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THANKS FROM PADDO.

You will remember that, at the time of our last General Meeting, the Paddington Society was faced with very substantial legal costs in their fight to save their area from being carved up by proposed highways. We took around the hat and you donated \$18 there and then, which was immediately sent on to Paddington. Their President, John Thompson, said this in a letter dated 19/2/68 to our President Dr. Power:

"Please convey our thanks to the members of the Balmain Association for their contribution to our Fighting Fund. Knowing the battles you have on your hands, we think it was a very generous and sporting action on the part of all of you. Our receipt is enclosed. The people of Paddington, as well as friends outside Paddo, have responded generously to our appeal and we have now sufficient in hand to pay our legal expenses as well as the printing of leaflets, etc."

Since that time, of course, Paddington has been saved from this particular form of destruction, and we would like to think that this more sympathetic official attitude might eventually be experienced in Balmain.

FORMATION OF A CIVIC TRUSTS GROUP FOR THE STATE OF NSW

On 4th April, nine members of the Management Committee attended a meeting of the Beecroft - Cheltenham Civic Trust, by invitation, when a discussion took place between representatives from 9 similar organizations (including the Balmain Association) with regard to the possibility of joining forces to form a State body of Civic Trust groups.

Outcome of these discussions was that it was decided to convene a Steering Committee Meeting, consisting of 2 representatives from each organization, in order to draw up a suitable Constitution.

The organizations represented on 4th April were:- Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust. The West Pennant Hills Civic Trust, The Hunter's Hill Trust, The Parramatta Trust, The Avalon Civic Trust, The Paddington Society, The Balmain Association and representatives from Gosford and Liverpool interested in forming Civic Trusts in those areas also.

It was decided that this Association will send two representatives to the Steering Committee Meeting which, we understand, will be held at Hunter's Hill in the near future.

PUBLIC MEETING - RECENT STATE ELECTIONS

On 19th February last, The Balmain Association called a Public Meeting in the Balmain Town Hall and invited all 3 candidates for the Balmain State electorate to put forward their aims to the local residents. As most members know, only Messrs. Middleton (Liberal) and Origlass (Independant Labor) accepted. About 250 people were present.

CIVIC DESIGN SOCIETY

Next meeting will be held Monday 29th April, 8 p.m. at the Theatre in the Main Building, University of New South Wales. Entrance from Barker Street, Kensington. Lecture/Discussion for the evening will be "The Sydney Central City Redevelopment Project" - the proposed new tall tower building. All welcome.

QUESTION TIME IN N.S.W. STATE PARLIAMENT

The following is reported from Hansard, 28th March, 1968.

"" BALMAIN FORESHORES

MR. DEGEN (the new member for Balmain): I wish to address a question without notice to the Premier and Treasurer in his capacity as ministerial head of the Maritime Services Board. I refer to decisions made by the Board relating to the development of land owned by it on the Balmain foreshores. Did the Board decide to lease land at the corner of Vincent and Stephen streets to a company that has applied for a liquid chemical storage depot on this site? Does the Board propose to erect an incinerator for the disposal of ships' garbage at Rozelle Bay? Are lorries being used to cart sludge dredged from the Mort Bay terminal through the streets of Balmain in place of the usual disposal by bottom dump barges? As these decisions of the Board are causing health and other hazards to my constituents will the Premier instruct the Board to confer immediately with the Leichhardt council to overcome these problems?

MR. ASKIN: It is refreshing to hear new members ask questions about their constituencies. I shall be glad to make some inquiries of the Board, let the honourable member and the House know the result and provide the honourable member with an extra copy for the local paper.""

CHEMICAL STORAGE TANKS

Since the rowdy meeting of the Leichhardt Council on 6th February last, this matter does not appear to have been dealt with again in subsequent Council meetings.

The next move should come from Swift & Co. in reply to the 23 conditions imposed by Council in granting approval for their application.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Balmain Town Hall
18TH APRIL + 8 P.M. SHARP

