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## Annual Report

Another eventful year for the Balmain Association. We have been involved in a number of issues over the year, the outstanding one being the demolition of the front of the Balmain Telephone Exchange. Finally after 10 years of hard work, writing letters, petitions and demonstrations work has finally begun on creating a community space where once was an ugly building. Telstra has been further requested by the Inner West Council to demolish a further 4 metres of the building. We await with anticipation on their reply.

A grant application has been prepared by Carolyn Allen for the Balmain Association and submitted to the State Government. If successful this will be put towards a renovated kitchen for use by our exhibitors and also a revamped garden which will be supervised by Marg Bailey.

The Watch House bookings have been reasonably consistent throughout the year and it has been included in IWC's Edge Festival's Open Studio Trail on 23, 24 November. This will be an opportunity to further promote the Watch House as a desirable gallery space.

The National Trust Heritage Week, Connecting People Places and the Past, was a big success due to the dedication of Helen Carter and Jenny Longbottom, who is sadly no longer with us.

History Week, Memories and Landscapes, in September was prepared and presented by Jan Woods. It was also an outstanding success with many visitors attending.

Work has finally started on the Dawn Fraser pool which unfortunately for our local swimmers will be closed this summer but should reopen late next year. The work being essential to raise the structure to avoid the high tides and flooding.

Our request in last year's President's report for people to help staff the Watch House on Saturdays received a good response. A big thank you to Sue Hilton,

Elisabeth Thilo, David Somerfield and Robyn Longhurst.

Ross Mackenzie, Vice President.

## EDGE Festival Balmain 23rd – 24th November 2019

EDGE Inner West shone a spotlight on the inner west as a cultural centre with a series of immersive arts programs in sites where creative spaces are clustered.

The launch on Thursday 21 November, 6pm at The Glasshouse, Balmain Town Hall attracted an exceptionally large crowd who were entertained with dancing, live music and a light show.

There were many activities throughout the suburb on the weekend. We look forward to having a full report for our next issue of The Observer.

### EDGE Creative Trails

Studios were open at various locations along Darling St. The Watch House participated and had a total of 164 visitors over the weekend.

Artist Christeene Britton was exhibiting and explained her vibrant work to the many visitors see one of her paintings below.

June Lunsmann.



## Introducing Heritage Awards for restoring historic buildings in Balmain and Rozelle

The Balmain Association is strong supporter of the heritage value of the Balmain Rozelle peninsula. The Association is planning to present a Heritage Award to building owners of private dwellings, commercial buildings or sites who have done an excellent restoration job. The award not only recognises the commitment of the owner but also the specialist architects and tradesmen (eg stonemasons and iron workers) who do this work.

The award will be in the form of a presentation of a plaque that can be mounted on the building or site.

We hope that our community will support this idea and put forward sites they believe are worthy of the award.

If you have a restoration you would like to nominate please let us know the location of the site with a photo if possible at [info@balmainassociation.org.au](mailto:info@balmainassociation.org.au)  
John Symonds and Meg Wallace.

### Stop Press Western Harbour Tunnel

The government has now formally ruled out using Birchgrove Oval and Birchgrove Park as work sites which means that these beautiful spaces will remain in public hands for public use throughout construction.

Importantly, the final plan for this tunnel (the Environmental Impact Statement) will be released in January next year. This is our community's opportunity to formally comment and highlight our views on this project.

Jamie Parker.

email [balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 9660 7586.

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# Update on Recent Issues

## My amalgamation blues

We all knew that one of the government's stated objectives for amalgamations was to improve efficiency and save money. Much of Council's business this year has been the merging process and the adoption at the August meeting of the Land and Property Strategy (LPS) was another step. Each step will make it more difficult to unscramble the mess if we are ever able to secede.

The first objective of the LPS is to generate savings and increase revenue. Community assets should be well managed & there could be property that is perhaps superfluous to current needs & times. However, the document relies heavily on financial means of determining benefits to the community. It is very difficult to put a financial number on the benefits of many of the assets covered. It is of concern that commercial property management processes may overlook the social values and benefits to community of specific assets, especially to small local groups who have often developed and managed these places.

