

the balmain association



BALMAIN AFLOAT

JAZZ FERRY NIGHT

Sunday, October, 21

7.30 - 11.30 pm

SUPPER PROVIDED B.Y.O.G.

\$8.50 per person

NAUTICAL DRESS?

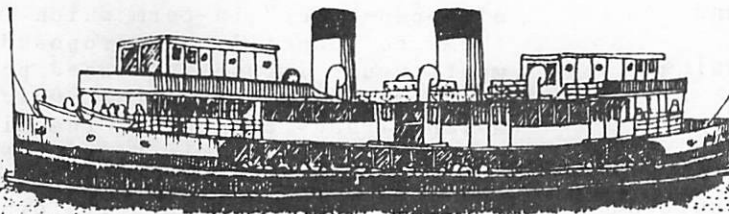
PICK UP

Darling St. Wharf 7.30 pm

Long Nose Point 7.45 pm

Tickets available
until Sunday October
14, 1979

Bookings 824946
Enquiries (Diana Hale)



restaurant night



Following the successful night in
August at "SALAMA" our next venture will
be at

FINNYS RESTAURANT

263 Darling Street
BALMAIN

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 1979 AT 8.00 P.M.

10% DISCOUNT FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS.

If you would like to come along
for this social get together, or would
like further details, ring Diana Hale
82 4946

The Hon. Secretary
P.O. Box 57
BALMAIN NSW 2041

Enclosed herewith is my
cheque of \$ for
tickets @ \$8.50 each for
BALMAIN AFLOAT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

DEVELOPERS PLEASE NOTE!

Rehabilitation is emerging as a commercially viable form of development, as well as a means of preserving the identity and integrity of a precinct or town area.

In the United States of America, rehabilitation of urban non-residential buildings has grown from 13.5 percent in 1970 to 24.8 percent in 1977 (nearly \$19.9 million of construction monies). The rehabilitation of residential property is expected to reach 38 percent of the market. In total, approximately 32 percent of all construction monies in the United States are spent on the rehabilitation of existing buildings and approximately 75 percent of American architects now work on remodelling schemes. In Boston the value of remodelling and recycling projects undertaken during 1977 was four times that of new construction in the same period.

Rehabilitation of buildings in urban centres has a number of positive values. On a local scale, the advantages are:-

- General revitalization of the city.
- Increased property tax base and revenues.
- Support for the commercial business segment.
- Re-creation of community/neighbourhood feelings in urban centres.
- Reduction of energy outlay resulting from fewer community workers.
- Increased use of neglected utility systems.
- Feelings of identity and pride of ownership.

On a national scale, there are two major advantages; firstly, rehabilitation projects are heavily labour intensive. Labour often accounts for 75 percent of the total cost, whereas the cost of new construction is usually 50 percent labour and 50 percent materials. Consequently, the greatest part of money invested in rehabilitation goes directly into the economy and increases employment. Secondly, studies in the United States have shown that it takes 23 percent less energy to rehabilitate existing buildings, as most of the structural systems and building materials are in place and re-usable.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

The following four residential developments in Balmain and Rozelle confirm some of our worst fears as to the potential for excessive over-development in the area under the new Leichhardt Planning Scheme and I.D.O.

1. Property known as 16-18 Palmer St., and 11-13 Sorrie Street, Balmain
Proposal to erect 16 (originally 17) townhouses.
2. Property known as 67 Beattie St., Balmain. Proposal to demolish AMPOL Service Station and to replace by 18 townhouses.
3. Property known as 16 Foucart St., Rozelle. Proposal to demolish free standing cottage known as "Rozelle Cottage" and to replace with block of flats containing at least 3 residential floors and 5 (originally 8) units.
4. Property known as 31 Alfred St., Rozelle. Proposal to erect 19 townhouses.

All of the above developments constitute gross over-development of the individual sites. In an area of Sydney which is already disadvantaged in terms of "open-space" (a term which is an anathema to Council), the proposed developments would impose increased population densities in parts of the Municipality which already has one of the highest population densities in Sydney. No allowance has been made for any play area for the children of prospective owners or tenants of the proposed developments.

None of the proposed developments will help to improve the living, working or recreational amenity of the area; because each is completely out of keeping with existing development in the area, it will produce injurious results in respect of townscapes and street-scapes, sunlight, airflow, privacy and views. In addition, each development will induce increased traffic, parking and noise in our already inadequate streets.

