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NEWS SHEET

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the balmain association

FOUNDED 1965

COMBINED BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

THE COMBINED BRIDGE ACTION GROUP (CBAG) IS A FORMALLY CONSTITUTED ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION; BALMAIN BRIDGE ACTION GROUP; GREENWICH & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION; ST LEONARDS-NORTH SYDNEY-WOLLSTONECRAFT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION; AND THE BRENNAN, BERRY AND WAVERTON PRECINCT COMMITTEES. The constitution and rules of CBAG were formulated at a meeting of representatives from the constituent groups at the Balmain Watch House on 27 April. The Executive consists of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bruce Allan (Balmain Bridge Action Group) is Chairman.

A representative of each group will come together to form meetings as and when required. Each constituent group continues to function within itself but in co-operation with CBAG as a whole.

Folded in this News Sheet you will find CBAG's BRIEFING PAPER ONE which urges you to give money to help fund a media campaign against the destruction of our area.

Anyone can give money - in large or small amounts according to your means. Just put your money where your mouth is!

If times are hard, form a street club to raise a significant sum in any way that you can.

Cheques should be crossed and made payable to the Combined Bridge Action Group (7 Numa Street, Birchgrove - phone (02) 827 3959).

If you want to talk about the fund-raising campaign, ring David Porter (ex-President, Balmain Association) 827 1081 or Peter Reynolds (current Association President).

WHELAN'S WRECKERS v BEDFORD'S PLANNERS

Why are we doing all this? Well just read the Hon Whelan's Department of Main Roads (DMR) cool appraisal for your future:

"The possible construction of a second crossing of Sydney Harbour has been a topic of discussion for many years. As the city's driving population has continued to grow, the subject has gained momentum accordingly.

The existing Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened on 19 March 1932. Now, almost 50 years later, it is necessary to investigate the complex matter of a second crossing, in response to the concern of many users of the Bridge as to its adequacy for the future..."

If that doesn't lower your temperature just consider the chilling statistics as the article goes on

"Projected traffic volumes on a second harbour crossing range from a minimum of 45 000 vehicles per day to a maximum of 80 000 vehicles depending on Sydney's future growth, pattern". WRECKERS 1 - PLANNERS 0

How about that for your future - any wonder the DMR can say:

"The matter of a second crossing - its desirability or otherwise, and the form it should take - is one of importance to the city of Sydney and its people..." WRECKERS 2 - PLANNERS 0

NOW TAKE A LOOK AT THE DEMOLITION LIST OF OVER 1 000 HOUSES IN BALMAIN, BIRCHGROVE AND ROZELLE - JUST TURN THE PAGE AND LOOK INSIDE.

Now that we have had a look at what Hon Whelan's maniacs want to do to us, let us have a look at what the planning push want to do.

The Sydney Morning Herald of 28 April broadcasts Bedford's Lament - a tuneless song whose refrain tells of his sadness at the fall in our inner-city population. Since 1976 some 5 228 residents have fled the Municipality of Leichhardt.

His Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) cry out for "urban consolidation" which to us means blocks of flats or nifty town houses. The Hon Bedford says that unless this happens soon, Sydney's sprawl will have become unmanageable in planning terms. Hon Bedford asserts:

"The cost of continued expansion is a serious burden on the whole community. This is one of the causes of higher housing costs...the population of the inner city has fallen since World War Two..." WRECKERS 2 - PLANNERS 1

Are you suitably aghast at the weight of this mighty logic. Our municipality, already choked with private cars, is to be pushed up from its present density to between 400 and 600 people per acre.

WRECKERS 2 - PLANNERS 2
WHAT A SPECTACLE! ONE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO CRAM MORE BUILDING INTO OUR AREA WHILE ANOTHER IS QUITE HAPPILY STUDYING WAYS TO DE-NUDE IT OF OVER 1 000 HOUSES.

The really tragic thing about all this is that they both can be right! After the DMR's bulldozers cut a swathe through Balmain, Birchgrove and Rozelle, the area will only be fit for high rise flats.

Only we can lose by these smug bureaucracies being let loose among us!

WRECKERS 2 - PLANNERS 2 - PEOPLE Zilch
Now after reading all this, just look out your window and say goodbye to all that you see!!! Both these Departments are under the finger of Premier Wran - all he has to do is let loose the dogs of war and we will be no more.

Not bloody likely! Support CBAG and your future now - with money.

