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WOW, A BAND AND BAR-B-QUE ON SUNDAY, GREAT!! DAVID SAID THE BAND ARE REAL UP AND COMERS - AND WHAT A NAME, 'THE LAYABOUTS'

BAND & BAR-B-Q

(I really love John - but he's so disorganised. I bet I'll have to remind him that is on SUNDAY, APRIL 23 from 1.00 p.m. to dusk (around 5.00)

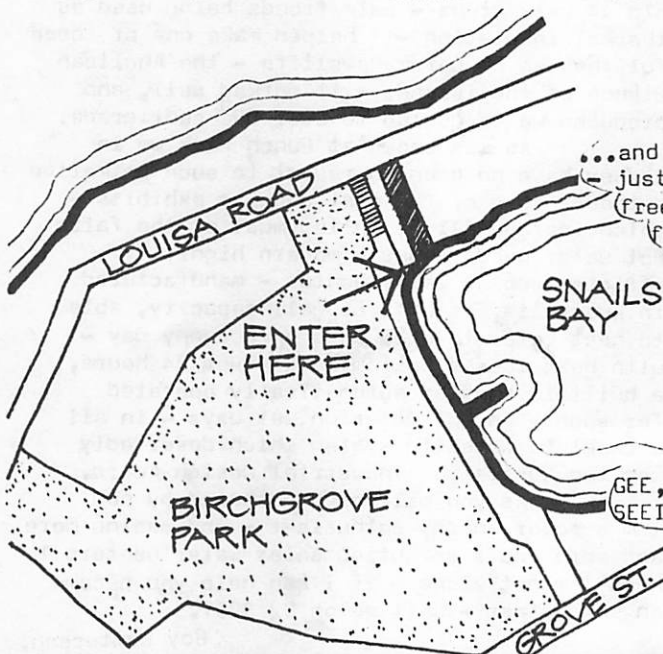
.....and I bet he forgets its B.Y.O. meat and grog just because bar-b-que facilities and salads are provided....

.....Its at Alf and Peta Lewis house so he'll forget that its best to enter from the park area. Louisa Road is impossible to park in so I presume he's smart enough to leave the car somewhere else

.. hope he notices the map I've drawn him...

...and I better pack his wallet just because the kids are (free hell forget its \$2.00 for each of us...

GEE, I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MUSIC AND SEEING ALL OUR FRIENDS - ITS REALLY GOING TO BE GREAT!!



COMMUNITY PROFILE OF ROZELLE

A detailed community profile of the Rozelle area is currently being undertaken by the Balmain Rozelle Community Health Centre and the West Side Neighbourhood Centre. These are some of their preliminary:

Environment: Less than half of Rozelle's land area is residential; 15% is used for industry and 20% provides employment through retail, office, deucational and industrial establishments. Rozelle people have an average of 0.2 vehicles per person.

Voting patterns: The first preference vote for the A.L.P. in Rozelle is consistently at least 5% higher than for the Sydney electorate as a whole in Federal elections, though the C.P.A. vote in Balmain usually exceeds that of Rozelle. Swings in the A.L.P. vote in Rozelle are less marked than for the rest of the electorate, with the L.P. gaining just over 20% in the 1975 double dissolution compared with 25% for the seat as a whole.

Migrants: Rozelle has four major migrant groups - from the U.K. and Ireland, Greece, Malta, Italy and Yugoslavia. Preliminary 1976 data indicates that 15.19% of Rozelle come from non-English speaking countries.

Unemployment: As at 1/12/1977 8.12% of the estimated labour force was unemployed.

Population: At the 1976 census, Rozelle had a population of 6257, 3181 of whom were male and 3096 of whom were female. Over half of Rozelle's workforce are employed in industrial occupations, while 17% work in sales and service.

SOLAR WATER HEATING.

The energy fair at Punch Park was a successful demonstration of what can be achieved with simple solar radiation.

A coil of black garden hose lying in the sun can produce enough hot water for minor domestic chores and ablutions! - this I discovered as a newcomer to Australia working on a dairy farm in northern N.S.W. That was in the early fifties - ten years later, by now a singer (what else - being a Welshman!) touring with a production of 'Carmen' was staying with a family in Darwin, and experienced getting into hot water - the solar kind - for the first time, they and most of their neighbours having solar heating.

On returning to Sydney wrote off to the C.S.I.R.O. for plans - and a rough but ready model was soon working in down-town Balmain!

When returning by ship from the U.K. last year was delighted to find that Perth had gone solar in a big way - realising the advantages of using free energy, saving money, and conserving our finite fossil fuels.