One of the objectives is to identify opportunities including reuse and disposal. There is currently an IWC tender advertised for Expressions of Interest (closing 25 Nov) from 'experienced property developers, land owners, social enterprises, not-for-profits, community groups, and any other type of organisation to provide a strategy to address Inner West Council's future accommodation requirements.' It is for 7 sites; 3 administration buildings in Leichhardt, Ashfield & Petersham & 4 depots in Balmain, Leichhardt, St Peters and Summer Hill. This may sound reasonable but once gone, it would be very difficult to buy back. I do think we need to keep abreast of what is happening so that we do not lose sites of value to individual communities. There are many such communities in our enlarged municipality. We do have 8 Town Halls, all places where our communities have come together for over one hundred years and this should continue. The strategy notes that 'ageing heritage buildings require ongoing increasing maintenance and capital renewal works which are costly'. This is true for any building & we have seen many more recently built buildings just pulled down. Do they count the costs to the environment for these? Our Town Halls are part of our identity, and I am sure our Councillors would agree. But we do need to make sure that no civic heritage listed building is turned into luxury apartments or sold off!

Carolyn Allen

## Maintenance at Clontarf

In October

There was a Council restructure and responsibility for the maintenance of Clontarf Cottage, and gardening services, now rests in with the Infrastructure team. This has to be accessed through the customer service system through Council's website to notify maintenance issues and follow up on progress. Booking of the venue and internal cleaning operations will be responsibility of IWC.

Members of the now defunct Clontarf committee have been trying to help with maintenance by observing and monitoring of issues as they are nearby and can report such problems. They would appreciate to be informed of any progress, as a courtesy, to assure that the information sent to IWC is being followed up. Otherwise who is coordinating maintenance of Clontarf if not your department? We cannot do it, as IWC has determined that we are no longer a formal management committee, so we are just trying to help your office.

Abstracted from emails from Alan Rosen.

## Bunnings Development

The Land and Environment Court appeal from Artazan Property Group Pty Ltd for the Bunnings development (Parsons Street, Rozelle) has been approved. The DA was lodged with Council in December 2017 for construction of a three storey building for hardware and building supplies, ground level parking for 74 cars and loading facilities. 159 submissions were received with 155 objecting. The DA was not determined by Council. It was appealed at Court (by way of a 'deemed refusal'). Council's main issues related to impacts on local traffic, inadequate parking, inadequate loading and unloading arrangements. Judgement, however, was delivered on 15 November 2019 with Commissioner Walsh upholding the appeal and granting consent to the development. Further appeals on this matter are only available where there has been an error of law (no error of law has been identified in this case). Cr John Stamolis says this is a very tight location for traffic, parking, road safety and for public transport. Bunnings are a very significant traffic generator and I have concerns about this location for a Bunnings Store.

Apologies for newsletter being so late and no time to double check some statements. Please let me know of any corrections needed to publish in next newsletter. June Lunsmann ed.

## Changes to parking in Jubilee Place

Local Traffic Committee meeting  
8 October

LTC1019 Item 26 Proposed changes to parking in Jubilee Place, Balmain

Clr Macri raised concerns residents are having with Police proposing to implement a 'No Parking' zone on the southern side of Jubilee Place, Balmain and converting some parking spaces into Police parking. The Committee was advised that Jubilee Place is Crown Land managed by Police and that Police need more road space to manoeuvre their vehicles and wide tow boats to the Marine Area Command facility. Council is currently undertaking community consultation and a report will be presented to the Committee to approve signage.

From Alan Rosen

We object to their application to remove 27 parking places on the following grounds:

Parking is already scarce in East Balmain and these spaces are vital for local residents and visitors: it will push street parking from around Ewenton St residential developments from Jubilee Place into Ewenton St and Wallace St where we already rely on residents' tolerance so that individuals and families using Clontarf Cottage Neighbourhood Centre have somewhere to park.

