

DRAMA GROUP EVENING.

"Aspects of Love", an evening of poetry and music, was held at the Watch House on Sunday, 27th September. The upper floor of the Watch House, in spite of inclement weather, was filled to capacity and the atmosphere was excellent.

The evening was divided into two sections of which the first part, a planned reading, covered many aspects of love in poetry, ranging from some 8th century Chinese verse through to modern free verse. Songs, varied and entertaining, organised by Derrick Chetwyn, were used to introduce each section of the poetry.

After a coffee interval, poets were invited to read their own work and the success of the response and the quality of the verse in this section indicates that this should be a more frequent arrangement.

Altogether a most successful evening, the first of its type held in the Watch House which proved an ideal setting.

Future plans of the group :-

- (a) Readings are starting within 2 weeks for the next play.
- (b) Tentative plans for children's drama group are going ahead. Would any members who have suitable "dressing-up gear" please contact Diana Rogers, 82 3819, to start a dressing-up box. Also, helpers for this work would be much appreciated.

ANNANDALE ASSOCIATION INSPECTION DAY.

An inspection is to be held on Saturday, 7th November and will include 2 churches and 4 houses including the Hunter-Baillie Memorial Church. Tickets \$1 each. Enquiries to Hon. Secretary, Annandale Association, 289 Annandale St., Annandale. This will be an interesting day and Balmain Association members are urged to support our sister association.

SUB-COMMITTEES NEED FOR NEW MEMBERS.

The Association was formed with the idea of providing a wide choice of activities for members, so why not join a sub-committee. It is a very enjoyable way of expanding or creating an interest and meeting and working with other members, so don't be hesitant. Ring one of the convenors listed below or hand in your name at the General Meeting on 15th October. It's not all hard work--it's fun too, so get with it!

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Convenor</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Fund Raising	Graham Stevenson	82 4255
Historical	Peter Reynolds	82 3752
Architectural	Bob Beverley	82 5279
Drama Group	Diana Rogers	82 3819
Library	Larry Lake	
Watch House	Margaret Dobson	82 2774
Publicity	Jocelyn Morris	82 2565

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Balmain Town Hall 8pm sharp

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1970

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Financial members at present total 137 plus 12 junior members. This means that less than one-third of our members have renewed their subscriptions, which were due on the 1st July. Would you please check and make sure that you have paid your dues?

If you are interested in joining the Balmain Association, write to
The Hon. Secretary,
The Balmain Association,
Box 57, Post Office, Balmain.. 2041

Membership fees - Ordinary member - \$1.00
Pensioner or child under 15 - 20c.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.

At our Annual General Meeting on 13th August, 1970, a new Management Committee was elected as follows :-

President: Bill Haesler
Vice President: Bob Beverley
Hon. Secretary: Margaret Dobson
Treasurer: John Mackenzie.

Committee:

Bob Irving Diana Rogers
Larry Lake Graham Stevenson
Jocelyn Morris Elizabeth Tow
Peter Reynolds

Bill Haesler thanked the retiring Management Committee for their hard work and, in particular, Thea Banks, Alan Harding, Tom Flower and Louis Lodge who did not nominate for re-election.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

With overseas Christmas mails closing soon, may we remind you that the Association is selling very attractive Christmas cards at 10 cents each. These will be on sale at the General Meeting or can be obtained from Graham Stevenson at 82 4255.

The closing dates for overseas letters by surface mail are :-

United Kingdom - 9 a.m. November 16th
France - 9 a.m. October 16th
Germany - 9 a.m. November 3rd
United States - 9 a.m. November 9th

GALA HOLLYWOOD STAR NIGHT.

To be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Porter, 66 Campbell Street, Balmain, on Saturday, 17th October, at 8.30 p.m. Come as your favourite star of stage or silver screen and dance to a live band. Oscars will be presented. Supper will be provided but bring your own drinks and glass. Tickets \$2.00 each. Graham Stevenson, 21 William Street, Balmain. 'Phone 82 4255.

PEACOCK POINT PARK.

It often seems that we are unable to score in our battle to improve Balmain, but one thing that has brightened our horizon is the new Peacock Point Park. It was constructed for the Maritime Services Board by Bruce Mackenzie, Landscape Architect, and is a delightful blend of the disciplined and the organic.

All plants are Australian natives, building materials are stone and wood and the ground is strewn with bark and leaves. This gives a unique feeling of peace and seclusion while looking out at the city skyline and the bustling activity of the harbour. One two-year-old devotee described it as a "picnic walk".

When one looks across Jubilee Bay, the container wharf appears even more monstrous in contrast to the gentle quietness of the park. It seems that our protests over the construction of the container terminals have helped us to acquire a park--rather reminiscent of Judas Iscariot and the Potter's Field!

If you have not tried a "picnic walk", you must.

SILENCE ABETS THE VANDALS.

How much more foreshore land will the container consortia and the amenable M.S.B. uglify into bedlams of traffic snarls and sleep-shattering decibels? Quite a slice, judged by the merciless graph of container-shipment expansion.

Extension of Balmain's White Bay and Mort Bay terminals and conversion of Rozelle Bay foreshore land for container stuffing and unstuffing continue to be investigated. Rozelle Bay is shallow and water access bridge-obstructed, so the idea could be that its contemplated stuffing depots, much handier than Chullora and Villawood, should serve White Bay and Mort Bay C-berths. Since the first OCL C-ship Encounter Bay, ushered in Balmain's Year of the Box in 1969,

the Australian National Line, the ACT consortium, the German-Dutch-French-Italian grouping, Japanese and ASP (coastal) ships have been swelling the White Bay and Mort Bay traffic. Twelve more C-ships will be on the Australia-U.S. East Coast run by 1972, the Scandinavians are building and converting to meet the container challenge, Singapore's terminal will be ready by the end of 1971 and Hong Kong's in 1972, and more C-ships are scheduled in the Japan trade.

The container consortia are derelicting some smaller ports and reducing shipments from others, including Newcastle and Port Kembla, by containerising locally and railing and trucking to terminals at Balmain. This subversion of Australian decentralisation concepts intensifies terminal and traffic congestion.

The choice is simple. Either Balmain is vandalised for more terminal space and wider access roads, or Balmain's silent majority joins with those in the Balmain Association and other bodies ready to insist in stronger tones that all new container expansion be centred on Botany Bay. Botany Bay has acreage, access--and no narrow carriageways winding between sandstock and cast-iron frontages.

GARDEN COMPETITION.

The response so far from householders who take a pride in their environment has been very disappointing. Probably people are bashful about entering their gardens because they think they are too humble; or that the flowers have stopped blooming. Remember, the object of the competition is to make the area a pleasant one at all times of the year, with greenery, trees, shrubs, flowers and pot plants. Also, it is intended to hold an inspection of the gardens of the winners in each section, the proceeds to be given to the Balmain Hospital appeal. So fill in those coupons and help make the competition a success.