



The Bridge

The State government is expected to announce four proposals for the second Harbour crossing at any time now! Two of the schemes are a Gladesville-Abbotsford link and a "crossing from Rozelle to Greenwich, probably through Goat Island". (SMH, 26 Oct 81).

This last and very adroit statement avoids all mention of the word "Balmain" but that is what it certainly means - through Balmain.

It has also been leaked to the press that the Rozelle/Goat Island/Greenwich option is expected to be scrapped "because of public opposition". Well, we will provide that opposition. We can also be sure that our friends in Greenwich, Abbotsford and Gladesville will also condemn these proposals (see News Sheets 108 and 109 for past action).

In an editorial of 1 Sept 81 the SMH, in a broadside against politicians, blasted any new Harbour crossing as a blatant waste of public funds. The Herald put the case that the money would be much better spent on roads and bridges throughout the State rather than pander to "that tiny portion of the population that crosses the Harbour in peak hours".

The Herald goes on to say that more rational use of the Harbour Bridge itself is necessary - "Peak-hour space on the Harbour Bridge is very like prime time on television - very valuable" - scaling up the toll to \$2 in the peak but less out of it.

Mr. Wran's present proposal would cost a cool \$600 million - a fortune that would be much better spent on a workable public transport system of the rail/light rail/electric bus/ferry variety.

Why bridge over it or tunnel under it when with a little common sense you can sail on it - even using wind power!

Whatever comes, make no mistake that ANY connection with the North Shore will mean the DESTRUCTION of our lifestyle because Balmain and Birchgrove and Rozelle would disappear - bridges and tunnels generate roadworks that are just that big.

Do not let the bureaucrats say "Goodbye Balmain" - fight now!

Visit the Watch House

The Watch House, 179 Darling Street, is open to the public each Sunday afternoon between 2 00 pm and 4 00 pm. Admission is free.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Management puts forward the following new rates to be discussed at the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING at the WATCH HOUSE on Monday 7 December at 7 30 pm.

Single	now	\$3.00	to become	\$5.00
Family	"	\$5.00	"	\$7.00
Pensioner	"	\$1.00	"	\$2.00
and Student				
Organization	"	\$10.00	"	\$12.00

Postal rates for those members living outside our area or who wish to have the News Sheet posted to rise from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

COME TO THE SGM AND HELP US DECIDE THE NEW RATES.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 1981
7 30 PM WATCH HOUSE

BALMAIN VILLAGE FAIR 11/12 DECEMBER

The enthusiasm for the planned Village Fair at the Watch House is contagious. If you come and see the growing list of offers you will want to be a part of the organization too.

People who make things have a wonderful chance to sell and gain publicity so if you have a hobby come and discuss it with us at the Watch House on Sunday afternoons.

People who buy things are certainly coming to do their Christmas shopping.

People who have always meant to do something about the Balmain Association will find that this is the time to turn up because this is to be a social occasion. If you want to help on Friday (night) 11 and Saturday 12 December, we would love to involve you!

For any arrangements or inquiries you could ring Frances Heathfield on 818 2307 or talk to other members of the Association.

PS - Yes, foods and drinks will also be available and although we hope for wonderful weather, we can cope with anything!

REMEMBER 11/12 DECEMBER - watch for future publicity.

NEW DRINK LAWS COULD MEAN QUIETER PUBS.

Inner Voice of May 1981 carried this news item:

Recent changes to the licensing laws to allow longer opening hours have resulted in more than 200 applications to the NSW Licensing Court from pubs, restaurants and bottle-shops.

Under the new laws:

- * all hotels may apply to trade till midnight
- * licensed restaurants (with some exceptions) can apply to trade 24 hours a day
- * hotels may apply to extend an extra hour (ie to 14 hours), as well as any 14-hour stretch out of 24
- * hotels and bottleshops can apply to open from 10 am on Sundays.
- * proprietors may apply for changed hours without advance notification of their intentions in the local papers.

For the first time, however, the new legislation allows residents to strike back at rowdy premises. If inconvenienced by loud music, rowdy behaviour or hooliganism near popular premises, 20 residents will have the right to petition the Licensing Court to cancel such licence/s.

Inner Voice is good value - 80 pages of news and views - published by the Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development Co-op Ltd, Third Floor, 106 Goulburn Street, Sydney, 2000, and the annual subscription is \$5.00 per individual.

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS FOR PEOPLE IN BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE



BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

Jessica Murray GROWING EDIBLE GINGER

Zingibar Officinale is not the same plant as the ornamental flowering ginger though it has points of resemblance. It is a tuber or rhizome with large leaves and grows about four feet high.

