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Council Will Give Lead In Keeping Streets Tidy

Following a serious complaint of inefficiency by Leichhardt Council staff in mowing footpath lawns and removing street litter in Balmain, the Mayor (Ald. L. J. Rodwell) has given instructions that supervision must be strengthened. He has also made an appeal to citizens to co-operate by keeping tidy the areas outside their homes.

Ald. Rodwell said the situation would have to be improved by Council giving a lead to the people.

The complaint to the Mayor related especially to inefficient and apparently unsupervised work by Council staff during the late summer, when favourable climatic conditions produced a heavy growth of grass on footpath lawns in Balmain.

The latest grass cutting was a miserable effort, large sections being left uncut alongside others badly cut.

In at least one street, the staff had left piles of cut grass on the road.

Street Litter

Here and there this was associated with litter obviously deposited by passers-by.

In one spot, alongside a vacant block of land, the litter included two sections of a broken lounge-room settee.

The complaint to the Mayor also alleged time-wasting by Council staff, and suggested that the main problem was the

need for greater supervision of the workmen concerned.

In addition it alleged failure to cover Council garbage trucks, resulting in papers being blown over the road when the trucks moved along the streets.

Ald. Rodwell told "The Link" that he had issued instructions that supervision was to be stepped up if there were indications of poor workmanship or the ignoring of litter by Council staff.

He thought the situation should be more strongly policed to ensure that Council set an example.

"The example should stem from the Council's staff itself", he said. "Council has the responsibility to see that the streets are tidy, and to remove litter, mainly because of health requirements.

"However, it is not always an easy job to do this. Litter cast down by people is often left in nooks and crannies

where it is difficult to pick up.

"People should help us in this matter by reporting the presence of litter".

The Mayor said that when somebody threw down litter, others passing by felt it was the start of a dumping scheme, and promptly added to it. He had seen that happen many times.

Industrial

Leichhardt Municipality had a special problem in regard to litter, the Mayor said.

A lot of industrial waste collected, and truck drivers entering the area brought more.

Also, through traffic added to the problem, since passing motorists threw things out of car windows on to the streets.

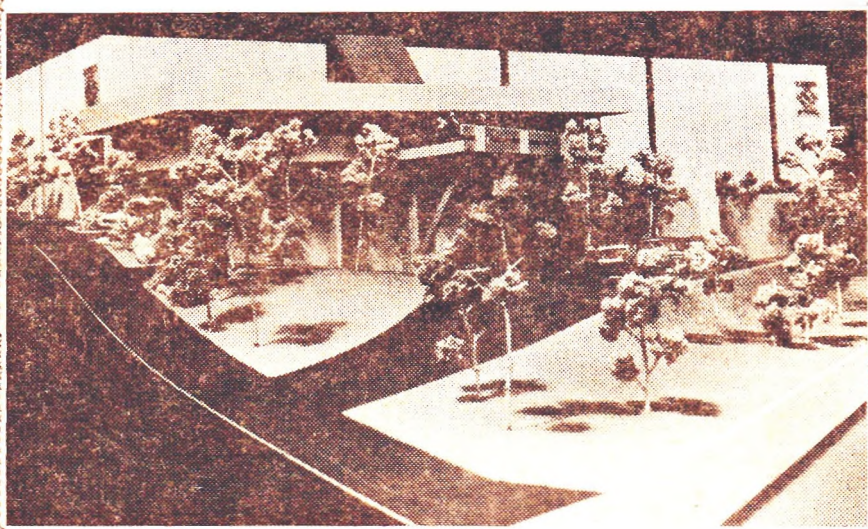
Where there was knowledge of this practice of dumping, Council decided to prosecute on all occasions.

"The Link" asked Ald. Rodwell why Leichhardt Council had a policy of mowing the footpath lawns throughout the municipality, instead of leaving this to the residents, as in other municipalities.

He replied that if Council did not do the mowing itself, very often the grass would never be mown. Many residents were not sufficiently civic-minded to bother.

Some residents, of

MILLION DOLLAR WINERY PROJECT



This is an artist's impression of Kaiser Stuhl's new million dollar winery project in Balmain, in the form of a warehouse, bottling and filling plant, and administration block, to be built by October this year on a 2½ acre site leading from Elliott Street, Balmain, to the waterfront.

