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the balmain association

NOW WE ARE 100

This is the 100th issue of the Balmain Association Newsletter. Quite an achievement when you think about it. Our Association is 14 years old and it is the Newsletter which is the link which keeps members informed (usually) and entertained (quite often).

A LOOK BACK

Your editors, seized with the historical significance of it all, have been looking over the previous 99 issues and doing so has brought home just how many people have significantly contributed to the Association over the years.

We will bring you some highlights from the past in the future - if you see what we mean.

AND A LOOK FORWARD

We would like to see more 'news and views' in our Newsletter. Let's have some letters to the editor, and what about some 'parish pump' stuff - who's had a baby and so on. It will all help to make our Association more alive and more personal!

CHRISTMAS BARBEQUE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

IT STARTS AT 4.00 P.M. (GOES TO 8.00 P.M.)

AT 7 NUMA ST. BIRCHGROVE

DOWN THE STONE STEPS TO THE WATERFRONT

A FIREPLACE AND TIMBER ARE PROVIDED, BUT ITS B.Y.O. EVERYTHING ELSE.

THE ASSOCIATION EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO COME ALONG, AND BRING THE KIDS BECAUSE SANTA WILL BE THERE.

OLD FASHIONED PRICES - ITS FREE !

*Our newsletter is
late! Hope this
advice reaches you
in time!*

The Town Clerk's DRAFT ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1980 were presented to the Leichhardt Council on November 20, 1979, and Council's determination on same, including striking the 1980 rate, is expected in December.

For 1980, Council will be rating on the Unimproved Value rather than on the Rating Base Factor (RBF) which applied in 1979. The relevant valuations (after deduction of allowances under Section 139A, being 25% rebate in respect of land vested in public bodies, and Section 158A, hardship rebates) are:

Residential	245,000,000
Non-Residential	132,000,000
Total rateable unimproved value	\$377,000,000

These valuations reflect an average increase of 7% on residential properties and 2% on non-residential properties. This means that even if the 1979 rates of 1.83 cents in the dollar and 2.08 cents in the dollar, respectively, were unchanged in 1980, the majority of ratepayers would pay proportionately more than they paid this year.

Of course the percentages referred to are averages, and as a result of the uneven pattern of revaluation, variations from these averages will occur.

There are some important variations in expenditure and income -

The Valuation Board of Review reduced the valuation of Seatainer Terminals Ltd and Glebe Island Terminals Pty Ltd. Mr Justice Ash, of the Land and Valuation Court, dismissed Council's appeal. The consequent cost to the Council is:

Refund of rates prior to 1979	542,000
Estimated refund of rates for 1979	150,000
Refund of rates for 1980	160,000
Council's estimated legal costs	104,000
Estimated taxed costs of other parties	100,000
Total	\$1,056,000

(note: possible grounds for appeal are being considered by Council's legal advisers).

Local government accounting procedures have now been revised in respect of annual leave, sick leave, long service leave etc. Council must now provide for all leave which accrues to an employee within each year, rather than only that which is taken. This is retrospective to January 1, 1979. For 1980 it is estimated at \$115,000. A similar amount for 1979 is proposed to come from existing Reserve funds, currently totalling \$447,165.

Election expenses rise from \$6,000 to \$55,000 (1980 is an election year).

Workers' Compensation is up \$97,000 to \$400,000 and Superannuation is up \$20,000 to \$205,000. Contribution to the Board of Fire Commissioners is up \$27,930 to \$121,702. Family Day Care is up \$22,250 to \$87,750, but the Government subsidy is \$76,500.

Garbage, trade refuse and other rubbish collection and disposal is up \$115,800 to \$1,277,200, while income from them is up \$33,772 to \$383,000. Library expenses are up \$66,900 to \$405,100. Interest on loans is up \$82,000 to \$302,000 and principal repayments are up \$35,400 to \$247,500 (less \$31,604 loan contribution from the Balmain Leagues Club). Interest on investments is down \$80,000 to \$250,000.

Estimated final amount of contract for Leichhardt Oval Grandstand is \$847,100.54 (half of which is to be met by the Balmain Leagues Club).

