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LEICHHARDT ALDERMEN TO BE FEWER

Leichhardt Council of the future will, it is confidently believed, consist of six wards as now, but with only two aldermen to each ward, instead of three. Official action is being taken which could achieve that end.

This is the move favoured by the Council following reference of the subject to it by the Minister for Local Government and Highways (Mr. Morton).

If endorsed by the Minister—and it is known that he favours this kind of action—the move would result in one fewer aldermen for both Balmain and Rozelle wards, along with the other four wards of the municipality.

However, the proportion of each ward's representatives to the rest of the municipality would remain unchanged—four out of 12, compared with six out of 18 at present.

The matter was referred to the Council by the Minister recently, to tidy up the situation

created by the break-up of the City Council's area, which involved establishment of the new municipality of Northcott and the addition of Glebe to Leichhardt municipality.

The relevant legislation required each of the municipalities of Marrickville, Woollahra and Leichhardt to submit by August 1, 1961, a proposal for the division of its municipality into wards.

The Minister asked Leichhardt Council for its views on the method of dividing the municipality into wards, and on the number of aldermen to be elected for each ward.

In the metropolitan area, the City Council has the highest number

of aldermen—20. Next highest are three Councils with 18 each—Leichhardt, Parramatta and Woollahra—then Marrickville with 16, and a number with 15.

The Minister is known to favour a reduction in the numbers of wards and/or aldermen, considering that large Councils are too unwieldy.

With this in mind, Council recently decided to inform him that it favoured six wards with two aldermen each.

The view was held that a reduction in the number of aldermen for each ward was preferable to a reduction in the number of wards, which would involve alteration of boundaries and affect a considerable number of people.

Reduction In Costs

Discussing the move, the Mayor, Ald. L. Rodwell, pointed out that one of its important results would be a reduction in costs, which would be of direct benefit to ratepayers.

He said that each alderman of Leichhardt municipality now received an allowance of \$500 a year, so that a reduction of six in the total number would mean a direct and immediate saving of \$3,000 in this one item alone.

Each alderman now had to be provided with personal transport and working facilities at the Council chambers.

And since aldermen were in constant touch with the Council's officers, a one-third reduction in such contact would be reflected in a saving of the officers' time.

Ald. Rodwell said that the addition of Glebe, Annandale and Balmain municipalities to Leichhardt had

brought a great overlapping of costs.

The three areas had huge municipal buildings from former times, but did nothing with them, and Council had to write off rates on each.

"They cost a fortune for nothing," he said.

"The Minister, however, would not agree to have smaller municipalities, and would not agree to revert to the former four Councils making up Leichhardt. The cost of doing that would be astronomical."

Ald. Rodwell said he would like to see four areas operate as separate identities within the municipality.

Instead of having a Town Hall each, they could possibly have a municipal chamber each, consisting of small, modern buildings.

The two aldermen of each ward could then operate from their own area, which would be served by a health in-

spector, rate clerk, accountant, etc.

They would possibly make themselves available to ward residents for a couple of hours each Saturday morning, and, of course, meet aldermen from other wards at regular Council meetings for the promulgation of policies.

"I am hoping that with a reduction in the number of aldermen something along this line will be possible," the Mayor added.

Objection

The three Balmain aldermen do not agree with the majority's views on this matter.

They favour a reduction in the number of wards to five, and leaving the number of aldermen the same.

This would result in 15 aldermen instead of 18, but would involve alteration of ward boundaries.

Ald. N. Origlass said

"Best Friends" Have A Ball!



There are over 3,500 dogs registered in Leichhardt municipality, and no doubt many others unregistered. How many in Balmain and Rozelle we don't know. So there are thousands of people who love dogs enough to own them, and, of course, many others who love "man's best friend" anyway.

Dog-owners and dog-lovers, however, should not forget that there are many citizens who object to their "best friends"

having a ball in public places, particularly near (and in) busy shops, and more especially food shops.

Our picture shows three dogs making a nuisance of themselves in Darling Street, Balmain, last week. And there were others around.

The scene is too common, and dog-owners should do something about it—if not, the authorities must.

that with existing boundaries the numbers of persons in the different wards were uneven. Glebe, for instance, had a much larger population on the rolls than the others.

The division of the municipality into five wards would enable a more even division to be secured.

He thought it more desirable also to have three aldermen to a ward than two, as that would produce wider representation.

