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Plan For Service By Young People

There has been an encouraging initial response to the public announcement by Balmain Rotary Club that it is sponsoring the formation in this district of a new service organisation, known as the Rotaract Club, for young men and women.

A branch of a new world-wide organisation, the Rotaract Club will be based on Rotary principles.

President of Balmain Rotary, Mr George Furey, is taking a special interest in the formation of the Balmain Rotaract Club.

Strong support of the move is promised by big industrial organisations based in the district, including Unilever and Ampol.

A club spokesman said the interest of the new club would not be confined to the local scene, as its activities could extend to other parts of Australia and even to such a distant outpost as New Guinea.

In essence, Rotaract is a type of Rotary Club for young people. It is not intended, however, to be a breeding ground for future Rotarians, but to fill a gap in community service by young people.

Purpose

Rotary International, in a pamphlet describing the Rotaract movement—which has spread to 27 countries around the world in its first year—defines its purpose as follows:

"To stimulate among its members acceptance of high ethical standards in all occupations, to develop leadership and responsible citizenship through service to the community, and to promote international understanding and peace".

Persons eligible for membership are young men and women between the ages of 17 and 25, who live, work or study within the territorial limits of the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Members may, however, be drawn from outside the territorial limits by agreement with other Rotary clubs which may be involved, and members may be older than 25 if they are undergraduates.

A Rotaract club must be sponsored by a Rotary club, but the membership plan is flexible and can be tailored to the needs and interests of young adults in the community.

The Rotary Club will provide guidance and counsel to the Rotaract Club through a committee of five or more Rotarians.

Service

A Rotaract Club involves its members in carrying out a balanced programme of activity which includes at least one major project annually in each of its three major fields of work.

In the vocational field, Rotaract encourages high ethical standards. It develops vocational knowledge and responsibility and appreciation for the contributions of all useful occupations.

In the community field, Rotaract projects meet the needs of the town or the campus.

In the international field, Rotaract members

undertake projects to promote better understanding of other nations.

Rotaract clubs have:

- Distributed magazines to a home for delinquent girls.
- Held forum discussions on topics of current interest.
- Raised funds for charities.
- Helped plan a youth week observance.
- Rehabilitated buildings of home for the aged.
- Undertaken social welfare work.

Costs of Rotaract are minimal. The sponsoring Rotary Club pays a \$10 (U.S.) admission fee to Rotary International, and Rotaractors pay \$1 (U.S.) per member per year for transmission to R.I. by the sponsor.

It is the responsibility of the Rotaract Club to raise any funds necessary for its programme.

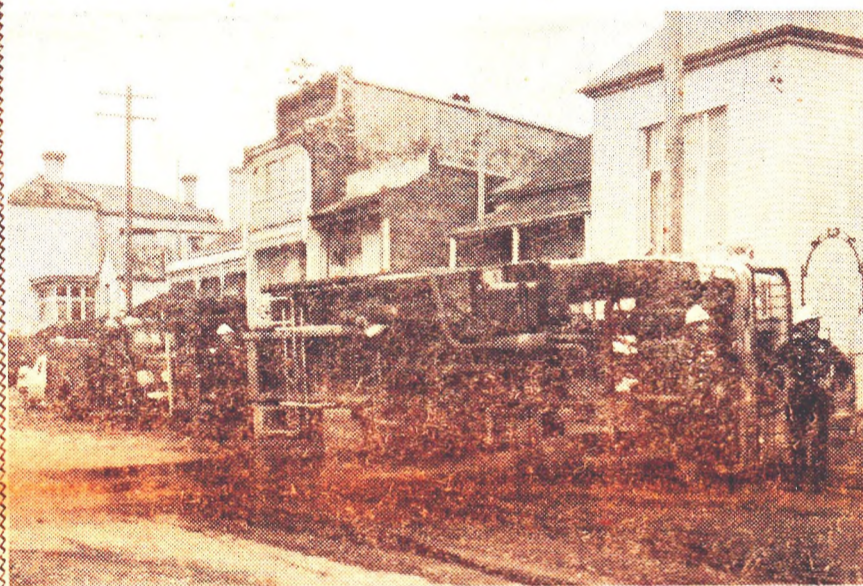
The club may not make general solicitations for financial assistance from individuals, businesses, or organisations in its community without giving something of value in return.

A Rotaract Club is organised, sponsored and supervised by a Rotary Club and is established upon certification by Rotary International.

The sponsoring club must exercise control and supervision over all Rotaract Club activities and policies through a committee of five or more Rotarians.

