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**at about
the turn of
the century**

council report



December 7 Leichhardt Council Meeting

Business as usual at the first meeting of Leichhardt Council in December - though often the business on the agenda appeared to have been dealt with elsewhere first. The meeting was uneventful and short; Alderman Origlass was unfortunately absent and the main questioner on the floor was Alderman Spedding. Council (particularly Alderman Stan Hoy) registered strong approval of the marina proposed by a company for Simmons Point which will no doubt be of considerable interest to residents of east Balmain. For the moment the development application has been referred to the N.S.W. Planning and Environment Commission. Those concerned with local history will be pleased to hear that letters are to be sent to the National Trust and other statutory bodies regarding the restoration of the Annandale Witches houses. Mr. Kenna noted that certification of the town plan is imminent.

SHIP REPAIRS IN SNAIL'S BAY.

The Association wrote to Hon. L.J. Ferguson, M.L.A., Deputy Premier, about the Maritime Services Board's action in leasing a dolphin in Snail's Bay to local ship repair yards as a berth for the repair of large ships. The Deputy Premier states that he has implemented an immediate enquiry into this matter and as soon as he is in a position to do so he will be in touch with the Association.

DRAFT 1976 PLANNING SCHEME.

About 6 months ago, the Association wrote to the N.S.W. Planning & Environment Commission, making representations concerning the draft 1976 planning scheme prepared by Leichhardt Municipal Council. The following letter has now been received from the Commission.

10th December, 1976

The Secretary,
The Balmain Association,
179 Darling Street,
Balmain, N.S.W. 2041.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your representations concerning the draft 1976 Planning Scheme prepared by the Leichhardt Municipal Council.

2. The Commission has examined the Council's Scheme and has expressed concern with certain proposals contained therein. In these circumstances and in the light of the substantial body of representations lodged by local residents, a meeting took place between the Commission and the Council to see what areas of agreement could be reached which were acceptable to both parties.
3. As a result of that meeting, the Council is presently amending certain of its proposals following which the matter will again be examined by the Commission and the views expressed by you will receive proper consideration.
4. When agreement has been reached between the Council and the Commission, the Planning Scheme will be submitted to the Minister for Planning and Environment for consideration of the issue of a certificate to permit it to be placed on public exhibition. If the certificate is issued, the Scheme will be placed on exhibition for a period of at least three months to enable persons having an estate or interest in the land affected by the Scheme to raise objection to any provisions which are not in accordance with their wishes. Adequate publicity will be given to any exhibition at the appropriate time.
5. If you wish to make further enquiry regarding progress in the matter, I would suggest that you contact the Leichhardt Municipal Council.

Yours faithfully,

J.W. Kendrigan
Chief Admin. Officer

Although adequate publicity has been promised, residents should watch the situation closely and raise objections where necessary.

TRENDIES V. MONEYED TRENDIES.

In a book review in the Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society, J.M. Freeland states :-

"Now that architectural Faddington has been picture-postcarded and cosmopolitan Paddington destroyed by the moneyed arties who discovered it a dozen years ago, Glebe and Balmain are the most interesting social and architectural villages in Sydney. Any research that helps our understanding of them is welcome. Already those two areas are changing. It is not the trendies, who are already there, but the moneyed trendies, who are still to appear in force, who will wreak severe changes. Before they do so thorough histories of Balmain and Glebe are sorely needed."

GREETING CARDS

An attractive set of four greeting cards with photographs of Balmain at the turn of the century is now available from the Association. The scenes depicted have appeared in recent newsletters (see the front page of this issue) and include the Congregational Church (Darling St. and Curtis Rd.), the Working Men's Institute, Loyalty Square and the Rozelle Post Office (no longer standing).

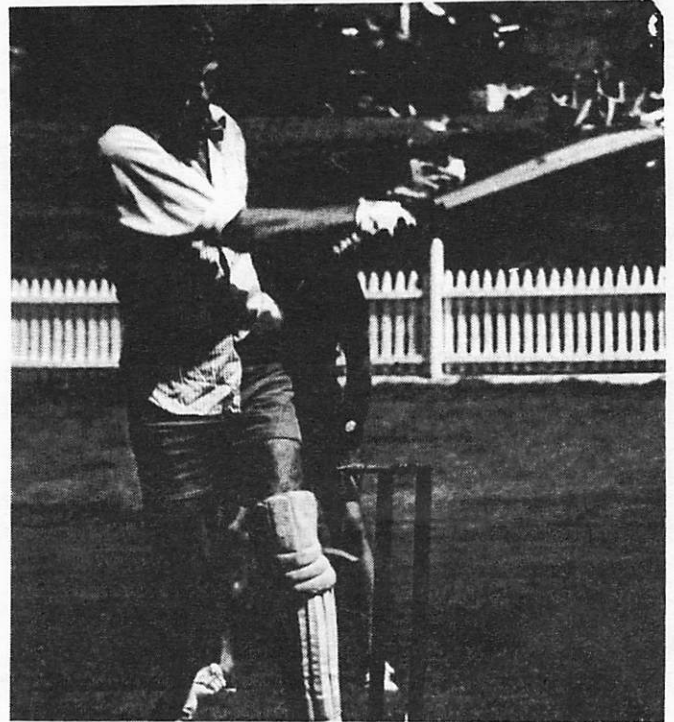
The cards are available for \$1.00 from the Balmain Association, P.O. Box 57, Balmain 2041. Free delivery in Leichhardt area, 20 cents postage elsewhere.