The three aldermen had placed on the notice paper for last Council meeting a motion to rescind the Council's decision to have six wards with two aldermen each.

However, this lapsed when they were expelled from the chamber last week.

Council Deadlock: Talk Arranged

The Mayor of Leichhardt (Ald. L. Rodwell) and Balmain ward alderman, Ald. N. Origlass, will attend an informal round-table talk this afternoon (July 2) on the subject of the Council meeting deadlock.

The talk has been arranged by the Local Government Association of N.S.W., which will be represented by its President (Ald. F. J. Purdue, C.B.E.), and its Secretary (Mr. N. T. G. Miles).

Observers have been discussing the possibility of the Mayor taking action under the Local Government Act in re-

gard to the absence from Council meetings of the three Balmain aldermen, following their expulsion from the chamber.

Action, they say, could possibly result in the seats being declared vacant and a by-election called for.

Asked by "The Link" whether he had such action in mind, Ald. Rodwell said he did not.

Column NINE

ANOTHER BRIDGE

Once again there is talk of the need for a second harbour crossing to relieve the pressure on the Harbour Bridge.

Those in control still fail to look to the future. An immediate decision is needed.

Through this paper 14 years ago we suggested a second crossing from the north side via Goat Island to outlet through Balmain.

Those 14 years have passed without any action, and during this time there has been a marked increase in motor vehicles, until now bridge traffic has reached saturation point.

Strange that these things are so obvious to the ordinary man, yet fail to register on those who have the power to implement them.

Experts from overseas have repeatedly warned that the present bridge has a capacity. That day has arrived.

When is someone with some say going to face up to the inevitable? The city is choked with traffic from the north proceeding to other destinations, particularly the west.

Congestion of the city and the pressure from the bridge could be relieved, plus a general saving of time for many motorists.

But who cares? The Government will wait until a state of chaos exists, and then involve us in a multi-million dollar project with possibly the same result as the Opera House.

Overseas brains will be called for—an undetermined cost—and another BUNGLE.

There are local men who can solve this problem. All that is needed is a general wake-up in the Government.

"PAINT-IN" BY CHILDREN WAS COLOURFUL

We can't make any promises — but there could be one or two new Michelangelos coming up in Balmain (that is, if promises displayed at the Gladstone Park children's "Paint-in" last Saturday come to anything).

More than 200 Balmain children took part in the Balmain Association's "Paint-in". The result was a stack of several hundred colourful interpretations of Balmain through the eyes of youngsters ranging from around two years of age to 15 or 16 years.

Many parents attended, most out of sheer interest, but also because little ones would have to be cared for.

Don't dismiss the capabilities of the "littlies" too quickly.

Admittedly their efforts were rather abstract, but they brought to their work a seriousness and a concentration which all could emulate

—even though they had to get away from their work now and then to relax rigid muscles at play.

Obviously, they enjoyed it all.

"Littlies"

There were about 25 entrants under the age of 5 years, and their work was considered quite good.

We're not sure—but Emma Rogers was probably the youngest competitor. She was a tremendous 1 year and 10 months old!

There followed (among those whose names were given to us) Emily Davison (also under 2) and Amelia Stevenson. Kirsty

Campbell and Warwick Porter (all about 2½).

Many of the youngsters put in more than one painting.

The paints (poster colours, made from 40 lbs. of powder paint, mixed with water and wall-paper glue), brushes, easels and paper were supplied by the Association.

The paper, incidentally, was butcher's wrapping paper cut into required sizes. It took two officials of the Association to carry the resultant 1 cwt. of finished paintings to their cars for removal.

Subjects chosen by the young painters were mostly of the rather extensive landscape opening up from the park (which included a sight of the Harbour Bridge), although some painted from memory the street in which they lived.

Gallery

As the paintings were finished they were hung on lines between trees to become an outdoor gallery of local art, and occupied about 70 lineal yards on one side of the park.

The "paint-in" attracted the interest of the city press and TV stations.

All paintings done in the park have been entered in the Association's children's art competition, which closes on July 5. These, together with all other entries, will be judged in four classes, with three prizes in each section.

Entries will be displayed in the Commonwealth Bank, Martin Place, between July 14 and 18 inclusive, and in Balmain Town Hall on the evening of July 25 and morning of July 26. Prizes will be given out that morning.

