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the balmain association

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OPERA HOUSE CONCERT

IS POSTPONED DUE TO PROMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES

COMBINED BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE DMR TO RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC LANES ON THE HARBOUR BRIDGE BUT THAT BODY IS WASTING \$2 MILLION ON THE SECOND CROSSING STUDY.

WE ARE PROMISED A SECOND RUNWAY AT MASCOT BUT WHERE WILL THE RUBBLE COME FROM TO HELP FILL UP THE BOTANY BAY FORESHORES.

WHY, FROM THE TUNNEL UNDER BALMAIN, OF COURSE! THE RUBBLE FROM OUR DEMOLISHED HOMES AND SHOPS WILL JUST BE A PEBBLE IN A BUCKET COMPARED TO THIS.

IS THERE ANY SANITY IN THE GOVERNMENT?

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1982
7 30 PM WATCH HOUSE

MR WHELAN INVITES US ALL TO VISIT THE DMR

Our letter of 31 July asking specific questions of Mr Whelan has provoked the following reply:

After giving due consideration to the content of your letter I feel that the answers to your questions, including your wish to identify members of the Study Team, might best be obtained by your visiting the Team at their office at 142 DAY STREET, SYDNEY, during normal working hours.

The Study is an open one, and I understand that many residents of the areas you mention have already made such a visit.

Should you wish to avail yourself of this offer, arrangements could be made by contacting the Study Team on 20933, extension 867.

Yours sincerely
Paul Whelan

Minister for Consumer Affairs and Minister for Roads

WELL OFF YOU ALL GO!!!



BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

BROMELIADS

Jessica Murray

Do you have a paved courtyard, rather shady, perhaps inclined to be damp? You have wondered what to grow in pots.

There are possibly dozens of courtyards similar to this in Balmain.

Bromeliads may be the answer.

A recent speaker at the Balmain Garden Club told us that he had just these conditions and had become tired of fighting the environment by trying to grow unsuitables and had taken up Bromeliads and had found them easy and interesting.

In fact he was so taken with them, he now takes trips to America to hunt down new ones. Unfortunately, when they arrive in Sydney they have to go through fumigation and they do not always survive the gas chamber.

Bromeliads are not well known to most people here. Queenslanders appreciate them more - Pineapples, of course, being a Bromeliad.

NECESSARY CONDITIONS: A loose well-draining potting mix, a very little fertilising (osmocote or nutricote slow-release types). Can grow outdoors or indoors, in a good light. Keep receptacle in centre of plant filled with water. Some can be tied on to trees but it is not recommended here as they may not get enough water. It is different in the tropics where it rains very frequently.

Re-pot each year. They like some filtered sunlight, or shade in summer. They originated in Central and South America, growing from sea-level to 14 000 feet.

They do not care for frost but that is very seldom a problem here. If it did threaten, cover the plants for the night with newspaper.

PROPAGATION: Mainly by offsets or "pups", as they are called. After the offsets have developed, ease out the centre plant which has had a flower because it will not flower again.

It is said to get a rapid increase of offsets, try dissolving a birth control pill in a quart of water and soak the plants. This technique also works with ferns.

VARIETIES: Many in this genera of 2 000 species. Some commonly seen types are Bilbergia Mutans with reedy foliage and pink and blue flower bracts.

Vriesia Carinata with fan shaped bracts of scarlet and yellow; and Aechmea Fasciata which has beautifully striped foliage and large pink flower bracts.

Many flower for months and they can be taken indoors for decoration.

WHERE TO OBTAIN: Bromeliads are very slow growing and therefore expensive in the first instance. Are usually found among the House Plants in the Nurseries and I have seen them in Coles in the City.

A couple of nurseries at Dee Why always stock them (Dos Pueblos Nursery and the Willandra Orchid Co).

As with all branches of horticulture, if one becomes interested in a particular field and needs to know more, the place to find out is the specialty plant society.

In this case it is the Bromeliad Society which meets at the School of Horticulture at Ryde on the second Saturday of each month at 2 00 pm.

Of course, they have a trading table at these meetings and there is always a display of interesting varieties.