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

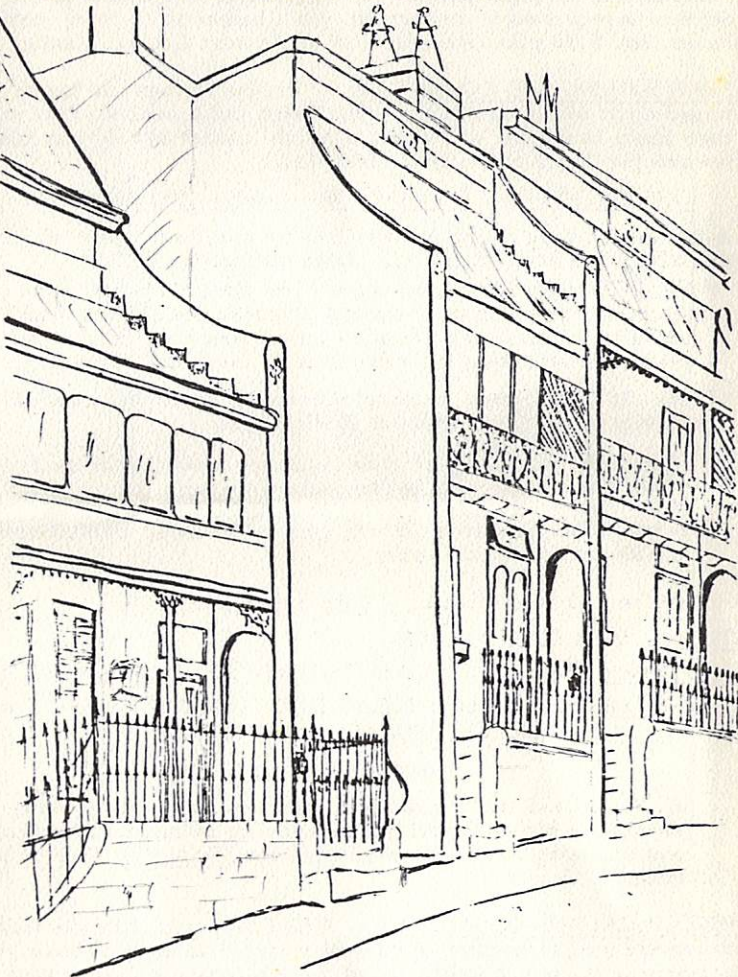
Anyone interested in the Association and/or intending New Members may obtain details from the Secretary, by filling in and mailing the form herebelow.

The Hon. Secretary The Balmain Association
Box 57 Post Office BALMAIN. 2041

- # I wish to join The Balmain Association, for which I enclose Membership Fee of \$1.
- # I would like to receive details about the Association.
(Cross out whichever not applicable.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
_____ 'Ph.No. _____

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION



TERRACE HOUSES, DARLING STREET EAST
NEWS SHEET

THIRTEENTH ISSUE - APRIL, 1968

ARCHITECTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE - Members have been continuing their survey of Balmain, as existing and as it could be, within the bounds of economic development. This has been in preparation for consideration of the Draft Town Planning Scheme, now on exhibition.

It is proposed that team reports will be incorporated into a positive submission to the Council for its consideration and, if acceptable, for its making recommendation to the State Planning Authority.

Such a submission should incorporate the opinions of all the members of The Balmain Association who are affected or concerned by the Draft Planning Scheme, and anyone with suggestions or opinions on the Scheme is requested to contact Mr. Jim Chanter at 27-3698, between 9a.m. and 5.30 p.m. weekdays, or at the next General Meeting.

FUND RAISING SUB-COMMITTEE - 70 Mad Hatters and March Hares turned up at 64 Louisa Road on 30th March and braved the cool wind in their fancy headgear, as a result of which another \$41.60 was raised towards the Watch House Restoration Funds.

INSPECTION DAY AT WINDSOR - Sunday, 19th May

A full day's outing and Inspection Tour for members, their families and friends has been organized. Open for viewing will be -

- # No. 1 Thomson Square, known as "The Doctor's House", one of the most interesting and beautiful houses in the district, which has been in continuous use as a doctor's residence for over 100 years, and at present is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Skinner.
- # The old Court House, recently restored to its simple, classical dignity by the Department of Public Works.
- # The lovely, old Georgian-style residence looking over the Nepean River and now housing the Hawkesbury Museum.
- # Beautiful St. Mathew's Church, gem of Greenway architecture, and its surrounding cemetery.

Hot coffee will be available. Take a picnic lunch.

Tickets WILL BE \$1.00 EACH.

Tickets WILL GIVE YOU INSPECTION TIMES & LOCATIONS

Tickets WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL

or may be obtained from

R. Waterfield, 18 William St., Balmain East - by sending cheques or Money Orders (payable to The Balmain Association) and enclosing a self-addressed envelope STAMPED, PLEASE for return of tickets.

HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE - This Sub-Committee was invited to provide a supplementary display of material on early Balmain to accompany the public exhibition of the Photographic Competition in the Head Office of the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Martin Place.

The energies of most members were accordingly employed in producing a display of historical facts and records, going from the period of "the Balmain Grant" up to the present day, and this is now on show in the City, together with the Balmain Photographic Competition Exhibition.

It is anticipated that this display will be exhibited locally at a later date, and will form a valuable basis for future historical archives.

LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE - CAN YOU HELP?

THE WATCH HOUSE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

As all our efforts to convince the Leichhardt Municipal Council of the necessity for a library service have so far fallen on deaf ears, the Library Sub-Committee has turned its attention, for the time being, to the formation of a Children's Library to be located in the Watch House. Plans are under way to convert the large, rear cell for this purpose.

