



NEWS SHEET

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This Newsheet is the first presented by your 1983-1984 Management Committee and although small in numbers we intend to keep the Newsheet and Balmain Association buoyant over the next twelve months.

Both Peter Reynolds & Rod Linklater have retired from their positions. Peter Reynolds will continue to deal with the historical side of the Association's operations & occasionally will write articles on this subject for the Newsheet. Richard Norman & Trish Ryan also have commitments that will prevent them from assisting the Association as they have done in the past. This is our loss.

Our records show that we have some 500 members & to each one of you we appeal for effective help to stimulate interest in the Association. Your suggestions & ideas would be appreciated as would reliable occasional help at the Watch House.

Jessica Murray and the Garden Club plan an exhibition of Heritage Roses in November. This will be held at the Watch House on the afternoons of Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November between the hours of 1.00 & 5.00 p.m. This will be a unique display of old fashioned roses & Jessica has provided us with a brief resume of this original rose strain in the Newsheet.

To make this exhibition a success we need good attendances and we need volunteers to assist us with the making of scones to cater for this event. If you can ease our burden by making scones please contact us urgently.

Later this year we intend to hold a Members Day at the Watch House & hope that we can meet most Members of the Association on our home ground. We look forward to the exchange of ideas and contact which hopefully will stimulate and re-vitalise the Association.

In the meantime the Watch House is open every Sunday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. Frances Heathfield is usually there to show visitors the Watch House and enlighten them on our history. Perhaps you may find it convenient to drop by one Sunday and enjoy a coffee and chat with us and let us know in what way you can help the Association.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Rod Linklater has a 27' ladder. If you can help him to paint the Watch House windows, you will enjoy good company while you feel virtuous.

FORTHCOMING FUNCTION AT THE WATCH HOUSE

A showing of Old-Fashioned Roses will be held on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th November from 1 pm to 5 pm both days. Heritage Roses Society and the Balmain Garden Club are combining in this.

The era of old Roses can be from 3000 B.C. to no later than 1910. Not many people know these beauties of the past are, in the main, quite different from modern roses, and are much more hardy and less prone to diseases, which is probably why they have survived, in old gardens.

This showing will prove Balmain has emerged from its grimy industrial past to being a good suburb in which to live.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with manning the Show and possible catering for afternoon tea. If you are able to help, please ring Frances Heathfield Tel: 818 2307.

THE BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB meets 3rd Saturday in each month (except December & January) at 1.15 p.m. at the Watch House, 179 Darling Street, Balmain. Good gardening library available for members. All interested in plants and gardens welcome.

MORI FLAPAN, of the Sydney Maritime Museum, and Ship Conservator of the barque "James Craig" is appealing to anyone who participated in the early stages of this project to get in touch with him, and he stresses the importance of photographs to assist in the restoration of the "James Craig" for the 1988 Bicentenary. If you have any information please write to:

Mr. Mori Flapan
Ship Conservator
Sydney Maritime Museum
P.O. Box 149
DRUMMOYNE, N.S.W. 2047.

Owing to a series of unfortunate circumstances some members who have recently renewed their subscriptions have still received subscription renewal notices. This has been rectified and all membership records are now up to date. We regret this error and will take the appropriate steps to see that it does not happen again. Our apologies to those members concerned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION WED 12TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM

BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

Garden Tasks in Spring

When one surveys a spring garden, with all its bulbs, perennials and annuals blazing, one is inclined to feel a rest from garden activities has been earned. But in fact, when Spring has come, summer is close on its heels, and if a rotating garden of beauty is desired, there is not much let-up.

Annuals: keep all dead flowers picked off to prolong flowering and liquid fertiliser like Aquasol or Zest to keep things going. Some types such as ranunculi and others only have one real flowering, so it is no use keeping them, but pull them out and plant a summer annual in their place.

Seeds: for summer, can be put in all vacant places, verbena, nemesia, snapdragons, marigolds, californian poppies, petunias, these are just a few than can be used.