CLOTHING APPEAL FOR THE NEEDY

The annual Community Clothing Appeal by The Smith Family was officially opened yesterday by the Chief Commissioner of the City of Sydney, the Hon. Vernon Treatt.

The appeal will continue for one month.

Last year The Smith Family assisted more than 112,000 men, women and children from all parts of N.S.W. They included aged, sick, widows, deserted wives and neglected children.

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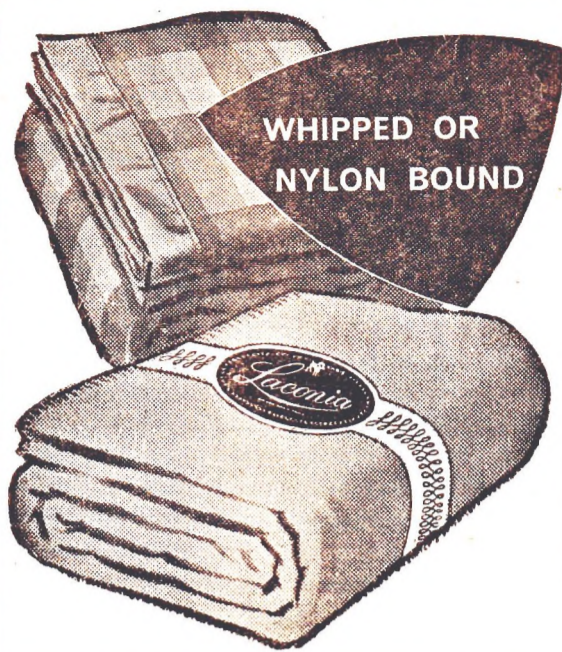
"To the majority of people a warm coat or dry shoes are the basic necessities of life. To a sick or aged pensioner they are absolute luxuries.

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Band commencing at 5.00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENING, 6th JULY:
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CHURCH NOTICES

BALMAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Balmain—Campbell Street.
9.30 a.m.: United Methodist Presbyterian Sunday School.
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.
Fifth 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.
Rector: David Williams 82-1396.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m.: Morning Prayer.
9.30 a.m.: Sunday School.
7.15 p.m.: Evening Prayer.
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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.
Rozelle—
9.30 a.m.: Rozelle Methodist Mission.
Sunday School.
7.15 p.m.: Rozelle Methodist Mission.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROZELLE

9.45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.: Church Service.
7.15 p.m.: Evening Service.
Rev. R. W. Kirkby, Interim Moderator—81-2185.

ST. ANDREW'S CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

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Balmain Has Close Match With Easts

Balmain continued their merry way with a hard-won 11-9 victory over Easts at the Cricket Ground last Saturday.

In a game which was very important to both teams, nothing was given away by either side.

The Tigers always looked the better side, but lacked penetration—which is one thing they'll have to work on. The only players to penetrate to any extent were David Bolton, Olaf Prattl and Terry Parker.

Naturally, in a game which neither side could afford to lose, the play lacked the brilliant open-style football the crowd looks for, but in the circumstances I thought the paying customers went home happy enough.

Best Players

The second half was close until the last six or seven minutes, when Will o' the Wisp David Bolton potted a neat field goal, then followed up a break by Olaf Prattl to give flying Sidie Williams a try near

the posts from a beautiful kick over full-back Terry Bawden.

Balmain's best players were David Bolton, Olaf Prattl, Bob Smithies, Terry Parker and Sid Williams amongst the backs, while Jack Spencer, Barry McTaggart and John Crawford took the honours amongst the forwards.

I was particularly impressed by Terry Parker's half a game. He made a couple of good breaks, and strikes me as the ideal type to run off Olaf Prattl. I also thought Bob Smithies had a good game, especially in attack.

John Crawford got through a lot of work, as did Peter Provan and Gary Leo, who played hard for the full 80 minutes. Gary had a try disallowed early in the second half, which most supporters, including myself, thought was a fair try.

TIGERS' CORNER

By "Black Eye"

Awards

Bennett's Electrical's Best and Fairest awards were given as follow:—

First grade: 3, D. Bolton; 2, S. Williams; 1, J. Crawford. **Reserves:** 3, K. Bowrey; 2, V. Querin; 1, J. Walsh.

Thirds: 3, A. Fogg; 2, J. McGeehan; 1, G. Barnes.

