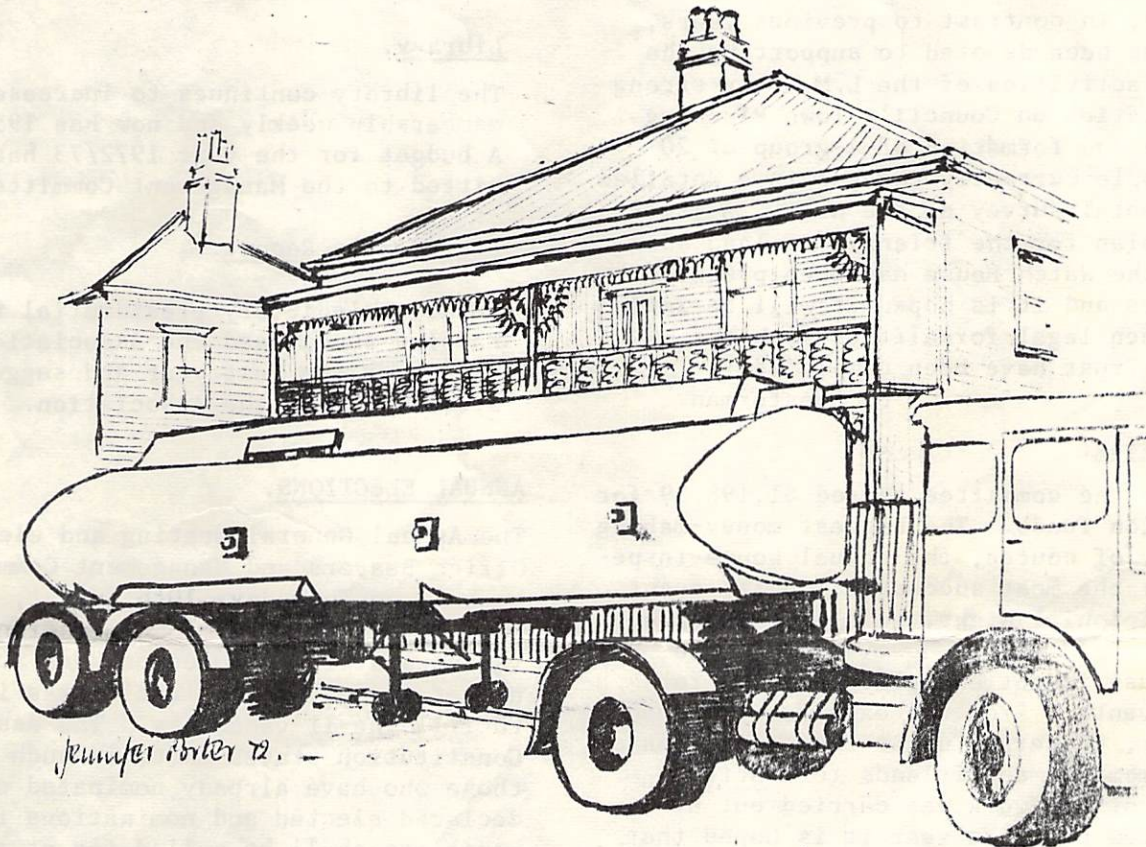


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LEICHHARDT PAST AND PRESENT -- THE NEED FOR PLANNING.

Research into the planning needs of the Municipality has made considerable progress and the Council has now arranged a comprehensive display to inform residents and stimulate local interest in the planning process. A considerable amount of this material is the result of research by Architecture students at the University of Sydney. These will include computer maps showing population characteristics and photographs illustrating the environmental problems of the area.

It is also hoped to illustrate details of a perception study carried out by interviewing 690 households in the Municipality about their life styles and taking a number of volunteers to various parts of the Municipality and recording their reactions to different areas.

Other displays will deal with a study of health facilities, a survey of open space and a number of photographs of historic buildings in Leichhardt Municipality.

The exhibition will be held at Annandale Council Chambers, Johnson Street, Annandale, from Saturday, 5th August. Hours of opening will be 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, 5th and 12th August; 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, 7th to 11th August; thereafter it will be open during office hours, i.e. 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Monday to Friday.

It promises to be thoroughly fascinating and of great importance to all residents of the area. You are urged to see it.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The following precis of the annual reports is published for the benefit of those members who will be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. This year copies of the report will be available only at the Meeting or upon request or receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope

Architectural and Planning.

This year, in contrast to previous years, energy has been devoted to supporting the planning activities of the L.M.C. by strong representation on Council's Town Planning Committee and formation of a group of 20 to 30 people currently engaged in a detailed environmental survey of the area. A landscaping plan for the triangle of land adjoining the Watch House has been prepared by Neil Oates and it is hoped it will be implemented when legal formalities with the National Trust have been completed.