Townhouse and other medium density redevelopment, based on good town planning principles, might be acceptable in this area, but is neither inherent nor encouraged under the present Town Plan which is a Developer's Delight! The Rape of Balmain by greedy developers certainly can not be condoned!

Special Offer

SALE !

Until the end of December, 1979, the following sale prices will apply:

"Half a Thousand Acres" - \$7.50
(recommended retail price \$9.95).

"Balmain in Time" - \$2.75 (recommended retail price \$3.00).

cards

Coloured Cards - with illustrations of Balmain scenery - 5¢ (normally 10¢ each).

Picture Cards - set of four with envelopes with photographs of old Balmain - \$1.00 per set of four.

The two books are ideal to give as presents to your friends - especially friends overseas. The cards are multi-purpose and are suitable for gift-giving and as greeting cards; send them to your friends overseas.

½ 1000 ACRES

This is one of the first books, and surely the most thorough, to research the history of an Australian suburb from the very beginning of the Colony. It is a valuable and important contribution to Australian history and a significant milestone in historical studies of Australia. Prior to this publication there have been no really scholarly investigations undertaken into early suburban land grants and the development of geographical areas - a field which has been largely neglected and is very much surrounded with myth and legend.

In "HALF A THOUSAND ACRES - BALMAIN" - a History of the Land Grant, the authors, Peter Reynolds and Paul Flottman have written a remarkable historical work, unearthing hitherto little known personal facts about Dr. William Balmain and his family. The book traces the growth and development of Balmain as a residential area and clarifies many of the conflicting stories surrounding Balmain and corrects many of the "facts" previously written. A political, social and environmental history of high standard, which makes fascinating reading.

BITS AND.....

.....PIECES

Seen at the Corner of Evans and Merton Street with sound recording equipment, "employees of a coal loader" who refused to give their names, with sound reading equipment; when asked what the sound readings were for, they stated they were doing a general study, for the purposes of comparison, of noise levels emanating from the coal loader. As anybody affected by the coal loader knows, the offensive noises are those in the dead of night, and the very early hours of the morning, the only trouble with the recordings being made by the "men of the coal loader" was that the recordings were being done at lunch-time.

Clontarf: It is rumoured that the block around "Clontarf" is to be developed not for Public Open Space but as a park to serve the needs of a pre-school kindergarten on an adjacent block. According to the rumour a lady of this parish has purchased the little Romanesque church in Adolphus Street for the commendable purpose of starting a much needed kinder and has also shown a searching interest in "Clontarf". The church site has very little outdoor play space but perhaps this is not seen as a problem if open space is available nearby - except of course that the misappropriation of ANY Public Open Space in this area cannot be countenanced nor can the razing of "Clontarf" for private purposes be allowed to happen without a public debate.

Sydney Slipway: We hear that there are plans about to develop the Sydney Slipway site for 49 home sites. Access would be by Cooper Street and a continuation of Duke Street, both narrow and both already heavily used. The development would join up with the Canefields development and some questions we would like answered are what are the harbour foreshore provisions and what are the open space provisions - in this case a contribution to Council's Open Space Fund is hardly appropriate.

Deputy Danny: With our esteemed Deputy Mayor "hitting the headlines" all over the place people must be curious as to why a certain sensational local rag has nothing to say on the subject.

Our only comment on the same subject is that we are amazed at the wording of Ald. Casey's denial. His notably monosyllabic contributions to Council debates had not prepared us for such eloquence.

YOUR GARDEN

GARDEN TASKS DUE NOW

Jessica Murray.
BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

ANNUALS: Pull up spring flowering ones as they finish. Dig over the soil and sprinkle with a complete fertilizer (one hand full to the square yard) and any compost or cow manure if available. Unless you are good with seeds, young plants are easier. Put in some for early summer now. Use phlox, petunias, marigolds, verbenas, snap-dragons, ageratum or californian poppies. These are all reliable. Put around some snail killer at the same time. Use some liquid fertilizer such as Aquasol, Thrive, or Zest to keep the plants moving. Keep all dead heads picked off daily as otherwise plants will stop flowering.

