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Association Urges Talks On Council Deadlock

The first effort has been made by outside parties to resolve the deadlock resulting from the continued expulsion from Leichhardt Council meetings of Balmain aldermen. It is a suggestion by the Local Government Association that informal round-table talks be held to discuss the position.

Leichhardt Council is a member of the Local Government Association.

The Mayor, Ald. L. Rodwell, has not yet replied to the invitation.

Ald. N. Origlass has told the Association that he would be happy to take part in round-table talks.

The Association's suggestion was made in letters from its Secretary, Mr. N. T. G. Miles, to Ald. Rodwell and Ald. Origlass.

Mr. Miles suggested that some benefit would flow from discussion between the Mayor, Ald. Origlass, the President of the Association (Ald. F. J. Purdue, C.B.E.) and himself.

Publicity

He stressed that the Association had no intention of becoming involved in the particular issue, but it was, naturally, concerned at the overall implication of situations of the sort.

It would like to feel that it could be of assistance to Council and all of its members in resolving the position.

The Local Government Association as a matter of policy could not involve itself in special internal issues of member Councils, but where its broad experience could be used to resolve a general situation it was happy to place its advice and resources at the disposal of Councils.

The present situation appeared to have attracted an enormous amount of publicity, and that in itself could not be regarded as good for Leichhardt Council and all other Councils in the State.

Mr. Miles added that if it would aid them in reaching a speedier and more satisfactory ending to the present situation, the President and he would be happy to meet the Mayor and a representative of the dissenting group of aldermen to discuss matters generally.

The offer was made solely with the aim of helping in a most difficult set of circumstances.

He believed that if the Mayor and Ald. Origlass were agreeable to an informal discussion with Ald. Purdue and himself, it could lead the way to resolving what must be a very unhappy situation for all concerned.

Reaction

Ald. Rodwell's initial reaction was that he welcomed any help the Association could give in the dispute.

When interviewed by "The Link", he was just leaving the Council offices for a business trip to Melbourne, and said he was not in a position then to discuss the matter.

However, he was not rejecting the idea of

joining in the discussion suggested by the Local Government Association.

Ald. Origlass told "The Link" on Friday last that he had written to Mr. Miles saying he would be happy to attend a meeting as suggested.

The proposal was welcomed by Ald. I. Wyner, who, with Ald. A. Graham, had also been expelled from recent Council meetings over the issue of the Glebe Home for Aged Men.

Ald. Wyner said: "If we can have a round-table conference and iron out the issue, we would be very pleased."

Popular Rector Leaving Balmain

Rector of St. Mary's Church of England, Balmain, the Rev. Arthur H. Horrex, will conclude a 4½-year ministry in Balmain this week-end.

He will move to Robertson, near Moss Vale, to become rector of the Parish of Wingecarribee.

Balmain will miss the youthful and challenging stimulus of this fine pastor and his young family.

Largely because of his enthusiastic and dedicated work the church grew steadily during his ministry, so that by 1967 it had become self-

Old Digger Honoured For Services To The Handicapped

A member of an old Balmain family who has been prominent in local swimming circles has been honoured by the Queen for services to the physically handicapped.



A typical scene at Ryde Swimming Pool during Mr. Douglas Robinson's tuition of limbless and spastic children. He is seen supporting Gary Staunton (aged 13), while Peter Ware swims by.

He is Mr Douglas Robinson, a one-legged Digger of World War 2, who represented the State from Balmain in water polo in 1937.

Now living at Ryde, he was awarded the M.B.E. in the latest Queen's Birthday Honours for his services. He has many friends in this district who will be delighted to hear of his honour.

Douglas Robinson was born and bred in Balmain, his father, the late Mr. R. W. Robinson, having been an alderman of Balmain Municipality for about 15 years (he was Deputy Mayor about 1935).

A keen swimmer, he was a member of Balmain Swimming Club

services and Junior Church sessions occur regularly.

Women's activities have extended under their guidance also, as has family participation in church activities.