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE COMBINED BRIDGE ACTION GROUP ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC MEETING IN BALMAIN TOWN HALL AT 7 30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE TO HELP "KILL THE SECOND CROSSING STUDY" !!!!!!!!!!!

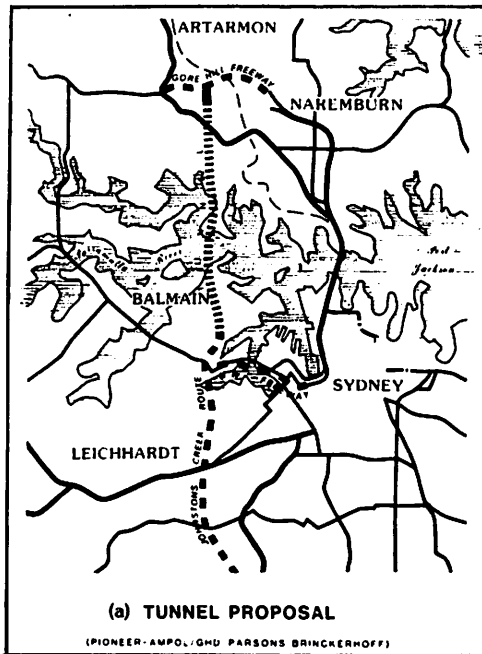
COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY.*****

MONSTER MEETING WED 2 JUNE

~ SEE INSIDE!

Is your house on the DMR demolition list?

SECOND HARBOUR CROSSING



(a) **Tunnel Proposal** (Consultants: Pioneer-Ampol/GHD-Parsons Brinckerhoff)

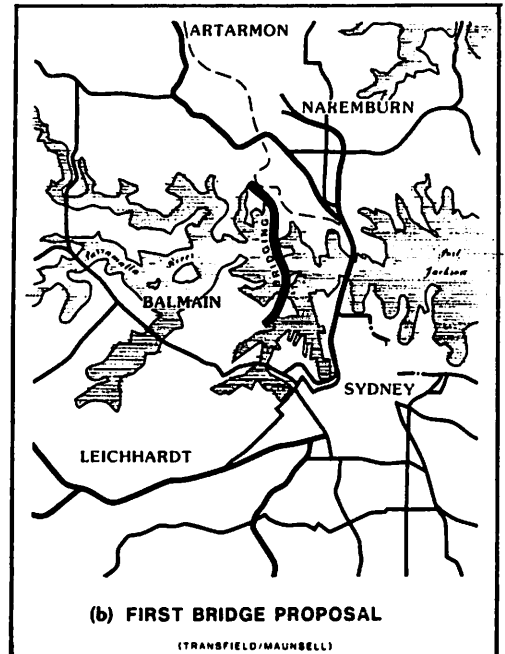
A tunnel consisting of two two-lane tubes with a third to be added if required. These would be submerged in mud across the harbour floor between Manns Point and Long Nose Point, with the approach tunnels driven in rock beneath Greenwich and Balmain to emerge at the Gore Hill Freeway near Station Street, Artarmon, and at the proposed arterial route near Victoria Road, Rozelle. The total length of the route would be 5.5 km, with a maximum grade in the tunnel of one in 14.

Estimated cost: \$700 million.

(b) **First Bridge Proposal** (Consultants: Transfield/Maunsell)

A steel-decked cable-stayed bridge sited (roughly) between Wollstonecraft and East Balmain and involving a pier on Goat Island. This proposal is for the bridge only and does not provide for linkage with the freeway system, which would entail substantial additional cost.

Estimated cost of bridge only: \$170 million.



DMR DEMOLITION LIST

The list has been compiled by the Balmain Association from the DMR models and diagrams currently on display. The Association regards the number of houses listed to be demolished or seriously affected as the absolute minimum.

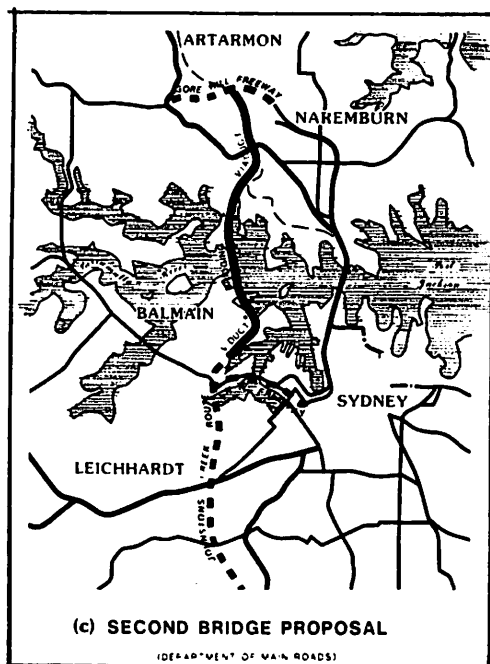
If your house is in the path of the actual construction you will be compensated - in time and at DMR value. If your house is not demolished you will get nothing but noise, dirt and degradation. If you live in the same street, or nearby, your quality of life and property value will hit rock-bottom.

