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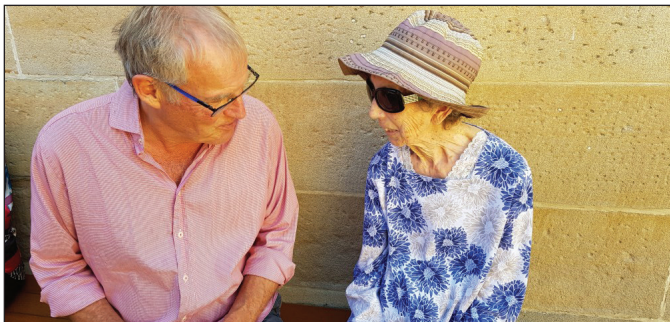
March 2019

Festive Cheer at the Watch House

The Balmain Association held its annual Christmas party, on Saturday 8th December at the Watch House. Many members and friends took advantage of this second opportunity to view the exhibition “Life and Death in Balmain”.

On show were the past industries, the Balmain Cemetery, many personal observations of the “old Balmain” and a video which gave an insight into Balmain’s past.

Below: Life member Kathleen Hamey and BA president Duncan MacAuslan had time for a chat in the sun whilst members Sue Hilton, Val and Kathleen Hamey and treasurer John Symonds enjoyed the usual delicious spread.



Reminder: Nominations for 2019 Built Environment

Awards are now open. The awards celebrate the local area’s rich cultural and architectural heritage and will close Sunday 3 March 2019.

The awards will be held at Kirkbride Theatre and Foyer, Sydney College of the Arts, Balmain Road, Rozelle on Saturday, 4 May 2019.

For information and to apply

<http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BuiltEnvironmentAwards>

Balmain Electorate Candidates to Face Voters in Balmain

on 9 March 2-3.30 pm at Balmain Town Hall

The NSW state election will be held on Saturday 23 March, 2019

The Balmain Association, The Balmain Institute, Friends of Callan Park, and Climate Change Balmain Rozelle, with the support of Inner West Council, are inviting all candidates to participate in this free public forum with the voters.

Each candidate will have time to state their policies and face a Question and Answer session from attendees.

As nominations only close on 6 March it is not clear who will attend; the incumbent Jamie Parker (Greens), Elly Howse (ALP) and Ben Zhand (Liberal) have been invited.

Local activist Michael Raper will moderate the Forum.

Attendees may submit questions to Candidates by Email at balmaincandidatesforum@outlook.com by noon Friday 8 March.

Latest about Balmain Telephone Exchange

Hello All

I received the message below from Telstra yesterday:

“Based on current progress we anticipate commencing work on the site at the end of March. Works are expected to be completed for handover to council in August.”

With hope Fergus Fricke

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Happenings with WestConnex

The Parliamentary Inquiry

The Greens called for a Parliamentary Inquiry into the WestConnex in June 2018. This gave the community the chance to have a say on the impact this polluting toll road is having on our area, our kids and our health.

In the December 2018 issue of the Observer, Duncan MacAuslan commented on the 556 submissions received to this inquiry.

The results were released on 18th December 2018.

The people on the committee

Chair: Rev the Hon Fred Nile MLC

Christian Democratic Party

Greg Donnelly MLC ALP

Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC The Greens

Trevor Khan MLC The Nationals

Shayne Mallard MLC Liberal Party

Daniel Mookhey MLC ALP

Peter Phelps MLC Liberal Party

For full report search

Impact of WestConnex Project - Parliament of NSW.

From the findings - June Lunsmann

A very brief overview

- WestConnex is a vital and long-overdue infrastructure project. The NSW Government failed to subject the WestConnex project to a comprehensive independent assurance process during the

development of the first business case for the project but NSW Government is not required to consider full range of costs in business case including costs to public health, amenity, biodiversity, extra road building and losses to public transport, why not!!!