Combined income in respect of Local Government Assistance fund, Commonwealth Revenue Sharing Grant and Pensioners' Rates Subsidy is up \$69,786 to \$1,110,000. Land was sold to the APLA Club for \$315,000.

A loan programme has been tentatively set at \$1,035,000 to cover capital works (road resheeting etc \$685,000), purchase of plant and equipment \$200,000, and an in-house computer system \$150,000.

The estimates require a gross rate yield of \$7,429,706 and the recommendation is for a 4% increase in the non-residential rate to 2.16 cents in the dollar, and a 2.4% increase in the residential rate to 1.87 cents in the dollar - to yield \$7,432,700. Of course the rate will be calculated on the higher valuations referred to above.

But rate increases are not favoured generally by Council controllers in an election year and it remains to be seen if they will be avoided and compensated for by a big rise in 1981.

Alderman N. Origlass.

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.

LOCAL CLUBS/GROUPS

BALMAIN MUSIC

Balmain music was conceived by three Balmain residents, Charles Colman, Director of the Leonine Consort, Murray Khouri, well-known Clarinettist and Caroline Hebborn, Music Administrator. All three have had long experience of professional music making both in Australia and overseas.

The organisers of Balmain Music feel that Balmain can offer something special to all music lovers. Within the community, there are a large number of musicians, both amateur and professional. It is the aim of Balmain Music to provide a framework to enable such people to share their various talents.

According to Balmain Music an informal atmosphere makes music fun. By combining professional expertise with amateur enthusiasm, they hope to have the best of both worlds.

It is hoped that their concert programme will create new opportunities for both listeners and performers, as well as a new venue for young musicians.

Balmain Music was formally constituted at a public meeting on 14th July 1979. Its principal aim is the promotion of musical activity in Balmain. Membership, however, is open to all, whether resident in Balmain or not. The benefits include:-

- *Reduced rates to concerts
- *Entry to all Balmain Music activities
- *A Newsletter of events, delivered free.

Application forms to join may be obtained from Balmain Music, P.O. Box 132, Balmain. Subscription rates are family - \$8.00, single - \$5.00 and student/pensioner - \$2.00. Membership applications and fees may be left in an envelope at Bray's Books, 268 Darling Street, Balmain.



BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

This is a small friendly group of people interested in growing plants, whether it may be the re-development of an old wild garden, or making the best of a small courtyard, or just some indoor plants in a flat.

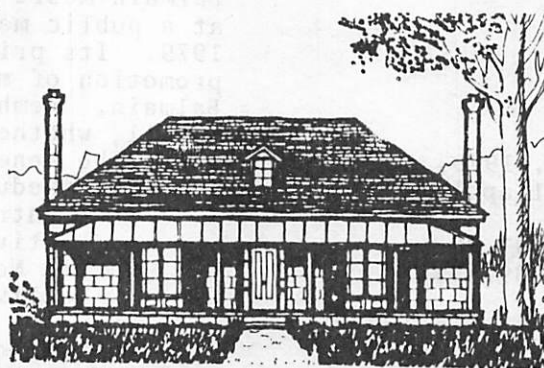
They meet the third Saturday in every month at the watch house, 179 Darling Street, Balmain at 1.30pm. After changing library books, and looking over the plants brought in, there is a short meeting followed by a visit to places of gardening interest around Sydney.

The club has accumulated a good library, and speakers on gardening topics are sometimes invited, mainly in winter months.

The club is affiliated with the Garden Club of Australia and members are invited to attend the gardening schools set up by that body.

Their year starts in February and the first meeting will be Saturday, February 16th, 1980, so just remember that date if interested, or perhaps you would like to phone the Secretary, Anne, at 82 4970, for a chat about the Club, first.