The present commander's insensitive pursuit of and support for this application will needlessly poison the pre-existing good relationships between Water Police & local residents-considering that for the last 15 years, NSW Water Police and emergency vehicles have successfully shared Jubilee Place with residents without incident;

This proposal is directly counter to conditions imposed by council and Dept of Planning for the development consent for the Police Marine Area Command facility which recognized the shortage of parking in the area even then, and provided a small amount of additional parking for local residents beside the Water Police facility.

Access for wide vehicles to the Water Police depot has never been observed to be a problem in Jubilee Place. If it is deemed to be so, a shared zone such as exists in Wallace St can be established with cars allowed to park partly on the curb on one side of the street.

# Vale – Jenny Longbottom (1956-2019)

It is with great sadness we have to inform you that Jenny Longbottom passed away unexpectedly on 21 November. Jenny and her husband Wayne have been members since 2013. Working as a volunteer on the Archives Committee every Tuesday her research skills were outstanding. She completed numerous history inquiries not only uncovering the facts but often untold stories about many of the families in Balmain. Earlier this year Jenny contributed to the Watch House's National Trust Heritage Festival Exhibition writing about one of our early architects and Mayor, Edward Harman Buchanan.

An indication of her dedication can also be found on our website – Jenny painstakingly scanned all our Newsletters which can now be easily accessed

She will be sadly missed by all that she worked with. Her funeral was held in Wallsend and as requested by the family we have made a donation to Diabetes Australia.

Helen Carter and Ross Mackenzie.

I admired Jenny for her tenacity and her ability to overcome her health problems and volunteer so much of her time to the Balmain Association. June Lunsmann



*Photo taken in 2015 at Clontarf Cottage. Kathleen Hamey had invited Jenny to an afternoon tea organised by SAWA to introduce her to our wider community.*

## Visit by Sue Balmain Griffin



We were disappointed that Sue and her friend Doug Heslip had to return to Texas due to a medical emergency related to Sue's leg.

We had looked forward to inviting members to meet them at an event at the Watch House.

Sue has since contacted us to let us know that she has been well looked after on her return and expects a full recovery.

On her previous visit she had given a copy of the Balmain family tree to the association which is available for perusal.

Photo taken when Sue and Doug came to my house to meet Kathleen with whom she had past contact. June Lunsmann.

## Management Committee for 2020

The following were elected unopposed:

President Duncan MacAuslan  
Vice President Ross McKenzie  
Secretary Di Garder  
Committee Members  
John Symonds, Leo White, June Lunsmann, Helen Carter, Carolyn Allen, Robyn Longhurst

The position of Treasurer was not filled.

Appointment of Public Officer  
Malcolm Garder .

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

See enclosed.

Balmain Association inc.  
ABN 15 181 806 487

6pm Wednesday 5 February, 2020  
at The Watch House

179 Darling St, Balmain

To discuss Honorary Life Membership Nominations.

February Committee Meeting will follow this Special General Meeting.



Friends of Clontarf Cottage will be holding their Annual Festive Season Party on Saturday 30 November 2019

This is the chance to be updated on issues and plan for future. Some items to be discussed include Cruise Ships pollution, Water Police application to remove much scarce local resident parking. Festive Season's Greetings from State Member Jamie Parker; Mayor of Inner West Council, Darcy Byrne, Local Councillors; Federal member, Anthony Albanese who have been invited. Full update in next issue.



Friends of Callan Park will be holding their AGM on Monday 2 December. 2019 has been another busy year for the Friends. We look forward to hearing about activities for 2020. Congratulations to their new committee.

# Trees again! Latest from IWC Carolyn Allen

If you had a sense of déjà vu when a leaflet arrived in your letter box recently – you were not mistaken.