That while extensive consultation for the WestConnex project has been undertaken, it appears that this consultation has been ineffective and has lacked an empathetic approach.

The NSW Government failed to adequately consider alternative options at the commencement of the WestConnex project and that

- the transparency arrangements pertaining to the WestConnex business case have been unsatisfactory.
- the delivery of the WestConnex project by Sydney Motorway Corporation has weakened the accountability and disclosure rules that would have otherwise applied if the project had been delivered by a government agency.
- the recent sale of a majority interest in Sydney Motorway Corporation to the private sector will likely exacerbate existing

transparency and accountability concerns relating to the WestConnex project.

- it is unacceptable that members of the community feel it necessary to undertake air quality monitoring in lieu of the responsible government agencies.
- the various noise mitigation measures offered by Roads and Maritime Services are wholly inadequate to substantially reduce heavy construction noise.
- Local government should not have to step in to alleviate concerns held by residents in relation to State Significant Infrastructure projects, such as the WestConnex, when it is the responsibility of the NSW Government.

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Further discussion:

- On December 17 2018, Naaman Zhou in the Guardian wrote a comprehensive account of the inquiry.
- Likewise there is a report by Matt O'Sullivan in the SMH December 17 "WestConnex road project panned for lack of transparency".

"Search WestConnex Review" these and a number of other comments will appear.

The Western Harbour Tunnel

From State Member for Balmain, Jamie Parker

The Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) is the next stage of the government's destructive and polluting WestConnex tollroad project.

I've been working with the community against this polluting tollway since its inception. While our campaign has celebrated some big wins, we still have a long way to go before public transport is the top priority for government in NSW. It is promising that after many months of hard work, Labor has finally withdrawn support for the Western Harbour Tunnel in principle. However, their proposal is not practical in its current form.

WestConnex Stage 3 – which still enjoys the support of both Labor and the Liberals – proposes to build a shallow tunnel under Annandale, Camperdown and Leichhardt to push traffic from the

M4 and the M5 into the Rozelle Interchange.

If the goal of WestConnex Stage 3 is to push traffic into the Rozelle Interchange and then out north through the Western Harbour Tunnel the question is: where will that traffic go if the Western Harbour Tunnel is scrapped?

Unless Labor commit to scrap WestConnex Stage 3, it is inevitable they will have to proceed with the Western Harbour Tunnel as the Anzac Bridge will be overwhelmed by the additional traffic if not. Simply put, Stage 3 necessitates the Western Harbour Tunnel.

The good news is that the Rozelle Interchange is still in early design stage



and can be scrapped at relatively little cost to government.

What our city needs is investment in a world class public transport system that makes getting around quicker, easier and less stressful. Tollways which risk homes, destroy parkland, encourage car use, pollute and fleece people with tolls are driving Sydney in absolutely wrong direction.

<http://www.jamieparker.org/wht>

Another meeting re: the WHT was held Saturday 9th February 2019 at Birchgrove Park.

The meeting was convened by the Labor Party to inform residents about their position on the WHT.

There were about 120 people present who heard from Elly Howse, Labor candidate for Balmain and Jodi McKay, Shadow Minister for Transport, and Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight. Labor's position is that a NSW Labor government would not build the WHT and current budget set aside for the WHT would be used for public transport namely heavy rail including the Western Link.

The cancellation of current WestConnex projects including Stage 3B was not feasible due to the structure of the sale of WestConnex and the Sydney Motorway Corporation but this sale was not contingent on any traffic flows associated with the Western Harbour Tunnel. When asked if a NSW Labor government would hold a Royal Commission into WestConnex, Jodi indicated that the government would hold a Judicial Inquiry stating this has much the same powers as a Royal Commission.

There were a number of questions and answers concerning Stage 3B, filtering of exhaust stacks and the shabby treatment of people whose homes had been damaged by WestConnex construction.

Council Amalgamation

Did you know that the Inner West Councils were the only Councils in the inner-city that was merged?