It will be one of the most modern complexes of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. (Story elsewhere in this issue).

course, took great pride in keeping their home surroundings neat, and did a better job than the Council staff could.

Ald. Rodwell appealed to citizens to be more conscious of the need to keep tidy the area in front of their homes.

He thought that civic-minded groups like The Balmain Association could arouse in the district a greater desire to keep the streets tidy and attractive.

Endorsement

The President of The Balmain Association, Mr W. Haesler, enthusiastically endorsed the Mayor's views.

He said they were already working along such lines, as shown by their offer to plant and care for trees in some Balmain streets.

Mr Haesler said a meeting had been held last week between representatives of the Association, Leichhardt Council and the Forestry Commission to discuss the Association's proposal to plant trees in Curtis Road.

He understood that the Council's Engineer, Mr Wilson, was happy with some of the arrangements proposed. Mr Wilson had made various suggestions and offers of Council assistance.

"We encourage residents to look after their own environment, and

R.S.L. CORNER

Bad news to report ident of Balmain - Rozelle R.S.L. Club.

R.S.L. Club this week—Secondly, John Ori-

the untimely death of glass, son of Balmain ward alderman, Nick Origlass.

Firstly, Women's Auxiliary member, Evelyn Leo, mother of first grade footballer Gary Leo, and daughter of Bert Martin, Past Pres-

ident of Balmain - Rozelle R.S.L. Club.

at least to keep it tidy", said Mr Haesler.

"Generally we find that they do. Proof of public interest in this matter is the offer by a number of local residents to look after trees if they were planted in the street".

Mr Haesler said he was impressed by the work being done by a Council officer in caring for parks in East Balmain, and thought it a wise policy for the Council to appoint one man to attend to each district.

Mr Haesler added that The Balmain Association was already considering the question of offering a nominal prize for public competition for the best small garden in Balmain.

They were interested particularly in embellishing the areas around the various blocks of home units.

Column NINE

Your Home Surrounds

Balmain people with some civic pride in their make-up hope for immediate results from the Mayor's instruction for strengthened supervision of footpath lawn mowing and other aspects of street clean-up.

Footpath lawn mowing by the Council could never be described as a major necessity. In fact, if there were more evidence among residents of the civic pride seen in most parts of Sydney it wouldn't be needed at all.

Still, it is desirable, and since the Council has accepted that

amounted to an insult to slum it the way it was done recently. We're pleased to note the Mayor's appeal for more co-operation from residents in keeping Balmain tidy, and hope that this, too, will secure immediate results.

Enthusiasm from garden-lovers in caring for their strip of footpath lawn is expected in any suburb. It generally has some chain reaction, even if only out of a sense of shame.

Balmain is often described as a good place in which to live. At times you wouldn't think people believed this.

Some critics, of course, will wonder at the Mayor's apparently new-found admiration of The Balmain Association for its civic-mindedness.

We hope it has substance, and that he can convince his Caucus colleagues that this is justified, for it could be the makings of more friendliness between Association and Council, which would be good for everybody.

Let's hope Party politics can be kept out of the whole situation.

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The Tigers Have Hit Rock Bottom

At Brookvale Oval last Sunday Balmain supporters were treated to what must have been the most pathetic display ever turned in by a Balmain first grade side.

They were thrashed by Manly to the sour tune of 44 to 10.

If I hadn't been at the Cricket Ground last season to see Balmain actually win the grand final at South Sydney's expense I'd never have believed that this side could have won a premiership of any description.

Pre-season form didn't matter, so we thought! But they either think it's still pre-season stuff or they just haven't the ability. One can't say at this stage.

Their tackling, attacking and constructive play were all non-existent.

Maybe Manly played a blinder, but one thing stands out like a beacon: The Tigers will need to improve a thousand per cent to have any chance of making the semis.

I think Leo Nosworthy can start by giving each

and every player miles of work, as it was most obvious that certain players were way short of match fitness.

Getting back to the game, one must congratulate Manly on a fine performance, as they took every opportunity that came their way.