CUTTINGS: These can still be taken if they are first put in pots, in damp soil, and kept in a cool place for several weeks. Tip cuttings 3-4 inches long seem to be the easiest with most plant.

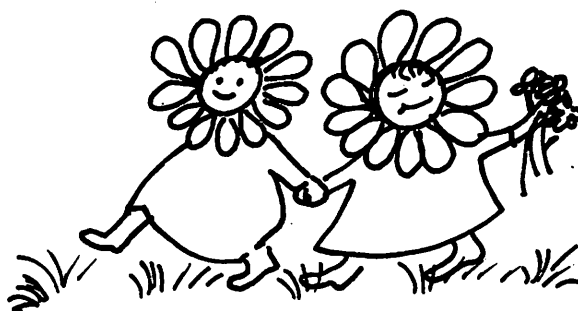
BULBS: Spring flowering ones must not have the foliage cut back until entirely yellowed. They can sometimes be plaited and hidden sideways under other plants during the waiting process. Plant the summer bulbs now. These include bellodonna, lillies, valottas, Jacobean lillies, callas, irises, and tuberose. Put sand under each bulb to help drainage. Do not use animal manures, but used mixed fertilizer as a side dressing.

SHRUBS: All shrubs that have flowered in Spring should be cut back, and fertilized. These include flowering peaches, plums and crab apples. Remove all useless fruit to help against fruit fly.

POINSETTIAS: If not yet cut back, do so, right back to one or two notches on each cane. Fertilize and water.

CARNATIONS: Good time to plant out in sandy soil, use a little lime and ordinary fertilizer, in a sunny spot. No animal manures. Nip out centres once or twice to make plants bushy.

CITRUS: Can still be planted from containers, to get established before hot weather. Prepare soil two feet square and put in compost. Give established bushes sulphate of ammonia, well away from trunk, and out to drip line, and water well. Look over for



swellings of gall wasp. If found, cut away, and burn. There is no other satisfactory treatment. Keep grass away from base of trunk to prevent rotting. Mandarins do best in this area, with "Ellendale" the best flavour. Care needed not to plant any citrus deeper than it was in the original container.

FERNS (in pots): Re-pot in peaty soil (no lime or fertilizer). Later, very weak seaweed (Maxicrop) or Fish Emulsion can be used sparingly. Always keep moist, and in shade.

OUTDOOR POTS: Keep off ground on half bricks or other support, against entrance of ants and slaters. Re-pot now if needed. Fertilize and keep regularly watered now that weather is getting warmer.

INDOOR POTS: Re-pot one size larger if needed. Fertilize and water. Keep in good light. Indoor plants do best if keep grouped together, rather than as single plants in separate spots in the house.

AZALEAS & CAMELLIAS: A little all over tidying up, removing any dead pieces and giving general shaping. Can be done, now that flowering is finished. Fertilize with the special packaged camellia fertilizer.

GARDENIAS: Need feeding now. Use the special camellia fertilizer (no lime). If looking yellow, probably deficiency of magnesium, so water in a good sprinkling of Epsom Salts. Keep gardenias well watered in Summer.

president's report

Since the change of management in February 1979 the main concern of the Association has been the town plan. However, notwithstanding this, the Association's activities have been numerous and have been well-supported by members of management who undertook to co-ordinate the various sub-committees:

(i) Diana Hale organised a very active social sub-committee; she and her committee put together an Open Day - including a self-guided Balmain walk, wine and cheese and general information on the Association - which was a great success. She and her committee have also been active in arranging restaurant evenings and have a number of functions in the pipeline for the coming months, including a ferry night.

(ii) John Engle was appointed Warden of the Watch House, the function of which appointment was to oversee the general maintenance of the Watch House and to co-ordinate any repair work, and also to report on what needs to be done in the future. The guttering of the main building was replaced during the year and other minor repairs were conducted. The sandstone on the southern end of the building needs specialist attention - this should be attended to in the coming twelve months. The National Trust has requested that we put a notice board and sign on the front of the building in an approved form of lettering, and this will be done in the coming year. John also conducted some working bees where cleaning up jobs were carried out.

(iii) Pip Hughes kept the Newsletter alive despite her reluctance to continue as Editor; the distribution of the Newsletter passed from Carol Oliver to Jennifer Porter, and although the distributors presently assisting are happy to go on, fresh blood is always needed.