Of the 13 historic inner-city Councils, our Council was the only one that was merged. All other 12 inner-city Councils knew that a merger would be a long and expensive process with few benefits for their communities. They challenged State Government and they won while the Inner West Councils did not challenge. In fact, some Councils just sat back and waited until State Government dropped its merger policy. The three Inner West Councils were never forced to merge. You might recall the Inner West Councils saying: "If we don't merge, the Minister will force a merger on us." Well, we ended up forcing a merger on ourselves while the other 12 inner city Councils were watching us in disbelief!

John Stamolis, Independent Councillor Balmain Ward

The following motion was passed by Council on Tuesday February 5th 2019

C0219 Item 26 Notice of Motion: De-Amalgamation

Motion: (Passas/Byrne)

THAT Council write to the NSW Labor opposition leader seeking his views on Council amalgamations.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis and York

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Porteous and Steer.

White Bay/Glebe Island

Much concern has been expressed about the government's acceptance of a number of ad hoc industrial and residential developments independently of one another without any consideration given to their cumulative impact on our community or wider Sydney.

This includes the redevelopment of the Sydney Fish Market (with a plan for up to 2,700 new apartments in Pyrmont), the proposal for a casting plan at White Bay to supply the Western Harbour Tunnel, and the proposal for a multi-user facility at Glebe Island.

Balmain State Member has been working with local residents to protect the liveability of our local area.

To be updated on the progress of the campaign and if you'd like to talk about this or any other local matter, call my office on 9660 7586 or email me at balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Jamie Parker

Dawn Fraser Baths MasterPlan**November 2018**

Dawn Fraser Baths master plan shows that if at least \$6.7 million in priority works are not undertaken immediately the pool is likely to become unsafe for public and sporting use in the near future.

Inner West Council has delivered \$4.5 million in funding towards the \$6.7 million refurbishment leaving a shortfall of \$2.2 million.

25th January 2019**\$2.2M GRANT SECURED FOR DAWN FRASER BATHS**

State Member for Balmain, Jamie Parker announced the NSW Government will commit \$2.2m to fund the upgrades needed at Dawn Fraser Baths.

"Dawn Fraser Baths is a state heritage item used by people all over Sydney. It's always been my belief that local rate payers shouldn't have to wear the full cost of these repairs".

He has been working to secure this grant since he learned that the Inner West Council was unable to fully fund urgent restoration works at Dawny.

The Other Tunnel

A meeting, called by Jamie Parker, at Leichhardt Town Hall on Saturday 2 February was attended by 340 people to discuss changes to the tunnel. Residents fear that new plans for the tunnel show that it can be as shallow as 12 metres below homes along the WestConnex route. This will lead to widespread damage above the motorway in Sydney's inner west.

An updated map for the M4-M5 link shows contractors altered the route for stage three of the \$16.8 billion mega-toll road. It will run below 4500 homes.

See SMH Thursday, February 21, 2019 article by Megan Gorrey.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/closer-to-homes-sydney-residents-shocked-as-westconnex-tunnel-depths-shrink-20190129-p50ueb.html>

Of particular interest in the article is the new mapping - click the "fresh mapping for the project" link within the article.

<https://stage3a.anzgeo.com/>

The depth of the tunnel at each affected home in the 50m zone can be viewed by clicking on that home on the map. This should ring alarm bells for those residents of Rozelle, Balmain and Birchgrove above the path of the proposed WHT.



A Brief History of Balmain Hospital

- Jan Wood

Anyone connected with Balmain or Rozelle probably has a tale about a trip to Balmain Hospital. But few know the origin of this jewel of an establishment; our extraordinary Balmain Hospital.