CLONTARF

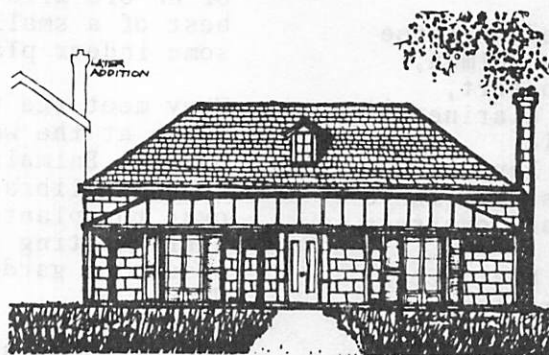


Clontarf in 1844

"Clontarf's" original owner, Robert Blake was a member of His Majesty's forces, Under Sheriff of Sydney and one of Balmain's early developers (see previous article on "Ewenton").

Robert Blake was a spec-builder, and "Clontarf" was one of his less ambitious ventures, built at a time when his funds were low. In 1844, he built a small stone cottage with shopfront (formerly in Darling Street at the Adolphus Street corner of the Bowling Club) and also another dwelling, the "substantial cut-stone building "Clontarf" (No. 4 Wallace Street) which cost £450.00.

The Blake Estate was eventually sold to Ewen Wallace Cameron, a partner in Mort and Co. After the break-up of Cameron's estate in 1878 Charles Yeend, one of Balmain's publicans, bought "Clontarf" and the adjoining lot 4 (now located at the corner of Wallace and Adolphus Streets). Several ownerships followed until the house and land passed to an engineer, James Robert Morgan, in 1922. It appears that Morgan operated a "blast furnace and foundry building and out-houses" there. The Power Engineering Pty. Ltd. took over the foundry in 1938 and expanded it still further. By further changes of ownership "Clontarf" became the property of Wards Stoves Pty. Ltd. in November, 1947.



Kinvarra, 3 Ewenton Street, c 1852

"Clontarf" was named after a part of Dublin, the site of a famous battle in 1014. It was the basic vernacular dwelling of the time. Containing "nine apartments" and located "in an airy and delightful situation", the single storey verandahed house was flanked by "two neat garden and pleasure grounds" with a well of "excellent water" and its occupants rejoiced in the use of a "family bathing house". The steam ferry gave direct access to "Clontarf" and the other dwellings on Blake's estate. Blake had a private wharf in the Bay, fronting his property.

"Clontarf" had become unrecognisable by that time. Its graceful front verandah had been torn down, the full-length window shutters had been nailed up and its exterior stone work painted stark white.

Although "Clontarf" had become the foundry's office and store areas, it was the foundry itself that was the real eyesore. Growing outward from the house towards Adolphus Street the foundry had become a pile of rusty, rickety corrugated iron sheds and was a symbol of Balmain's surrender to industry.

BITS....

MEMBERSHIP

It is pleasing to note a steady increase in membership in recent months following a resurgence of interest in the Association. A membership drive will be undertaken during 1980 whereby we hope to increase our membership to an all-time high of 600. We urge you to maintain this interest by persuading your neighbours, friends and acquaintances to join the Association, and by offering to help in our forthcoming membership drive. If you can help in any way ring Toni Mayo (827.1701).

BALMAIN-ROZELLE REGISTER

As reported in the November Newsletter the Association plans to make a detailed study or survey of Balmain Rozelle with a view to having parts of the area, or at least buildings of architectural and/or historical interest in the area, included in the Register of the National Estate or classified for preservation by the Heritage Council.

We will need lots of help from members for this task, and although we've had some offers of help from members, more is needed. Toni Mayo (827.1701) has been appointed by Management as Convenor of the Study Group and is awaiting your call. To those members who have already offered help, Toni will be contacting you early in the new year.

Any member who has carried out some investigations into the date of their house or the title to their property could assist Toni by relaying this information for use in our survey. Members who can assist with such information are requested to either phone Toni, send the information in by post (P.O. Box 57, Balmain) or leave the information in an envelope at Bray's Books, 268 Darling Street, Balmain.

WELCOME BACK RICHARD NORMAN

Richard Norman, our former Honorary Treasurer, has returned from "The Old Dart" and has agreed to come back on to the Management Committee; he's a glutton for punishment that lad! Seriously though, his experience and skills will be of great benefit to the Association. Richard will fill in temporarily as Watch House Warden.