An informal farewell tea will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Adolphus Street, at 5.15 p.m. next Sunday.

and Balmain Water Polo Club for many years.

Branch manager of Derrin Brothers' grocery firm in Balmain before the war, he served with the 2nd Third Pioneers overseas, and lost his right leg at El Alamein in 1942.

When he was up and about again, he rejoined his old firm as head storeman at Beattie Street, and, undaunted by the loss of a leg, proceeded in 1944 to teach blind, limbless and physically handicapped children to swim.

One of his best pupils, he says, was Mrs. Vi Boykett, of Mort Street, a double amputee.

He is now to be seen regularly on Saturday mornings at Ryde Swimming Pool, and on Sundays at a private pool, carrying on this admirable work.

Four years ago, in partnership with another limbless soldier, he set up in business at a limbless soldier kiosk in Martin Place, Sydney, at the Pitt Street end of the G.P.O.

Married, with two children, he lives in Irvine Crescent, Ryde.

Column NINE

JULES VERNE
IS OUTDONE!

Facing us at the moment is a situation too dramatic, too extreme for anyone to imagine that it could really exist.

The control of a very big section of the Sydney metropolitan area is in the hands of a Council which resorts to eviction and fist fights every night it convenes.

Even Jules Verne could not have foreseen such an outlandish situation.

Those to blame for this position, of course, are the 30 per cent of the people who voted for the present Council. The remaining 70 per cent are yet to show their hands.

The time is long overdue for the average resident of the municipality to take some active and intelligent interest in what is happening here.

Surely this area is not so unimportant that it is to be allowed to continue as a battleground for the LABOR PARTY!

Municipal politics have demonstrated that all you can get from brawls are black eyes. This is represented in this suburb by industrial squatters.

Let us have a political representative and a Council UNTIED—not a Labor follower or a Liberal follower, but a true, genuine, dinkum BALMAIN HOPEFUL!

Party politics are on their last legs. Let us be the first to show other areas that there is no more room for parties.

We need men of foresight, of independent thought, dedicated to their job, not simply useful party people—and definitely WE DO NOT NEED PARTY POLICY!

Wake up, Balmain!

Pink Ladies Plan By Hospital Gets Under Way

There has been an encouraging initial response to the decision by Balmain and District Hospital to start a "Pink Ladies" scheme of voluntary women workers to assist the staff in many avenues of day-to-day hospital work.

The matron, Miss J. MacLaren, reports that enrolment has already commenced, and that the scheme can be considered to be under way.

"I am looking forward with enthusiasm to their starting their duties," she said. "We would welcome hearing from other ladies who are interested in helping us."

"All those who have applied for enrolment are keen on the idea of linking up with a district hospital of the standard of Balmain.

"They look on their voluntary service as a challenge—a challenge to give of their best in helping fellow women in distress."

Ages

Miss MacLaren said that most of the applicants so far had been housewives and mothers, and had time on their hands.

One applicant was in her early 30's; others were between 40 and 50.

All were "very nice types of women, and most enthusiastic", and would fit in admirably with the nursing image.

The Pink Ladies' Auxiliary is quite different

to the normal hospital auxiliary, as it is designed to assist in the day-by-day running of the institution.

Pink Ladies will be provided with a special uniform, to distinguish them from the regular staff, and will be given luncheon on their days of duty.

Their hours of duty will be in their own hands, arranged to fit in with their convenience.