The draft Tree Management Development Control Plan (DCP) was initially adopted by Councillors for exhibition in November 2018. This is part of the process whereby DCPs from the three merged Councils are required by the State Government to be merged or consolidated in one. The draft plan was advertised and we were all letter boxed earlier this year. Council received 489 responses and 81% were generally in support of the proposals. The amended plan then went to Council on 27 August 2019. At this meeting a motion to significantly amend the proposed plan to make it less onerous and expensive to remove trees was put by an Independent Cr Macri and supported by a majority of Councillors present.

The main item of contention was that the draft on exhibition included the need for a Tree Work Permit (meeting the assessment criteria) to remove any tree more than half a metre (500mm) from your house. The amendment agreed to at the meeting was that this would change to any tree more than 3 ms from your house (or any structure, including a retaining wall). This would mean removal of any tree closer than 3 ms would be automatically



*Aerial view of Balmain c. 1960*

approved on application. This resulted in a number of newspaper articles and quite passionate discussion within the community regarding loss of canopy throughout our Municipality. At the following meeting on September 24, with a rescission motion proposed, an amended proposal took precedence and was passed.

The draft DCP reflects this and other amendments and includes the clause that automatic approval will be granted for any tree located within 2 s of a dwelling or garage.

The DCP is in respect of ‘protected’ trees, defined as being over 6 s tall (original draft was 5 s) or with a trunk 300mm or more or with a canopy spreading more than 3 ms. A palm or tree fern with a stem greater than 4 ms is also protected. Anything smaller than this is not defined as a tree and can be removed. Certain species (weeds) can also be removed if they are less than 10 ms high. The list of such trees is extensive and will be well advertised so that residents are aware of them, it does include some palms. There are provisions for dead and very dangerous trees.

It is proposed that you will not need Development Consent (a DA) generally to prune or remove any of these protected trees unless it is for trees identified on the Inner West Council heritage tree list, or is part of an Aboriginal object or place of significance. You will need a Tree Works Permit for the above trees or a Tree Minor Works request if it is under 10m height on the “weeds” list. You are able to prune any branch which is within 3 ms of your house. One of the reasons for change was to

reduce costs however the draft on exhibition does not address this in regard to fees. Currently advertised fees for a ‘Tree Permit or DA Application’ is \$232, with an additional notification fee in the former Leichhardt area of \$184. There is a pensioner rebate

of 50%. I have sought clarification from Council and been informed that a Tree Works Permit and a DA would still attract this fee. This could be addressed at the time of the budget. I am informed that the Minor Tree Works request would be free of charge but the condition of replanting would apply in all cases.

The tone of the document has changed from the previous Leichhardt DCP and from the first advertised draft. There was a stronger focus on ‘preservation’ of trees and benefit to the environment. The objective is no longer linked to the recently adopted IWC Strategic Plan and the ‘urban forest’. The canopy targets do remain the same. It seems it will be easier to get permission to remove a tree as reasons for refusal have been watered down. The notion of using ‘risk assessment’ as a criterion is essentially removed which I know many residents will approve. Where a tree is removed there are requirements for tree planting however the Councillor’s suggestion that two trees be planted or a fee paid to reduce reduction in overall canopy has not been included in this draft. The idea that Council will provide suitable tree stock is not in the draft and presumably would be part of Policy.

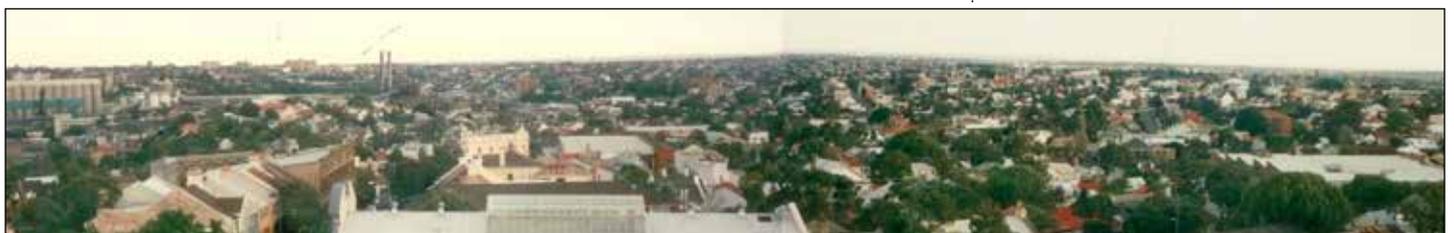
Added to the DCP is a Right of Appeal, so that a review of determination can be made to the CEO. Appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court is still available. The draft Tree DCP will most likely go to council for adoption in early 2020 and gazetted for implementation of a 12 month trial.