Progress points at this stage are:

First grade: 14, K. Outten; 11, G. Leo, O. Prattl; 10, J. Spencer, L. Killeen; 9, P. Provan.

Reserves: 17, J. Walsh; 9, J. McCarthy; 7, K. Bowrey; 5, P. Cross, G. Fryer; 6, T. Parker.

Thirds: 16, M. Ross; 11, A. Fogg; 7, G. Barnes; 6, J. Bragg; 5, J. McGeehan, A. Hanneman.

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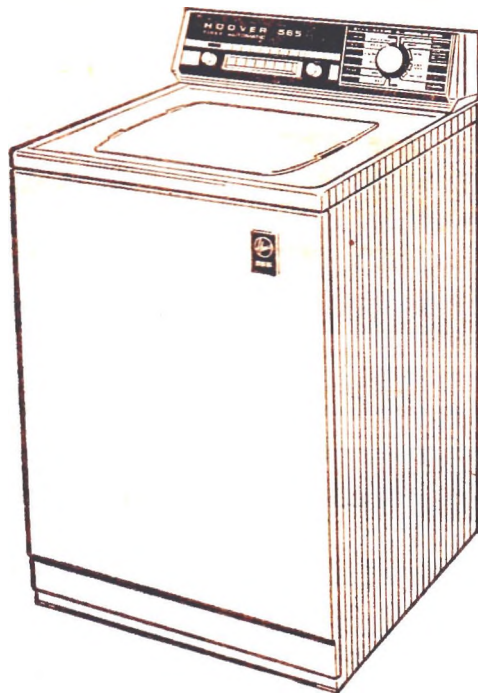
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The public hearing of objections to the Leichhardt Municipal Planning Scheme will commence on Wednesday, July 16, at 7.30 p.m., in Leichhardt Town Hall.

The hearing will be in the form of special meetings of the Council, with the Mayor or his deputy in the chair, and alder-

men constituting the tribunal.

The meetings will be open to the public, and will be held every second Wednesday thereafter.

Council will hear between 70 and 80 objections to its plan, but will reserve judgment on each.

Some of the objections concern minor matters, such as street widening and access to individual properties, and these should be disposed of quickly.

Others will concern big industry, and it is anticipated that the objecting parties will brief Counsel to present their cases, which could take three or four hours to hear.

BALMAIN ROTARY OFFICERS

The Rotary Club of Balmain held its Annual Change-over Night last Tuesday at the Amory, Ashfield.

This occasion was an impressive and enjoyable one, and the new President was duly invested.

New officers for the year are: President, George Fury; Vice-President, Fred Bretnall; Secretary, Bill Devitt; Treasurer, Frank Field.

The function was under the direct supervision of Jack Zuber.

Wharf At Thames St. A Problem

The length of ships which will use the A.N.L.'s new terminal in Mort Bay has created a problem concerning the Thames Street ferry wharf, whose position would interfere with the free movement of the big ships.

Leichhardt Council would not agree to the Line's suggestion that the wharf be moved to Campbell Street, to which local residents objected.

At a recent Works Committee inspection of the site, the company suggested that the problem would be solved by re-siting the wharf steps at a different level.

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ful condition.
Rugby League week-
end results were: C
main East, the money
would have been better
spent in improving the
baths, as well as the
streets and footpaths.
Cross 45-2; H. bye.
Ryde at Neild Park; and
the under 14 lost 6-0 at
Neild Park.
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excellent Column Nine
at Sutherland Club, Bal-
main Club boxes, Tony
Bolt and Michael Rus-
sell, each had his first
fight and performed well,
although suffering narrow
points defeats.
The position is deplo-
rable. The Balmain pen-
insula is very beautiful,
and it is scandalous how
it has been raped by
industry.
I was amused to read
a few weeks ago that
one from 8 to 21 is wel-
come to attend the
classes.
Last Monday a table
tennis team from this
club played Fairfield at
Fairfield, and won all 10
our waterfront and de-
creed that the Balmain
Baths were the biggest
eyesore.
I ask: whose fault is
that? I have been living
close to the baths for
many years and have
seen precious little ren-
ovating done.
Instead of Leichhardt
Council spending rate-
payers' money in erect-
ing those units at Bal-
main East, the money
end results were: C
Denison, D. bye; E.
unknown; F. beat Deni-
stone 26-2; G. beat Holy
Cross 45-2; H. bye.
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