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NEWS SHEET

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the balmain association

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Prepared for the Steering
Committee by the Second
Harbour Crossing Study Team.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 1982
7 30 PM WATCH HOUSE

SECOND HARBOUR CROSSING STUDY

PROGRESS SUMMARY

THE MINISTER FOR ROADS, HON P
WHELAN HAS RELEASED A SUMMARY OF
HOW YOUR LIFE-STYLE IS TO BE
DESTROYED. THIS FASCINATING DOC-
UMENT IS AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE
DMR STUDY TEAM'S HEADQUARTERS AT
142 DAY STREET, SYDNEY.

Here are just a few of the
horrifying conclusions drawn
after one year's study:

1. Optimum location for a new crossing is Greenwich-Birchgrove.
2. A crossing east of the Harbour Bridge would be too expensive.
3. Clear span and high level need location of bridge piers on land or shallow water.
4. Tunnels are not difficult to excavate and not all that expensive to complete.
5. Ventilating shafts are not a problem.
6. They can be HIDDEN IN BUILDINGS.
7. Ventilating fans WILL BE VERY NOISY.
8. Shell Co Tank Farm will have to be moved from Gore Cove because of safety risk.
9. If Shell isn't moved then re-location of the crossing will mean even more property resumption in Wollstonecraft.
10. Noise and vibration caused by traffic in the tunnel WILL ONLY BE SLIGHT!

11. Great noise and vibration WILL OCCUR AT TUNNEL MOUTHS AND AT VENTILATING SHAFTS.

12. DMR Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel scheme is highly recommended.

13. It is to have ELEGANT towers on Mann's Pt, Greenwich and Long Nose Pt, Birchgrove.

14. The bridge section will be the longest of its type in the world, at 630 metres.

15. The design has already been developed.

16. The tunnel mouth will gobble up the hillside from Birchgrove Oval back to the junction of Rowntree and Cameron Streets.

17. It then travels 1.3 km to Rozelle at a grade of 0.7%.

18. The Rozelle mouth will gobble up the area from the junction of Reynolds and Mullens Streets to Victoria Road.

19. Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel scheme offers an "optimum combination of ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL considerations".

20. This means that all that much won't be destroyed for not very much money.

21. Galdesville Bridge will be tolled.

22. In 1982 money, Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel tolls (depending on whether existing bridges have their tolls included or increased) range from 47 cents to \$14.22.

23. If built by private enterprise and expenditure recouped from tolls then the off-peak toll will be \$14.22.

24. This toll will prevent traffic from using it.

25. This means that the State will have to subsidise the construction and maintenance costs.

26. Gladesville and Sydney Harbour Bridge tolls if introduced now and for 20 years after completing Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel scheme at 60 cents one way, would finance such a subsidy.

27. This would allow new crossing toll to be 60 cents.

28. It doesn't add up!

29. Aerial route from Pyrmont to Rozelle must be built.

30. Johnston's Creek highway to Mascot will go ahead.

31. Both these must be built at the same time as new crossing.

32. 500 new jobs will be created by Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel scheme over the ten years it will take to build.

33. The Study should continue and analyse in detail economic, environmental, social and transport/land-use issues.

34. The Full Tunnel scheme is also likely to be feasible.

35. The Bridge/Viaduct scheme is feasible.

36. The Transfield Bridge scheme is also feasible and will run along the edge of White Bay to Victoria Road.

37. Full Tunnel Scheme \$700m.

38. Bridge/Viaduct Scheme \$400m.

39. Transfield Bridge Scheme \$440m.

40. Tunnel/Bridge/Tunnel \$500m.

THE ABOVE 40-POINT BLUEPRINT
FOR DISASTER IS REQUIRED READING
FOR EVERYBODY.

READ IT AND WRITE TO MR WHELAN
NO 1 OXFORD STREET,

GUESS WHO IS TO WRITE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATE-
MENT! THE DMR, OF COURSE.

BENEFIT CONCERT TO STOP THE BRIDGE

THE BALMAIN BRIDGE ACTION GROUP PRESENTS

JAZZ, SINGING AND SATIRE

ON BIRCHGROVE OVAL AT TWILIGHT.

ROGER JANE, DAVID WILLIAMSON MUSIC 2041

AND MICK LANE AND MANY OTHERS,

WILL PERFORM AT A BENEFIT CONCERT TO STOP THE
BRIDGE ON SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT 7 00 PM.

