

20th anniversary year NEWS SHEET

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the balmain association

FOUNDED 1965

LEICHHARDT RESIDENTS ALLIANCE

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPALITY?

Why is there a record number of groups of residents banding together?
Because they are furious at the raw deal they are getting from other bodies of people who do not care about the area.

WHAT ARE ALL THESE GROUPS ON ABOUT?

Come and find out!

GALA DAY!

Saturday, October 26 11.30 am

**GLADSTONE PARK,
BALMAIN**

(Opposite the Markets)

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| Live music | Entertainment |
| Food & Drinks for sale | Clown |
| Balloons for kids | Stalls |

TV AND SPORTING PERSONALITIES

INFORMATION STALLS RE:

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| Balmain Association | Glebe Society |
| Whites Creek Park | Annandale Association |
| Long Day Care Centres | Clontarf Park |
| Heliport | Mort Bay |
| Rozelle Valley | Punch Park |
| Traffic Study Proposals | |

FIND OUT HOW THESE PROBLEMS AFFECT **YOU** AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!

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20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY OF THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

Saturday 21st September 1985 was bleak and wet, but the weather was unable to dampen the pleasure of a reunion day at the Watch House - the beginning of a series of later reunions which took place after the Watch House closed.

Handcrafts were displayed in the cells; and through sales of these and the Garden Club's plants as well as our book sales, \$134 dollars profit was made while the catering paid for itself.

To the many who contributed their time and generous help to make the day a success, thank you. In particular, our thanks go to Diana Garder who took over the burden of the whole organisation and whose attention to detail over several weeks resulted in a great team effort.

Our aim on this day was not to make money but to have a sociable time. We achieved both.

GALA DAY

On Saturday, 26 October 1985, at 11.30 am, Gladstone Park will be alive with entertainment. Organised by the Leichhardt Residents' Alliance, it will be supported by the Association where we will be promoting the aims of our constitution. These state, briefly, that the Balmain Association works for the improvement of amenities; maintaining natural, architectural and historically valuable features, and seeks the affiliation of kindred organisations. In this regard and with due regard to the people of Balmain, Birchgrove and Rozelle, we attempt to maintain working relationships with local, State and Federal Governments without being affiliated with any political party.

You are invited to find out what you can do about the problems affecting the residents of Leichhardt Municipality, and to enjoy the entertainment.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 1985,
7.30 PM AT THE WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING STREET, BALMAIN.



MORT BAY ACTION GROUP

THE FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING.

On 3 September, 1985 the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr. Carr, made a press statement concerning the State Government's proposal for the Mort Bay site. Mr. Carr was quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald as saying "half the land, including all the foreshores, would be kept as public open space". What Mr. Carr did not say in his press release is that included in that generous gift of half the land is -

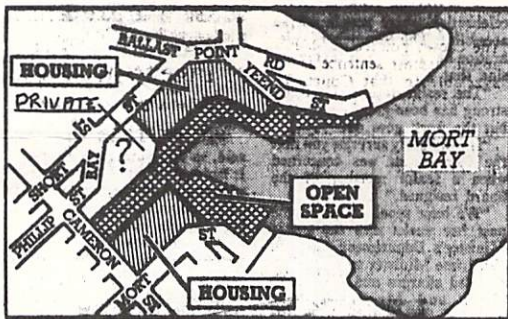
1. A concrete wharf which is overhanging the water. If the wharf is demolished in the future and not replaced, that portion of open space is lost - wharves do not last forever.
2. An existing park on the Thames Street wharf corner. This is very generous to give us a pocket park which we already have. In all probability this will be taken up in the future by either parking area and/or a bus turning area similar to the service at Darling Street wharf.
3. The dock area through the centre of the site which is the subject of a Heritage Order. This area could be dug up in the future with a resultant loss of that portion of the open space.

HOW MUCH OF THE 50% IS LEFT THEN?

It is our belief that what open space is left would not even cater for the people who would be living in the hundreds of houses on the site, let alone the so-called public.

ALSO NOT MENTIONED BY MR. CARR:

The future of privately owned land bounded by Cameron and Bay Streets. If this land is rezoned at a later date as residential the number of housing units compared with the percentage of open space would be far above acceptable limits anywhere in the Metropolitan area. The Housing Commission is currently negotiating to purchase this land.



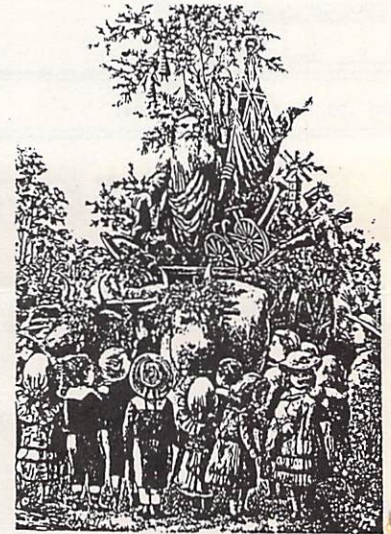
We have been informed that the plan will be sent to the Council for public exhibition in the near future. That will be the residents' opportunity to make submissions on the proposal. This is just the beginning - watch the press for the Council's notification of the public display of the plan.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLONY

The Association welcomes its members and the public to the Grand Opening on 15 November 1985 to an exhibition of Christmas Panels, prepared by Elizabeth Bay House, showing Australia's past Christmasses.

Admission: \$1 Adults, 50\$ Children. Wine, cheese provided. Shown are various festivities including markets, preparation of the meal, and the popular Christmas pantomime, also a panel devoted to Christmas cards.

We would also welcome any memorabilia which members could contribute to the exhibition: pictures, old Christmas cards, decorations and so forth. We will be setting the exhibition up on Saturday 9 November. Please contact Debbie Nicholls 810 7391 or bring any of your items to the Watch House between 1-4 p.m.



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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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