Last Christmas on holiday in the New Hebrides - where domestic electricity is

BALMAIN: 1800-1882, the Gilchrist settlement - a basic search plan.

Despite the lengthy title, it is not a book but a 42" by 36" map depicting the original Balmain Land titles.

Compiled by Peter Reynolds, the map (or "plan" as surveyors would call it) not only locates your property historically but also provides a beginning point to set you on the way to research your own land title.

By referring to its Registrar General index column, you should be able to search your first title at the Registrar General's Department.

For the benefit of members, the map is on long term exhibition at the Watch House where, free of charge, it can be perused for land title information.

Purchasing arrangements via the Treasurer are:

Cost per print. 42" x 36" Feb. 1978	Association' Members	Others
Sepia(thin)	\$5.00	\$15.00
Blue(thick)	7.50	22.50
Black(thick) and white	7.50	22.50

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extremely expensive - I found that solar absorbers were being imported to encourage the natives to construct simple solar heaters, using old 44 gal. drums - palm fronds being used as thermal insulation - I helped make one of these for the use of Derek Rawcliffe - the Anglican Bishop of the islands - it worked well, and produced water heated to over 65° centigrade.

As was shown at Punch Park we in Sydney have no need to resort to such primitive methods - one of the most popular exhibits - which incidentally supplied most of the fairs hot water needs - was a modern highly efficient solar water heater - manufactured in Australia, of over 66 gal. capacity, able to heat water to over 80°C on a sunny day - with heat losses as low as 5% over 24 hours, a built-in booster automatically operated for supplying hot water on wet days - in all a complete domestic system which deservedly won the Australian Industrial Design Award.

As you will have gathered by now I'm a solar energy enthusiast - and seeing more and more roofs sprouting solar water heaters I know I'm not alone - If I can help you become an enthusiast - call me on 82 3297.

Roy Watterson.

THE COAL LOADER

The Balmain Association has received the following reply from the Lord Mayor of Sydney Ald. Leo Port, to our letter requesting information in respect of action taken by the Council of the City of Sydney concerning the upgrading of the Coal Loader:

"Dear Sir,

Further to your letter expressing concern at the proposed coal loading facilities at White Bay, Balmain, I wish to advise as follows:-

1. A petition strongly objecting to the proposed new coal loading facilities at White Bay Balmain, was sent to me by concerned residents within the Leichhardt Municipality on 17th August, 1977.
2. This petition has been referred to Council. This matter is of general concern to Council and on the 24th October, 1977, Council resolved to:-
 - i make a submission to the Minister for Planning and Environment, expressing concern at the possible impacts of any major new coal loading facility developed in White Bay, Balmain, on areas within the City of Sydney, particularly the Pyrmont Peninsula;
 - ii press for a detailed assessment from the New South Wales Planning and Environment Commission of the likely environmental impact of the proposed coal loading facility on areas within the City of Sydney in general and Pyrmont Peninsula in particular;
 - iii make a submission to the State Pollution Control Commission expressing concern at the possibly adverse environmental impact of any major coal loading facility, in White Bay, Balmain, and seeking the Commission's detailed assessment of the proposal's environmental impact;
 - iv advise the Leichhardt Municipal Council of Council's general concern at the impact of the proposed coal loading facility in White Bay, Balmain, and of the action taken in the foregoing subparagraphs (i) to (iii); and
 - v advise the leading signatory to the petition of its concern and of the action taken in the foregoing subparagraphs (i) to (iv).

I would like to advise your Society of Council's concern and of the action taken above. "

LEICHHARDT HISTORICAL JOURNAL

The editors announce that the LHJ, covering Annandale, Balmain, Glebe, Leichhardt, Lilyfield and Rozelle, is being revitalised after an absence of two years.

First founded in November 1971 on donations made by the Annandale Association, the Glebe Society and the Balmain Association, the LHJ has appeared six times up to September, 1975 when editorial difficulties caused it to go into limbo.

The revamped LHJ for 1978 will offer well researched articles on Balmain's:

John Cavill, builder of the Waterman's Cottage

John Ward, the Blue Bird hunter

Robert Blake, Shannon Grove's first owner.

Bowling Club centenary

James McDonald, architect

Rugby League Club, the "Tigers"

Edward H. Buchanan, architect

as well as articles on Glebe and Annandale.

In previous years the LHJ has sold for 50c per copy but rising costs make an increased selling price inevitable.

Enquiries about the LHJ should be made to Peter Reynolds on 823752.

