

the balmain
association

NEWS SHEET

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MUSIC 2041

Promoting music in Balmain

AT their Annual General Meeting Music 2041 decided that steps be taken to amalgamate with the Balmain Association for their mutual benefit. Jane Ward, President of the Association, attended the meeting and contributed to the merger discussions.

Music 2041, a group of Balmain residents interested in encouraging local music, began officially about nine years ago with the aim of bringing high quality and varied musical performances to Balmain. Its activities proved to be highly successful. Residents could walk a short distance, usually to the Campbell St. Presbyterian Church, to hear such famous singers as Marilyn Richardson, James Bowman or Jenny Bates. Group performers included the Song Company, the Leonine Singers, the Australia Ensemble and the New England Quartet.

One of Music 2041's first community roles was to provide a musical scholarship each year, in conjunction with Rotary, to a local student showing musical promise. The 1988 recipient was awarded \$300. Another innovation has been Carols and Candles, held for the first time last year, although 2041 members had earlier sung carols to Balmain Hospital patients at several Christmases.

Nevertheless, despite its obvious success and important contribution to Balmain's musical life, the community's needs are no longer as they were at the conception of 2041. In recent years, other organisations have arranged musical events in the area and 2041's earlier role is no longer as important. Balmain has changed and Music 2041 must change too, says spokesman, Fergus Frickie. Therefore it seems our most recent innovations, the children's concert and the Carols and Candles should continue, as well as the

music scholarship. Merging with the Balmain Association seems appropriate as our activities are more community oriented than earlier. He believes the merger will benefit both organisations.

Music 2041's first collaborative venture with the Association took place on Saturday 29 October when several recorder-playing members entertained guests visiting the Watch House. It is hoped that this was a forerunner of many musically beneficial and enjoyable occasions, says Fergus.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THE Balmain Association supports the implementation of improved and increased public transport services for residents on the Peninsula, if these services are environmentally appropriate and not accompanied by the removal of an existing service. On the evidence available, the suggested new route for the 441 buses does not meet these criteria, and the Association has conveyed to Leichhardt Council strong reservations about the proposal.

Because Balmain is hilly and most roads are narrow and poorly cambered, big buses should be restricted to the current main arterial routes. Any additional services should be targeted to special needs groups, utilising mini-buses.

The proposed use by big buses of Cameron and Mort Streets instead of Rowntree Street would add unreasonable time to the journeys of current users of the 441 route and would substitute a steep and dangerous route for a relatively safe and shorter route.

This is the sort of planning issue that has led the Balmain Association to call for a total town plan for the Peninsula, a call that has been endorsed by the N.S.W. Urban Planning and Environment Coalition.

Ad hoc development and the "she'll be right" approach to urban consolidation on the Peninsula is increasingly unacceptable to residents. The Balmain Association is working on guidelines for planning and development that will channel emotional objections into practical effect. We will elaborate on these in our next issue.

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION AND THE BALMAIN ROTARY CLUB

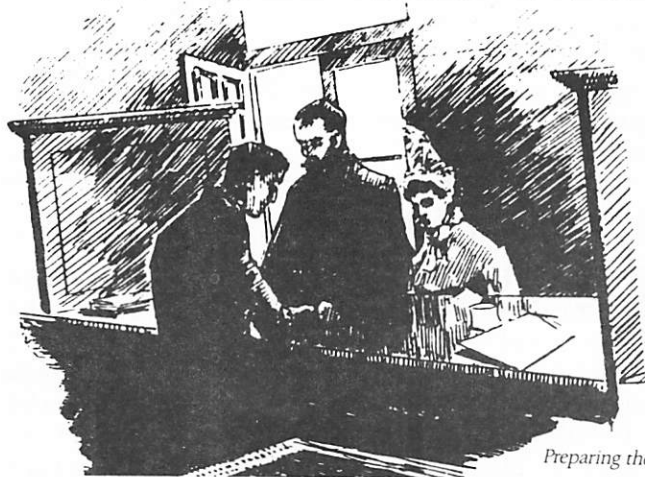
Bicentennial Historic Walk — East Balmain
Walks of one or two hours start at
the Darling Street Wharf

on
Sunday 13 November, from 10am on
The Australian Volunteer Band will be in
attendance.

Many historic places of East Balmain are
included. Several have been marked with plaques
commemorating people, places or events.

A map of the walk and descriptive brochure of
Balmain and its other historic sites PS/D4/429
will be available for \$2.

Bring your own picnic to enjoy in Peacock Park
or enjoy a sausage sizzle provided by Rotary,
who are also running games for the younger
visitors and a drinks stand.



Preparing the Stall

HAS THE POLICE MUSEUM BEEN ARRESTED?

THE partly finished Justice and Police Museum opened for a sneak preview on Thursday 13th October. Work began on the museum housed in the former police station and magistrate's court in Phillip St. in 1983. The building was designed by Edmund Blacket in 1854 and additions were added by James Barnet in 1886.

Christa Ludlow, a curator for the museum, said the restoration and rebuilding work had cost \$5.2 million and a further \$2.6m was needed for interior restoration and installation of the exhibits. However, rumours persist that the complex will be sold - possibly to the developer of the Macquarie Club Hotel, just behind the Museum in Macquarie St. Oh to have some of that budget for the Watch House restoration.

ALL FIRED UP

Ceramics and paintings

A group of 11 potters and an artist are holding an exhibition in the Watch House opening Thursday 15th December at 6pm and continuing to Sunday 18th (10am to 5pm). Recent paintings by Marian Purvis. Contact Sue Burrsett on 449 4820.

BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB

ORCHIDS

CYMBIDIUM orchids are sun lovers, but need protection from direct afternoon sun as well as from frosts. Orchids need to be repotted every second year. The most important factor in growing orchids is perfect drainage. Place coarse stones in the bottom of large, clean pots. Start with one bucket of coarse sand (crushed sandstone), one bucket of peat moss, four buckets of finest, small tan bark, one bucket peanut shells. Add one cup of blood and bone, one cup of superphosphate, and one cup of dolomite. Mix well. The ingredients must be kept dry while being mixed. Cut away all brown or damaged roots of plant and keep all firm, white roots intact. Divide clumps, then repot. Sprinkle Osmocote on soil. (nine months type). Disysoten 50 will keep away pests if sprinkled on soil. Water plants after repotting. Orchids resent being moved, so chose their permanent home carefully.

Margaret Ford

The Balmain Garden Club have their meeting at 1.30pm on the third Saturday of each month in the Watch House.



THE street stall on 13th October brought an excellent response from members for their donations of cakes, jams, honey, books, etc. Bonnie Davidson took 'the cake' by baking 14 delicious cakes. The morning's effort resulted in \$600 to swell the coffers depleted by the restoration of the Watch House chimney and entrance floor. Many thanks to Carol, Steve, Pat, Ray, Debbie, Kath and Bonnie.

Studies in the Built Environment

Understanding the Historical Landscape

Landmarks in Leichhardt

Day Excursion

Saturday
3 December 1988

A study of a local area can lead to an understanding of the built environment. The suburb of Leichhardt is the study area. The lecturer and excursion leader will be Peter Reynolds, editor, *Leichhardt Historical Journal*.



For further information please contact:
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Graduate School of the Built Environment
The University of New South Wales
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ALL members are cordially invited to an Afternoon Tea at the Watch House on Saturday 19th November at 2pm.

Guest of Honour

Mr. Bill Hill

To celebrate his Centenary birthday 23rd November.

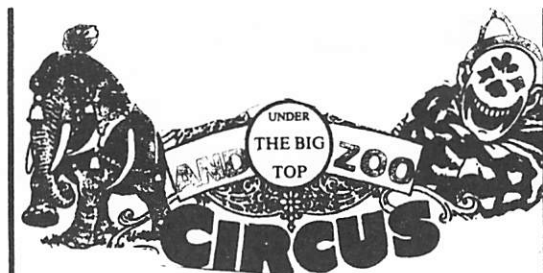


HISTORICAL QUESTIONS, ANSWERS & NOTES

GOULIE'S CORNER

INTRODUCING Goulie's Corner. After many years as an employee of Ampol, Wal Goulie retired and began a history of Balmain. We will publish extracts from his recollections each month.

Mr. Wal Goulie's family has been in the district for three generations. He was born at 3 Valley St. in 1922. His mother Hilda June Goulie (nee Sinclair) was born at 7 Pashley St. as was his grandmother Emily Warless (1868). His father was born in Campbelltown and moved to Balmain in 1899 where he opened the first Goulie mixed business at 153 Darling St., corner of St. Andrews St. (still standing today), making his own sweets for sale.



In the 1920-30's a circus used to come to Balmain once a year and the venue was a paddock between Darling and Montague Streets known as Beattie Street paddock. It was a free show with a collection taken at the finish. Blondie, a tight-rope walker was the star attraction. The show moved to another block of land that ran between College and Church Streets (Cameron Street end).

THEA ROWE (third from the left) captivated members and friends with her talk 'Holidays in Balmain' on Saturday 8th October at the Watch House. Thea's description of Balmain and her grandmother's home in Palmer St. was vivid. Her mother's ancestor was a 3rd Fleeter and Batty St., Rozelle is from the family name. Her great-uncle Tom Rowe, architect, (Rowe St. City was named after him) was the first Mavor of Manly and instigated the planting of the Norfolk pines on the promenade.

EXHIBITION

AT THE WATCH HOUSE

November 5th to 13th
Helen Engle - potter

November 23rd - December 5th
Paintings - Alan Burke

December 15th - 18th
'All fired up' - Ceramics

December

January 9th - 11th
Paintings - Jan Melville

FOR YOUR DIARY

Heritage Walk & Picnic - Nov 13th

Centenary - Mr. Bill Hill
Saturday 19th November

Christmas Drinks at the Watch House
6pm Sunday 18th December
followed by
Carols & Candles - Music 2041
Gladstone Park
Sunday 18th December - 7.30pm

WANTED

Small tables suitable for exhibitions

THELMA MASSEY has responded to our little
bellyache last month with this offering.

THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is the story about four people named
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done and
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do
it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody
did it. Somebody got angry about that,
because it was Everybody's job. Everybody
thought that Anybody could do it, but
Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do
it. It ended up that Everybody blamed
Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody
could have done. (author unknown)

WE have on display at the Watch House a
range of Colonial clothing which should be
of interest as gifts or mementos.

Full Colonial Aprons.....\$29.95
Caps.....\$9.95
Plain White Shirts (size 8 & 10)....\$14.95
Arrowed Calico Shirts (SM).....\$22.95
Arrowed Calico Shirts (M).....\$24.95
BOOKS

Around Balmain.....\$5.00
Half a thousand acres.....\$9.95
Leaflets.....\$0.60

...AND IT WAS
SMITH WHO DISCOVERED
THAT CAPTAIN PHILLIP
LANDED IN AUSTRALIA
IN 1789!



SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE WATCH HOUSE

The Watch House is open EVERY Saturday
from 1 to 3pm. Call in for coffee.

The Balmain Association meets on the first
Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the
Watch House 179 Darling St. Balmain.

Our editorial phone number is 818 4954.

Send mail to PO Box 57, BALMAIN. 2041.
Contact Steve South on 810 1411 for
renting of the Watch House.



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representing
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 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.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Return to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 57, Balmain 2041

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