It is up to you to do something about it. Keep the letter-writing campaign going. Give your time to help the Combined Bridge Action Group (CBAG). Above all, give money to CBAG to help knock this impending disaster on the head - once and for all!

And
here
it is in
black
and
white.

(a) TUNNEL PROPOSAL		(b) FIRST BRIDGE PROPOSAL	
DEMOLISHED WITH COMPENSATION		DEMOLISHED WITH COMPENSATION	SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NO COMPENSATION
TUNNEL PASSES UNDER LONG NOSE POINT TO EMERGE AT REYNOLDS & MULLENS STS. Houses will be demolished at intervals along the straight line joining these two points. This demolition will be necessary for temporary access & permanent ventilation shafts. Also demolished will be:		3-9 Gallimore Av Cnr Gallimore Av and Lookes Av Cnr Gallimore Av and Darling St (Flats) 2 School St Brett's Factory, School St 5 Brett Av 2-8 Nicholson St 3 " 9 " 19 " Substation Cnr Nicholson & Darling Sts 2-8 Lookes Av 1-9 " 51-81 Darling St 58-88 " 1-7 Johnston St 2-12 Union St 15-17 " & vacant lot 4-12 Datchett St 3-21 " & vacant lot MSB Depot Dickson Primer site & Ewenton House 2-34 Grafton St 3-13 Grafton St White Bay Container Terminal Area bounded by Rozelle Goods Yard, Gordon St & Victoria Rd demolished for "Rozelle Bay Interchange"	5 Simmons St 6 Clifton St 14 " 15 " 16 " All houses below Gallimore Av Cnr Clifton St & Gallimore Av Cnr School St & Gallimore Av Nicholson St Public School 16-26 Nicholson St 41-47 Darling St 50-56 " 4 Johnston St 9-15 " 1-3 Duke St Cnr Duke & Darling Sts (Flats) 14-18 Union Sts 19-25 " & vacant lot St Mary's Church & Rectory 90-114 Darling St All houses in Broadside St (Off Killeen St) 8-8a Ewenton St New House in Ewenton St 3-5 Ewenton St 2-6 Charles St 1-7 Wallace St 2-4 Wallace St 27-33 Adolphus St Cnr Adolphus & Vincent Sts 2-14 Vincent St Park in Stephen St New White Bay Park, Donnelly St

Four proposals on display...



(c) Second Bridge Proposal (Department of Main Roads)

A six-lane bridge and viaduct structure extending from the Gore Hill Freeway near Station Road, Artarmon, to the proposed arterial route near Victoria Road, Rozelle, and passing largely over water, industrial sites and parkland. It would have a total length of 6.3 km and a water clearance similar to that of the present harbour bridge (50 m).

Estimated cost: \$400 million.

(d) Tunnel and Bridge Proposal (Department of Main Roads)

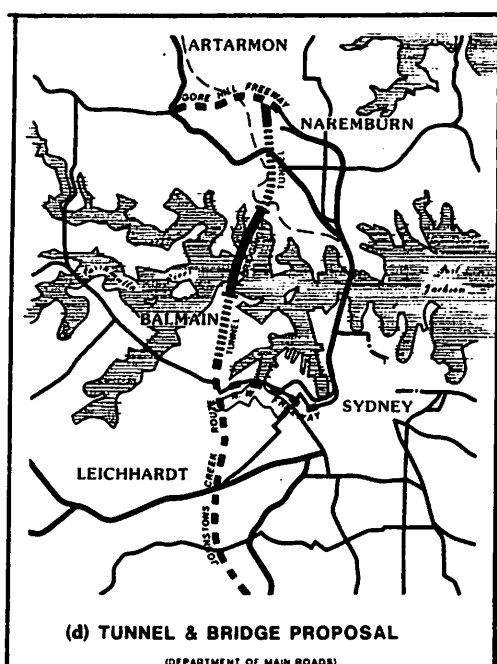
A composite scheme involving a 2 km long bridge structure between Wollstonecraft and Balmain, linked by tunnels to the Gore Hill Freeway near Park Road, Willoughby (tunnel length 2 km) and to the proposed arterial route in the vicinity of Victoria Road, Rozelle (tunnel length 1.5 km)

Estimated cost: \$600 million.