(iv) Peter Pearson conducted his usual secretarial function notwithstanding the fact that he stepped down as secretary at the commencement of the present term on the 21st February this year; he was of invaluable assistance to the Association in looking after its correspondence and many of the miscellaneous formal aspects of its life.

(v) Tony Mayo kept our accounts in order; the major task she performed was the computerising of the membership list and this is now with Colgate-Palmolive, the form of program being available to anybody who wishes to inspect it and the material being transferrable if at any time in the future we are asked by Colgate to leave their facility.

The main activity of the Association in the past six months has been the objection to the I.D.O. and town plan. Bill Hasler almost single-handedly put together the Association's objection of some 75 pages and continues to represent the Association in a committee of various Leichhardt groups. Phillip Bray and David Porter organised the leafleting of the whole area; some 8000 leaflet kits were distributed in the Balmain/Rozelle containing objections and an explanatory memoranda particular to their particular areas; Phillip Bray also conducted a Petition in the heartland of the Balmain area. The result of this activity has been a public statement by the Minister for Planning and Environment that any applications for buildings over a two storey height is required to meet his personal approval.

Although the Association has been healthy in its activities, there is a distinct lack of interest by its membership in its affairs, apart from receiving the monthly newsletter; this is evidenced by the lack of contribution by members either in the form of assistance in projects or in material for the newsletter, and conversely the continual complaint that a newsletter is not received regularly.

PETER MCEWEN



INQUIRIES - WHO TO CONTACT ?

PRESIDENT: Peter McEwen 827 14 61 (General)

TREASURER: Toni Mayo 827 1701 (Membership, Newsletter Distribution)

HISTORY GROUP: Rita Wise 82 1702 (Historical)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Diana Hale 82 4946
(Social Activities)

ALL POSTAL INQUIRIES TO
P.O. Box 57, BALMAIN N.S.W. 2041

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended June 30, 1979

TONI MAYO
Hon. Treasurer

INCOME

Membership	805.00	
Watch House Donations	50.00	
Bank Interest	190.46	
Donations		
RAHS	125.00	
Lansdowne Slattery	30.00	
D. Ware	2.00	
A. Harrold	2.00	
Trailer Tours	17.00	
Anonymous	5.24	182.24
Fund Raising		
Charity's Restaurant	42.00	
Garden Island Tour	10.00	
Wine Sales	236.65	288.65
Publications		
Balmain in Time	632.00 ✓	
Half a Thou. Acres	806.25 ✓	
Gilchrist Settlement	130.80 ✓	1569.05
(Map & Guide)		
Miscellaneous		
Insurance Claim	276.00	
Petition Group a/c	18.18	
Postage donation	68.20	362.38
		<u>\$3447.78</u>
<u>Accumulation Account</u>		
General Account CSB	253.63	
Book Publishing Account CSB	1360.52	
S.I.A. Account	4457.78	
Electricity Deposit	10.00	
Petty Cash	34.00	

\$ 6115.93

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Expenditure

Petty Cash	79.89
Newsletter	432.94
Watch House	
Insurance	255.15
S.C.C.	23.97
M.W.S. & D.B.	280.87
Maintenance	25.34
Framing of photos	276.00
(Insurance claim)	861.33
Fundraising	
Wine Sales	383.94
Open Day	239.72
Badges	483.00
Community Services	
Foreshores	86.21
C.L.O.G.	18.75
Donation of a Journal	4.20
Subscriptions	
ARGO	25.00
ACF	24.00
RAHS	17.50
National Trust	18.00
Miscellaneous	15.00
Publications	
Gilchrist Map/Guide	156.59
Miscellaneous	
Night safe fee	20.00
Distributors party	34.48
General meetings	6.00
Rozelle School cent.	9.00
Membership	48.68
Transfer to SIA	200.00
Miscellaneous	45.00
Leichhardt Town Plan	127.14
	<u>\$3336.37</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditure

111.41
3447.78

I have audited the books, vouchers and records of the Balmain Association for the year ended 30th June 1979. In my opinion these items have been correctly maintained and the figures shown in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Accumulation Account accurately reflect the financial position of the Association at the date mentioned. The Treasurer's certificate as to number of books, publications etc. in her custody has been accepted as correct.