AND WELCOME BACK JOHN ENGLE

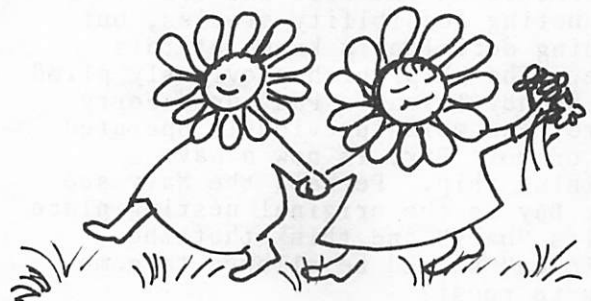
Speaking of the Watch House Warden, he hath returned from the wilds of the North. John was last seen riding into the wilderness — with Warden's hat neatly blocked and badge-of-office shining — about three months ago. As soon as his hat is refurbished (the Treasurer says that we can't afford a new one) and his badge repolished, he will mosey back on down to the Watch House.



THE GLASS HOUSE

The Balmain Association was one of the main bodies responsible for saving the Glass House from destruction by Leichhardt Council. (see letter from Mr. Landa published in the December 1977 Newsletter).

Leichhardt Council has now decided: (1) that although Council is prepared to maintain the structure in a good condition it does not wish to proceed with its further use at the present time and (2) that Council will advertise (advertisements have already appeared - applications close January 4, 1980) for submissions from interested local organisations for the lease of the structure at a nominal rental; the submissions are to include details concerning the type of plants to be provided, the hours during which the plants will be made available for public viewing, including whether a charge will be made for admission and any other information considered necessary to support the submission.



AND PIECES

DEVELOPMENTS APPROVED (See October Newsletter for Proposed Developments)

Property Known as 16-18 Palmer Street and 11-13 Sorrie Street, Balmain: Council has given approval for the construction of 15 town houses with traffic access from Palmer Street and egress from Sorrie Street. A 5 metre strip is to be dedicated to road widening on the Sorrie Street frontage and this is to be completed by the Developer.

Property Known as 67 Beattie Street, Balmain: The proposal to develop the Ampol Service Station and to replace it with 18 town houses has been approved. At the time of going to print we are unable to report on the "conditions" set for the approval.

CHEMICAL TANK FARM

As reported in the October Newsletter the operating company, Terminals Pty. Limited, applied for a 5 year extension of their lease on the Vincent Street site, due to expire 30th June, 1980. However, both the M.S.B. and the Minister for Ports have denied the request for extension. The Minister has reaffirmed Government policy that all bulk chemical storage should be moved out of Sydney Harbour. The Minister has already given an undertaking that the Esso site is to be reserved as a buffer zone park. Residents are now anxiously awaiting an announcement on the future of the Terminals Pty. Limited site.

ANL CONTAINER TERMINAL - NEW THREAT?

With ANL Terminal still fully operational (they are supposedly moving out to Botany Bay by the end of the year) it is still not clear what intentions ANL or the M.S.B. have for the site. There have been reports that both the Army and the Navy are interested in the site and are conducting feasibility studies, but nothing definite is known at this time. The ship, which previously plied the Sydney-Tasmania Passenger Ferry route, and which previously operated out of Mort Bay, is now a Navy training ship. Perhaps the Navy see Mort Bay as the original nesting place of its "baby" and think that the "chicken" should be allowed to come home to roost?

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

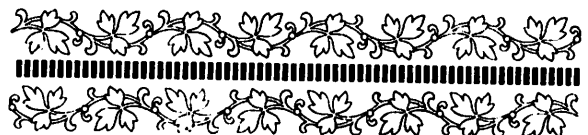
Property Known as 16 Foucart Street, Rozelle: Proposal to erect six town houses. Developments for this site have been advertised on two previous occasions this year. The first proposal was to demolish the existing free-standing cottage, known as "Rozelle Cottage", and to replace it with a block of flats containing at least three residential floors and five (originally eight) units (see October 1979 Newsletter).