The story begins in the early 1850s. Balmain had become a desirable place for a "Gentleman's Residence". Prominent sea captains, lawyers, entrepreneurs and statesmen built their mansions here. But the extensive water frontage also became fertile soil for the rise of Industrial Materialism. The waterfront lent itself to ship building, timber yards and saw mills. In 1854 Mort's Dock and Engineering Works became operational. Then came manufacturing; chemical, glass, canning and soap, a colliery to name just a few. Workers' cottages sprung up and Balmain became a thriving centre of industry and population growth.

The price of Industrialisation was high in the rate of injury for the local working men. There were no such things as Health and Safety Practices, Hospital Cover or free medical treatment. There were no taps or flush toilets to maintain good sanitary conditions and the closest hospital was Sydney Hospital. Can you imagine suffering a broken leg and being rowed to Circular Quay?

Concerned Balmain residents called meetings in March 1883, at the Warwick Castle Hotel to discuss the feasibility of establishing a "Cottage" Hospital, and ironically, the women reputedly met in the Temperance Hall in Montague Street. The vote to establish a Balmain Cottage Hospital was unanimous and fund raising began immediately in traditional Balmain Community Spirit.

From the efforts of the very young to the very old, the ideal materialised and the first hospital was officially opened in 1885. The Balmain Cottage Hospital, situated beside the Balmain Court House on Darling Street, had

four main rooms which became a men's ward with 4 beds, a surgery, a kitchen, Matron's room and bathroom. The first Matron was Miss Gisbourne and the first trainee nurse was Miss Lloyd, unofficially establishing The Balmain Cottage Hospital as a training school in the Florence Nightingale model.

The first patient, Dick Hall, was admitted on the 26 June 1885 and over the next year 39 patients were treated for mostly fractures and work related accidents.



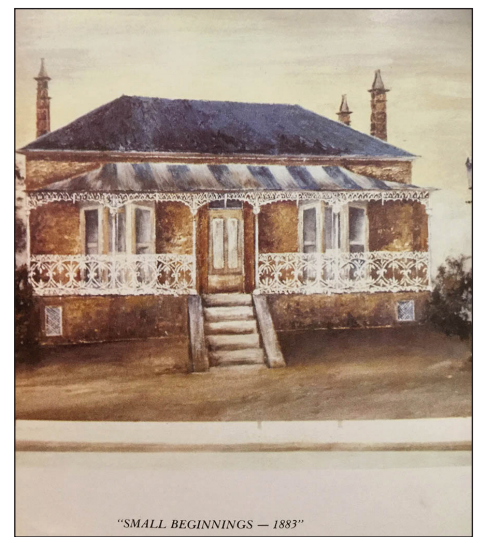
A party in 1901 to celebrate the opening of the new women and children's ward (the Victoria Ward) in Booth Street

The first Balance sheet on 31 December 1885 showed donations and subscriptions of 761 pounds, 12 shillings and sixpence and there was a Government subsidy of 540 Pounds and one shilling.

The Balmain Cottage Hospital catered only for men. Women and children needing medical care were ferried to Sydney Hospital.

The number of workplace accident victims continued to increase and it soon became apparent that larger premises were needed.

Alderley House, designed by Thomas Blackett, (friend of Thomas Sutcliffe Mort), situated in Booth Street, was approved for purchase as an alternative site and fundraising began to raise the 3000 pounds needed. A deposit of 100 pounds was paid in November 1885 and possession was acquired in



August 1886 and its 11 rooms converted to suit the needs of a hospital. A great party was enjoyed by all at the opening and the outstanding debt was paid within 3 years.

Balmain Cottage Hospital became an official nurse training facility in 1900 and a women's and children's ward, The Victoria Ward, opened in 1901.

By 1909 the treatments which appeared in the Annual Report had changed from accidents on Industrial sites to diseases such as Diphtheria, Rheumatic Fever and Pneumonia for example. Surgery, such as hysterectomy, removal of tonsils, and adenoids, repair of hernia and curettage became routine.

