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# Hospital Interested In Old Men's Home

The future of the Glebe Old Men's Home sprang back into the news last week, when the Mayor of Leichhardt, Ald. L. J. Rodwell, reported that he had been involved in negotiations with Balmain Hospital to take over the home.

"The Link" has learned that, should this occur, the home would in time play a part in the overall plan by the hospital to introduce what could possibly be Australia's most advanced system of medical care for the aged.

The discussions between the Mayor and the hospital authorities were reported in a minute from Ald. Rodwell.

This said that he had been involved in negotiations with Balmain Hospital to take over the home.

The negotiations, he said, had reached the stage where the hospital had advised that it was

prepared to take over the home under the only condition laid down by Council — which was that the present inmates were not to be interfered with.

The Mayor also reported that legal proceedings were being taken against the present manager (Mr Len Campbell) and his wife.

He asked Council to endorse his action, and Council decided to do so.

## Opposition

The motion to endorse his action was opposed by the two Balmain ward aldermen present—Ald. Wyner and Ald. Graham.

Before the vote was taken, Ald. Wyner sought to speak in opposition to the motion, saying he was entitled to present a case against it.

The Mayor, however, ruled that there should be no discussion of a Mayoral minute, and that it be put to the vote.

The report of the discussions between the Mayor and Balmain Hospital recalls the statement in "The Link" last May by the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, Mr K. R. J. Boylan, on the subject of institution of a geriatric service in the area covering Balmain, Rozelle, Glebe and Leichhardt.

"Geriatrics" is the term applied to medical care of the aged, and takes various forms, including psychiatric attention, which was recently commenced by Callan Park Hospital.

Last year Mr Boylan said that Balmain Hospital had discussed for a number of years the question of establishing a geriatric service in the area served by it.

Its plan was based on the fact that the Balmain-Rozelle area possessed proportionately more aged persons than practically all other areas in N.S.W. with the exception of the Gosford district.

A geriatric service, he said, did not necessarily have to be given on the premises of a general hospital. It could be provided separately.

The latest attitude on care of the aged was that it was not sufficient to handle only their acute stages of chronic

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diseases.

A total care programme was required if people were to be regarded as individuals and not just mere "medical episodes".

Mr Boylan said the other day that in time the Glebe Old Men's Home could play a part in the hospital's plans for a geriatric service.

It would then be associated with another aspect of geriatric service, involving possible use of Comox House.

Comox House, which is in Wortley Street near Punch Park, is now used as a nurses' home, and its use for geriatric service would call for extension of the existing nurses' home in the hospital grounds.

That, however, would have to wait finality in the current project for a new outpatient-casualty block.

## Recovery

The proposal would be to use Comox House to accommodate some 40 aged patients who had been in the general hospital with an acute condition, and who would be rehabilitated there under geriatric care before returning to the community.

In that way patients would be recovering away from the environment of a general hospital, which would be very good for them.

At the same time, their removal from the main hospital would release beds for acute cases.

# NEW COUNCIL ACTION ON COURT COSTS

Leichhardt Council has altered its decision on the method to be adopted to recover from the three Balmain aldermen the costs of the Equity Court action against them by the Mayor, Ald. L. J. Rodwell.

At the Council meeting on March 3, Council endorsed the action by the Mayor in instructing the Council's solicitor to issue a writ of execution, to be handed to the sheriff, since the costs had not been paid by them.

The costs amounted to \$1873.44, representing \$997 in the case against Ald. Origlass, \$479 against Ald. Wyner, and \$396 against Ald. Graham.

Council decided to take no action in regard to a written application by the three aldermen for permission to pay the costs to the Council by instalments.

Aldermen Origlass and Wyner told "The Link" that since that meeting they had been expecting a call from the sheriff to present the writ of execution, but that had not eventuated.

At last week's Council meeting Ald. (Dr) Foley

moved that garnishee orders to recover the costs be taken out against the three aldermen.

Only two of the Balmain aldermen were present at the meeting—Aldermen Wyner and Graham.

Ald. Origlass was absent following the death of his son, John, in a home bathroom tragedy.

At last week's meeting the two Balmain aldermen were not permitted to speak on the motion, which was carried by 14 votes to 2 (the other alderman absent being Ald. Brady).

Council later preserved a one-minute silence in sympathy for Ald. Origlass.

An expression of sympathy from the Mayor produced an angry outburst from Ald. Wyner, who contrasted it with the action taken for the recovery of court costs.

# Column NINE

## Those Smoke Regulations

"Inadequate for the purposes intended" was the verdict of Leichhardt Council's Smoke Abatement Advisory Panel (endorsed by the full Council) concerning the Maritime Services Board's new regulations governing the emission of smoke from vessels in the harbour.