I think it will be very disappointing if the proposed process results in a reduction in tree canopy in our local community. There are very significant benefits to the environment and our well being, especially with longer periods of high temperatures forecast, in increasing tree canopy. There will need to be a general commitment made to planting appropriate trees wherever possible by our whole community.

Carolyn Allen

PS Below is the link for you to have your say by 11 December. This is important as responses are tabulated and form part of the report to Council. This is hardly consultation however, it is just about all we have now that we have lost ‘open’ Leichhardt Council.

<https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/tree-management-dcp2>



*View from post office tower looking south east c. 2009*

# Exposed - this is how it was! Post and Telegraph Office

## These words sum up the campaign

**Community Recognition Statement** - Jamie Parker MP  
Balmain Association and Fergus Fricke - 26 September 2019



Today I recognise a decade long heritage campaign that has recently been won in my electorate of Balmain.

Over ten years ago, Fergus Fricke together with members of the Balmain Association hatched an idea to demolish the front portion of the ugly Telstra Exchange Building to reveal the heritage façade of the old Balmain Post Office. Since then they have been working to create a new public, open greenspace on Darling Street.

Over 1,300 local residents signed onto a petition in support of the Balmain Public Square and following years of back-and-forth from the new Inner West Council, work finally began on this site a few weeks ago.

I want to acknowledge the drive of Fergus Fricke, the help and enthusiasm of Ross Mackenzie, Kathleen Hamey and other members of the Balmain Association, photographer David Liddle, cartoonist Bruce Petty, artist Ruth Downes, town planner Michael Ewings, and many other local residents who gave freely of their time and expertise.

This win is the culmination of a decade long community campaign to protect heritage in Balmain and create more public, open space. Congratulations to everyone who contributed.

See you soon at the Balmain Public Square!

## Looking to the future

At the Council Meeting 12 November 2019

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Stamolis

**BALMAIN SQUARE: POSSIBILITY FOR EXPANSION**

“THAT Council to enter into discussions with Telstra about whether there is any opportunity to expand the Balmain Square (i.e. demolish more of the Telstra building).”

This would involve a further 4m extension of the demolition of the Balmain Telephone Exchange.

Early next year the roll-out of the NBN in Balmain will be completed. The completion of the NBN rollout appears to have been the reason why Telstra had previously offered the IWC a larger demolition area of the BTE but could not give a date when the extra demolition could start. It now appears that the extra demolition could be carried out in about three months time. It would certainly be far more efficient to demolish all the structure that is not needed (rather than have two demolitions) and to build the square once rather than twice.

### UPDATE

Following this decision of IWC, on 18th November, the Balmain Association sent a letter to Andrew Penn CEO Telstra requesting that Telstra and the IWC come to an agreement to facilitate the demolition of the next 4m of the Balmain Telephone Exchange to expedite a better outcome for both Telstra and the Inner West Council. This was copied to Jamie Parker, MP Balmain who has contacted Mr Penn expressing his support for the proposal.



Above: an artist's impression of the square with extended demolition. Below: the proposed extra extension would go to the lefthand edge of the photo.