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS FOR PEOPLE IN BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE

FAMILY HISTORY

Dr P D Lark of Longueville has been gracious enough to provide us with the death notice of one of his forbears - Frederick Lemm whose name lives on in Lemm Street, Balmain. Frederick Lemm has been accredited with the building of the Customs House at Circular Quay. The Customs House was built in three stages, 1844, 1887 and 1899 but it is not known when Lemm worked on the project.

The notice appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald of 31 March 1904 and read:

LEMM - 29 March 1903, at his residence, Bremer House, Snails Bay, Balmain, Frederick Lemm, senior - aged 77 years.

An old and highly esteemed resident of Balmain, Mr Frederick Lemm, died at his residence, Bremer House, Snails Bay, on Sunday at the age of 77 years. The deceased was well-known in bowling circles and was a member of the City and Gladstone Park Bowling Clubs at the time of his death. He occupied the position of vice-president of the latter club, the members of which attended his funeral, which took place at the Waverly Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, and was well attended.

Bremer House still stands on the corner of Lemm Street and Ballast Point Road and was Lemm's home from 1876 onwards. His workshop with his name inscribed on the wall is nearby.

Mrs J Cummings of Carlingford writes regarding the Cummings family of Booth Street, Balmain.

William Cummings married Emily Theresa Brennan in St Andrew's Congregational Church on 1 January 1901, the day of the Federation of the Australian colonies.

Mrs Cummings is also descended from Acmon Hutcheson, a carpenter by trade. Hutcheson Street, Rozelle is named after him.

Does anyone have any information on these families?

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

5 OCTOBER

G Chanter, D and R Linklater, L McDermott, R Norman, P Ryan and P Reynolds met at the Watch House at 7 30 on 5 October. Apologies were received from T Begbie, F Heathfield and S Lynch.

- 1 Letter from J Cummings re family history of Hutcheson and Cummings families.
- 2 From P D Lark encl death notice for F Lemm, builder.
- 3 From G Etherington re Cavill family history.
- 4 From Min for Roads in reply to ours of 31 July.
- 5 From State Pollution Control Commission.
- 6 From Leichhardt Council re community information file.
- 7 To J Cummings in reply to 1 above.
- 8 To Leichhardt Council in reply to 6.
- 9 To S Balmain Griffin, Texas, encl books as ordered.
- 10 To S Balmain Griffin encl itemised account.
- 11 To Valuer General encl resolution passed on 18 August.
- 12 Leichhardt Council encl 2 resolutions ditto.
- 13 To G Etherington in reply to hers of 18 August.
- 14 To L R Bradshaw in reply to his of 6 August.
- 15 To E May in reply to hers of 6 August.
- 16 To P D Lark in reply to his of 25 August.
- 17 S Meats in reply to hers of 27 July.
- 18 To W Hodgman in reply to hers of 3 September.
- 19 Discussion on sales tax.
- 20 Clontarf development application notice,
- 21 CBAG report given by P Reynolds.
- 22 Resolved to buy enlarged print of Peacock Point area.
- 23 New Print of Waterview Bay and Rowntree's Floating Dock framed and hung in the Watch House.
- 24 Resolved to set up an Association stall in Balmain shopping centre for Saturday morning. Helpers wanted.
- 25 Letter from National Trust received requesting us to submit Conservation Plan for Watch House and defer laying stone paving as noted in News Sheet 123.
- 26 Acknowledged allocation of \$75 towards publishing article on history of Peacock Point in Leichhardt Historical Journal. Money allocated by Royal Australian Historical Society.

Meeting closed at 9 15 pm.

WATCH THESE DATES



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 1 November
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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Association G and J Cowper, May and Evan Martin and Allan Lane. Sue and Tony McLain have rejoined - welcome also.

JOIN the balmain association

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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AMENDED SUBSCRIPTION RATES

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(OPEN/RENEW)

PO BOX 57 BALMAIN 2041

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: (HOME) (WORK)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (including News Sheet delivery in Balmain Birchgrove Rozelle)

Single	\$ 4.00
Family or Household	\$ 6.00
Pensioner or Student	\$ 1.00
Organization	\$12.00

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Cheques made payable to "The Balmain Association"

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