Property Known as Lot 2, Hosking Street, Balmain: Amended proposal to construct two 2-bedroom town houses.

EWENTON

The White Bay Resident's Action Group claim that they have received legal advice, that a waterfront area adjacent "Ewenton"; which was a public swimming area, apparently known as "Sandy Beach", is crown land and is not the property of Dickson Primer to sell. Dickson Primer purchased their present site some years ago when it was rezoned from Residential to Waterfront Industrial. The area apparently claimed by Dickson Primer constitutes about one acre of the four acres for sale.

Sandy Beach was apparently a popular beach, safe for children (except for the odd shark) and a place where residents could launch sail boats. It was the last of the white sandy beaches remaining in White Bay, which may well have been named as a consequence of the white sand on the beaches.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

This is the last Newsletter for 1979. The first issue for 1980 (No. 101) should be delivered early in February.

The Editors and members of the Management Committee would like to extend to you the compliments of the season, and look forward to your continuing support during 1980.

The old house received a stay of execution, however, when a combined move by local residents, The Balmain Association, The National Trust and the School of Architecture of the University of New South Wales put a case to Council for its restoration. These groups with the support of local industries and student's help, offered to restore the building to a weatherproof state for eventual use as a kindergarden at no cost whatever to the Council.

As one of Balmain's oldest buildings, forming an important part of the architectural and historical fabric of the Balmain area, 'CLONTARF' is worthy of restoration and preservation.

'CLONTARF' (built in 1844) was one of the earliest buildings on the Blake Estate, which in turn was one of the earliest subdivisions on the peninsula.

Of the eleven houses built by Robert Blake only five still remain, 'CLONTARF', 'EWENTON', 'KINVARRA', 'MOORFIELD' and 'SHANNON GROVE'.



Shannon Grove, 10 Ewenton Street, Balmain, in 1848

In the post-war planning revival the block south of Wallace Street between Adolphus and Ewenton Streets (which included "Clontarf") was zoned as open green space. The buildings were earmarked for acquisition and demolition by Leichhardt Council. As soon as "Clontarf" was put up for sale in November, 1974, the Council purchased the property and began converting it to a public park.

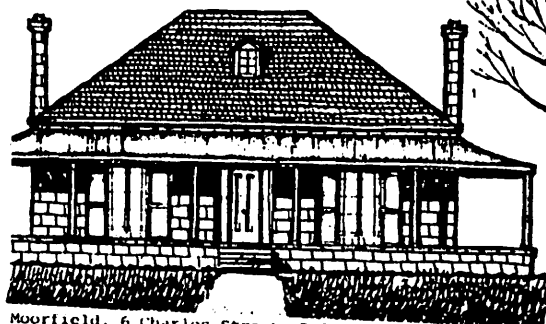
After demolishing the corrugated iron accretions, the Council's officers compiled a report which recommended that "Clontarf" be demolished as renovation costs would be prohibitive. "Clontarf's" fate was sealed.

The proposal was put before the Council in June, 1976. In their wisdom, Council decided to defer any decision on "Clontarf" indefinitely. To date, apart from the diligent attention of vandals and a partial fire in July, 1976, no further action, either demolition or renovation, has been taken by its owners, Leichhardt Municipal Council, with the derelict house providing mute evidence of bureaucratic neglect. Meanwhile "Clontarf" slowly rots amid the weeds of what was once a pleasant garden, awaiting officialdom's coup-de-grace.

Of these houses, 'KINVARRA' (3 Ewenton St.) and 'SHANNON GROVE' (10 Ewenton St.) have been faithfully restored to their former charm and grace. 'MOORFIELD' still remains but was defaced in the late 1960's when the fine old verandah was removed and a modern extension of large and ugly proportions was added to the street front of the house. Fortunately, the present owners acquired the house in September 1976 and have embarked upon an extensive restoration programme which will restore 'MOORFIELD' to its former 1839 dignity.

However, both 'CLONTARF' and 'EWENTON' have been under threat of demolition for some time, although groups interested in their preservation, including The Balmain Association, have been active in lobbying towards this end.