# Woolworths - A monumental change

Campaign started in November 2017 by Fergus Fricke with support of Balmain Association

## BALMAIN'S MONUMENTAL MEMORIAL

*In Loyalty Square there is a monument. Sometimes I wonder whether it is a monument to WW veterans or part of a Woolworths' advertisement. There is a connection I suppose. Cross Darling Street to Loyalty Square and go inside the memorial under the "W" sign and you can use your "loyalty" card to remind you that men died in WW1 and WW2 to save us so that we could spend money in Woolworths. Please Woolworths remove the "Big W" sign overshadowing a small tribute to our forebears and while you are at it perhaps you might decorate the façade with some photos of buildings that also fell in the fight for consumer supremacy.*



## Background

### February 2018: Letter to Woolworths

The Balmain Association sent a letter to Woolies asking for consideration of how the Woolworths building might be made more sympathetic to the site's history, particularly the historic buildings in Darling Street to the east of Woolworths.

BA suggested that a lot could be achieved with very little money and effort to give the front of Balmain Woolworths a significant lift appropriately reflecting Balmain's history and would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this further.

They noted that the Association had been successfully involved in negotiating with Telstra to demolish the front of the Balmain Telephone Exchange so as to create a small plaza and a view of the side of the historic Post Office.

### May 2018: Reply from Woolworths

Over the years, our store has seen many changes to better meet our customers' needs. Most recently we invested in significant improvements

in September 2014. The external signage was updated and complied with the DA and approval of local authorities and our landlord.

We are currently reviewing the Balmain store again, including the signage which as mentioned in your letter could include photos showcasing the history of Balmain.

### 23 February 2019: Meeting with State General Manager

David Liddle and Fergus Fricke had meeting on Saturday 23 February with Michael Mackenzie (Woolworths NSW, ACT State General Manager, Supermarkets) at Loyalty Square.

### 30 September 2019: Installation of photos

The installation of historical photos of Darling Street on the Woolworths facade will be completed by Sunday night this week.



### 2 October 2019: Photos up

Photos up and look good apart from the labels. The 1890s photo is labelled as a "Steam tram" when it patently isn't. No progress with the Woolworths insignia above the entrance.

### 2 November 2019: IWC approval

IWC had approved Woolworths application to remove their insignia from above the entrance to the Balmain store, to repaint the facade and to use decal



In 1971 the Monument sat in the middle of the intersection of Beattie and Darling Sts. Traffic was directed to go either side of the monument depending on which direction you were headed.

In 1998 the pavement in front of Woolworths was extended out and the Monument moved into this area. It was damaged and with funds raised by residents properly restored as you see it today.



images of historic photos on the Darling Street facade windows.

### 14 November 2019: Removal of insignia

Has happened.

**All power to Fergus Fricke and the Balmain Association AND achieved in 2 years!**

## Back to Balmain Day October 2019 - Michele Hacking

**Sometimes a great idea comes from a casual conversation. That's how Back to Balmain began!**

During the Bicentennial Dinner (1988) at Balmain Leagues Club, it was suggested that a regular get together should be held. So an annual, community picnic was planned. The volunteer committee led by Sgt George Stone (Retired) and Rev Peter Carter organised an "old style" family picnic in Elkington Park. Their hard work and local knowledge meant that the picnic enjoyed strong community support. The day was envisaged as a celebration of growing up, working and living in Balmain for everyone



*Once again the bandstand was in full swing with performances by Birchgrove School band and the Leichhardt Celebrity band*

This year on Sunday 27th October this annual community picnic was held in Elkington Park for the 26<sup>th</sup> time. Everyone was welcome to join in. If you think, "I haven't left", you are still needed as part of memories for the future. Back to Balmain is a celebration of growing up and living in this great area.

The format was much the same. Everyone was welcome. Activities were held in Elkington Park. Honeybrook Dancers, Birchgrove School Concert Band and Leichhardt Celebrity Brass Band provided some of the entertainment. Cr John Stamolis brought historic photos which prompted lively discussion. The Balmain Association table had publications and was staffed by members whose local knowledge and advice are appreciated. Local businesses provided raffle prizes which included a signed Wests Tigers jersey. To complete the picnic, we had the Rowing Club sausage sizzle, Nino's icecream van and Cafe2U.



Back to Balmain was not held for a few years due to the high cost of Public Liability Insurance. Fortunately, Leichhardt Council accepted the value of this activity for young and old alike so insurance cover was provided until this year.