TRUCK OVERTURNS IN BALMAIN

When the driver swerved to avoid a small boy who had run into his path, a semi-trailer carrying 15 tons of gyprock on its way to the Mort Bay container terminal overturned in Rowntree Street, Balmain, last Wednesday afternoon.



The scene in Rowntree Street, Balmain, last Wednesday afternoon, with firemen keeping an eye on the hazard of spilled fuel.

The Balmain police reported that the driver's story was confirmed by a local resident, who had seen the boy leave a group of his mates and run into the vehicle's path.

Nobody was injured.

Apart from the spilling of the gyprock, some of it against the front stone fence of a house, damage was confined to the fence and to an electric light pole, which was pushed out of alignment.

The vehicle was proceeding north along Rowntree Street and had negotiated the bend near Curtis Road when the driver lost control after swerving to miss the child.

It ran for 120 ft. with its near side wheels in the air before capsizing on to its side.

A local resident told "The Link" that many motorists found that particular bend deceptive.

"Speed"

She said many had got into trouble, simply by travelling too fast, especially because of cars parked around the bend.

Had the vehicle gone a few more feet before stopping it might have smashed into a house instead of the fence.

The local fire brigade washed down the street to remove any fire threat from fuel leaking from the truck's tank.

Another resident complained to "The Link" that as heavy vehicles speed across various intersections with Rowntree Street they narrowly miss parked cars there.

Some residents have moved their cars, fearing they would be hit.

He said that two semi-trailer drivers travelling in opposite directions in Short Street to and from the A.N.L. terminal had at one time parked their vehicles on the footpath opposite each other, leaving enough room for only one car to get through, and had then adjourned to a nearby hotel.

"This is the second time a semi-trailer enroute to a Balmain container terminal has cap-

sized recently", the resident said.

"One capsized in Victoria Road, White Bay, blocking two lanes of traffic for many hours until a special fork lift truck was taken to the scene.

"In both these cases it was noticed that there were no red lights or red reflector triangles on the road to warn oncoming motorists, and in both cases the accident was 'around the corner' to approaching traffic.

"Some of the vehicles carrying these containers are very lightly built, high from the ground with a high centre of gravity.

"Excessive speed alters the stability and sends the back portion of the vehicle waving around like a flag.

"The corners and curves in Balmain were not designed to take large transports at speed".

Column NINE

PARTY—OR PEOPLE?

Local communities which have had cause to complain against central Government planning supervision will agree with Mr Justice Hardie in favouring the granting to local Councils of some greater power in regard to planning.

The Mayor of Leichhardt is on safe ground in his comments on the situation. Local people, we agree, should in some ways have a bigger say in the future of their district.

Many Balmain people, for instance, are bitter because local opinion was overridden by the central authorities in regard to the location of the container terminals in the heart of residential sectors.

It should have been obvious to the meanest Government intelligence that there would be a major nuisance in the way of noise and smoke.

Nevertheless Leichhardt Council will be regarded by many as a classic example of a local authority whose planning capabilities are suspect because:

- Many decisions have apparently resulted from the clash of Party politics, in which sectional opinion has been ignored or battered down.

- Promises by successful election candidates in such matters as provision of parking facilities for shoppers and free library services have not been honoured.

- Services such as street cleaning and litter removal are obviously inefficient despite the skyrocketing of rates.

Before such a body could be entrusted with more power it would have to demonstrate that it could properly handle the power it already has, as well as showing that it considered the people's welfare to be more important than Party politics.

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YOUR OPINIONS

Dirty Streets

Congratulations on your articles in reference to the filthy footpaths and gutters in Balmain.

Recently relatives have visited us—one from Kent, England, and others from Newcastle, N.S.W.—and we walked around the vantage points in Balmain and Birchgrove.

They all remarked on the filthy streets and lanes in our suburb and said that in their home towns a fine was imposed on any person apprehended for throwing litter.

Our relatives from Newcastle said that that city used to be filthy, but overnight became spotless because of the on-the-spot fines.

Child offenders were directed to appear with their parents before the Mayor and were given a pep talk for their first offence.

Larger and more rubbish tins were placed around Newcastle and suburbs.

I agree with you that more street sweepers with mobile bins should be used here.

Perhaps men could sweep rubbish from the gutters out on to the road, where the street sweeping machine could sweep it up.

At one time this method was used during the night where residents' cars were parked outside their homes and the machine could not sweep the gutters.

For some time now it has been noticed that the driver of the machine has been working on his own, so that the filthy gutters are left unswept.

I suggest that pits be built into the footpaths

for the street sweeper to use for his rubbish until picked up later by Council lorry.

That system works well in the city and in other areas in other States I have visited.