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Additional copies of this journal may be obtained from the
Public Relations Section, Department of Main Roads,
309 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.



(c) SECOND BRIDGE PROPOSAL

DEMOLISHED WITH COMPENSATION	SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NO COMPENSATION
117-123 Louisa Rd 142-150 " All Houses in Numa St 17-25b Wharf Rd 10-14a " & vacant lot 29 Ballast Pt Rd Former Tasmanian Terminal 68-72 Campbell St 1-7 Alexander St Sydney Harbour Ferries Colgate Palmolive Pty Ltd 2 Cooper St 137-143 Darling St Sydney Slipway new houses Balmain Bowling Club Dickson Primer site & Ewenton House 2-8 Charles St 1-7 Wallace St 2-4 " 3-5 Ewenton St 8-12 " New House in Ewenton St 27-33 Adolphus St 20-22 " Cnr Ewenton & Grafton Sts 16-34 Grafton St Cnr Adolphus & Vincent Sts 2-14 Vincent St White Bay Container Terminal Area bounded by Rozelle Goods Yard, Gordon St & Victoria Rd demolished for "Rozelle Bay Interchange"	113-115 Louisa Rd 134-140 " 13-15 Wharf Rd 27 " 25-29a Ballast Pt Rd 35-47 " 20-22 " 1 Yeend St Flats at bottom of Thames St 48 Waterview St House at end of Campbell Lane Colgate Car Park 18-20 Colgate Av 1-15 St Andrew St 145-153 Darling St 12b-14a Grafton St 2-16 Adolphus St 7-25 " 7 Vincent St Park in Stephen St New White Bay Park, Donnelly St DMR says "PASSING LARGELY OVER WATER, INDUSTRIAL SITES & PARKLAND". How come all these houses are on this list?

(d) TUNNEL & BRIDGE PROPOSAL

DEMOLISHED WITH COMPENSATION	SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NO COMPENSATION
95-109a Louisa Rd 100-116 " Birchgrove Oval 2-12 Birchgrove Av 2-8 Rose St 3-17 Grove St 19-53 " 28 Bay St Cnr Bay & Grove Sts (Flats) 52-68 Gipps St 33a-39 Cameron St 40-50 " TUNNEL ENTERS AT CAMERON & ROWNTREE STREETS TUNNEL EXITS AT REYNOLDS & MULLENS STS Cnr Reynolds & Mullens Sts 49-57 Reynolds St 48-66 Smith St 35-49 Rosser St 66-96 " 135-167 Mullens St 72-168 " 58-78 Mansfield St 77-95 " All houses bounded by Mullens Crescent, Victoria Rd & by Mullens, Mansfield & Robert Sts Area bounded by Rozelle Goods Yard, Gordon St & Victoria Rd demolished for "Rozelle Bay Interchange"	85-93 Louisa Rd 98 " 118-128 " 111 to cnr of Yeroulbin Av 1-11 Rose St 10-14 " 6-12 Grove St 55-87 " Cnr Grove & Cove Sts 1 Cove St 1-17 Bay St 24-26 " 49-59 Gipps St 65-73 " 40-50 " 27 Thomas St & vacant lot 13-17 Spring St St John's Church, Hall & Rectory 98-106 Rowntree St Cnr Rowntree & Spring Sts (Hall) 108-128 Rowntree St 115-135 " 88-104 Short St Entry of this tunnel WIPES OUT Birchgrove. Exit OBLITERATES Rozelle at White Bay and Rozelle Bay!

FUND- RAISING DINNER

The Combined Bridge Action Group will hold a fund-raising dinner at the Wentworth Hotel on Thursday 1 July at 7 pm for 7 30 pm. ADMISSION \$50 per head.

Each \$50 will be split as follows - \$28 to the fighting fund and \$22 to the Wentworth for food and service. Constituent groups on both sides of the Harbour aim to net 500 diners. The 250 needed from our side breaks neatly up into 25 tables of ten. Many tables are being made up now!

Can you get up a table to make this fund-raiser a night to remember? The Convenor for our side is Helen Styles - 82 3317

AN OLD LETTER FOUND AGAIN

The Wane family lived for many years in Balmain East in Broadside Street just around from Killeen Street - now unhappily in the path of the Second Crossing (scheme b.).