D. Chesterman.

Fund Raising.

This year the committee raised \$1,198.59 for Association funds. The biggest money-making fund was, of course, the annual house inspection but the most successful social event was the Colonial Night, held in the Watch House. We did prove, however, that the Watch House is not entirely suitable for social events. From the experience gained this year, letterboxing is the best means of getting members and friends to functions. The bulk of the work was carried out by a willing few but next year it is hoped that more people doing less work could bring about better results.

Victoria Joannou

Historical.

The major research programme has been the Balmain Land Grant and a publication plan is being prepared. Greater interest and activity was noticeable this year and the newspaper reading programme has covered the years 1855-60. A project has been commenced into researching the history of the Balmain Presbyterian Church. The group is also researching the old Balmain Council records. The History Group has conducted an increasing number of excursions around the area and the Watch House has been open regularly for public inspection. BALMAIN IN TIME has been well received and the first issue of the Leichhardt Journal was produced in conjunction with the other civic groups from Glebe and Annandale. A list of historic buildings has been compiled for the National Trust and the L.M.C.

Peter Reynolds.

Publicity.

The committee has continued to work by publishing the News Sheet every two months, with special thanks for assistance and cost-savings from Peter Leis. Another children's Paint-in was organised in Gladstone Park and publicity for our booklet BALMAIN IN TIME was arranged. Peter Hindmarsh's general P.R. efforts over the year have been invaluable.

Jocelyn Morris

Library.

The library continues to increase its membership weekly and now has 195 members. A budget for the year 1972/73 has been submitted to the Management Committee.

President's Report.

In his valedictory presidential report, Bill Haesler summarised the Association's activities over the past year and suggested a restructuring of the Association.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

The Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers and Management Committee will be held on Thursday, 10th August, at the Balmain Town Hall at 8.00 p.m. Nominations for the vacant positions closed on 27th July but the number of members nominating was insufficient to fill the 11 vacancies. The Association's Constitution states that, in such a situation, those who have already nominated shall be declared elected and nominations for the vacant positions shall be called for at the Annual General Meeting.

The Association at this moment is more financial and has more members than at any time in its history--yet we cannot persuade at least 11 members to fill our Management Committee vacancies.

Persons nominating for election are as under:

President:	No nominations received.
Vice-President:	do.
Secretary:	do.
Treasurer:	Richard Norman.
Management	Susan E. Ballinger
Committee:	David Chesterman
	Julie Dibden
	Les Henley
	Victoria Joannou
	Peter Le Cram
	Neil Oates
	David Porter
	Vernon Reid
	Alan Rogers
	Jeannette Stevenson

FUND RAISING.

The recent Association Picnic at Lane Cove National Park was greatly enjoyed by about 40 members and countless children who took full advantage of the sunshine and bushland setting. The younger picnickers chomped their way through an unbelievable quantity of Yogi Bears--rewards for their efforts in an assortment of contests.

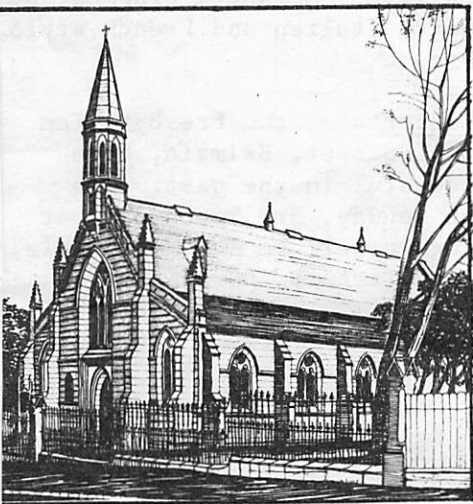
The Dinner held at "The Volunteer" was extremely successful and enjoyable. More than 100 members feasted on good food and wine in an atmosphere of conviviality.

The House Inspection planned for Sunday, 29th October, is at present being arranged. A large number of helpers will be required to man the houses and generally help with the arrangements. Anyone interested in assisting with social functions should contact Mrs. Victoria Joannou 82 5172. It is an excellent way to become involved in the Association and to meet fellow members.

BOOKS.

The Association has been fortunate in obtaining stocks of "HOUSES OF BALMAIN" at a reduced price and is now able to sell it at the bargain-basement rate of \$1.00 per copy. As this book has been selling for \$2.50, here is a marvellous opportunity to buy this glossy publication containing numerous photographs of Balmain, its streets and houses.

An excellent little publication entitled "What Can I Do?" is now on sale at bookshops. It contains a series of guidelines for citizen action to preserve our environment. It is an extremely practical list of do's and dont's to help each person contribute to the conservation of the earth's resources. Every home should have a copy. It is published by the Society for Social Responsibility in Science and costs about 75c.