—R. Croall,
Balmain

End Of Old Home

In the midst of the Watch House restoration celebrations, spare a thought for the old house on the corner of Gallimore and Lookes Avenue, East Balmain, which is about to be demolished.

Being one of the recent lucky "migrants" to this lovely locality, I am not acquainted with the history of the house, but I have heard that it belonged to a retired sea captain and can well imagine the magnificent garden, traces of which remain.

Like many others, I was deceived by the dilapidated appearance of the house—the damaged roof, broken windows, lack of paint, etc., but on inspection the interior is seen to be as sound as a bell and at comparatively little cost could have been made into a shrine to house the historical relics of early Balmain.

Restored, it would have been an oasis in the midst of progress in the shape of home units, town houses, etc. Its destruction is a Pygmalion shame.

I suppose "lack of finance" is the reason for its not being preserved for posterity, which seems a weak old excuse when one thinks of the millions being poured into the "Comic" Opera House.

—Ted Hamilton,
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Should Local People Have More Say In Their Future?

The Mayor of Leichhardt, Ald. L. J. Rodwell, considers that residents of a locality, through their Council, should have a greater say in their future, especially in regard to the development of the district. He said this when commenting on recent criticism by Mr Justice Hardie of the lack of local Council power to revoke planning consents.

The Judge said in the Land and Valuation Court that there was a need for some provision to allow Councils to revoke decisions or appeal to the Court against erroneous decisions.

He was dismissing an Equity Court application by Kuring-gai Municipal Council for a declaration that it had the right to revoke planning consent.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr Morton, disagreed with the judge's criticism.

He said there was already power in the Local Government Act to enable Councils' erroneous decisions to be revoked, but Parliament had decided that power should be vested in the Minister, and he believed this was the proper place for it.

Over-riding

The Minister added that the revocation of planning consent was a very serious matter, and could not be left to a Council's possible change of heart or change in the composition of a Council with different views.

Ald. Rodwell thought that the State should be regarded on the whole as possessing a better overall picture of the

possible effects of a local decision.

However, the impact on the situation of an unpopular decision by the State Planning Authority should be kept in mind. Why should a centralised authority over-ride local opinion in this regard?

There were matters which affected the local scene but were under the control of the central authorities—such as the approaching construction of the Western Distributor.

In such a matter, although local people would voice strong objections to anything that would affect them unfavourably, the Government, which had to anticipate the transport needs of the future, would be expected to take the broader view.

However, where a matter was purely local, he thought the local authority should have greater power.

Ald. Rodwell said he would think that an effi-

cient Minister—and he had no doubt Mr Morton was such—would believe in giving local people a greater say in their future.

After a careful perusal of the whole of the facts, the Minister should favour local opinion more than centralised opinion, provided it did not interfere with existing legislation.

Shipping

"The Link" asked the Mayor whether he thought the State Government should take more note of what appeared to be the majority view of Balmain residents in objecting to further industrialisation of the Balmain peninsula, especially in regard to container shipping developments.

Ald. Rodwell said he did not think the Government of the day would favour a complete shift of the traditional in the area, and no State Government (of any political colour) would favour complete rejection of the wharfage industry from the peninsula.

Use of the peninsula for this purpose had been a natural concept over the years, he said.

The area had a natural advantage in this respect over many other parts of Sydney fronting the harbour.

However, Ald. Rodwell thought it inevitable that industry would tend to leave the East Balmain area, and that it would be replaced by high-rise residential development.

While he was far from happy with previous home unit development in East Balmain, he was a lot happier with most of the recent development.

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Sunday: Sick Parade. The Carousells. 3 p.m. Film Afternoon. 7 p.m. Dance Night. Prizes for the Barn Dance and a Jack-pot Monte Carlo worth \$70.

Wednesday, 6th May: Club Committee Tea at 6 p.m.

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The N.S.W. Department of Public Health nutritionist, Elizabeth Irving, says that feeding a family on a low budget needs careful planning, but meals need not be inadequate if you take time to plan ahead and spend your money wisely.

She gives the following advice:

It is cheaper to have healthy meals than to waste your money on non-essential food items which have little nutritional value.

On the other hand, the very expensive foods are generally not superior in food value to the cheaper varieties.

Stewing meat and mince steak contain as many minerals, vitamins and proteins as grills and roasts, but may require a little more care in preparation.

Meat tenderisers can do wonders — and they do not affect the nutrition value.

Cheap Milk

Powdered milk can take the place of fresh milk, since it contains all the important constituents of milk.

Powdered skim milk is even cheaper, and may also be used as a substitute for whole milk, except for babies under one year of age.

It is wise to buy the fruits and vegetables in season, as these generally are the least expensive.

