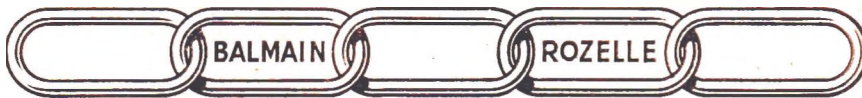


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LESS AIR POLLUTION IN BALMAIN

Considerable improvement in the extent of air pollution on the Balmain peninsula occurred in 1968 compared with 1967, according to the Leichhardt Municipal Health Surveyor and Building Inspector, Mr. R. S. Williams.

Mr. Williams considers that the improvement was due mainly to less use being made of Balmain power house (which is a "stand-by" station), and also to favourable wind conditions.

The improvement occurred at each of the three sites being used for the collection of samples of deposit—two in Balmain and one in Rozelle—and concerns the number of tons of dust-fall of

These samples are collected and forwarded each month to the Air Pollution Control Branch, Department of Public Health, for analysis.

The branch submitted the following report of the mean deposit gauge results (in tons per square mile per month) for the various sites for 1968 (with the 1967 figures for insoluble solids in parenthesis):

The Council's Smoke Abatement Advisory Panel investigated 17 new problems last year. It met on six occasions and dealt with 151 items of correspondence, 82 reports by Health Inspectors and 36 items on the agenda.

Eighteen problems were brought under control. At the end of the year 18 problems awaited finalisation, being held up pending completion of

Site No.	Insoluble Solids Dust-Fall	Combustible Matter	Ash	Soluble Matter
1	14.3 (17.2)	7.3	7.0	7.8
2	10.6 (14.1)	3.1	7.5	6.0
3	13.8 (14.9)	4.2	9.6	4.3
4	18.2 (12.3)	5.2	13.0	5.0
5	9.5 (10.3)	3.7	5.8	3.0
6	7.6 (5.9)	3.2	4.4	3.7

insoluble solids per square mile per month.

The dust-fall in Birchgrove Road, Balmain, dropped from 17.2 tons in 1967 to 14.3 tons in 1968; in Johnston St., Balmain, from 14.1 to 10.6; and in Quirk St., Rozelle, from 14.9 to 13.8.

In his report to Council Mr Williams said that working in conjunction with the Department of Public Health, Leichhardt Council maintains and regularly collects deposit gauge samples from the following six sites within the municipality:

(1) 66 Birchgrove Rd., Balmain. (2) 15 Johnston St., Balmain. (3) Corner of Gordon and Quirk Sts., Rozelle. (4) Johnston St., Annandale. (5) Callan Park, Leichhardt. (6) 94 Macauley St., Leichhardt.

Smoke
 In addition, testing of the atmosphere for smoke density is carried out in the municipality.

Working in conjunction with the Air Pollution Control Branch, a smoke density recorder is in operation at the Health Office, Balmain Town Hall, and the recordings are forwarded weekly to the branch.

The smoke density returns show an average of 1.0 coefficient of haze units per 1000 lineal feet for this municipality during 1968.

This compares with: Sydney Town Hall 1.7, Redfern Town Hall 1.4, Paddington Town Hall 2.5, Prince Albert Park 1.1, North Sydney Council 0.7, and Botany Council 0.9.

work to plant, awaiting replies from management or deferred pending inspection by panel members.

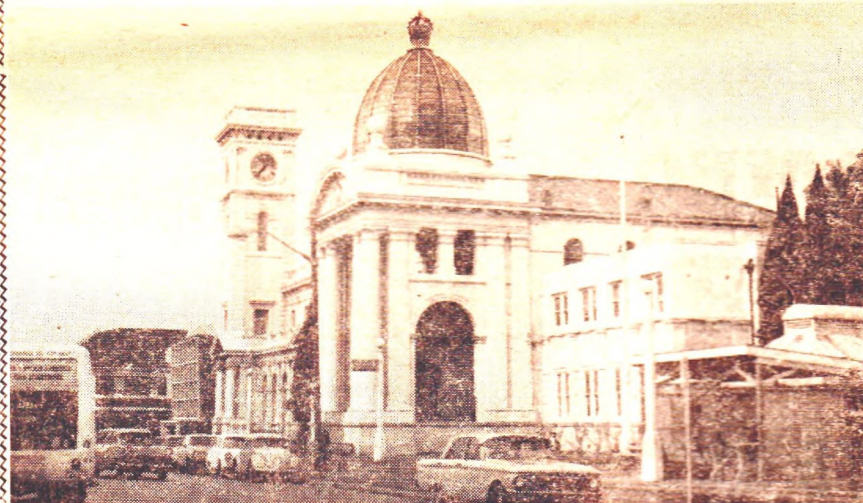
In two of the problems it was necessary to serve notices under the Clean Air Act to correct emissions of smoke and particulate matter.