MASQUERADE BALL

How many members delight in the opera "The Masked Ball"? Now you can translate it into reality. At 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, 5th March, come to the Balmain Town Hall disguised and masked for an evening of mystery and uncertainty. You have six weeks to think and plan your disguise and remember costumes can be hired if you are not good at making one.

Further information and tickets at \$5.00 per head can be obtained from Janine Oates, Tel. 82 0576.



CRICKET MATCH - 31ST JANUARY.

The Balmain Association has challenged the Glebe Society to a cricket match, and this highlight of our social calendar will take place on Birchgrove Oval at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 31st January next.

If you wish to take an active part, ring Ralph Catts, 2 0982, Ext. 9254 or at home 82 4350. If not, just bring your food and drinks to Birchgrove Oval and sit on the sidelines and barrack your team to success. It's a marvellous place for a picnic.

BALMAIN COAL LOADER.

In reply to a letter from the Association, the Deputy Premier, L.J. Ferguson, M.L.A., wrote :

"I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th December, 1976, in which you outlined to me the Association's attitudes to certain of the recommendations put forward in the Botany Bay Port Inquiry Report, particularly in respect of the Balmain Coal Loader.

I should like to point out that the Report is presently being examined by a Cabinet sub-Committee under my Chairmanship and you may rest assured that the views of your Association will be taken into account when final recommendations are prepared for consideration by the full Cabinet."

watch these dates!!!

- 18.1.77 Leichhardt Council Meeting. 8.00 p.m.
Town Hall, Leichhardt.
- 19.1.77 Management Committee meeting. 8.00
Watch House, Balmain.
- 31.1.77 Cricket Match, Birchgrove Oval.
10.30 a.m. (See note this issue).
- 1.2.77 Leichhardt Council Meeting.
8.00 p.m. Town Hall, Leichhardt.
- 7.2.77 Save the Public Transport Committee
General Meeting. 5.30 p.m.
Environment Centre, 2638 Broad-
way, Sydney.
- 9.2.77 Balmain Association General Meeting.
8.00 p.m. Watch House, 179 Darling
Street. All members please attend.
- 15.2.77 Leichhardt Council meeting. 8.00.
- 5.3.77 Masquerade Party. Watch House.
(See note this issue).
- 1.3.77 Leichhardt Council Meeting. 8.00 p.m.
- 9.3.77 Association Management Committee
Meeting. Watch House. 8.00 p.m.
- 15.3.77 Leichhardt Council Meeting.
- May '77 Tennis Day. Details later.
- June '77 Curry Dinner. do.
- Sept. '77 Garden Walk. do.
- Nov. '77 Village Fair. do.
- Dec. '77 Christmas Barbecue. do.

HALF A THOUSAND ACRES

Copies of the history of the Balmain Land Grant are still available at \$8.95 to members. The book, by Peter Reynolds and Paul Flottmann has been well received in literary and historical circles and has been selling well.

Numbered copies signed by the authors are available at \$25.00 on application to the Treasurer, P.O. Box 57, Balmain 2041.

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

new members

The Association welcomes the following new members:

M/s M. Ryan
21 Isabella St., Balmain.

Mr. N.J. Ryan
8 Pearson St., Balmain.

Mr. & Mrs. K.H. Slatter
8/8 Louisa Rd., Birchgrove.

D.J. Gaul
6/23 Thames St., Balmain.

P.L. Pigott
62 Rowntree St., Balmain.

FRAGRANT GIFTS

A Pomander Ball or Clove Orange

It is important to select a ripe, thin-skinned orange. Stick it full of cloves, starting from the stalk-end and going round the orange until it is covered, roll it well in a teaspoonful of orris powder and a teaspoonful of cinnamon mixed together, pressing the powder well in. Wrap the orange in tissue paper and put it away in a dark cupboard for a week or two. Press a staple into the top of the orange and tie a small bow to it, or thread a yard of narrow ribbon through the staple so that the pomander may hang from a coathanger in a wardrobe. Corded ribbon in muted shades of either gold, rose, soft blue, lavender or sage green looks particularly attractive with the snuff-brown of the pomander and its old-world appearance.

A clove orange serves two purposes: it helps to keep moths away from drawers, cupboards and linen closets, as well as scenting them. One hung from the china door-knob of a sitting room can look charming. The orange becomes "petrified" and does not decay in any way - it just grows smaller and smaller. Sometimes pomanders ten years old may be seen, still spicily fragrant, as hard as iron, and very, very small.

next general meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 8.00 p.m.

WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING STREET, BALMAIN

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND . . . FRIENDS
WELCOME . . . TEA and COFFEE PROVIDED