Citrus fruits, tomatoes and rock melons are the richest sources of vitamin C.

Dried beans and peas can be used on occasions for economy as a meat substitute or mixed in a meat dish to extend it. They contribute a valuable amount of protein to the diet.

Bread, particularly wholemeal, is a nutritious food.

If you are working on a small budget, it is wiser to keep to the ordinary unsliced loaf, because you then get more bread for your money.

Foods which are high in calories but otherwise contain little or none of the essential nutrients are poor value, even though they may appear cheaper than some other foods.

Limited quantities could sometimes be eaten as an extra if money allows, but not in place of the foods essential to good health.

Such foods include cakes, biscuits, pastries, soft drinks, cordial, sweets, chocolates, jam, money and other sugary foods.

Planning

Planning your meals ahead of time saves money. You know exactly which foods you will need, and can buy the necessary amounts without being wasteful.

Planning ahead also ensures that the meals are attractive, nutritious and varied regularly.

This is always important, particularly when money limits the kinds of foods available.

The way to economy is through planning, care and commonsense. If you plan your meals well and purchase wisely, you can buy more nutrition for less money.

WEST SUBURBS FOOTBALL

Balmain Exchange went down to a side playing better all-round football 2-6.

Balmain started better than they usually do, but couldn't find any gap in the Enfield Fedrals' defence.

They were beaten in the scrums 16-8, and gave away 15 penalties to 7.

Balmain had to do a heap of tackling, and Colin McLean, Robert Chapman and Peter Provan excelled in this department.

Warren Knox scored Balmain's only points with a good goal in the second half.

Gordon Mason and Robbie Chapman came off injured in the second half.

Fedrals backed up well and looked the better side for most of the game.

Points in the Best and Fairest competition went to: R. Chapman 3, C. McLean 2, M. Best 1.

Maxie Best excelled himself after an 11-year break from football, and was in the hard going.

CODOCKS FOOTBALL

Codocks Football Club's D grade team defeated Glebe Youth 16-15 last week-end. As this was Glebe's first loss in three years great credit must go to the Codocks boys.

C grade defeated Glebe Police Boys, 5-0. B. Batten scored a try and J. Holcombe a goal.

Both teams are playing good football, and a club spokesman said he would not be surprised to see them become premiers.

R.S.L. CORNER

Balmain - Rozelle R.S.L. Club members say that last Saturday proved to be the best Anzac Day function ever held in the club.

In the morning there was plenty to eat, thanks to the efforts of Pat Bowthorpe, Kenny Maher, Ray Owens, Billy Boyd, and Bill Britton, and there was also plenty to drink.

In the afternoon the Trogans band did a wonderful job, playing very good music and their vocalist singing some very popular numbers.

As members and their visitors can see by the club's paid advertisement, on Sunday, May 10 — Mother's Day — every lady will be presented with a gift.

The film in the afternoon will be a beauty, there being no fewer than 13 prominent artists in the cast. They include Lucille Ball (Lucy), Jack Benny, and the late Jane Mansfield.

The title is displayed in the foyer.

SABOT CLUB PICNIC

Snail's Bay Sabot Sailing Club will hold its annual picnic day on Sunday, May 3, at Clifton Gardens, commencing 10 a.m.

Participants are asked to supply their own transport. For further information ring Mr D. Phillips, 82-5595.

to be held in the club on Wednesday, May 13, in aid of Legacy.

The Monte Carlo on Sunday night was won by Olive and Reg Johnson, but Olive drew the two of spades, so this Sunday the jackpot will be worth \$70 to anyone lucky enough to draw a king or an ace.

Soccer Club

Social games played by Balmain R.S.L. Soccer Club teams last Sunday resulted:

Under 6, lost 0-4. Under 8, lost 0-3. Under 9, lost 0-5. Under 10 (A) drew 2-2. Under 10 (C) drew 1-1. Under 11, drew 3-3. Under 12, won 3-1. Under 13, won 5-3. Under 14, lost 2-5.

Sunday's lucky number was E41 white (Mr Murphy, of Rozelle). The Gary Quinell benefit lucky number was B89 yellow (Mrs Lancaster, C/- Balmain Hospital).

Tigers Too Good For The Magpies

Balmain chalked up another victory by defeating a determined Western Suburbs by 24 points to 12 at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday.

Against the wind in the first half the Tigers were unlucky not to be leading Wests, as they bombed a couple of certain tries by failing to finish, and had to be content to be down 7-2.

With the advantage of the breeze in the second half they quickly asserted their superiority and piled on four good tries to race away to a 22-9 lead.