For anyone who is interested in seeing how a restored 'CLONTARF' could look, take a look at 'KINVARRA' and 'SHANNON GROVE' which are of a similar architectural style.



Moorfield, 6 Charles Street, Balmain, in 1839

YOUR GARDEN

Get to Know Ferns.

If you are the despairing possessor of a very shaded damp courtyard, ferns might be the answer to your problems. Some people say that only the names of ferns are difficult, and that they are easy to grow if conditions are right.

One of our lecturers at a Garden School, told how he first became interested in ferns, after taking home some pieces of sandstone from a shady gully in the bush. Soon after his garden was full of young ferns, which had developed from spores carried in on the sandstone. Another happening was when, on the death of an aged neighbour, he assisted in the demolition of a white ant-ridden shed that had not been opened for forty years, and among the contents were a row of hanging baskets containing long-dead ferns. These he emptied onto his own compost heap and was rewarded with masses of new ferns.

Though personally, I have found if one removes a fern growing in what appears to be an inhospitable crack in a wall, to lovely damp peaty soil, it isn't a bit grateful, and promptly dies. The moral may be that they do not like root disturbance!

Ferns are very primitive forms of plant life, just a step up from the mosses, are reproduced from spores as fine as dust, contained in brown cases on the back of fronds (don't mistake these for scale, it has happened!) When ripe these are discharged into the air and sometimes go great distances. Each spore is sexless, but develops into a minute green spot containing both male and female cells, which make the new plant and it puts forth fronds and grows roots.

Most of the ferns available here, are natives of Australia and New Zealand. Many are tropical from Queensland and grow better here than in Victoria.

CONDITIONS:

To thrive, all ferns must have damp conditions and shade. Usually they grow better in the ground than in pots, or baskets, and better out-doors than inside. In the house, a well lit room facing south is best, with no radiators or gas fires. It is best to group the plants together with a bowl of water in their midst, or stand them on trays containing pebbles and water. Use terracotta pots as they keep cooler and more damp. Watering

is best done, by standing the pots in a bucket until no more bubbles arise. A spray of water daily from an atomiser helps to keep them happy. Sometimes there is a shady side of a house, (preferably facing south), but this may have howling draughts through it, and would have to be corrected with a gate at one end, and a "Sarlon" shade canopy on top. Bush houses of lath and tea-tree can sometimes suffice, or a shady patio or sheltered veradahs.

SOIL

Ordinary potting soil with added damp peat moss, or crumbled leaf mould. No lime.

RE-POTTING

Do this in August to October. Use wood charcoal and pebbles in the base of pots. If they need dividing, use sharp scissors across the roots. For baskets use bark for lining as some ferns such as Davalia ("Haresfoot"), and Podium ("Bearsfoot") push their furry rhizomes through the sides, looking attractive.

FEEDING

Very little required. On no account, use ordinary mixed chemical fertilizer. Sprinkle with leaf-mould, or old cow manure, or a very little osmocote, or extremely weak fish emulsion.

PESTS

Mealy bug and scale are the commonest and mainly attack plants in pots. Move outdoors to spray with "Malathion" and white oil. Direct spray to the underside of the foliage. Remove algae or lichen seen on ground or pots.

PLANNING

Takes several years to build up a fernery collection. Start with tree ferns and allow plenty of space - as these can become eight feet at the top and will provide shelter for the smaller ferns. Keep the shadiest and dampest spots for Adiantum (Maidenhair). On the ground around, grow allied plants such as Selaginella and mosses, also Helxine ("Baby's Tears") fits in well.

As a pinnacle of ambition, perhaps, one day, you will grow the most beautiful fern in the world, the New Zealand Todeatree fern. Our garden club saw a beautiful example of this at the home of Mr. Best this year.

Jessica Murray,
Balmain Garden Club

OUR CONSTITUTION

At the Special General Meeting held at the Watch House on November 13, 1979 the following amendments to the Constitution were carried:

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 a minimum of two and a maximum of seven other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting. The number of other members shall be decided by a majority vote at each 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, 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 half the number of Management plus one, or a simple majority of the members of Management, whichever may be the lower figure.