Both wingers, Gough and Hanigan, had great games and continually ran around their opposites.

Big Bill Hamilton had one of his best games, and Alan Thomson gave their forwards that solidity they lacked in previous seasons.

On this performance Manly must be rated top contenders for Balmain's title.

Trying to single out Balmain's best players is very difficult, as quite honestly I didn't think any of them shone in

from the
**TIGERS
CORNER**
By
"Black Eye"

the least, in either attack or defence.

One consolation for Balmain's army of supporters is that they can't get any worse and must improve as the season progresses.

Awards

Once again Bennett's Electrical Centre will be donating electrical goods for the Best and Fairest players from each grade.

As yet they haven't decided on the prizes to be allocated, so we are unable at this stage to announce Best and Fairest awards for Sunday's game.

These will be shown in next week's issue of "The Link".

Next Saturday Balmain tackle St. George at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

It's to be sincerely hoped that they can improve tremendously on their showing against Manly, otherwise they can kiss the Cricket Ground goodbye for quite some time.

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BIG WINERY COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON BALMAIN WATERFRONT

The producers of Kaiser Stuhl wines, which are among the most successful wines from the Barossa Valley, South Australia, have announced a \$1 million expansion programme for Sydney to satisfy growing demands in N.S.W., Queensland and the A.C.T.

Mr O. S. Semmler, chairman of Barossa Co-operative Winery Ltd., producers of Kaiser Stuhl wines, said the programme had been launched with the signing of contracts for construction of a unique and prestige building on the Balmain waterfront. The signing ceremony took place in Sydney at a meeting attended by the company's representatives, and representatives of Cranna and Mitchell (architects) and William Hughes & Co. Pty. Ltd. (builders).

Landmark

The air-conditioned complex will include extensive warehouse accommodation, wine filling and bottling facilities, special functions room and administration block.

A sophisticated and aesthetically pleasing structure, it will be one of the most modern complexes of its type. It has been architecturally

designed and landscaped to become a landmark in Sydney.

It is scheduled for completion by late October.

The two buildings, set on a sloping 2½ acre site leading from Elliott Street to the waterfront, will have a commanding view of the waterways.

The weighty, "earthy" materials to be used in construction are meant to express the character of the wine industry.

The two-storey warehouse and bottling and filling section will be constructed of steel and reinforced concrete.

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Each section will be 5 ft. wide and up to 25 ft. long, and will weigh between 4 and 5 tons.

The overall floor space of the warehouse and

bottling and filling section will be 30,000 sq. ft.

The ground floor will house the fully palletised wine store, and the top floor the bottling and filling section.

This building is part of a master plan with floor space in excess of 100,000 sq. ft., and its design provides a prestige show window for the wines.

The site is ideal for the bulk handling of wine from the Barossa Valley, by road or water to Sydney.

Because of the site's slope, both floors can be serviced at ground level by commercial vehicles.

After filling, the bottled wine will be carried by conveyor belts to storage and delivery areas.

Seamless floors in the bottling plant will be treated with a specially developed epoxy resin, and the whole area will be drained into a large neutralising chamber.

The administration section will also be faced with pre-cast concrete, and will have an area of 6500 sq. ft.

The ground floor will comprise executive car park, reception lobby and staff amenities section, and the top floor will contain executive offices, private suite, special functions room and general offices.

The architects have created a cellar atmosphere in the special functions room.

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The Balmain Association's big restoration project—The Watch House—is approaching completion. It will be officially opened on Sunday, April 12, at a ceremony to be attended by many Balmain supporters and others interested in preservation of national relics.

A National Trust property, whose restoration The Balmain Association accepted as a duty, the Watch House is situated at 179 Darling Street, Balmain.

Built in the Georgian tradition that persisted in the colony well into Queen Victoria's reign, it was one of a pair of police stations designed by Edmund Blacket, Colonial Architect.

The other was at Victoria Cross, North Sydney.

Work started in May, 1854, Messrs Holmes and Coney being the builders.

The building remained headquarters of the local constabulary until 1887, when the present Police Court and Post Office building was completed.

Restoration of the building has involved, among many things, renewal of the slate roof over the main building and the cell block at the rear, and refurbishing of the old police charge room with authentic furniture and relics, some of which have been donated.

