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MORT BAY ACTION GROUP

MORT BAY PLANS ARE NOW ON EXHIBITION at the Balmain Library, and Leichhardt Council Chambers, Wetherill Street, until 24 January 1986.

The 'compromise' of 50-50 housing/open space has disappeared with the rezoning of the privately-owned land. You need sharp eyes to spot the difference between this plan and the original one displayed last January - that launched 1,000 protests!

Everyone in Balmain should go to see the plan, which will radically change the whole peninsula. There will be approximately 440 dwellings. Multiply by 3 to get the number of people and by 1.5 to get the number of cars.

Objections must be lodged with the Council by 24 January. It is also worth asking for the landscape and development control plans which should be available, but so far (as at 10 Dec) are not.



CHRISTMAS DRINKS

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 1985
1 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

This occasion offers the opportunity to members of the Balmain Association and local residents to call in at the Watch House, 179 Darling Street; view the exhibition currently on display; and have a glass of wine while meeting old and new friends. Door charge \$1.

ALL ARE WELCOME



"Eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but also urban harmony. Obsessive watchfulness is an absolute necessity if ghastly atrocities are not going to be committed against the environment."

Margaret Jones,
The Sydney Morning Herald,
Friday, November 8, 1985.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLONY

AN EXHIBITION AT THE WATCH HOUSE-179 DARLING STREET, BALMAIN
SATURDAYS 1 - 3 P.M. UNTIL 3RD JANUARY

Australia's colonial background colours the interpretation of Christmas. With summer in full swing, the early Australian colonials echoed tradition; decorating their homes with native trees and flowers, and eating plum pudding and roast goose, despite temperatures often 100 degrees in the shade.

ADMISSION: \$1.00 ADULTS 50 CENTS CHILDREN

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 1986,

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



Some Old Climbing Roses

As a suitable accompaniment to an old house, perhaps plant an old fashioned rose. Here are some ideas for old time climbers.

A very good old climbing Tea Rose is a white one with a pink buff centre, SOMBREUIL, which name is abbreviated from Marie de Sombreuil, who, in the French Revolution, with her aged father, was at the guillotine awaiting attention when she said to the executioner, "You can't kill us, we are supporters of the Revolution". "You can prove it", was the reply, and scooping up a tankard of the sticky blood at the base of the guillotine, handed it to her to drink. This she did, and with her father, was allowed to go. She lived another thirty years, and in 1850, a rose was named for her. Another couple of old Tea Rose climbers are GLOIRE DE DIJON (1853) yellow & pink, and LAMARQUE (1828) white with a lemon centre. The latter was named for a French naturalist of the eighteenth century, who, at one time created a sensation by asserting that acquired characteristics could be transmitted, by inheritance, but the idea soon faded away. FELICITE ET PERPETUE is a large-growing white rambler, ideal for covering a shed or tree. This was named for two sisters, who perished in the arena, as Christian Martyrs in the third century at Carthage. LAEVIGATA (also known as Sinica Alba, and Cherokee) is a single white wild rose from China (1759). Good grower but fierce prickles. Don't plant it near doorways or front fences, but perhaps near that weak spot at the back of the house, or under a window that needs protection.

The BANKSIA ROSES white (1807) and the yellow (1824) from China, have no thorns and need no pruning, except to control as needed. They are named for Lady Banks, wife of Sir Joseph Banks who was Director of Kew Gardens about that time.

Of the Old Bourbon roses, some stand out as climbers, both large and smaller types. "ZEPHERINE DROUHIN" (1868) rose pink with no thorns, is good for a pergola, or where people are passing. SOUVENIR DE LA MALMAISON, pale pink, exquisite blooms, small climber (can also be obtained as bush type). MADAME PEREIRE (deep carmine) big grower, is considered by some to be the best perfumed rose ever grown. A smaller one is COMMANDANT BEAUREPAIRE, with stripes of several colours, and good perfume. It is named for a French officer who lost a battle in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. As a final humiliation, he was required to hand his sword to the German commander, who, as he came in, was confronted with the dramatic spectacle of Beaurepaire shooting himself through the heart. Four years later a sentimental nurseryman named a rose for him.

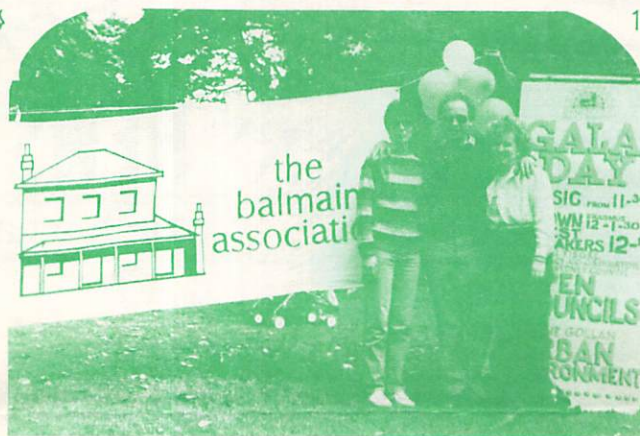
The old HIMALAYAN MUSK Rose may be too large for some back yards, but can provide a tremendous spectacle if allowed to climb a perhaps rather ugly tree. (Trees can be ugly!). The hybrid Musk roses are smaller and can be used as pillar roses, or draped on fences, or trained around tripods of stakes or rods. Several good ones are CORNELIA (pink), FELICITY (salmon pink), PENELOPE (white with apricot buds), VANITY (deep pink single) and BUFF BEAUTY (yellow). The noisette roses are small roses on small climbers, with good perfume. They were sent to Europe early last century from Carolina, U.S.A., by a man named Noisette. JAUNE DEPREZ (apricot and pink) with very good perfume, and CREPUSCULE (meaning Twilight) is orange & yellow, and particularly good at flowering all through the winter.

Most of these roses will only be obtainable from specialist nurseries. Nearest place to here is Rumseys at Dural, who would have some in pots that can be planted out all the year round.

Only prune these old climbers lightly and usually after flowering in Spring, as many flower on old wood as well as new growth. November is the best time to tidy up if necessary.

With all climbing roses, trim the branches to each side commencing low down as they grow, and do not allow them to grow straight up all at once. Should take about three years before getting to the top of a fence, otherwise a long naked trunk is left at the bottom, with the flowers all at the top.

JESSICA MURRAY



GALA DAY - 26TH OCTOBER - GLADSTONE PARK

The Balmain Association joined other Residents Action Groups in Leichhardt in Gladstone Park, held to provide community information on the aims of the varied groups. Despite poor weather, 150 people attended. Speakers included M.P. Peter Crawford. Other entertainment included a jazz band and a clown. Above are three members of the Association taking a break from working at our stall.

POTTERY EXHIBITION

An exhibition of pottery by Elizabeth Feast will be held at 35 Nicholson Street, East Balmain.
14 - 15 December 1985
Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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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