Inquiries made of firms and organisations showed that \$55,000 was spent on improvements to plant and new installations by eight occupiers of commercial premises within the municipality following investigations by the panel.

Mr Williams said it was gratifying to find so much co-operation from industry in preventing air pollution.

The panel, which was the only one of its kind in the metropolitan area, worked for co-operation with industry, and industry appreciated its efforts.

BALMAIN DIGNITY AND CHARM



Whatever image some people wish to give to Balmain, the visitor seeking atmosphere cannot fail to be impressed with the dignity and charm of some of its public buildings.

Here are two of them:
ABOVE: Birchgrove Public School. BELOW: The Court House, Police Station and Post

Office, in Darling Street. Both of them occupy prominent positions on the Balmain peninsula. The school looks down on the busy waterfront scene near Cockatoo Dock. The other complex occupies the highest portion of the peninsula, and is an echo of Victorian days.

Column NINE

YOUR AIR IS CLEANER

It is gratifying to see how much improvement there was last year in the extent of air pollution on the Balmain peninsula—welcome news in view of the complaints so often heard that the peninsula is "dying" because of increased industrialisation.

That the improvement was due largely to less use being made of coal-burning Balmain power house is a point we hope will be noted closely by the electricity authorities. We understand there are plans to cease using this stand-by station. In that case we can expect greater—and permanent—improvement in due course.

Increase in air pollution is often an inevitable result of greater concentration of industry in an area, and society demands official efforts to counter it.

That Leichhardt Council works so consistently in the smoke abatement field deserves full congratulations, and the Health Surveyor and Building Inspector earns respect for his initiative in persuading Council to set up its Advisory Panel (the only one in the metropolitan area) which comprises both Council personnel and outside experts. Mr Williams rates among the leaders in Australia in this field.

The local work of preventing air pollution extends into many quarters, and evidence of its success is the extent of co-operation coming from industry.

This paper has been one of the strongest and most consistent critics of Leichhardt Council's activities, and it is happy that in this sphere, at any rate, the Council's reputation is high. Let's hope its general reputations is now properly on the upward path.

SURVEY OF IRON COVE SILTATION Conference Delegates

A hydraulic survey is being carried out by the Maritime Services Board to discover the cause of siltation in the Iron Cove area.

Mr R. Degen, M.L.A. for Balmain, said he had received this advice in reply to a request for details from the Government about action being taken to combat the build-up of silt in the area.

The Government hoped the survey would es-

establish the degree of responsibility for siltation.

Mr Degen said that at present the Maritime Services Board accepted responsibility only for dredging necessary for commercial shipping, while the Water Board was responsible for clearing the Harthorne Canal.

Neither authority would accept responsibility for siltation of bays and inlets not used by commercial shipping.

Mr Degen said he expected the current survey to overcome that position.

One representative of Rozelle ward, but none of Balmain ward, will be among Leichhardt Council delegates to the Local Government annual conference at Dubbo in October.

Delegates selected by the Council will be the Mayor (Ald. L. J. Rodwell) and Aldermen Mrs. A. R. Cashman, J. G. Brady and C. A. Poole, with Aldermen P. J. Wilson and A. E. H. Smith as observers.

The Town Clerk, Mr. E. A. Bassett, will accompany the delegation.

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Timetable Of Ferries

I have written to Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty. Ltd. pointing out that there must be countless others like myself who would use the ferries more if only there were a better timetable, such as one leaving Darling Street for people who have to start work at 8.30 a.m.

