



THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

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SATURDAY DEC. 12 going to the
Balmain Association's BARBECUE
at Sibyl Martman's place

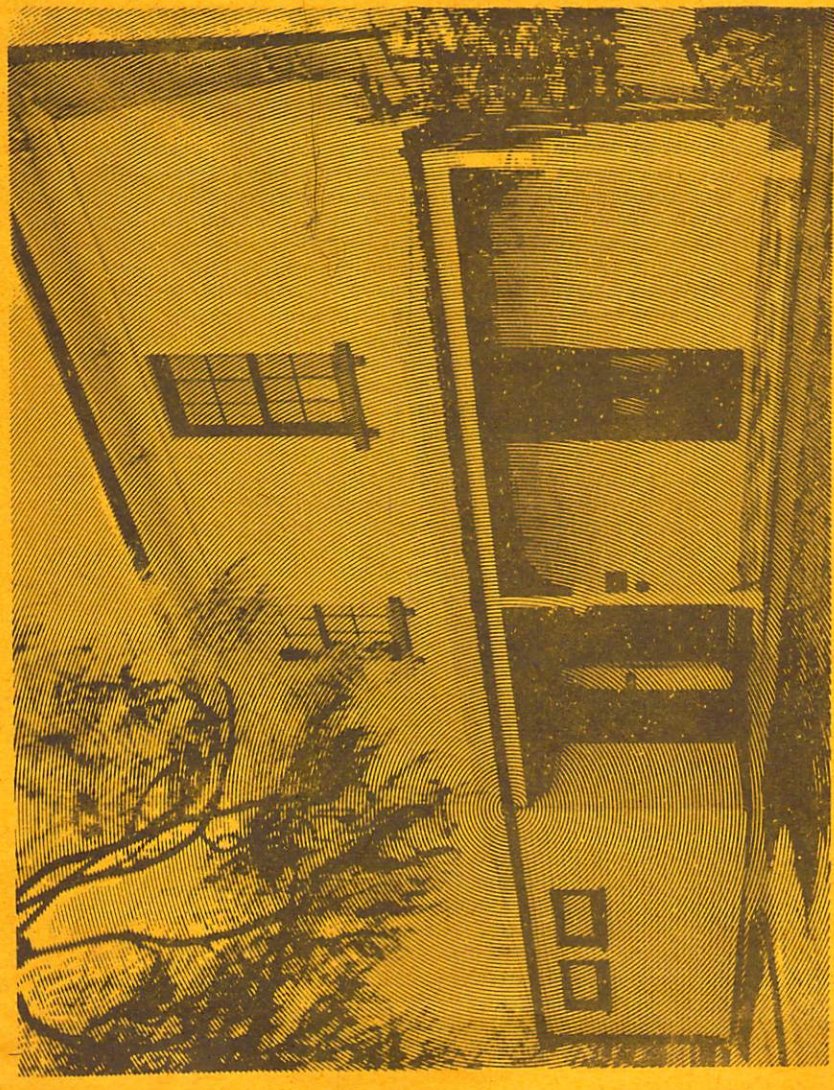
(6pm onwards) beautiful area at
harrowfield with grilles,
seats etc. (admission is
free!)



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N.B. - BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS (ONLY \$1 to join) - TAKE JACK ALONG.



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Remember the Sharks.
They're the gang that carved their territory out of the musical show West Side Story.

In Balmain the West Side Story has a gentler history. It is a story of youth work under the genial guidance of the Rev. Barrie Howard. The popular Young People Club is a part of the haven known in Roselle - Balmain - Glebe as the Methodist West Side Centre.

The Centre cost the church \$46,000 and rising costs have forced the church to think about selling the centre. An opportunity for sharks of a different sort - those that use bulldozers rather than switchblades.

PAINT IN

When the Association held the Children's Art Competition last year the most successful section was the "Paint-In" which was held in Gladstone Park. Three hundred children of all ages joined in and we finished up with a pile of some 350 works of art.

The Association plans to hold another "Paint-In" at the end of the Christmas school holidays on Saturday 30th Jan. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will give Balmain children another chance to "do their own thing". This time it will not be in the form of a competition but we will again provide free brushes, paper, easels and paints. Tell all your friends' and neighbours' children to keep this day free - and pray for fine weather.

Gala

The Gala Hollywood Premiere Night brought to light many hitherto unknown (not to say unrecognisable) stars ranging from Shirley Temple to the Invisible Man. Oscar winners were Gertrude Lawrence (Mary Hampden) and the Ostrich from Fantasia (Dick Waterfield). Proceeds were \$48.00. Warmest thanks to David and Jenny Porter for lending their house and garden.

The Season's Greetings and every good wish for 1971.

Unless the Association can find a buyer who will restore the centre and keep it in its basic form, Balmain will lose a little bit of its virtue.

The West Side Centre started its life as the home of architect Edmund Blackett. From 1880 the house was a school known first as Brusells College and later as the Balmain Academy.

In 1893 a surgeon, Mr. Joseph Bolt moved in and named the house "Glendenning". Glendenning is a typical example of Blackett's version of the Colonial Georgian Style - more formal and fussy than the original, yet still delightfully simple.

WATCH THESE DATES

29th November 1970 - Lithgow Railway Picnic.

3rd December - Association General Meeting. Balmain Lower Town Hall 8 p.m.

5th December - The Watch House will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

5th December - Garden soil available at Watch House 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

12th December - Annual Christmas Barbecue. 2 Numa Street, Birchgrove.

30th January 1971
Children's Paint-In

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership stands at 179 (117 renewals, 45 new members and 17 junior members. The renewals this year have been very disappointing but many members have forgotten that their subscription fell due on the 1st July. Please check your news sheet and if there is a slip attached please return it with your subscription as soon as possible to:

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