ADMISSION: ONE \$4 TOLL TICKET PER ADULT

CHILDREN FREE AND WELCOME.

ENQUIRIES: MICK O'BRIEN 827 2152

HELEN STYLES 827 3959

HELPERS WANTED TO ORGANIZE, PLEASE RING AND
VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP!

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS FOR PEOPLE IN BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE

Leichhardt Historical Journal

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The Leichhardt Historical Journal is on sale now at the Watch House, 179 Darling St Balmain - \$3.50 per copy- on Sundays between 2 and 4 pm.

TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE BOOK FAIR

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1982 TO FRIDAY 28 JANUARY 1983

WEEKDAYS 10 am to 5.30 pm

WEEKENDS (November and December only) 12 noon-5pm
3rd Floor, Argyle Arts Centre, 18 Argyle St Sydney

The Centre will be offering a wide range of publications on environmental and conservation issues, ranging from flora, fauna and rainforests to urban planning and environmental law. Posters and childrens books will also be on display.

TEC is a voluntary organisation and the Annual Book Fair is a major fund-raising activity.

BUY A BOOK AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

Visit the Watch House

Admission to the Watch House on Sunday afternoons now costs 30 cents. This sum includes a printed 4-fold leaflet PICTURES AT THE WATCH HOUSE which describes the framed photographs and objects on display.

The Watch House is open to visitors on Sundays between 2 00 - 4 00 pm. All welcome.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1 NOVEMBER 1982

G Chanter, T Begbie, F Heathfield, R Linklater, S Lynch, L McDermott, G Murphy, R Norman, P Ryan and P Reynolds met at the Watch House at 7 30 pm on Monday, 1 November.

Apology received from D Linklater.

- 1 Letter from R A Littlejohn encl info re Birchgrove House.
- 2 From National Trust re conservation plan for the Watch House.
- 3 From RAHS encl donation for publication of LHJ.
- 4 From T Tuxford re Scadden family history.
- 5 From C Wear re maritime history.
- 6 From P Cooper, Torrens Primary School, ACT, re visit on 15/16 November.
- 7 From T McCormack re joining Association.
- 8 From L R Bradshaw encl donation and photographs.
- 9 From GIO receipt for insurance.
- 10 From S Balmain Griffin acknowledging receipt of books.
- 11 From Total Environment Centre re Book Fair.
- 12 In reply to 1 to 7 above.
- 13 To Miss M L Wane with deep sympathy on death of Miss D Wane and with thanks for donation of photographs.
- 14 To E and M Martin granting two-year complimentary membership and thanks for selling "Balmain Walks 1".
- 15 Accepted L R Bradshaw's donation as two-year membership subscription.
- 16 Resolved to buy 3 new sepia prints for Watch House.
- 17 Accepted offer of J Wright re Peacock Point blow-up.
- 18 P Reynolds delivered 25 "Balmain Walks 1" to Australia's Heritage Bookshop.
- 19 Elliott family history discussed.
- 20 Resolved to forward receipt to Mrs Smith, Pearson St.
- 21 Receipt from LHJ sales tabled.
- 22 Interviewer wanted to record oral history from Mrs T G Millner, Cheltenham.
- 23 CBAG report given by P Reynolds.
- 24 BBAG functions planned for November discussed.
- 25 Rozelle Community Fair - Association stall proposed.
- 26 Arrangements made for posting October mail.
- 27 Cheque tabled by P Reynolds for Mrs Balmain Griffin's books.
- 28 Proposed Watch House "Garage Sale" discussed.
- 29 Arrangements made to receive Newcastle & Hunter Dist. Hist Soc at Elkington Park on 6 November.
- 30 Discussion for and against second airport for Sydney.

Meeting closed at 9 00 pm - next Meeting, Monday 6 December.

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 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.

BENEFIT CONCERT TO STOP THE BRIDGE

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 7 00 PM BIRCHGROVE OVAL

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members L R Bradshaw, Monterey; Francis Rea, Heather L Smith and R Waterson.

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:

PETER REYNOLDS

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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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Add \$3.00 to above rates to have News Sheet posted.

Cheques made payable to "The Balmain Association" 9-11-82