The 7.40 a.m. ferry caters for the 8 a.m. starters, and the 8.25 and 8.30 ferries cater for the 9 a.m. starters, but there is no ferry between 7.40 and 8.25.

Would it not be possible for one to leave Darling St. at, say, 8 or 8.10 a.m.?

Although I work down Circular Quay, because of lack of a suitable ferry I am forced to catch a bus into York St. and then another to the Quay.

Also I notice on occasions when a ferry pulls into Darling St. wharf there is no waiting bus. As I would

have to wait for at least 10 minutes for one, I walk home — decidedly difficult in wet weather.

I realise there are many problems associated with running a ferry service, but there does not seem much point in providing one which does not cater mainly for the workers who, after all, are the biggest users.

Gloria N. Hunter (Queens Place).

Industrial Safety Gathering

Balmain District Industrial Safety Group will hold a combined meeting with the South Coast and Tablelands Safety Group at Port Kembla on August 12.

During the morning an inspection will be made of the Australian Iron and Steel plant areas, and in the afternoon there will be an open seminar on hearing conservation.

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New Complaint Of Noise At Terminal Wharf

The White Bay container terminal seems determined to live up to its reputation for night noises, despite the noise-abatement measures introduced by the operators. Local residents now complain of a new menace — a ship's blowing off of steam.

The Local Action Committee — comprising Grafton Street residents—advises that it has registered a new complaint with the terminal operators, Seatainer Terminals Ltd.

The secretary, Mrs J. Sherlock, reported to the company that a ship berthed at the terminal wharf had blown off steam for over an hour on each of two consecutive nights.

She told "The Link" that about 1.30 a.m. on July 24 she was awakened out of her sleep by "a terrible noise", which was soon identified as that of a ship blowing off a head of steam.

Assurance

The noise she described as "All hell let loose". It continued until about 3 a.m.

The same thing happened the following night between 10.30 and 11.30.

She rang the Maritime Services Board to report the incident, and was assured that a man would be sent to the ship to investigate.

Later she complained by phone to Seatainer Terminals Ltd., and received a very good hearing from a company official, who assured her that the situation would not recur.

"I can't understand why anybody would want to do that in the middle of the night in a residential area", she said. "In any case, I am advised that this should never be done in port.

"Surely a ship's officers would realise that such a noise late at night would create real problems for people living nearby?"

"Are the days of courtesy—or of ordinary thoughtfulness towards fellow human beings—quite over?"

Mrs Sherlock said it was frustrating to have to report this new incident after the improvement they had previously noticed from the terminal area at night.

This followed the measures adopted by the terminal operators.

"Residents appreciate that the company is making every effort to see that life is a little easier for us", she said.

"And this applies not only to the company, but also to the workmen themselves, who are responding to our appeals for co-operation in damping down the noises.

"We wrote to them pointing out how they could assist by displaying greater care in handling containers and operating the machinery and motor vehicles, and received a pleasing response.

"They assured me personally that they would have delegates attend the next meeting of our committee to discuss the whole matter with us.

"I think we can get even better results than we have had so far if the men themselves realise how difficult it is for us when loud noises occur at night.

"We are hoping the men will co-operate fully, also that their unions will keep a fatherly eye on the matter".

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The Minister for Education and Science, Mr C. B. Cutler, said that parents would gain a fuller understanding of what the schools were trying to do for their children and the teaching methods and techniques being used in the classrooms.

This year's theme for Education Week is "Education—Meet the Challenge".

Education Sunday is to be observed next Sunday, August 10, when some 300,000 children and their parents and teachers will attend churches of their own choice.

Meeting

A public meeting called for Sunday next, August 10, at Sydney Town Hall, is expected to endorse overwhelmingly the resolutions sub-

mitted by the organising committee.

The meeting has been organised by the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of N.S.W., Federation of Infants' School Clubs and the Teachers' Federation.

Its purpose is to protest at the failure of Governments to provide adequate funds for the remedy of unsatisfactory conditions in public schools.

HELP SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS!

The Liberal candidate for the new Federal electorate of Sydney, Mr Graham Robertson, intends to apply to the Federal Treasurer for extra financial assistance for N.S.W. schools and hospitals.