W.H. McCarthy
Honorary Auditor

JACARANDA: Think about planting one, if you have the space in a warm spot. Get a sturdy advanced specimen as it must be well established before next winter. As it grows, remove all fuzzy low growth from trunk, to keep all branches high up. Keep fertilized and well watered in Summer. Stake in early stages to keep trunk straight.

ILLAWARRA FLAME TREE (Brachychiton): Good planting companion to Jacaranda as it should flower at the same time. But try to get a grafted one, as some seedlings are too slow and unreliable for good flowering.

WEEDS: These will be growing prolifically now. Keep at them. Nothing replaces hand-weeding, though some can be cut off just below the soil with a hoe. Never let them seed. As well as being hosts for pests and diseases, they are also using up the nourishment in the soil.

PESTS: Aphis of many kinds are everywhere. "Spray-Afe" in aerosol can is handy; needs frequent application. The complete sprays such as "Rose-Glo" and "Hortico's Spray", etc. are very useful for general work, being a combined insecticide and fungus spray.



HOUSE AND GARDEN INSPECTION

The Glebe Society is holding its biennial house and garden inspection on Sunday, 4th November, 1979. This occasion offers a unique opportunity to view the interiors and gardens of a fine selection of Glebe Houses and Institutions. The tour will be self-guided, using a map and explanatory notes, and will allow visitors to absorb the character and diversity of one of our sister suburbs. Hours of inspection will be from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Tickets will be \$3.00 each; write to the Hon. Secretary, The Balmain Association, P.O. Box 57, Balmain, 2041, for tickets (enclosing a cheque for the appropriate amount). Closing date for tickets through The Balmain Association is Monday, 22nd October.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our International Year of the Child Barbecue and Games day at Balmain High School, on Saturday 22nd September was a successful day indeed. Parents and children joined in the many games and activities arranged for the day. Part of the school, including the gymnasium, was open for our use; the trampoline was very popular with the children.

EATING OUT



Beginning this month with L'Ironque, we intend to include a regular restaurant review in the Newsletter. There are some two-dozen restaurants/cafes in the Balmain-Rozelle area, and we would like to review each one, in terms of quality and value for money. Members comments are invited on any of the restaurants in the area, and of course on any of our reviews.

L'IRONIQUE RESTAURANT 246 Darling St. Balmain

This popular French style restaurant offers a large menu with reasonable prices from which to choose from. On the evening we were there they were offering 10 entrees with such tempting morsals as Filets de Maquereau de Vin Blanc (\$2.25), Paté du Chef sur Brioche (\$2.50) Soupe à l'Oignon Gratinées (\$1.75), Sea Food Crêpe (\$3.25). We sampled the soup, the paté and the mackerel filets. All were nicely presented and very tasty, especially the paté.

There were 11 main dishes to select from. Among the selections were Filet of Barramundi Grenobloise (\$4.95), Canard à l'Orange (\$4.95) and Filet au Poivre (\$5.95).

We chose Terrine de Veau à la Crème (\$4.50) which was covered with pastry and quite interesting, and Lapin Sauté à la Bourguignon (\$4.50) which was disappointing with the rabbit being a little on the dry side and the sauce being a bit heavy with a burnt characteristic.

The menu offered six sweets with the old reliables such as Crème Caramel, Mousse au Chocolat, Crêpes and a more interesting Mont Blanc, all priced at \$1.75 each.

A cosy, unhurried atmosphere. Worth a visit. Best to book towards week's end. Bon Appetit!

"EWENTON"

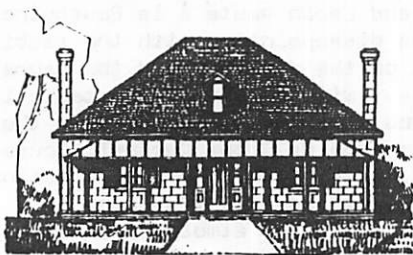
A Gentleman's Mansion

"Ewenton" is situated on the Dickson Primer site, the large parcel of land with street frontages to Ewenton, Grafton, Wallace and Darling Streets, Balmain, and has a main entrance from the end of Wallace Street.