The kind of work they will do includes the following:

- Helping in the wards.
- Feeding patients unable to feed themselves.
- Assisting with flower arrangement.
- Directing visitors to various departments.
- Minding children.
- Washing and setting patients' hair, and cutting it if skilled in that direction.
- Folding linen.
- Helping patients

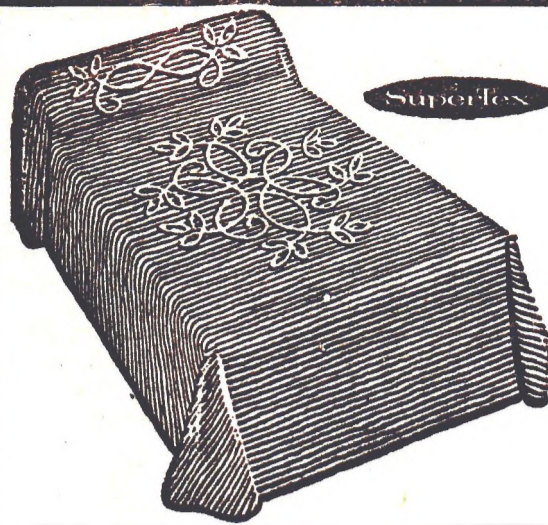
with their mail, such as writing letters and posting and delivering mail.

A brochure is being printed for handing to the Pink Ladies outlining the scheme and the requirements.

This tells them how important they are in the successful working of the hospital, and just what is involved in their service as a volunteer.

It stresses the professional ethics involved and the essentials for an effective volunteer programme, such as being reliable in attendance when rostered for duty.

Miss MacLaren added that women with time on their hands and available for help for a few hours a week should find their voluntary service both interesting and rewarding to themselves—rewarding because they would know they were easing the burdens of their sick fellow beings.



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9.30 a.m.: Morning Worship Combined Methodist and Presbyterian Service.
7.15 p.m.: Evening Combined Service, Methodist Mission, Montague Street.

Interim Moderator: Rev. I. A. Pollard.

Church of England ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

Cnr. Birchgrove Road and Spring Street, Balmain.
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
7.30 a.m.: Parish Communion.

10.15 a.m.: Holy Communion.
10.15 a.m.: Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.: Evensong.
Holy Communion Monday through to Friday, 7 a.m., Saturday 7.30 a.m., Also Wednesday 11 a.m.

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7.15 p.m.: Holy Communion.
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9.30 a.m.: Sunday School,
9.30 a.m.: United Service,
Campbell Street—
7.15 p.m.: United Service,
Montague St., Balmain.

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9.45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.: Church Service.
7.15 p.m.: Evening Service.
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ST. ANDREW'S CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

10 a.m.: Family Service.
6.30 p.m.: Meditation.
Minister:
Rev. F. Lambert-Carter

Complaint Against Factory

Leichhardt Council has referred to the Department of Public Health for attention a petition by 81 Balmain residents complaining about the emission of fumes and fallout material from the Unilever factory in Reynolds Street.

The petition was presented to Council by the Balmain - Leichhardt Labor Party.

Remedial action is sought to alleviate "the distress, discomfort and danger to health" of the residents in the vicinity of the factory premises.

BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB



ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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GRANT TO COUNCIL: HOW YOU BENEFIT

Leichhardt Council has drawn up its list of works for which it seeks State financial help under the new scheme of special grants to municipalities.

It includes four minor road works requiring expenditure of \$2,650 in Balmain and Rozelle wards.

An amount of \$14,800 has been allocated to Leichhardt for the current financial year. It is expected that a further distribution will be made later in the year from the 1969-70 grant.

The grant is being made under legislation passed late last year for the constitution of a Local Government Grants Commission and creation of a Local Government assistance fund of at least \$4 million annually, to be provided by the State Government.

Council is required to submit to the Grants Commission for approval a programme of works and services on which the proposed grant will be spent.

In addition, consideration will be given by the Commission to any special claims by Councils in a position to demonstrate that additional assistance is war-

ranted for works or services of an urgent nature.

Works in Balmain and Rozelle submitted for approval are:

Lane extending from east side of McDonald Street, Balmain — paving and sealing of roadway, \$340.

Nicholson Street playground, Balmain East — concrete paving of Duke Street access; grading and turfing embankment on north side, \$800.

Maney Street, Rozelle — path and kerb-gutter, reconstruction in concrete, \$516.

Graham Street, Rozelle — roadway sealing, \$994.

