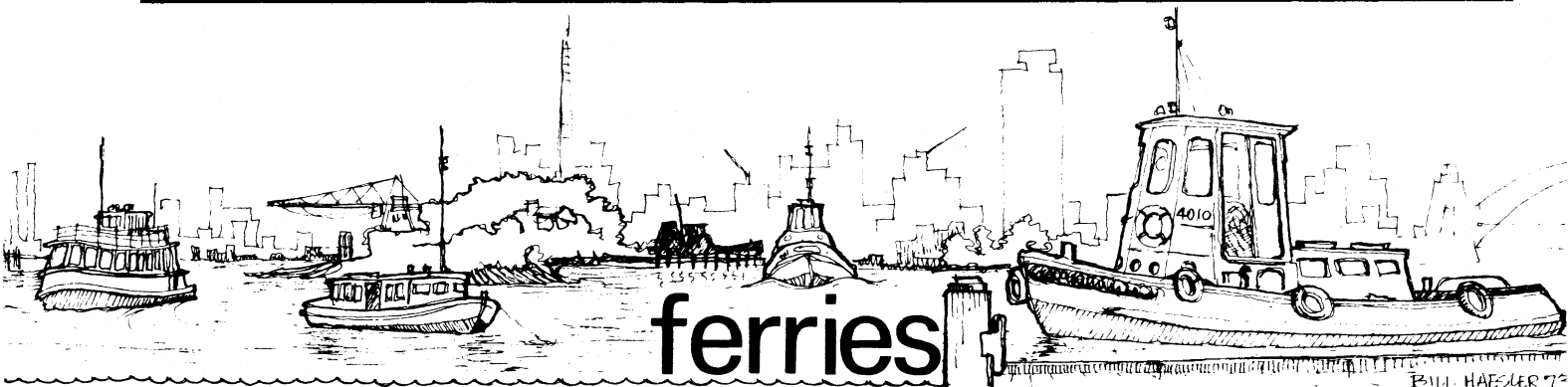


the balmain association



The new BALMAIN/NORTH SYDNEY/QUAY FERRY SERVICE has been running for several weeks now. The initial response was disappointing but over the past few weeks there has been a steady growth in patronage. Have you tried the new service yet? Here are the peak period timetables;

MORNING PEAK PERIOD SERVICE

Dep. L'nose Pt.	Dep. Thames St.	Dep. Darling St.	Arr.* McMahons Pt.	(Arr.* Nth. Syd. Stn.)	Arr. Quay
-	-	7.30	-	-	7.42
7.31	-	-	-	-	7.48
-	7.50	7.58	8.06	8.20	8.14
8.11	-	-	-	-	8.25
-	-	8.25	-	-	8.37
-	8.30	8.38	8.46	8.55	8.54
8.56	-	9.03	-	-	9.15

* No. 267 bus connection McMahons Pt. to Nth. Sydney Business Centre.

EVENING PEAK PERIOD SERVICE

Dep. Quay	(Dep.* Nth. Syd. Stn.)	Dep.* McMahons Pt.	Arr. Darling St.	Arr. Thames St.	Arr. L'nose Pt.
4.15**	-	-	4.27	-	-
4.20**	-	-	-	-	4.32
4.50**	-	-	5.01	-	5.09
5.05***	-	5.13	5.20	-	-
5.15***	5.16	5.27	5.35	5.40	-
5.30**	-	-	-	-	5.42
5.40***	5.45	5.52	6.00	6.05	-
6.10**	-	-	6.21	-	6.29

* No. 267 bus connection Nth. Sydney Business Centre to McMahons Pt.
** Quay No. 5 Wharf *** Quay No. 6 Wharf

LONG NOSE POINT WHARF is at the end of Louisa Road, Birchgrove.

THAMES St. WHARF is at the end of Mort Street, Mort Bay.

DARLING St. WHARF is at the end of Darling Street, East Balmain.

council report

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL MEETING - March 2, 1976

The major issue of this meeting was the proposed amendments by Mr. A. Kenna, Consultant Town Planner, of the 1974 Leichhardt Town Plan. Those people who have followed Council affairs probably realised that the decision on this matter had already been made at Caucus on the preceding Friday, and that the show at the Council chambers was a mere formality.

The result has been well publicised - Kenna's proposals were adopted with some vague assurance that building height will be limited to four residential floors.

While such a plan is far from satisfactory from a town planning viewpoint, several factors arose at the meeting which were not disappointing, and which will not be forgotten either by residents or aldermen.

It was a wet unpleasant night. At 7.30 p.m., half an hour before the meeting was opened, the crowd extended out onto Norton Street under a roof of umbrellas. At 8.30 p.m. close to 1,000 residents demanded the meeting be brought down to the Main Hall where all attending could witness the show. Alderman Casey left early - why? Alderman Hoy's attempt to leave via the back door was thwarted, prompting him to call the police.