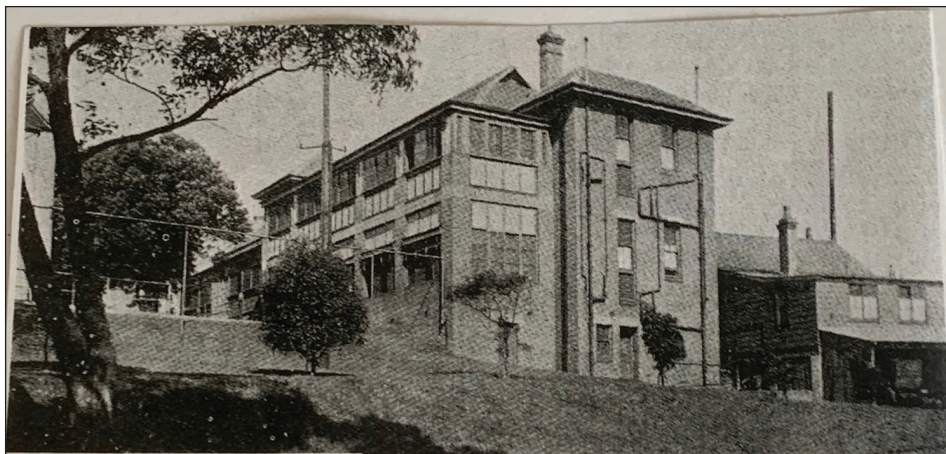


Piecemeal by piecemeal as the needs of the Community grew, and technology changed eg Electricity arrived in 1912 and an X Ray Machine installed, additions to the building were made and adjacent sites acquired. Special purpose wards were added onto the original house, but underneath all the renovations, the original Alderley House could still be glimpsed.

Between 1919 and 1950 the number of hospital beds increased from 120 to



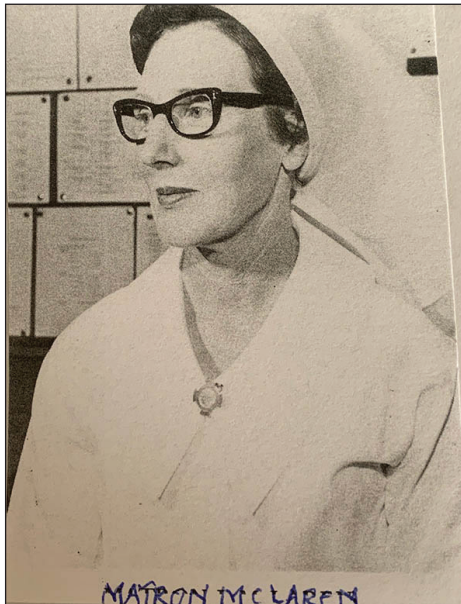
In 1894 fifty ladies were organised by Mrs. McLaughlin and issued with collection cards and boxes with the objective of each collecting the sum total of £1 each year. In their first year these ladies added £95.10.9. to the hospital's income from their boxes, with Mrs. J. J. Allen collecting a substantial £16.0.0.



Rear and side view of the John Goulston, David Easton & Evans Wards & Verandahs

(Reprinted from Balmain & District Hospital Jubilee Report, 1935.)

over 200 with the Pathology Department playing an important role. Besides catering for general medical and surgical, the hospital performed diagnostic testing for conditions such as scarlet fever,



diphtheria, whooping cough, Spanish Flu influenza, meningitis, tuberculosis and polio which are now thankfully, very rare. The women and girls who chose nursing as a career deserve acknowledgement of their courage in choosing to work amongst these highly contagious diseases. (Antibiotics came into use as recently as 1942, and changed the face of medical treatment).

The Maternity Department, the John Beasley Ward, opened in 1950 to cater for the population "Boom" and closed in 1981. Matron McLaren, reputedly a formidable woman, ruled. Ironically, today, the Baby Boomers are now being treated in the Aged Care Facilities, such as the STRONG Clinic, The Pulmonary Health Clinic and Rehabilitation Unit.

