock of children's books will be available as well as calendars and posters.

TEC is a voluntary organisation and the Book Fair is an important fund raising event.

This is an opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts, so please come along, buy a book and assist TEC.

Enquiries please ring TEC, tel: 274724.



**CLONTARF PARK ACTION GROUP**

c/o 22 Adolphus St Balmain 2041 ph 810 6447

Despite the refusal of the new Leichhardt Council to reverse the decision of its predecessor to hand over Clontarf Park to the Housing Commission, nothing seems to be happening! Certainly, if correspondence with both parties is to be believed, a lease agreement has yet to be concluded.

We hope this has something to do with our group's intention to mount a legal challenge to any ex gratia hand over of municipal parkland to a State government body.

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Meanwhile the CPAG is currently preparing an account of the Clontarf Park affair. As well as providing us with a comprehensive summary for distribution to the relevant authorities and the press, we hope it will be useful to other resident groups fighting local environmental issues.

We would appreciate your help in the form of any photographs of Adolphus and Wallace Streets prior to 1972, when the Ward Stoves factory was demolished to make way for Clontarf Park. We would also appreciate photographs of "Pilcher's Paddock", the communal area now occupied by what is arguably East Balmain's greatest monument - the container terminal!

All photographs will be carefully handled and returned to the owner as required.

CLONTARF PARK ACTION GROUP meets every second Monday of the month at the Balmain Watch House.  
Next meeting - MONDAY 14 JANUARY 1985 at 8.00 P.M.

**JOIN the balmain association**

meaning DALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE

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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