St. Mary's Church
87 Darling Street

DO-IT-YOURSELF.

Those members who attend General Meetings know from the reports given at that time that the Association's sub-committees do a lot of good work; BUT -- with the exception of the Architectural and History Groups, these activities are left to a few loyal stalwarts who carry on practically unassisted. Why don't members bestir themselves out of their Great Australian Apathy and join one of these groups? The sub-committees are :-

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| Architectural | Library |
| Community Services | Publicity |
| Fund Raising | Tree Planting |
| Historical | Watch House maintenance. |

Just contact the Secretary, who will put you in touch with the Convenor of the group of your choice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Following amendment of the Constitution, subscriptions now fall due one year from the date on which new members join the Association. Members who joined the Association more than one year ago still become unfinancial on 1st July of each year. Watch the box at the head of the News Sheet for your due date.

When renewing, please remember that the subscription is now \$2.00--the Treasurer is still receiving a number of renewals at the old rate.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership currently stands at 246 renewals and 246 new members. There are 195 children registered at the Library and 28 junior members.

MEMBERSHIP FORM.

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

Name

Address

*Subscription: Full membership \$2.00
Pensioner 20c.
Junior 20c.

Send to:
The Hon. Treasurer,
The Balmain Association,
P.O. Box 57, Balmain. N.S.W. 2041.

WATCH THESE DATES.

Saturday, 5th August, to Saturday, 12th August. Hours Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Council Chambers, Annandale. An exhibition entitled "Leichhardt Past and Present -- the Need for Planning". (See front page.)

Thursday, 10th August, at 8 p.m. Association Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers and Management Committee. Balmain Lower Town Hall. An exciting colour film on historic preservation entitled "A Future for the Past" will be shown. Come to this important meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, 22nd August, at 8 p.m. at Balmain Town Hall. A lecture by prominent educator Dr. David Cohen, Senior Lecturer in Education at Macquarie University, entitled "What is Happening in Our Schools". Admission 30c.

Sunday, 29th October - Inspection of houses in Balmain and Rozelle (further details later).

Friday-Saturday, 24th-25th November. Crafts Sale at the Watch House.

Christmas Barbecue, December - Watch this column for further details.

"WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS?"

This is the title of a lecture to be given by prominent educator Dr. David Cohen, Senior Lecturer in Education at the Macquarie University, in Balmain Town Hall

The Association is sponsoring this talk, in response to an increasing interest on the part of local residents in the problems confronting education and in particular our often neglected inner city schools.

Come and show your interest and bring with you half-a-dozen friends and--if you can achieve it--your child's teacher. Organiser Mrs. Jocelyn Morris - 82 2565.



BALMAIN NOTES.

Creative Leisure Movement.

A 6-weeks' course in Batik and Tie dyeing will commence on Monday, 14th August, at 8 p.m. at the Creative Leisure Centre, 29a Ballast Point Road, Birchgrove. A fee of \$6.00 will be charged plus cost of materials. Numbers are limited, so enrol now.

The Centre is open for all children of school age every afternoon from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. to "do their own thing" in a variety of activities.

A Jumble Sale will be held at the Centre on Saturday, 26th August, at 2 p.m. All are welcome. Any goods for sale should be sent to Mrs. Robyn Jones - 82 2727.

Balmain Theatre Group.

The Group is currently rehearsing 3 one-act plays "Harlequinade" by Terrence Rattigan (comedy); "The Faithful Widow of Ephesus" by Thomas Crudent (comedy) and "Among Those Present" by Aubrey Feist (thriller). It is hoped to present them from 15th to 30th September on Fridays, Saturdays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Campbell Street, Balmain. The Group also arranges play readings and theatre parties. Subscription of \$1.00. All enquiries to Mrs. Wendy Farrell- 82 5624.

Rozelle Play Group.

A Children's Play Group has commenced at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Darling Street, Rozelle (near Rozelle Public School). It is open to all mothers and children aged nil to 5 years and meets on Tuesdays from approximately 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. Enquiries to Mrs. Maxine Goulding - 82 4162.

Fencing.

The Balmain Fencing Club meets on Mondays from 7.30 to 10 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Campbell Street, Balmain. Advanced classes and tuition for beginners, Italian and French style. Foil, epee and sabre.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Campbell Street, Balmain, have been extremely successful in the past. The next is planned for Sunday, 3rd September, at 2.30 p.m., when singers will be Ron Maconaghie, (baritone); Robert Gard (tenor); Doreen Morrow (soprano) and Norman Yemm. Admission \$1.00; pensioners and children half price. Child minding facilities will be available.