He said past Governments had so neglected inner suburban schools that with the reclaiming of children's playing areas for new school

construction there were few playing areas or even luncheon spots for the children.

"Removal of both Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital must be stopped at all costs", said Mr Robertson. "These hospitals are not only unique in their own way, but are of the utmost importance to the rapidly expanding city."

BALMAIN HOSPITAL

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TIGERS ARE HUMBLED BY MAGPIES

More than 10,000 spectators turned up on Sunday at Leichhardt Oval, many hoping to see Balmain thrash Western Suburbs and so keep some interest in this year's premiership fight.

This followed Souths' crushing defeat of St. George last Saturday.

Unfortunately they were treated to a shabby and sometimes disheartening display by the Tigers, who went down 12-19, never really giving their supporters much to cheer.

Lack of possession was one of the prime reasons for their defeat, but even when they had the ball numerous scoring chances were squandered by reckless and loose passing.

I thought "Chicka" Outten and Bob Smithies were the two to shine for the Tigers. Both never stopped trying, and repeatedly tried to set up their supports—to no avail.

If some of the forwards had tackled like Keith Outten the result would almost certainly have been reversed.

Tackling

Artie Beetson and Gary Leo had solid games, and made many breaks, only to see their passes go astray. Both tackled well, and with more support will prove more than troublesome

to their future opposition.

Jack Spencer is wasted in the centre, and the sooner he's back in his rightful position the better. Jack has the uncanny anticipation from the second row to make tries, and Balmain need him there if they're to break back into the winning list.

As I remarked in this column last week, Len Killeen appears to be carrying an injury and should be made to prove his fitness before selection in first grade. Len was again a passenger in the second half, and this could have cost the Tigers a win.

The most puzzling aspect of the game was why Paul Cross was starved of the ball. This speedy winger has proved during recent games his potential to score tries, yet every time Balmain had the ball they played towards injured Len Killeen's wing.

One player who realised Paul Cross's ability to score was Artie Beetson, who tried to put Paul through late in the game.

Peter Fardell did a great amount of tackling and tried hard to find the openings, with limited opportunities.

With the availability of Sid Williams shortly it will be interesting to know the selectors' thoughts as to who'll be

from the TIGERS CORNER

By "Black Eye"

dropped in his favour. Sid must be included, but in place of whom is the big question.

Next week-end we come up against Parramatta, who are always a hard team to beat, particularly at Cumberland oval. Our forwards will need to improve on their last game if they are to hold Parramatta's pack.

Balmain will need to pull a miracle out of the bag to have any chance of reaching grand final—that is if last Sunday's form is any guide

Awards

Bennett's Electrical Best and Fairest awards are as follows:

First grade: 3. G. Leo; 2. J. Walsh; 1. K. Outten. **Reserves:** 3. B. McTaggart; 2. A. Fitzgibbon; 1. K. Bowrey. **Thirds:** 3. P. Boulton; 2. R. Wicks; 1. D. McFarlane.

Progress points at this stage are:

Firsts: 15. K. Outten, G. Leo; 11. P. Provan, O. Pratt; 10. J. Spencer, L. Killeen; 8. R. Smithies. **Reserves:** 17. J. Walsh; 13. K. Bowrey; 9. J. McCarthy; 8. G. Fryer. **Thirds:** 16. M. Ross; 11. R. Loomes, A. Fogg; 10. P. Boulton, G. Barnes; 9. J. McGeehan.



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11.00. P.M.—12.00, 12.30, 1.30, 2.29, 3.36, 4.36, 5.36, 6.30, 7.40, 8.36, 9.36, 10.36, 11.30.
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They are also asked to be early, as the draw will be made as soon as 64 names are down.

Member Ronnie Coleman was admitted to Balmain Hospital last week.

Both Bill Watson and Keith Williams have been discharged from hospital, although Keith is still very sick at home.

The Monte Carlo on Sunday night was won by Mary Rankin and Mort Flynn, but Mary failed to draw an ace, so this week it will be worth \$20.

A scheme to teach 85,000 children to swim in the Christmas holidays will be undertaken by the National Fitness Council of N.S.W. and the Department of Education.

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