As there was no alternative, the aldermen entered the main hall. Here they were confronted by a crowd of residents unanimous in their purpose. Not a group of communists or trendies - they were there, but so were old residents, new residents, pensioners and representatives of all ethnic groups in the municipality. In other words, a very strongly motivated crowd of ordinary residents of Leichhardt - the voters who will remember the mealy-mouth comments of Ald. Dougherty, the failure of Mr. Kenna to answer simple yet important questions, the complete lack of understanding of Town Planning shown by Ald. Hoy and the back peddling to four stories.

Alderman Origlass led the opposition to the proposals, supported by Ald. Spedding and unanimously by 1,000 residents. Even under this pressure the Labour aldermen adopted the proposal.

Every resident should now realise that this Labour council is not concerned with the wishes of the people, and we should remember this at the next Council election.

But this is 18 months away. In the meantime we must continue to press for rejection of the Kenna amendments. To this end a meeting was held in Balmain on March 10th and most residents will have received a circular on the matters discussed.

What can you do to stop this plan, and press for adoption of the 1974 plan;

- . Sign the petition
- . Protest to your local alderman
- . Write to The Mayor,
c/- Town Hall,
Leichhardt.
- . Write to your State Member,
c/- Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney 2000.
- . and write to the Chairman,
N.S.W. Planning and Environment
Commission,
302 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney 2000.

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL MEETING - March 16, 1976

The Council meeting of March 16 was a rather brief affair; a packed public gallery saw Council settle all the business of the Municipality by 9.00 p.m. All decisions were made some nights before in private, thus turning the meeting into a giant rubber stamp. Without Aldermen Spedding and Origlass who challenged the correct recording of the minutes of the previous meeting, we would all have been home earlier.

There were two other interruptions: one when the Managing Director of a local firm was permitted to speak without having made a prior appointment and the other when a resident and spokesman for the Annandale Communist Party tried to speak on a petition condemning the Council for practising political discrimination. The speaker was not heard.

MORE FERRIES

There is nothing like an election year to bring out the promises about public transport improvements. And promises about ferries are sprouting like mushrooms at present.

Three weeks ago the state government announced that \$7.0m. had been allocated for the improvement of ferry services over the next five years. Mentioned specifically were small "man and a boy" ferries for use on the inner harbour, that is, Hunters Hill, Balmain, Neutral Bay and Mosman runs.

Officials said that it was proposed to purchase six of the small ferries. They would be used on runs where a service was required but knowing that in some cases they would not be profitable. The small ferries would at least minimise the loss.

The P.T.C. spokesperson said that the ferries would cost about \$300,000 each (about the same as a suburban rail carriage) and all six could be built and operating within eighteen months.

And then last week it was announced that the P.T.C. proposed to reinstate the Balmain/Hunters Hill ferry service during evenings and weekends. This is only a proposal at this stage and a lot depends on the extent to which the Hunters Hill Bus Co. is willing to provide buses to meet ferries at Hunters Hill. Nevertheless it is indicative of another change of attitude by the P.T.C.

Is this the dawn of a new era for ferries or just an election year - or both?

A BOUQUET FOR COUNCIL

For the past two years Leichhardt Council and ANL have been deadlocked over who should pay for repairs to Yeend Street ferry wharf. Each claimed that it was the others responsibility and as usual the residents who wanted to use the wharf could jump in the harbour.

And so it rested until February of this year. The Association had written on several occasions asking to have the wharf reopened but with little success. However, our last letter resulted in a minute being passed asking Council's engineer to re-estimate the cost of repairs to the wharf.

At the following Council meeting the engineer's report was accepted and Council has now written to ANL offering to meet two-thirds of the cost of repairs (\$7700) if ANL will meet the remaining third. This offer is expected to be accepted by ANL.

The consulting engineers responsible for the original design and construction of the wharf, Maunsell and Partners, have now been asked to arrange quotes for the repair of the wharf. This paperwork and the actual repair work is expected to take two months.

For such a small job you couldn't claim that either ANL or LMC have moved at lightening speed but full marks to council for taking the initiative at this time and getting on with the job.

CRICKET MATCH

The annual challenge match between the Glebe Society and the Balmain Association was finally held at Cowan Park, Lilyfield on March 28. The Glebe Society won a close match 118 runs to 115, but only because of a disputed decision by the umpires (both Glebe Soc.). However since the Balmain Association was loaned 4 players (2 boys!) to make up a team and two of them scored half our runs, we can't really complain. Best players for the Association were Ralph Catts (3 wickets, 2 catches), David McCann (16 runs) and Errol Pickard (12 runs).

community column

Introducing THE MOBILE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE

What Is MCIS?

The Mobile Community Information Service is an informal information outlet which recently began operating in the areas of Darlinghurst, Glebe, Balmain and Leichhardt. The service is completely free.