From this early stage of the second half the game was as good as over. The Tigers eased up and allowed Wests to score another try, making the final score 24-12.

Balmain had a lot of good players to choose from, but I think Peter Boulton took the honours.

He not only excelled in the open, but also gave his team a 15-12 majority in the scrums — no mean feat when you have a wily hooker like Ken Stonestreet to beat.

The rate at which Peter is improving is so

rapid that he could quite easily enter into calculations when the City sides are chosen.

I thought Bob Smithies also had another great game. He did everything right and was a continual menace to Wests' defence with his sorties into the back line.

Our second row combination of Artie Beetson and Geoff Connell is continuing well in attack, and both of them are tackling hard.

Jack Spencer was devastating in attack and saved tries with some perfectly timed tackles. He set up Barry McTaggart's try with a pass to the ever-present Smithies, who in turn passed to McTaggart.

Our front row of Gary Leo and Barry McTaggart gave Wests a torrid time with crushing runs and bone-shattering tackles.

Our pack is now really firing. When you consider the availability of such players as Joe Walsh, Greg Fryer, Olaf

Prattl and Alan Fitzgibbon, it's no wonder our forwards can't take things easy.

"Chicka" Outten and Peter Jones had strong all-round games, but appeared to lack speed when required. Their tackling could not be questioned, as each broke up many strong attacking moves by Wests.

Wayne Thompson and Alan Fitzgibbon lost nothing in comparison with their opponents, and ran well when in possession.

Olaf Prattl will need to keep his eye on the ball more, as his tackling has left a lot to be desired in his last couple of games. He must make sure he takes the pass, as we can't afford to throw tries away.

In the goal-kicking department Len Killeen booted six goals from nine attempts. If this type of kicking can be maintained he should help Balmain win many games. Len's defence is still suspect, however, and he'll need to tighten this up, against the top teams especially.

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Firsts: 8. R. Smithies. 6. P. Boulton. 5. G. Connell. 4. G. Leo. 3. J. Spencer.

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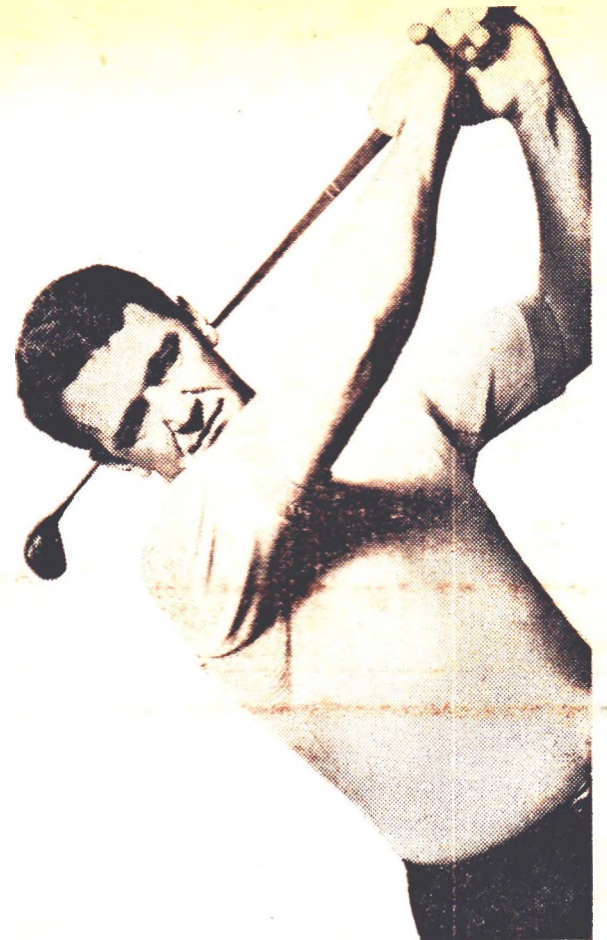
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Soccer: Last week-end longong.

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Brass Band: The band will have its first outing next week-end, playing at Drummoyne Senior Citizens' fete. The club's drum corps and marching group will also take part, and the trampoline squad will give displays.

Rugby League: In competition matches on Sunday against Ermington-Rydalmere D grade won 12-11, D reserve lost 8-14, and E grade lost 9-13. Social matches were played at the week-end at home and at Wolland Club paid Balmain a visit on Sunday, and Balmain won 6 matches to 5.

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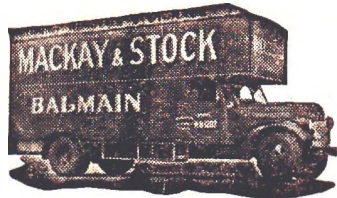
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