The Watch House will not be ready for some time, but we would like to start now on the task of building up a stock of books, so that covering and cataloguing can be commenced. But -

WE HAVEN'T ANY BOOKS !!!

If every member could donate at least one child's book - either new or 2nd hand - this would form a good nucleus for our collection. Are there any books around your home that your children have outgrown? CAN YOU HELP? If so, please bring them to the next General Meeting on 19th April, or ring Jeannette Stevenson - 82-4255 - and we will be happy to collect. Cash donations also would be most welcome. Presentation book plates will be available for all books given.

PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE - The "BALMAIN IN FOCUS '68" Photographic Competition has now been judged and all accepted prints are on display on the Ground Floor of the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Head Office, in Martin Place, during normal banking hours. The Exhibition commenced Monday, 8th April and will continue until Friday, 26th April. A catalogue of entries is available at 10c per copy.

For the statistically minded, herewith some facts and figures:-

- 600 entry forms were sent to approx. 60 registered Camera Clubs
- 500 leaflets were left at busy city camera centres
- advertisements were inserted in recognised photographic magazines
- mention of the Competition was made in daily press photography feature pages
- the 6 Judges who generously agreed to give their services are amongst the best photographic judges in the country, several being of international judging repute
- a disappointing total of only 33 persons submitted entries, of whom 11 were Association members
- total black & white entries received 82, rejects 17
- total colour slide entries received 86, rejects 40
- a total of \$27.50 was received in entry fees
- Judges awarded marks out of a possible total of 15. Below 6 were rejects.

The unexpected and very welcome donation to the Association of a 35 mm. Konica EE-matic de Luxe camera made it possible to present a major trophy in both the print and the transparency classes of the competition (a projector having been previously kindly donated by Hanimex Pty. Ltd.). For the second trophy we are very much indebted to Mr. James Savage (one of the Judges on the Colour panel), who presented this camera on behalf of his company, R. Gunz (Photographic) Pty. Ltd.

When final judging notes were compared, it was discovered that the winner in both the black & white and the colour classes was one and the same entrant, MR. STAN PIPER, of 2 Morvan Street, West Ryde. Mr. Piper's transparency entitled "Balmain Folk" was awarded 1st Place in the People Section and best transparency submitted in the Competition. His transparency "Watching the Sailing" also won him 2nd Place in the People Section. In the Print Class, his "Patrick" won him 1st Place in the People Section and the trophy for best print entered, and yet another

entry entitled "Waterfrontage. Balmain" was Highly Commended.

So Mr. Piper is indeed a champion photographer, to whom we extend heartiest congratulations.

Thanks go to Mr. Hal Wise, keen local photographer, who, as well as entering the Competition, has displayed a panel of prints at the Bank depicting various aspects of daily life in the Peninsula.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST - sincere thanks to the Historical Sub-Committee, who produced a most creditable historical calendar of Balmain and its notables from 1800 to the present day.

The coloured transparency entries in the Competition will be shown locally in the Balmain Town Hall on the nights of 30th April 1st May and 2nd May. (Only the prints are exhibited in the city.)

All members friends and visitors are invited to attend any or all of these screenings, but we would remind you that on Tuesday, 30th April the official presentations of Awards and Trophies will be made to the successful place-getters, and a good roll-up on that night in particular would be most appropriate.

WATCH HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE - On 26th February, a work party carried out a certain amount of preliminary scutching on inside walls to remove layers of old paint, and on 7th March demolition work in the upper storey was commenced, by removal of the rotted ceilings and partitions.

Immediate attention must now be given to putting up a temporary, but stout back fence and effecting repairs to the existing back gates, so as to ensure security and privacy over the coming months whilst the restoration work is proceeding.

A certain amount of usable timber is at the Watch House, but what is needed urgently is a quantity of solid fencing posts and servicable galvanised iron. CAN ANY MEMBER HELP WITH THESE MATERIALS?

Carpenters are now urgently needed also. Would volunteers please contact Mr. Alan Harding at the next General Meeting on 19th April, or any member of the Management Committee at any time?

And does anyone know someone with a truck or utility who would kindly offer to stand by on any particular working-bee weekend, to take away the rubble and rubbish as the work proceeds? This, too, is an urgent matter.

The various iron grills recently fabricated for us by the Prisons Department have now been delivered to the Watch House and it is hoped that they will have been installed in place by the time you receive this News Sheet.

BALMAIN GARDENS

The April issue of The Australian Home Journal has now used some of the shots they took last Spring of Balmain gardens to illustrate an article on City Gardens. We feel this is helpful publicity and the small editorial par. on p. 5 of the same issue, dealing with the Association's activities, is also good press.

FUNDS NOW NEEDED URGENTLY and in large quantities! now that work on the Watch House is about to commence in earnest. If anyone has any ideas whatsoever please don't keep them a secret. Tell the Fund Raising Sub-Committee.