How Does It Work? - Where & Why?

The blue combi-van, staffed by three women, arrives at a certain operational point. Display boards, holding a wide selection of pamphlets, brochures, etc., are attached to the outside of the van. Passersby are welcome to take pamphlets, just browse or, if more specific information is needed, have a chat to Sandy, Chris or Lee, who will be happy to help wherever possible. MCIS works in co-operation with local community centres and organisations, alternative groups, etc.

In April the van will be in the following areas -

DARLINGHURST	- Monday 5th, 12th & 26th Outside the High Court, Taylor Sq.
GLEBE	- Tuesday 6th Opp. Foley Park, Glebe Point Rd.
BALMAIN	- Wednesday 7th Darling Street shopping area.
LEICHHARDT	- Thursday 13th & 27th Norton St., near Post Office.

What Does It Offer? - What are its aims?

MCIS offers an on-the-spot source of information in a relaxed, friendly situation and aims to encourage communication, self-help and community awareness. It is hoped that eventually MCIS will evolve into a people's information exchange with real community participation and interaction. Toward this end the trio would be pleased to hear from any person or organisation with information to share. So if you have a notice or leaflets you would like publicised, you're welcome to get in touch with MCIS on the following dates - April 20 to 23, 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Ph: 827 1386. MCIS says "Sorry we can't display large posters - not enough space", and, "Any lonely mini-bus looking for a good home will be welcomed and cared for"!

HOW IS MCIS FUNDED?

The initial funding for this programme was provided through the AAP out of funds remaining from an International Women's Year project in which, with other women, the MCIS trio was involved last year. The service is presently sponsored in the Leichhardt Municipality by the Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre - who also kindly loaned the van - and in Darlinghurst by Family Access & Support Programme (FAS).

Lee White

watch these dates !!!

April 6, Tuesday, 9.00 a.m.
Leichhardt Council Meeting,
Norton St., Leichhardt.

April 7, Wednesday, 8.00 a.m.
Balmain Association General Meeting at the
Watch House, 179 Darling St., Balmain.

April 11, Sunday, 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
Balmain Garden Walk - an opportunity to
inspect a variety of gardens in the
Birchgrove area. \$2.00 per person,
assemble at St. John's Church, cnr. Birch-
grove Rd. and Spring St., Birchgrove.

April 15, Thursday, 8.00 a.m. and April 21,
23, 24, 28, 30 and May 1.
Balmain Theatre Group's production of
'Simon and Laura' at the Presbyterian Church,
Cambell St., Balmain.
Bookings: 82 5170, 825204 (A.H.) or at
Bray's Bookstore, Darling St., Balmain.

April 20, Tuesday, 8.00 a.m.
Leichhardt Council Meeting.

June - Publication of "Half a Thousand Acres"
Peter Reynolds' and Paul Flottman's latest
book on the history of Balmain.

new members

The Association welcomes the following new members

Mr. & Mrs. W. Walburn
14 Napoleon St., Rozelle.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Chetwyn
60 Beattie St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Hull
22 Merton St., Rozelle.

Mr. P. Thorning
7 Hartley St., Rozelle.

Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Wooding
62 Reynolds St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. King
38 Campbell St., Balmain.

Mr. Dermer Bennett
8 Wharf Rd., Birchgrove.

Mrs. H. Churven
26 Macquarie Terrace, Balmain.

Miss J. Howarth
36 Wharf Rd., Birchgrove.

Mr. C. Bowes
P.O. Box 4, Rozelle.

M/s M. Jones & M/s M. Andrews
11 Sardinia Place, Birchgrove.

Mr. R. George & Mr. K. Wilson
22 Gipps St., Birchgrove.

Mr. H. Logeman
11 Trouton St., Balmain.

Miss Jill Fletcher
69 College St., Balmain.

Mr. Les Morphett
21 Clubb St., Rozelle.

Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Allison
33 Club St., Rozelle.

Dr. N.A. Radford
8/9 Nicholson St., Balmain East.

M/s P. Gregory
1 Neoleon St., Rozelle.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lane,
18 Perrett St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. C. Lynch
5 Colgate Ave., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Pawson
34 Campbell St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. G.A. Broe
50 Glassop St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Kent
4 Arthur St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. Lathorne
47 Ballast Pt. Rd., Birchgrove.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Stainlay
51 Hornsey St., Rozelle.

membership form

I wish to open/renew my membership with the
Balmain Association and enclose \$.....*
subscription.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Telephone.....

Send to:

The Hon. Secretary, The Balmain Association, P.O.
Box 57, Balmain, 2041.

*Subscription rates: Single membership \$2.00
Family \$4.00
Pensioner / Junior \$0.20

next general meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 8.00 pm

WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING ST., BALMAIN

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND

FRIENDS ALSO WELCOME

TEA and COFFEE PROVIDED