Miss Doreen L Wane found the letter among her papers in 1979 - it was written to her father Richard Hurst Wane by his mother Sarah. The letter is a farewell from a mother to her youngest son on his departure from England to seek health and fortune on the gold fields of Victoria. Richard was 19 years old:

Pinkneys Green
24 October 1852

My Dearest Richard

I Have enclosed a copy of the Register of your Birth which will be as well to keep with your Papers - you have been a Child of many Prayers and while your Parents are living you will never be forgotten at the Throne of Grace - let me entreat you to Pray for Direction and Guidance that you need in your undertaking - Read your Bible carefully Prayerfully may its counsel be as a Lamp to your Feet and a Light unto your Path - you will not I know forget that your Mother has many anxieties about you I trust you will be my very dear one preserved and kept by your Heavenly Father into his Care and Protection I now humbly present you. Let me entreat of you to Pray for your Mother - it is a sad trial to part with beloved children but I am comforted by the hopes that it is for your benefit - and the voyage will be the means of establishing your health and that your Prospects will Brighten.

It seems an established opinion that you are favoured in the arrangement for the voyage and I hope a Home will be provided when you arrive at the Destined Place. If it should please God to spare our lives I shall hope to see my own Richard again. Dear you will ever be to me and my earnest Prayers shall be for my child. I hope you will be careful in the choice of Friends - I hope Mr Taylor will be kind and take care of you, accept of his advice respectfully make him your Friend - pay him every kind attention that you can he needs your sympathy. It will be a great trial to him to leave his Family - Mr Nisbet is much interested about you and all our friends, we shall often talk about you - your future course in Life must be guided by circumstances but do not be hasty in deciding consider well before you act.

That God will keep you very abundantly and prepare you for his Kingdom in Glory is your Mother's earnest Prayer - believe me my dear Richard with sincere affection -

Your Devoted Mother
Sarah Wane

We are grateful to Miss Wane for publishing the letter in The Historian, Official Journal of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, December 1981. Th These are the kind of memories that will be ploughed under by the Second Crossing!

COMBINED MEETING

3 MAY 1982

Gladys Chanter, Frances Heathfield, Jane Howarth, Rod Linklater, Jose Martin, Ethel May, Lorraine McDermott, Andrea Nield, Trish Ryan and Peter Reynolds met at the Watch House at 7 30 pm on 3 May.

- 1 Apologies received from Richard Norman and Margaret Dobson.
- 2 Letter from Mr K Knight re Balmain Amateur Swimming Club.
- 3 From Mrs R Evans re Dr Robert Huntley, Littles Avenue (now Brett Avenue), 1840s.
- 4 From Sutherland Shire Historical Society re their bus tour of Balmain, 17 July 1982
- 5 From Leichhardt Interagency encl minutes of 17 March 1982.
- 6 From Leichhardt Council encl minutes of Trees and Open Space Committee.
- 7 From Bruce Allen, Chairman, Combined Bridge Action Group with thanks
- 8 From Light Rail Association, circular and brochure.
- 9 To Mrs D E Sim re family history, in reply .
- 10 To Mrs R Evans in reply.
- 11 Sutherland Shire Historical Society accepting bus tour.
- 12 To Mr K Knight in reply.
- 13 To F B Rice and Co confirming our help with history of Balmain Co-op Building, Montague Street.
- 14 To Literature Board, Australia Council, encl form for update of the Register of Publishers.
- 15 Report on proceedings of CBAG by P Reynolds.
- 16 Resolved to support Public Meeting, 2 June, Balmain Town Hall, to "Kill the Bridge Study".



WATCH THESE DATES

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 7 JUNE 1982
7 30 PM WATCH HOUSE

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	5 July
Monday	2 August
Monday	6 September
Tuesday	5 October
Monday	1 November
Monday	6 December

Monday 7 June
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.

JOIN the balmain association

meaning RALMAIN 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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(OPEN/RENEW)

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- 17 General discussion re fund-raising dinner, 1 July.
- 18 Approved new letter of welcome for new members.
- 19 Min for Roads to be added to our mailing list.
- 20 Report on Light Rail Association By P Ryan.
- 21 Lilyfield Group intended visit to Watch House on May 9 welcomed - HELPERS NEEDED - 818 2307 (evenings).
- 22 Agreed to print extra News Sheet 120 and CBAG Briefing Paper One for letter-boxing - HELPERS NEEDED - 827 3560. These papers set out the demolition of your house and what you can do about preventing it!