Balmain real estate agent Dennis Thompson has indicated that he is currently acting for Dickson Primer and Co. Pty. Ltd., representing them to the Planning and Environment Commission and also to Leichhardt Municipal Council with the idea of having the industrial zoning on the site lifted and a residential zoning placed on the land. Thompson claims that the present intentions are that if this can be achieved the aim will be to restore "Ewenton" to as near as possible "its original condition" including the grounds from the Ewenton Street, Grafton Street entrance and down to what is now the lane.

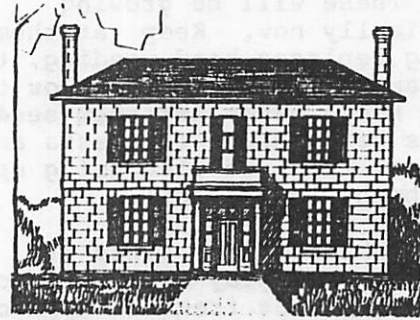
Thompson has indicated to the National Trust that the remainder of the land would be available for residential housing (which would not include unit or townhouse developments), the total development being in keeping with, and to enhance, "Ewenton" itself. However, Thompson has suggested that because of the cost of restoration of "Ewenton" (estimated commercial value of \$500,000.00) it might only be suitable for use by commercial or professional interests.

The house which is now "Ewenton" was developed from the original house on the site, "Blake Vale"; the original owner was Robert Blake, a member of His Majesty's forces, Under Sheriff of Sydney and one of Balmain's early developers. In 1856 Ewen Wallace Cameron, a partner in Mort and Co. and one of Balmain's leading citizens, purchased "Blake Vale" and set about to transform it into a gentleman's mansion. Cameron, who was a descendant of the Camerons of Lochiel, was living at "Blake Vale" by 1858.



Blake Vale as seen from "Blake" Street in 1855

In 1860 Cameron commissioned the Balmain architect, James McDonald (known as the "Architect of Balmain"), to add an upper storey and an entrance portico to the original Georgian house, which he re-named "Ewenton". This addition incorporated a handsome bay window which commanded a fine view over Darling Harbour towards the city. The bay window was carefully located between two well-proportioned full-height windows with simple arched pediments above them. The entry portico was added to the western facade and carried up to form a balcony for the upper floor.



Ewenton in 1860 - built over Blake Vale

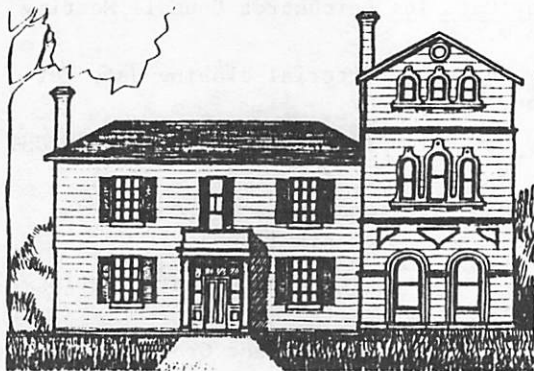
By 1872, however, Cameron's standing in the business community, his personal fortune and his large family, numbering twelve children at his death, called for a grand and opulent extension to his residence.

Again McDonald was employed to design the new wing, which was perhaps his most unusual commission. The original house and the first McDonald extensions followed Colonial and Georgian principles, respectively. However, the second extension in 1872 is in a style markedly different to Georgian. The four-storey structure of the south wing may be vaguely termed Mid-Victorian. It is a style, nevertheless, very personal to its designer. The massive stone exterior is heavily articulated in flat bas-relief decoration around the windows. The stone window sill, which is continuous across the end window, is one of McDonald's "trade marks". The sill design and window proportions are reminiscent of those in his Thames Street house (no. 10 Thames Street).

The inside cedar window shutters and wall panelling are expertly integrated. When closed the shutters combine with the panelling to form a continuous wall of polished cedar. When opened the shutters disappear into their surrounding window casings.

"EWENTON" -

The building is detailed externally with a clever combination of polished and well-chiselled Pyrmont stone but the contrast between the two styles makes one appear unsympathetic to the other. However, despite the years of neglect and the many destructive alterations "Ewenton" is a majestic land mark in Balmain.