In 2019, it seemed that the day would not continue into the future but our generous sponsor, John Robertson (J&J Robertson & Sons Transport) volunteered to assist with future costs. Another generous business, Mannings Funerals, has also come forward to support our activities. Come along in 2020 – you never know who will be there! Information is available at [backtobalmain@gmail.com](mailto:backtobalmain@gmail.com) or through facebook.



*A great day for reminiscence- Remember that!*



*The Honeybrook Dancers*



# What's on at the Watch House

[www.balmainassociation.org.au](http://www.balmainassociation.org.au)

## JANUARY

Saturdays 1, 8

History Room open 11.30am-3pm

## FEBRUARY

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16, 10-4pm

*"Play it by Ear"*

Sophie and Jane Witter are sisters. Sophie is a painter from Tasmania, who recently had a successful solo exhibition in Hobart, while Jane lives in Sydney and works with reclaimed textiles, but they share a vision about the importance of creativity and beauty in our everyday lives. Their exhibition "Play it by Ear", is a celebration of the feminine gaze and the struggle to carve art out of the demands of the domestic space. Please join them for some bubbles at their opening night.

Opening Friday 14, 5-8pm, All welcome

Instagram accounts [witterjane](https://www.instagram.com/witterjane) and [wittersophie](https://www.instagram.com/wittersophie).



Saturdays 22, 29 February and 7 March

History room open 11.30 - 3pm

The theme for this year's festival is **'Our Heritage for the Future'**.

18 April – 19 May 2020.

The Australian Heritage Festival provides communities across the nation with an opportunity to engage with, celebrate, reflect and look forward to how historic, Indigenous, cultural and natural heritage can be protected and promoted in the future. Everyone is invited to bring heritage to life through ceremony; song and dance; performance art; exhibitions of visual art; talks on history, books and stories. Celebrate the past, celebrate the present and imagine heritage as a part of Australia's future for 2020.

Send your ideas for this Festival to [info@balmainassociation.org.au](mailto:info@balmainassociation.org.au)

## MARCH

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15, 10-4

*Balmain and Beyond*

The Balmain Peninsula Park Painters, Mary Cullen and Susan Grant, are having their 16th annual art exhibition at the Balmain Watch House featuring many of local Balmain scenes, as well as still life, animals and travel works. The artworks include a range of watercolours, oils and etchings.

Official opening Saturday 14 at 12.00 midday All welcome

Image: Long Nose Point, an etching by Mary Cullen.



Saturday 21 and Sunday 22, 10-4

*'Falling Through The Cracks'*,

A new exhibition by Livonne Larkins and Jenni Trezise

This exhibition is a creative collaboration with a strong narrative. A correlation of lens and brush. As nature discards, so does humanity. These artworks reveal the rescue and valuing of that which is thrown away, that which has fallen through the cracks.

Opening Friday 20 March 6pm-8pm All Welcome

Meet the artists over the weekend.

<https://www.facebook.com/FallingThroughTheCracksExhibition/>



**Join us for Christmas Cheer**  
**2pm Saturday 14 December**

We will be presenting an encore of Jan Wood's Memories and other photographs from our archives. Saturdays 11.30 - 3pm: December 14, 21, January 5, 12 and February 1, 8.

Come along to the Watch House and we can help you search through the listings to discover your ancestors.

We look forward to seeing you!  
RSVP for catering for Christmas party  
[info@balmainassociation.org.au](mailto:info@balmainassociation.org.au)

### The Balmain Association Inc Representing Balmain, Birchgrove and Rozelle

Our aims are to:

- Improve the living, working and recreational amenities of our area;
- maintain all features having natural, architectural and or historical value of the area and keep a permanent collection of historical interest;
- seek the cooperation of everyone concerned in the realization of the above.

The Balmain Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Watch House, 179 Darling Street Balmain.

**MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

The History Room at the Watch House is open every Saturday 11:30-3 Tuesday 11-1

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