TO OBTAIN ROOTS FOR PLANTING: Grocer shops in China Town always have these, known as green ginger. One tuber will be enough if it is a large one and should divide into 3 or 4 or more pieces, each one having at least one "eye" from which to spout. After cutting into pieces, leave for a day thus lessening the possibility of fungus attack.

PLANTING: Free-draining loose soil is required, with not less than half-day of sunlight, or if in a pot, position on a sunny verandah. Prepare soil by adding general mixed fertilizer, some lime or dolomite and well-rotted animal manure. Plant about two inches down. Water well after planting and mulch if possible (grass cuttings or manure). Keep damp but not over-watered.

September is the best month to plant. When weather becomes very hot, shade cloth (Sarlon 50%) may be necessary as leaves tend to sunburn.

HARVEST: 1). March to April, dig up plants carefully with garden fork, for their roots. These tend to get very fibrous if left much later. Keep in hessian or onion bag in a cool place until required. 2). Some roots can be left in the ground or can be dug up in June or July and replanted as it dies down to the ground in winter.

USES OF GREEN GINGER ROOTS: Can be used in many ways, in syrups, or crystallised and are essential in Asian cooking - for sweet and sour, curries and casseroles and improves all jams.

RECIPES: Marinade No 1). Required - $\frac{1}{2}$ table-spoon finely chopped ginger, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 2 tablespoons sesame oil, 2 tablespoons dry wine, 1 tablespoon sugar, salt and black pepper. Can be used for grills, roasts or barbecues. Soak the meat for some hours and baste with the marinade while cooking.

Marinade No 2). Required - 1 cup plain yoghurt, 1 finely chopped onion, 2 cloves crushed garlic, 1 tablespoon tomato paste, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch piece of ginger (chopped), salt and pepper. For marinades, a blender is useful or else crush by hand.

TOMATO AND ONION SALAD: Required - 1 lb tomatoes, 4 spring onions (including green tops), 1 tablespoon lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated green ginger, good sprinkling of sugar, salt and pepper. Slice tomatoes into dish and cover with the other mixed ingredients.

COMBINED MEETING

2 NOVEMBER

Gladys Chanter, Elizabeth Hamlin, Frances Heathfield, Ethel May, Lorraine McDermott, Richard Norman, Peter Reynolds and Pat Young met at the Watch House at 7 30 pm on 2 November. Apologies were received from Rod Linklater, Trish Ryan and Andrea Nield.

- 1 Letter received from Leichhardt Council requesting us to name a lane unofficially known as Llewellyn Lane.
- 2 From Sydney 3000 Directories advising that an entry on the Association appears on page 36 of the current edition.
- 3 Letter sent to Leichhardt Council recommending that new street be named "Little Llewellyn Street".
- 4 Our new Treasurer, Lorraine McDermott, was formally co-opted to the Management Committee.
- 5 General discussion on our December Village Fair at the Watch House.
- 6 Special General Meeting scheduled for tonight postponed until next meeting on Monday 7 December 1981.



WATCH THESE DATES

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1982 MEETINGS DIARY *****
To simplify arrangements for Management Meetings, General Meetings and History Meetings one meeting combining all these functions will be held on the first Monday of each month - public holidays excluded.

Monday	7 December 1981	Monday	5 July
Monday	1 February	Monday	2 August
Monday	1 March	Monday	6 September
Monday	5 April	Tuesday	5 October
Monday	3 May	Monday	1 November
Monday	7 June	Monday	6 December

Remember, first Monday in each month at the Watch House at 7 30 pm - ALL WELCOME.

The BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB meets every third Saturday in the month at the Watch House 179 Darling Street at 1 00 pm.

PUNCH PARK PEOPLE

Punch Park People will stage a one day seminar on Solar Energy in the main hall of the Balmain Town Hall on Saturday, 21st November from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This seminar is designed for lay persons and its theme will be "Everything you would like to know about Solar Energy."

Admission will be free.

For further information ring : 827-3438, 569-1377, 827-2757, or 82-4874.

NEWS SHEET TYPING

We need an efficient typist with access to a carbon ribbon golf-ball machine for our News Sheet copy. Please contact Peter Reynolds 827 3560.

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meaning BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE

OUR AIMS ARE TO:

- * improve the living working and recreational amenity of our area
- * maintain all features having natural architectural and/or historical value
- * compile and record the history of the area - keep a permanent collection of items of historical interest
- * seek the co-operation of everyone concerned in the realization of the above

For further information please contact:

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