N.S.W. B.L.F.

Do you remember Joe Owens? And the "Green Bans"? Joe Owens has written to the Association telling us that he intends publishing a book dealing with the takeover of the N.S.W. B.L.F. by the Federal B.L.F.

The book will include details of the emergence of the "Green Bans", the industrial activities of the union and the confrontations which occurred at The Rocks, Woolloomooloo, Waterloo, Victoria Street and the Expressways.

Money is needed to research, type, edit and subsequently publish this book. Members wishing to contribute should send their donations to "B.L.F. Book Fund", c/o Joe Owens, 334 Bulwarra Road, Ultimo. N.S.W. 2007.

HISTORY GROUP.

The History Group, convened by Peter Reynolds, meets on the first Monday of each month (next meeting 4th April) at the Watch House at 8.15 p.m.

BALMAIN THEATRE GROUP
AUCTION SALES

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 1978 AT 2.00 P.M.
AT 8 WHITE ST. BALMAIN.

ADMISSION: \$1.00 includes wine & cheese.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, your cash, and anything you would like to sell — big or small. Only 10% commission will be charged by the Theatre Group. Donations of bric-a-brac for a stall would also be very welcome.

Goods for auction can be left at above address any time after 9 a.m. — preferably before 1 p.m.

ENQUIRIES: JUDY COXON — 82-4577.

MONEY RAISED TO GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A DIMMER BOARD — ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE PRODUCTIONS. (OUR OLD ONE IS DECEASED).

GARDEN TASKS IN AUTUMN

"CLEAN-UP!" This is the watchword for this time of the year.

Cut back rampant summer growth on runaway shrubs. Prune to two or three notches Crepe Myrtle, in particular, and even neglected Hydrangeas. (Do not cut Hibiscus until September). Chop off stalks to the ground, of perennials which go dormant in the winter, and pull out all tired annuals. Concentrate on the removal of weeds try not to let them make seeds. Remember the old adage: "one years seeding, seven years weeding!"

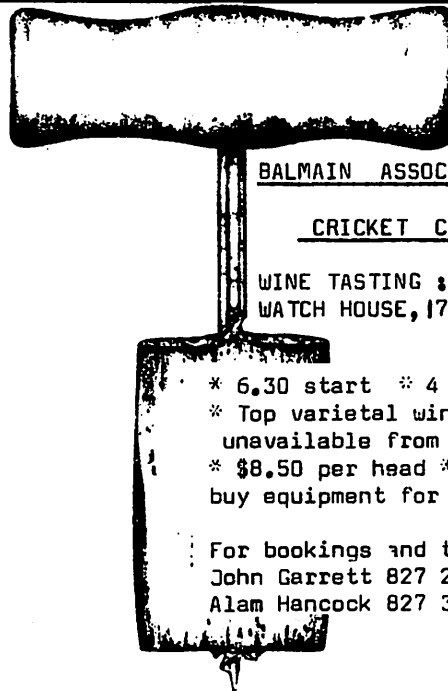
Weeds creep in unobserved by many people who seem to become habituated to their presence, and I have sometimes thought that if a dirty big weed, with arms akimbo, lent cheekily across their doorway, they still would not notice!

Don't forget weeds harbour pests and take nourishment from useful plants!

April is the last month to plant bulbs and corms. Give tulips and hyacinths a miss, and use the South African ones: sporaxis, freesias, lachenalias, ixias, and babianas are all good here. Ranunculus and anenomes are only annuals, but are worth having for their colour. Be sure to plant ranunculus with claws pointing downwards, and the spike end of anenomes also downwards.

next general meeting

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 8.00p.m.
WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING ST., BALMAIN



BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

CRICKET CLUB

WINE TASTING : SAT APRIL 15
WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING ST.,

* 6.30 start * 4 course supper
* Top varietal wines virtually
unavailable from Sydney cellars
* \$8.50 per head * Profits will
buy equipment for 1979 season.

For bookings and tickets contact:
John Garrett 827 2992 or
Alan Hancock 827 3029

If thinking of planting a rose in June or July, prepare the site now. Dig in a bucket of wet peat moss, and another one of compost or old cow manure with a sprinkling of blood and bone. Water well several times to settle down, and pull up weeds as they germinate. About September, when the young rose is well-established, is soon enough for a light sprinkling of mixed fertiliser.

Your pet camelia should be developing its flower buds now, and a light handful of blood and bone, or cow manure, or special Camelia food would be helpful.

J.MURRAY
BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

membership form

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

Name

Address

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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