A claim for special assistance will be made along the lines of Ald. N. Origlass's suggestion — to reconstruct road approaches and bridging over Johnston's Creek stormwater channel at Federal Road, Annandale-Glebe.

Water Polo Trophies Presented

Over 100 people attended the Balmain Water Polo Club's presentation day at Warragamba Dam last Sunday.

A barbecue was held, during which the following trophies were presented for the 1968-69 season:

Most improved players—First division: K. Stapleton. Second div.: S. Cuisiani. Third div.: V. Parr.

Player with most promise: G. Laws.

Most consistent player: T. Seinor.

Most conscientious trainer: J. Waddington.

Recipients of "mock awards" were: Father Time trophy, M. Black.

Best-dressed player, T. Laws. Mort's Dock award, E. Fitzgerald.

Most colourful players, J. and C. Falzon. Gig of the year, K. Laws. Most consistent boozier, R. Cameron.

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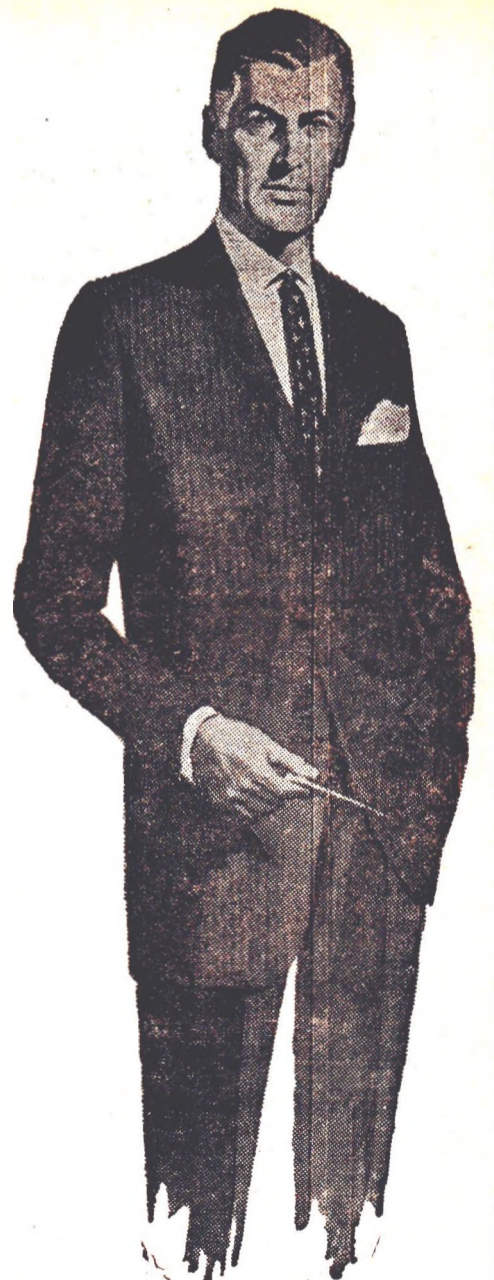
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BALMAIN'S TOUGH STRUGGLE AGAINST CRONULLA

Balmain overcame a torrid second half to defeat a determined Cronulla-Sutherland 18-15 at Endeavour Field last Sunday.

The game was closely fought from the kick-off to the final siren. Neither gained the initiative at any stage, and Balmain supporters who travelled many miles to cheer the Tigers on were very relieved when the siren went.

The Cronulla team played hard all the way, and Balmain had to tackle themselves to a standstill in the second half to stave off defeat.

The man of the match was unquestionably Olaf Pratl, who set up Jack Spencer's try as well as scoring two great tries

himself. Olaf's defence left nothing to be desired. At the present rate of improvement, there's no telling how far this promising player will go.

Jack Spencer had a very solid game, in which he did a great amount of tackling, and was always backing up, looking for openings. His second-row partner, Greg Fryer, also did a vast amount of tackling and ran hard when in possession.