Ewenton in 1872 with new south wing added

Cameron lived at "Ewenton" until his death there in 1876. The house remained in the family until the death of his wife Sophia, in 1886. After the death of Mrs. Cameron, the house passed through various owners and became the home of various people and institutions. Between 1893 and 1895 a Mrs. Stainger was the proprietress of a boarding house there. In 1897 "Ewenton" housed the Bethany Deaconess Institution. Other tenants followed until 1911 when "Ewenton" became the home of Henry Brisbane Swan, a timber merchant of Rozelle, who was Mayor of Balmain in 1893-4 and again in 1915. By 1933 L.B. Swan, a barrister and Mayor of Balmain in 1929-31, was in residence.

"Ewenton" became the property of its present owners, Dickson Primer and Co. Pty. Ltd., in 1951. Since that time the house and the grounds have been used for industrial purposes and as the Company has no use for the grand mansion, it has become so derelict it has been condemned by Leichhardt Municipal Council.

NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Contact: Philip Bray - 823982
Peter Pearson- 824723

The Editors welcome comment and/or items from members for inclusion in the Newsletter. Forward items to P.O. Box 57, Balmain, 2041 or hand deliver to Bray's Books, 268 Darling Street, Balmain.

Closing Date for Next Newsletter:
October 19, 1979.

The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Editors.



Town Plan: Everybody knows that Mr. Landa got wonderful press coverage for his big-hearted announcement that all development applications for buildings over two storeys in the Leichhardt Municipality would have to be referred to him personally; the only problem is that to give effect to this the Minister needs to pass an amendment to the IDO; the Association hasn't heard of any such amendment as yet.



DANGER UXB !

The Vincent Street Chemical Tank farm is a disaster waiting to happen. In the event of an accident on this site there would be a heavy loss of life, and this is a real possibility in view of the dangerous chemicals stored there.

The Company operating the site has written to Council asking for a five year extension of the existing lease, which is due to expire 30th June, 1980. Council has referred this submission to the Minister for Ports (Deputy Premier Ferguson) in the light of undertakings given by him that various sites between Stephen and Booth Streets, would be created as a buffer zone park.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Management Committee of The Balmain Association will hold its next Meeting at the Watch House, 179 Darling Street, Balmain, on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1979 at 8.00 p.m. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

It has become abundantly clear that the Management Committee in its present size is totally unnecessary, and under the constrictions placed by the Constitution, unworkable.

It is proposed to reduce the size of the Management Committee from eleven to six, for a quorum of it to be four, and for the number of persons required for a General Meeting (including the Annual General Meeting) or Special General Meetings to be reduced to ten members or 10% of the Management.

Under the Constitution as it now stands, a quorum is twenty members or 20% of the current membership, whichever is the lower figure. At recent General Meetings we have been hard pressed to field a membership quorum, and of late even a Management quorum (due mainly to the number of vacant positions on the Management Committee).

To make the alterations proposed we need a quorum, and for that purpose members are requested to come along to the Special General Meeting (see Notice below) to consider the proposed alterations to the Constitution.

PETER MCEWEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of the calling of a Special General Meeting, to consider the following amendments to the Constitution:

Paragraph 8, first sentence:

MANAGEMENT. The administration of the Association shall be vested in the Management, comprising the following positions all of which are honorary:- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus two other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Paragraph 12, second sentence:

METHOD OF ELECTION.....There shall be separate elections for each of the following positions and in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two other members.

Paragraph 13:

QUORUM. At a General Meeting (including an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting) a quorum shall be ten members or 10% of the current membership, whichever may be the lower figure, and at a meeting of the Management a Quorum shall be four members of Management.

VENUE: The Special General Meeting will be held at the Watch House, 179 Darling Street, Balmain

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1979

TIME: 8.00 P.M.

watch these dates!!!

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Leichhardt Council Meeting 8.00 p.m. Members and Friends welcome.

Tuesday Oct. 9: Balmain Association Management Committee Meeting 8.00 p.m. Members and Friends welcome.

Tuesday Oct. 16: Leichhardt Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Friday Oct. 19: Editorial closing date for November Newsletter.

Sunday Oct. 21: "BALMAIN AFLOAT" FERRY NIGHT 7.30 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 4: Glebe House and Garden Inspection (see note this issue).

Tuesday Nov. 6: Leichhardt Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday Nov. 7: Restaurant Group FINNYS Restaurant 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 13: Special General Meeting 8.00 p.m. (see note this issue). General Meeting 8.15 p.m.

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