"Failure to recognise or attempt to solve the problem of air pollution arising from shipping" was the counter opinion, expressed by the Balmain aldermen.

We feel the panel was too timid in its approach, and that the Balmain men had the more realistic policy.

Attacks on the M.S.B. for its attitude towards the comfort and well-being of Balmain residents are, of course, too well-known and too numerous to recount, and the pattern of the Balmain aldermen's approach is familiar and consistent.

Nevertheless, even a casual perusal of the new regulations should indicate that the Board has only an academic interest in handling the smoke problem, and that they were introduced only because of public demand for protective measures.

Leichhardt Council—spurred on by its Health Surveyor, Mr Williams—has done notable work in the industrial air pollution and noise fields, and deserves full credit for operating its two panels handling those nuisances.

However, in displaying what appears to be excessive patience with disinterested officialdom it could well have missed the bus in regard to the smoke regulations.

It has given the M.S.B. ample opportunity to show its bona fides in the matter. We feel it should have decided that the time had come to get tough, with the first move a spirited protest to the Premier.

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**Rugby League:** Trials were held over the weekend. The only results to hand are of the Sunday games, in which Under 8, E, F, and G grade teams all won against Leichhardt Coaching Class, while Under 9, 11 and 12 were defeated. Boys are still required in the Under 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 grades.

year Balmain were runners-up.

**Royal Tour:** Club instructor Wayne Shapter, and former Club captain, Ray Lance, were honoured by an invitation to attend the Young People's Night at the Trocadero to meet the Queen last Wednesday.

**Chinese Boxing:** Mr Lee called at the club last Friday to ascertain whether any lads would be interested in learning the sport of Chinese boxing. Those interested should submit their names at the office as soon as possible. It is anticipated classes will commence next Friday week.

**Ladies' Auxiliary:** The bi-weekly Housie afternoon will be held on Saturday at the club premises (next door to Town Hall) commencing 1.30 p.m. Good prizes available, plus a lucky door prize, and afternoon tea will be served.

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**Hospital Staff News**

Mr John Smith, accountant at Balmain Hospital, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Blacktown Hospital.

The Blacktown institution is a nursing hospital about the same size as Balmain Hospital.

**Exam. success**

Miss Marilyn Davis, a general trained nurse, who did her year's midwifery training at Balmain Hospital, took third place in the State in the recent midwifery examination.

Matron MacLaren said that Miss Davis, who came to Balmain from Tasmania, was to be commended for her success.

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# Aldermen Critical Of Council's "Inadequate" Moves

Balmain aldermen expressed dissatisfaction at last week's Leichhardt Council meeting at what they described as the inadequacy of Council's actions in two matters involving the effect of industrial activity on residential amenity.

The two subjects were the storage of petrol in the Vincent Street chemical tank "farm", and the Maritime Services Board's new regulations governing emission of smoke from ships in the harbour.

In a minute presented to Council, the Mayor, Ald. L. J. Rodwell, said it had come to Council's attention that Terminals Pty. Ltd., operators of the chemical tank storage enterprise in Vincent Street, Balmain, had breached one of the chief conditions laid down for approval by Council of the chemical tank farm.

## Removal

He said it had been discovered that one of the tanks had been filled with about 300,000 gallons of petrol, which carried a flash point that was dangerous, and above the highest flash point permissible on the premises.

He asked that he be empowered to consult with the Council's solicitor on the matter of issuing an order to the company to remove every drop of petrol from the premises.

Ald. I. Wyner (Balmain ward) sought leave to move an amendment that, in view of the fact

that the company had so flagrantly breached the conditions of approval, Council's solicitor be consulted on the methods to be used for withdrawal of Council's approval of the enterprise.

The Mayor, however, ruled that there could be no discussion of the Mayoral minute, which was put to the vote.

It was adopted by 14 votes to 2. Aldermen Wyner and Graham (Balmain ward) dissented.

The second subject was the M.S.B. regulations controlling emission of smoke from ships.

It came before Council in a recommendation from the Smoke Abatement Advisory Panel that Council should consider the regulations to be inadequate for the purposes intended.

The recommendation was adopted.

## "Far Short"

Ald. Wyner felt that the recommendation fell far short of what was required.

He submitted an alternative, setting out some of the criticisms of the regulations.

These were:  
• That the M.S.B. and the Premier be ad-

vised that in the opinion of Council the regulations indicated failure to recognise or attempt to solve the problem of air pollution arising from shipping.

• The regulations appeared to be based on the premise that the amount of smoke was defined as a normal and necessary function of shipping which should not be restricted unreasonably.