The above amendments have now been referred to the Department of Services for the approval of the Minister, which is necessary before the amendments can be effective.

EATING OUT

DELPHI CUISINE 341 Darling Street, Balmain.

Actually called the "Delphi Cuisine Coffee Lounge B.Y.O.", this is Balmain's newest eating out establishment, and quite a reasonable one at that too.

Apart from the delicious looking (and tasting) pastries in the window, and the Take-Away Section in the front (Pizzas and various Greek varieties), there is a small but pleasant sit-down section further inside.

Entrees range between \$ 2 and \$ 2.50, and include Dolmades (stuffed vine leaves) with yoghurt and cucumber dip, TIROPITES (filo pastry with mainly feta cheese filling), SPINAKOPITES (filo pastry with spinach and cheese filling) and an interesting Greek salad. The servings are very generous, and very filling, and very good value for money. If you don't like garlic then the Dolmades are not for you - you can't rely on your 'ring of confidence' for a day or two.

Main courses vary between \$ 4 and \$ 5 and include MOUSAKA (\$ 4.60), SOUVLAKIA (lamb kebabs - \$ 4.80) and CALAMARI (\$ 4.20), to name a few. These are of reasonable quality, but this time the servings are not nearly so generous.

For dessert its hard to go past the Greek pastries which you can have for about 75c for a serve. Other desserts include various gelatos.

All of the above can be had from the Take-Away Section, where prices are lower than the sit-down prices. The Pizzas are good too and cost between \$ 2 and \$ 4.

In all, worth a visit. The staff are pleasant and attentive, the place is pleasant and clean and the foods is good. They are open from 12 noon to about 11.30 p.m. or 12 mid-night Monday to Saturday. "Never on Sunday"? Don't believe the song, they are open on Sundays 12 noon to 9.30 p.m.

Next time you walk down Darling Street try pressing your nose against the pastry display window - its a real test for your will power; it makes you want to put your milk-substitute diet aside for just one day.

CAFE DES CREPES 323 Darling Street, Balmain.

This small Cafe is situated towards the rear of Lanthay Chambers at the corner of Darling and Church Streets, and is very easy to by-pass, which is a pity because it is a well-run establishment with pleasant harbour views - both from inside and outside on the balcony section. It is an ideal place to have lunch or a late Sunday morning brunch in a relaxing atmosphere. It is open for breakfast lunch and dinner from 8.30 a.m. Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday morning from about 9.00 a.m.

A variety of crepes (\$ 1.20 - \$ 2), jaffles (\$ 1.20 - \$ 1.85) and salads (\$ 1.80 - \$ 2.20) are offered and are of reasonable quality and good value for money. It is possible to get a substantial breakfast (PETIT DEJEUNER COMPLET), consisting of egg on toast with sausage and bacon + coffee + orange juice + croissant and jam, for \$ 3.30, which is quite reasonable.

If you simply want a light morning or afternoon tea, beverages cost between 50c and 65c, and raisin toast or croissant and jam cost 60c and 65c, respectively.

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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.

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

AN INVITATION....

TO JOIN THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

The Balmain-Rozelle peninsular is a very special place. Anyone who has lived here, whether all their life or just for a few months, knows that!

The Balmain Association was formed in 1965 because the Balmain we like so much was being threatened by almost uncontrolled flat development and obnoxious industrial development.

The Association has seven aims listed in its constitution. All of them are summed up in the first, "To improve the living, working and recreational amenity of Balmain."

WHY NOT JOIN?

You can help the Association, and the Balmain Peninsular, simply by joining. The more members we have, the more that Councils and Governments have to listen - and the more we can achieve.

Of course, should you wish to be not just a silent member, but to be an active member, that is even more welcome. You can be active by attending our social functions - the more people know each other the stronger our community becomes! Or, you could join one of our committees, deliver newsletters and generally be involved in the nitty gritty of running the Association. The choice is almost entirely yours.

WHY NOT JOIN NOW?

Simply fill in the form below and drop it in to
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