The Casualty Ward opened in 1924 and provided 24 hour emergency care.

During the Second World War the Medical staff went to the Front, leaving a skeleton staff to man the hospital. Sister Otford, a very well respected woman, dealt with every medical emergency very capably.

Still operating today, (but not 24hrs daily) the General Practice Casualty offers a brilliant Community Service for non life threatening conditions.

Balmain Hospital, situated on one of the highest points on the peninsula, always represented the compassionate heart of Balmain. And the hospital was also a significant provider of employment. The Hospital held a prominent place in the social life of the Community as well. Because the Auxiliary from the very beginning had the function of Fund Raising to provide such necessities as X Ray equipment and ambulances, funds were spent on the mundane as well, for instance, providing clean pyjamas and toothpaste and brushes for the poor.

Fund Raising to make the Hospital function to its optimum, brought the Community together with a common purpose and many prominent politicians and business leaders were dedicated patrons.



John McDermid, Laundry Manager (36 yrs service) and his staff in their new laundry (1946).

The Hospital Fund Raising Ball and Fete made the highlights of the social calendar. Since the beginning, the Balmain Hospital Ladies Auxiliary dedicated continuous service to our Community.

The citizens of Balmain supported the Hospital through donations eg from the Thistle Club, The Thespian Club, The Balmain Bachelors Club, The Victoria Park Racing Club, Balmain Leagues Club, Gladstone Park Bowlers Club, The Blue Bird Social Club, Drummoyne Rowing Club and the Young Diana's Social Club to name a few.

All the schools and churches were regular donors as well.

No one could deny that Balmain, in the closing years of the 19th Century, embodied a hot seat of Political activity. Balmain being the site of the Birth of the Union Movement and the Australian Labor Party. Balmain citizens agitated for Federation and the Temperance and Suffrage Movements. To more practical matters - Balmain became one of the first places to have flushing toilets and tap water. (No more fetching water from the nearest well!) And there was enormous community pride and prestige in having a Hospital!

Over the past 138 years, a continuous chain of dedicated Community Leaders and Hospital staff have worked passionately and tirelessly to maintain and provide quality medical care.

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Balmain Hospital laundry staff 1946. A source of employment for local residents.

2019 Australian Heritage Festival

- Helen Carter

Connecting People, Places and the Past

This year the National Trust of Australia with the Australian Government convenes and co-ordinates this event again around Australia. At the historic Watch House, a National Trust property, the Balmain Association is proud to present their exhibition about Connecting People, Places and the Past.

Included in our exhibition are notable individuals from the early 19th century who certainly connected people, places and the past. They are –

Emma Louisa A'Beckett (1814-1904) ladies school proprietor and property developer

Mrs A'Beckett opened a ladies school on the side of the Pigeon Ground and when her husband died applied for the land now known as Gladstone Park and subdivided it into 58 allotments to be sold for housing. At auction a few blocks were sold allowing for the erection of the Balmain Public School Public however public outcry stopped any further sales and the Government purchased the land ensuring that it was kept for public use "like Hyde Park in Sydney".

Norman Selfe (1839-1911) engineer, naval architect, inventor and advocate for technical education

An outstanding civil engineer, who designed the first two ended steamship, a refrigeration machine, The North Shore Bridge long before the Sydney Harbour Bridge among other designs and inventions. He was a gifted architect building Normanton and Maybanke in Wharf Road, Birchgrove, Amesbury, 78 Alt Street, Ashfield and Gilligaloola, Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills which all have survived.

John Booth (1822-1898) shipbuilder, mayor and politician

Settled in Sydney in 1839 and learnt shipbuilding, moving to Balmain c 1854. He married and had 11 children and lived at Surbiton House at 38 Donnelly Street. In 1867 he became Balmain's first Mayor and owned sawmills at White Bay and the Manning River which he ran for 40 years. He was a trustee of the Balmain School of Arts, the Workingmen's Institute and committee member of the Balmain Cottage Hospital – a cottage used behind the Court House. He offered land



John Booth

and with the help of leading citizens was instrumental in getting a hospital founded. In 1872 he was elected to the NSW Legislative Assembly for West Sydney.

