

20th anniversary year
NEWS SHEET
the balmain association

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FOUNDED 1965

LEICHHARDT RESIDENTS ALLIANCE

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPALITY?

Why is there a record number of groups of residents banding together?
Because they are furious at the raw deal they are getting from other
bodies of people who do not care about the area.

WHAT ARE ALL THESE GROUPS ON ABOUT?

Come and find out!

GALA DAY!

Saturday, October 26 11.30 am

**GLADSTONE PARK,
BALMAIN**

(Opposite the Markets)

Live music
Food & Drinks for sale
Balloons for kids

Entertainment
Clown
Stalls

TV AND SPORTING PERSONALITIES

INFORMATION STALLS RE:

Balmain Association
Whites Creek Park
Long Day Care Centres
Heliport
Rozelle Valley
Traffic Study Proposals

Glebe Society
Annandale Association
Clontarf Park
Mort Bay
Punch Park

FIND OUT HOW THESE PROBLEMS AFFECT **YOU** AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!

ENQUIRIES: PO Box 57, Balmain 2041
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20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY OF THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

Saturday 21st September 1985
was bleak and wet, but the
weather was unable to dampen
the pleasure of a reunion day
at the Watch House - the
beginning of a series of later
reunions which took place after
the Watch House closed.

Handcrafts were displayed in
the cells; and through sales of
these and the Garden Club's
plants as well as our book
sales, \$134 dollars profit was
made while the catering paid
for itself.

To the many who contributed
their time and generous help to
make the day a success, thank
you. In particular, our thanks
go to Diana Garder who took
over the burden of the whole
organisation and whose
attention to detail over
several weeks resulted in a
great team effort.

Our aim on this day was not to
make money but to have a
sociable time. We achieved
both.

GALA DAY

On Saturday, 26 October 1985,
at 11.30 am, Gladstone Park
will be alive with
entertainment. Organised by
the Leichhardt Residents'
Alliance, it will be supported
by the Association where we
will be promoting the aims of
our constitution. These state,
briefly, that the Balmain
Association works for the
improvement of amenities; main-
taining natural, architectural
and historically valuable
features, and seeks the affili-
ation of kindred organisations.
In this regard and with due
regard to the people of
Balmain, Birchgrove and
Rozelle, we attempt to maintain
working relationships with
local, State and Federal
Governments without being
affiliated with any political
party.

You are invited to find out
what you can do about the
problems affecting the
residents of Leichhardt
Municipality, and to enjoy the
entertainment.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 1985,

7.30 PM AT THE WATCH HOUSE, 179 DARLING STREET, BALMAIN.



MORT BAY ACTION GROUP

THE FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING.

On 3 September, 1985 the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr. Carr, made a press statement concerning the State Government's proposal for the Mort Bay site. Mr. Carr was quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald as saying "half the land, including all the foreshores, would be kept as public open space". What Mr. Carr did not say in his press release is that included in that generous gift of half the land is -

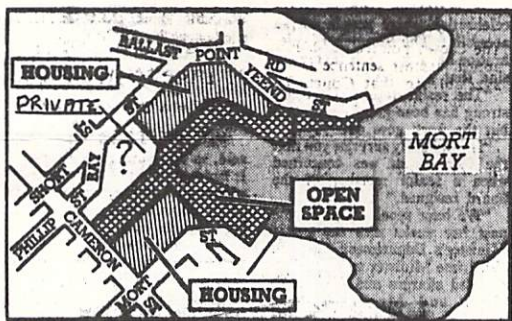
1. A concrete wharf which is overhanging the water. If the wharf is demolished in the future and not replaced, that portion of open space is lost - wharves do not last forever.
2. An existing park on the Thames Street wharf corner. This is very generous to give us a pocket park which we already have. In all probability this will be taken up in the future by either parking area and/or a bus turning area similar to the service at Darling Street wharf.
3. The dock area through the centre of the site which is the subject of a Heritage Order. This area could be dug up in the future with a resultant loss of that portion of the open space.

HOW MUCH OF THE 50% IS LEFT THEN?

It is our belief that what open space is left would not even cater for the people who would be living in the hundreds of houses on the site, let alone the so-called public.

ALSO NOT MENTIONED BY MR. CARR:

The future of privately owned land bounded by Cameron and Bay Streets. If this land is rezoned at a later date as residential the number of housing units compared with the percentage of open space would be far above acceptable limits anywhere in the Metropolitan area. The Housing Commission is currently negotiating to purchase this land.



We have been informed that the plan will be sent to the Council for public exhibition in the near future. That will be the residents' opportunity to make submissions on the proposal. This is just the beginning - watch the press for the Council's notification of the public display of the plan.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLONY

The Association welcomes its members and the public to the Grand Opening on 15 November 1985 to an exhibition of Christmas Panels, prepared by Elizabeth Bay House, showing Australia's past Christmasses.

Admission:

\$1 Adults,
50\$ Children.
Wine, cheese provided.
Shown are various festivities including markets, preparation of the meal, and the popular Christmas pantomime, also a panel devoted to Christmas cards.

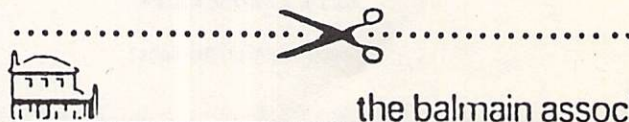
We would also welcome any memorabilia which members could contribute to the exhibition: pictures, old Christmas cards, decorations and so forth. We will be setting the exhibition up on Saturday 9 November. Please contact Debbie Nicholls 810 7391 or bring any of your items to the Watch House between 1-4 p.m.

JOIN the balmain association

meaning DALMAIN 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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(OPEN/RENEW)

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