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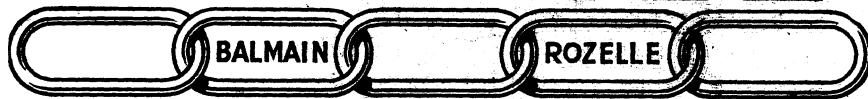
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Council's Fight For Rezoning Of Waterfront For The People

Following an inspection of the waterfront sections of Leichhardt Municipality, the Mayor, Ald. L. Rodwell, said that aldermen expressed a determination to renew their efforts to have parts of the waterfront released from industrial zoning and "restored to the people."

The inspection was made by launch, and was attended by practically the whole Council. Its purpose was to see from the water the appearance of activities on shore, and particularly the effect of industrial activities upon the area.

Ald. Rodwell said the aldermen were quite pleased with certain aspects of the waterfront, particularly in the Iron Cove area from Cockatoo Island south.

Picnic Point, at East Balmain, which contains the new park built by the Maritime Services Board, looked attractive.

Maintenance

Council has now agreed to the Board's request to do the work of maintaining the park. It has altered its stand on the matter.

Previously it decided it would not do the work, although prepared to pay up to half the estimated cost.

However, the M.S.B. asked Council to change its decision, as the Board did not have the facilities or labor for maintenance. It would pay half the cost.

"We did not want to let the park deteriorate", the Mayor said.

As the inspection party proceeded into Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay it found the area most disappointing because of dilapidated conditions of the waterfront.

These had resulted from deterioration awaiting maritime use of the land.

The waterfront there had deteriorated rapidly, said the Mayor.

Council had unsuccessfully made repeated representations to have the "waterfront industrial" zoning altered.

"Even if some of it is kept for waterfront industry, other parts could be rezoned", Ald. Rodwell declared.

"We don't care whether the zoning would be for parkland or for residential. We should be able to get decent foreshores.

"People can't get to the water at all. It is awful how they're denied access.

"You could say that in East Balmain if they can't get to the water via Datchett Street they can't get there at all".

(The Mayor was referring to the proposal by the Maritime Services Board to resume a further 65 ft length of Datchett Street to provide continuity of its property on both sides of the area.

(This would result in closing the street to public access to the waterfront, and is being opposed by Council as be-

ing clearly detrimental to the public interest.)

The Mayor added: "We will make another effort to have waterfront land rezoned for residential development.

"We realise some land should be retained for waterfront industry, but it is ridiculous to tie up the whole waterfront.

"Some of it should come back to the people".

"Amazed"

Two boys from Snail's Bay Sabot Sailing Club attended the inspection in an effort to find a site suitable for a club house.

The Club is desperately seeking a location for its activities following loss of its former clubhouse site.

A couple of likely sites were seen, and Council will await the Club's reaction before making representations for release.

Discussing that problem, the Mayor concluded: "You would be amazed at what there is not on the waterfront".

Charity Queen

Callan Park Psychiatric Hospital is competing in a State-wide Charity Queen contest among psychiatric hospital nurses in aid of the Psychiatric Nurses' Overseas Scholarship Fund.

This fund was commenced in 1968 to raise money to send psychiatric nurses overseas to study latest methods in therapy.

Two nurses have already been overseas on this scholarship.

To be eligible, one must be a registered psy-

chiatric nurse and have worked in a State psychiatric hospital for at least five years.

Callan Park Hospital has three candidates. The one who raises the most money will be selected to represent this hospital at the final judging, to be held at the end of April.

Candidates are: Louise Andersen, first year nurse, Sue Butcher, registered nurse, and Marilyn Bliss, third year nurse.

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"There is no future (as history shows) for any country that neglects to remember those who died protecting democracy".

This was the assertion of Brigadier Sir Frederick Gallegan in a speech at Pymble, on Sydney's North Shore, with reference to a new memorial to commemorate Australia's part in World War 2.

Sir Frederick (seen on the left of the picture) was countering the view which he said was being expressed by some of the younger generation in regard to the erection of memorials.