• The regulations were directed only at three specific categories of smoke, instead of generally at air impurity and air pollution arising from shipping.

• Testing by the Ringelmann chart could be done only at the time of smoke emission, so that the effects of smoke discovered after it had ceased or after the ship had left its berth would be outside the scope of the regulations.

• Ringelmann testing could not be carried out between sunset and sunrise.

• The regulations were far less stringent than those under the Clean Air Act.

• The penalty of \$200 was clearly a non-penalty.

Ald. Wyner said the Leichhardt Municipal Health Surveyor (Mr R. S. Williams) considered these were valid points to make against the regulations.

His submission, however, received no support other than from his fellow Balmain alderman, Ald. Graham, and it was rejected by 14 votes to 2.

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The competition drawn on March 25 by Balmain O.A. & I. Pensioners' Associated resulted:

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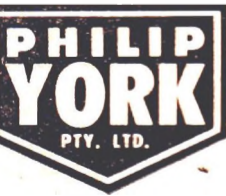
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Balmain was lacking a kicker, and the 18 points came from six tries.

Outstanding player was Warren Knox, who repeatedly broke through brushing-off tackles, closely followed by Robert Pearce, who at five-eighths played a howler, varying his play and being a threat whenever he received the ball.

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**The Tigers  
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The Way Back**

Although defeated 18-7 by St. George at the Cricket Ground last Saturday, Balmain showed impressive improvement from their drubbing at the hands of Manly the previous Sunday.

Condition, handling, defence and attack all improved immeasurably on recent efforts, and it was indeed gratifying to see them hit their opponents low instead of the high and ineffective tackles of previous games this season.

Mind you, they have a long way to go before attaining anything like their 1969 form.

However, in some stages of their encounter with St. George they showed glimpses of their best form, and only for a silly pass, or failure to back up the man with the ball, tries would have been made.

This failing to finish a move has continually been one of Balmain's weaknesses.

**Too Anxious**

Not being an expert on Rugby League I can't put my finger on the complaint, but in most cases I would say it is caused by over-anxiousness.

Taking South's game with Parramatta as an example, I was struck by the easy, unruffled passing by South's backs. They didn't appear to panic and shoot a pass anywhere like we have been seeing from Balmain.

With a bit of footwork South's beat a man, then lined up a support with a neat pass, which is something the Tigers will have to work on if they want to raid the tryline.

If anything, our forwards finished on top of the St. George pack, but were not supported by the backs, who failed to penetrate.

David Bolton was the only back who was able to penetrate, but on the numerous successful occasions he lacked support or was let down by a dropped pass, such as that managed by Olaf Prattl with the line wide open.

I thought Gary Leo erred in refusing to pass the ball when in a try-scoring position, such as in the second half when he was only about 15

yards out with support. He preferred to go to ground instead.

This sort of mistake must be rectified if the Tigers are to be a threat again this season.

**Position**

I feel Balmain must give George Ruebner another go in the centre, as big George is the perfect foil for pacy Harold Browne.

George has been castigated for ineffective tackling during the past couple of seasons, and by the same token the selectors have not shown much confidence in him by using him on the wing when his type of play is needed in the centre.

With the return of Peter Jones, "Chicka" Outten will need to put his best foot forward. His spot will be in jeopardy should he fail to find his true form.

It is good for Balmain to have a player of Peter's ability return to the game, as his defence is one of the most rugged you could encounter.

**Best Players**

Balmain's best players, in my opinion, were unquestionably our captain, David Bolton, and Arthur Beeton and Bobbie Smithies.

Joe Walsh, Geoff Connell, Alan Fitzgibbon, Gary Leo and Peter Boulton all did their share in the forwards, whilst Keith Outten and Olaf Prattl tried hard amongst the backs.

Bennett's Electrical Best and Fairest award was taken out by Peter Boulton, with 2 points being awarded to Bob Smithies and 1 point to "Chicka" Outten.

Reserve grade awards were: 3 points to Ray Watterson, 2 to Michael Ross and one to Geoff Connell.

Third grade awards went to S. Satterley (3 points), R. Leis (2), and T. Cross (1).

Much as it hurts me, I have to refer back to our game with Manly the previous Sunday, to bring our readers up to date.

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Progress points at this stage are:

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R. Leis; 1, K. Hanneman, T. Cross.

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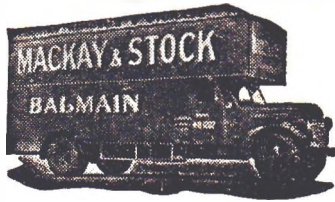
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