The work has depended on contributions by members of the Association and voluntary labour.

The President of the Association, Mr W. Haesler, said the other day that everybody was working day and night and at week-ends in order to have the work completed by the opening date.

Present work involves

Civic Church Service

Balmain and Rozelle community service groups will be represented at a special civic service to be held by St. Thomas' C. of E., Rozelle, next Sunday, at 7.15 p.m.

The service will be held in conjunction with harvest thanksgiving.

Harvest thank-offering gifts of fruit and vegetables, and tinned and packet goods will be passed on to Balmain Salvation Army Aged Men's Home.

Service groups to be represented include Rotary, Police Boys' Club, Anti-T.B. Nursing Service, Balmain Hospital and Rozelle Psychiatric Centre.

tidying up, final painting, covering of the floors with matting, landscaping and fencing.

When the Watch House is opened it will contain a children's library, which is due to be opened about mid-year.

There will be a restored cell and charge room, furnished in the period of the 1860's.

Other rooms will be used for meetings and an art gallery to contain works illustrating the life of Balmain.

There will be sculpture, pottery, paintings, and examples of children's art, as well as historical photographs and artifacts relating to Balmain.

It is expected that some people will respond to the Association's request to make convict relics available for display.

The historical displays concerning Balmain will include such subjects as the coal mine, maritime activity, and the suburb's historical buildings.

One room will be set aside for archive purposes, to house a lot of material (such as photographs and old letters) already in the Association's possession.

The official opening ceremony will be by the Minister for Lands, Mr T. L. Lewis. He will be accompanied by the President of the National Trust, Mr Ivor Wyatt, who will address the gathering.

Official guests are expected to include the Member for Balmain (Mr Roger Degen, M.L.A.), the Mayor of Leichhardt (Ald. L. J.

Rodwell), local aldermen, and representatives of local churches and schools.

Invitations have been sent also to the Comptroller of Prisons (Mr McGleechan, who has given the Association considerable assistance in respect of the building restoration), and the Commissioner of Police (Mr Allan).

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MEALS FOR THE NEWLY-WEDS

As newly-weds set out on a new life together they have the chance to build the basis of good eating habits for themselves and their future family, says the N.S.W. State Health Department.

Adjusting to each other's likes and dislikes will involve new habits and it's best to make sure they will form a sound basis for your children's life-long habits.

Three meals each day are generally needed in order to include all the foods which nourish the body.

A pattern of a little breakfast, a skimped lunch and a heavy tea will leave you tired during the day and may not provide adequate nourishment.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast should provide fresh energy for the morning's activities and a good share of the day's nutrients.

You should choose the following:

- Wholegrain porridge or enriched cereal with milk, and/or
- Egg, meat, fish or cheese dish
- Toast and butter
- Beverage—tea, coffee, milk
- Fruit or fruit juice if desired.

A breakfast of only coffee, toast and marmalade may lead to mid-morning tiredness and over-eating at the end of the day.

LUNCH

Lunch should be enjoyed as much as dinner. Meals on the run aren't pleasant and relaxing to most people.

Lunch should be chosen from:

- A meat, egg, fish or cheese
- Salad vegetables and/or fresh fruit
- Bread and butter
- Beverage — milk tea, coffee.

DINNER

Dinner is usually the main meal and the Australian pattern of meat and vegetables is a good one.

- Choose from:
- A meat, poultry, fish dish or other protein dish
 - Potato
 - Vegetables, including dark green or yellow vegetables frequently
 - Fresh fruit or cooked

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Should he be involved in an accident or charged by the police after having passed through the red light, the onus of proving that the lights were not operating effectively would be on him.

The N.R.M.A. says that should a driver be stopped in these circumstances he should explain the position to the policeman so that an immediate investigation

can be made and the defect in the lights confirmed.

He should also report the failure to the Department of Motor Transport for confirmation.

Sometimes, of course, the lights correct themselves and this could be difficult for the driver.

However, a driver so charged could possibly secure "exemption from penalty" under provision of Section 556A of the Crimes Act and Regulation 130 of the Motor Traffic Act.

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