The Scrums

Front-row trio, Barry McTaggart, Gary Leo and John Crawford, played a big part in the Tigers' victory, but it must be a king-size headache for coach Leo Nosworthy to try to solve the loss of the scrums week in and week out.

The Tigers can't go on chasing the ball and still expect to win!

Captain Peter Provan had a mixed game. He tackled in his usual style, but sent some loose passes—not what you'd expect from such a great player.

Both Alan Fitzgibbons

from the TIGERS CORNER

and Len Killeen won't want to look back on Sunday's game as one of their best.

David Bolton, who gave Cronulla many worries in the first half, was replaced at half-time by reserve half-back Johnny McCarthy, who had a strong game all round.

The extent of Bolton's injury is not known, but it is hoped he'll be on deck next week-end.

I thought Peter Fardell went very well in his first game in first grade for Balmain. He did very little wrong in attack and did more than his share of tackling. With the experience from this game, he could go on to bigger things.

Full-back Bob Smithies was a constant headache to Cronulla, moving up to the three-quarter line at every opportunity and making many good runs. Bob was responsible also for some good saves under pressure, and needs only to run the ball out further to make a really good full-back.

Reserves

Possibly the best performance of the day was by Balmain's reserves, who thrashed Cronulla's highly-fancied side, 20-2.

The way they threw the ball around was something to see. They scored six tries to nil against a side second on the ladder.

Terry Parker and Paul Cross scored five tries between them and had very good games. It just means that the top-grade players will want to show their best—or else!

Arthur Beeton is showing gradual improvement, and gives indication of reaching something like his best very shortly.

Artie hasn't lost his fire, judging by his effort when harassed by Cronulla's forwards. At one stage a real Donnybrook looked certain, but things cooled down after Cronulla's forward C. Peel was sent off.

Awards

Bennett's Electrical Best and Fairest awards were:

First grade: 3, P. Fardell; 2, O. Pratl; 1, J. Crawford. **Reserves:** 3, T. Parker; 2, J. Walsh; 1, M. Ross. **Thirds:** 3, G. Barnes; 2, P. Carey; 1, J. Schnitzer.

Progress points are:
Firsts: 14, K. Outten; 11, G. Leo, O. Pratl; 10, J. Spencer, L. Killeen; 9, P. Provan. **Reserves:** 16, J. Walsh; 9, J. McCarthy; 6, T. Parker; 5, G. Fryer, P. Cross, K. Brine. **Thirds:** 17, M. Ross; 8, A. Fogg; 6, G. Barnes, J. Bragg; 5, A. Hanne-man, D. McFarland.

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There is bad news for those who belong to the 30th Battalion — most of whose members come from Rozelle, Balmain, Leichhardt, Millers Point, Pymont and Ultimo.

Last week they suffered a great loss, as three of its members lost loved ones.

First was Herbie Cuke, Snr. (Billy Cuke's father), who had lived in Balmain for over 40 years.

Then Mrs. Patricia Blue, wife of Freddie Blue (B Coy.), also daughter-in-law of the late life member, Teddie Blue.

Finally, Mrs. Lorna Heywood, wife of Bertie Heywood.

The club and sub-branch offer deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Winners of games in the club over the week were: Secret ball, Teddie Lockhard, from Vivian Dobbs. Knock-out domino tournament, Dave Bullock and Vic Sterry, from Jimmie Scourfield and Albert Terry.

Since the film night is on Wednesday this week, the knock-out euchre tournament will be on Friday night, and will be worth \$40. Main feature of the film night is the 1968 Masters golf tournament.

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FRIDAY, 11.30 till 1.30 p.m.: Soup in Members' Bar. 8 p.m.: Knock-out Euchre Tournament—\$40. Limited to 64 players.

SATURDAY: Tommy Raeburn, Vocalist.

SUNDAY, Sick Parade: Kathy McDonald. 3 till 6 p.m.: Carmon—The Dave Robertson Jazz Band Quintette. 7 till 10 p.m.: Dance Night with prizes for the Barn Dance and a Monte Carlo worth \$70.

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