Maybanke Anderson (1845-1927) suffragette, educator and author

Mrs Anderson, married twice had 10 children (only 4 survived until adulthood) was trained as a teacher. Being deserted by her first husband in 1884 she soon found out that she had not custody rights and he still controlled



Maybanke Anderson

The exhibition runs from
Saturday 20 April – Saturday 18 May
open on Saturdays 11.30-3.00
and Tuesdays 11-1
Official opening Saturday
27th April at 2pm
Please join us.

her finances. She advocated for a change in legislation and supported herself by teaching, opening a school, then a free kindergarten at 143 Beattie Street and the Phoenix in Evans Street. She became Vice President of the Womanhood Suffrage League and President 1893-1896 advocating the vote for women.

Henry Carter Perdriau (1817-1892) mariner, and steam boat proprietor and Mayor

Made Sydney his home in 1841 and lived near Datchett Street, Balmain. He married and had 7 sons and 4 daughters. His interest was ferries believing that steam powered vessels would replace sail and started a service from Nicholson to the Gas Works Wharf in Darling Harbour. By 1855 he had a fleet which included Ferry Queen, Pet and Alma. Soon his ferries operated on the north side of Balmain to Darling Street and Mort Bay and on the south to Johnson and Adolphus Streets. Elected Mayor in 1868, 1872 and 1875, the founding committee of the Balmain School of Arts and Balmain Regatta Committee he lived at Bleak House in Adolphus Street and installed the first telephone.

Edward Harman Buchanan (1859-1943) architect, Mayor

Certainly as an architect, Balmain Town Hall stands out as one of his achievements but he was noted for many other achievements. The reclaiming of Snails Bay foreshore which we know as Birchgrove Park today, the oval still with a picket fence, his wonderful house Yarildun in Wharf Road with its widow walk, Ellerslie Terrace in Ballast Point Road and St John's Anglican Church in Birchgrove Road. However he was also recruited to serve on the industrial training ship Vernon moored off Cockatoo Island. When he moved to Drummoyne c1890 he diversified into other businesses even designing a town Kandos.

Broughton Hall Brought to Life

written by professional historian and
FOCP member, Roslyn Burge.

Friends of Callan Park (FOCP) concluded its 20th year with the launch of a new publication, Broughton Hall: Brought to Life. FOCP acknowledge the significant support provided by InnerWest Council through a 2017 Local History Grant.



The launch under the Jacaranda trees photo courtesy Lyn Latella

The book was launched by Garth Popple, Executive Director of We Help Ourselves (WHOS) at the Annual General Meeting on 3 December 2018. WHOS, the tenant with the largest number of resident clients on site, moved to Broughton Hall in 2008. WHOS mission cites fostering “personal growth within an alcohol and other drugs therapeutic program” so it was appropriate that Garth Popple should launch a publication about Broughton Hall and its history. At the launch Roslyn Burge acknowledged the work of Dr Peter Reynolds and Ken Leong who have written extensively about Broughton Hall and Callan Park.

FOCP was also honoured to have Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, AD CVO, former Governor of NSW, attend. Member for Balmain, Jamie Parker, and Councillors Marghanita Da Cruz and John Stamolis attended the AGM and launch and afterwards joined more than 150 members and friends at Garry Owen House for the Christmas party beneath the Jacaranda trees.

Broughton Hall : Brought to Life reminds us of the Sydney people

who first traversed this great cultural landscape; discusses development of the Lilyfield peninsula with construction of the maritime villas of Broughton Hall (and adjacent Kalouan) in the 1800s and its proximity to Callan Park; the wartime conversion of Broughton Hall to a

convalescent hospital; and adaptive reuse in the 21st century for NGO services and the University of Tasmania.