Bulbs: do not cut foliage off too early, must yellow completely. It is sometimes possible to plait the fading leaves and put under the foliage of neighbouring plants. Summer and autumn bulbs such as lilliums, vallottas, sprekelias, irises, callas etc., are now available to be planted at this time. No animal manures.

Cuttings: best time for propagating before it gets too hot. Put in pots first and keep in shady spot and transplant later.

Carnations: good time for planting out. Like sandy soil, some lime and very little fertiliser. Full sun.

Citrus: can still be planted out. Mandarins do best hereabouts. Give older bushes sulphate of ammonia. Look over for swellings of gall-wasp and cut out same and burn. There is no chemical treatment effective for these.

Wattles: prune after flowering. Look for borers, with their deposits of webby sawdust outside tiny holes. Poke wire into hole to destroy grub. Squirt in meth. spirits or insecticide and seal hole with soap. Same treatment for tea-trees or other natives.

Camellias and azaleas: prune lightly after flowering and remove any dead wood. Fertilise lightly with camellia fertiliser. No lime. Remove flower bases on camellias.

Fuchsias: nip back new growth several times to make plants bushy. Fertilise. Water well.

Roses: too late for bare root planting but can be bought in pots and planted out at all times. Do not feed new roses until lightly in October. Older bushes can be fed lightly each month. Spray every 3 weeks with a complete spray containing fungicide and insecticide, such as "Rose-Glo", "Complete Spray" etc. Add a little "Chem-Spred" or soapy water to make spray stick on, and also a little "Aquasol" or "Thrive" is a help if added to other spray at the same time.

Shrubs: prune after flowering and fertilise.

Bougainvilleas: prune back 1/3rd, and feed.

Gardenias: Use blood and bone, or camellia fertilizer. No lime. If looking yellow, sprinkle Epsom Salts around. If no improvement, use chelated iron.

Indoor plants: re-pot and give liquid fertiliser every 2-3 weeks, or use Osmocote slow-release fertiliser.

Hydrangeas: good plants for shady areas. If wanting to change pink ones to blue, use Blueing Compound (aluminium) every 2 weeks for 3 months. For blue to pink flowers, this is not so easy, can try some lime around base.

Dahlias: planting out time. Small varieties such as Pompons, Collarettes or Nymphae look best in small gardens. Good hardy plants.

Orchids: as flowering spikes finish, cut off close to base and move pots to position of half sun daily.

Chrysanthemums: nip out centres repeatedly to get large numbers of flowers. Fertilise monthly.

Outdoor Pots: Re-pot if necessary and fertilise. Keep pots off ground on half-bricks or something else to keep out ants, earthworms, slaters etc., as these are root disturbers.

Poinsettias: as flowering finishes, prune right back to about 2-3 nodes on each limb. For cuttings, use pieces about 12 ins. Let dry for a few hours before using.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Members of the Association met at the Watch House at 7.30 pm on 17th August 1983.

* A new Management Committee was elected consisting of T. Begbie (Secretary), S. Lynch (Treasurer), L. McDermott (Membership and Subscription listings) and Committee Members F. Heathfield and J. Arnott. *****

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 6 SEPTEMBER 1983

* J. Arnott, T. Begbie, F. Heathfield, S. Lynch, L. McDermott met at 7.30 pm.

- * 1. Discussion of forthcoming Roses Exhibition.
* 2. Letter to Mrs. Wells thanking her for her booklet donation.
* 3. Proposal for a sign for the Watch House to be put at Darling St. Wharf.
* 4. Discussion re creation of a "Balmain Register".
* 5. Production of next News Sheet 133.

* It has been decided to alter the day of the combined monthly meeting of Management and Historical and General Business, from Monday to Wednesday.

* The attendances lately have been very poor and it has been suggested that by holding the meeting on a Wednesday night more members may be able to attend.

* OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER, 1983 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE WATCH HOUSE AND THEREAFTER ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

* **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



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ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: (HOME) (WORK)

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