The book features many photographs never publicly seen before, including still images of movies of 1920s garden parties at Broughton Hall

and gardening therapy that decade.

Keep family photographs (thanks to the generosity of Mark Turnbull) within the Local History Collection demonstrate the early rich botanical plantings, some of which are now the tallest in the municipality. The

publication also touches some of the people who progressed local government, recognises the skilled business acumen and achievements of the women of Red Cross who oversaw the conversion of Broughton Hall into a convalescent hospital, and discusses the significant role of Medical Superintendent at Broughton Hall from the 1920s, Dr Sydney Evan Jones (surgeon on Douglas Mawson’s expedition to Antarctica), guiding patient treatment and developing academic associations with Sydney University.

The personal recollections of people



The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir with Cr John Stamolis

who sought treatment at Broughton Hall (including Michael Appleton, and Dr Meg Smith OAM, who spent time there as a patient in the early 80s and was subsequently appointed as an Official Visitor to the newly named Rozelle Hospital) and former staff members (including Professor Bashir) are a highlight of the publication.

FOCP are pleased **Broughton Hall : Brought to Life** contributes to this community’s shared knowledge of its history and continues

Friends of Callan Park’s 20+ years of

- **community activism**
- **advocacy**
- **achievement**

Broughton Hall: Brought to Life is \$20: available from Balmain Association or FOCP (www.callanpark.com)

BROUGHTON HALL BROUGHT TO LIFE

ROSLYN BURGE for FRIENDS OF CALLAN PARK





What's on at the Watch House

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2019 Australian Heritage Festival

at the Watch House

Connecting People, Places and the Past

The exhibition runs from

Saturday 20 April – Saturday 18 May

open on Saturdays 11.30-3.00 and Tuesdays 11-1

Official opening Saturday 27th April at 2pm

Please join us.



The Leipoa steamboat of Henry Carter Perdriau (1817-1892) mariner, steam boat proprietor and Mayor

AT CALLAN PARK

WALKING TOUR SUNDAY, 5 MAY 2018

Tour of Neglect and Vision

Join an easy walking tour to see the neglect and vision for opportunities at Callan Park. Learn surprising connections with the Wangal and early colonial history, innovative psychiatric care, extraordinary horticulture and clever sustainable practices.

TIME 2-4pm

MEET at Callan Park's main gates at the intersection of Cecily Street and Balmain Road, Rozelle.

Parking available on Balmain Road (not in Callan Park).

Bus stop #445 and #440 stop at Cecily Street main gates.

Light Rail Lilyfield stop @ Catherine Street is 15 mins walk

COST \$20 per person (children under 12 free).

Bookings are essential.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BAPKM>

Questions fcop.admin@gmail.com

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Exhibitions

APRIL

Heritage Festival

MAY

Saturday 25 - no exhibition

History Room open 11.30 - 3

JUNE

Saturday 1- no exhibition

History Room open 11.30 - 3

Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Monday 10

Over to You 2019

Richard Sercombe

Neglect at Callan Park



Photo courtesy Lindsay Woods



Photo courtesy Phillip Marsh

Something to report?

A story to tell?

Please let us know.

email:

june.lunsmann@bigpond.com

A story can be a 2 page spread - 1200 words plus 3 or 4 images or a 1 page spread - 500 words plus 2 or 3 images.

Or just a snippet that can fit anywhere.

Hope to hear from you

June, current editor.

The Balmain Association Inc Representing Balmain, Birchgrove and

Our aims are to:

- Improve the living, working and recreational amenities of our area;
- maintain all features having natural, architectural and or historical value of the area and keep a permanent collection of historical interest;
- seek the cooperation of everyone concerned in the realization of the above.

The Balmain Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Watch House, 179 Darling Street Balmain.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

The History Room at the Watch House is open every Saturday from 11:30-3

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