The picture shows Sir Frederick discussing the new memorial with Lt. Col. D. I. Aspinall, officer commanding the 17th Batt., Royal N.S.W. Regt., at the unit's headquarters in Pymble.

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Column NINE

Waterfront Zoning

The statement by the Mayor of Leichhardt (Ald. L. Rodwell) on the question of waterfront zoning will no doubt produce a sharp division of opinion among people working or living in the Balmain peninsula.

Whether you agree with it or oppose it would probably depend not so much upon political considerations as upon whether you want to work on the waterfront, or only live there.

And it raises again all the familiar questions:

- Should the residential aspect generally take second place to industrial on the harbour front?

- Has industry, especially enterprises having maritime association, a prior right to use of the foreshores?

- Or should the magnificent residential aspect be increased by refusing further encroachment by industry on the waterfront, and even returning sections to zoning for homes?

- Or should there be a better balance between industry and residential development, with new buffer areas between the two in the form of parkland?

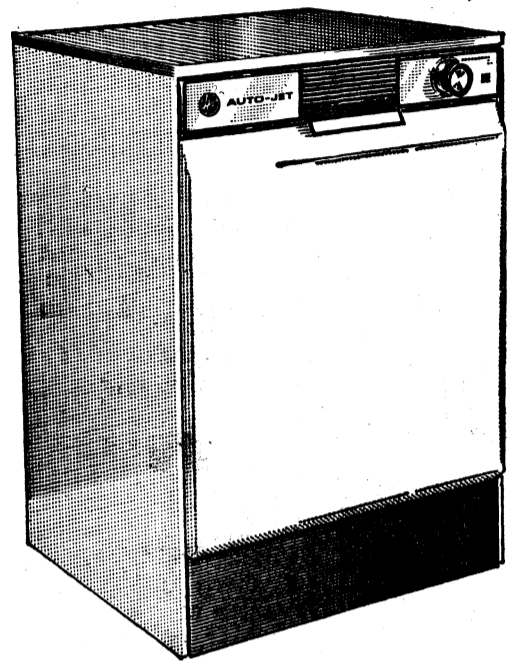
Arguments, sound and compelling, could be produced in support of each of those ideas

Governments, however, have a habit of supporting the demands of industry, especially when it itself has a finger in the pie, since it says that industry is a community's lifeblood.

However, the demand by sections of the people for greater preservation of residential amenity is growing stronger day by day, so that the attitude expressed by the Mayor is likely to be supported by many.

We would be interested to receive from readers their views on this matter.

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BOYS' CLUB

News from Balmain Police - Citizens' Boys' Club:

Soccer: Under 7 and U/9 teams were beaten in the first round of the pre-season competition, but the under 6 and under 8 teams both won. Scorers were Shamus Walsh (2) in the U/6 and Barry Maguire U/8.

Display at fete: On Friday and Saturday last members of the trampoline display squad, the Flying Tigers, and the Club's brass band and drum corps performed at Gladesville Psychiatric Hospital's annual fete.

The band and drum corps played a bracket of numbers for about an hour and a half and were well received.

The most spectacular portion of the trampoline display was the "Ring of fire" routine, where each lad executed a series of dive rolls and somersaults through two burning hoops.

Next week the trampoline team will perform at Singleton for the local Boys' Club.

Football: Rugby League and Soccer players are still required for the Club's teams in the local junior competitions.

Soccer teams have been entered in the under 6, 7, 9 and 11, and Rugby League teams in the under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19.

CLUB'S WALK PRODUCES \$1,500 FOR FELLOWSHIP

Balmain Rotaract Club expects that its recent Walkathon will have raised about \$1,500 for the project in hand—to raise funds for purchase of a home in the Balmain district for the Richmond Fellowship.

Results are still being counted, and should be known soon.

The Walkathon was over a 15-mile route—from Gladstone Park to Putney Park (for lunch), then return to Balmain via a different route.

It attracted 79 walkers, all pledged to donate to the project money donated by their sponsors.

The walkers included members of the Rotaract Club, local representatives of the Richmond Fellowship, members of the local and visiting Rotary Clubs, social workers from Callan Park, and members of the Balmain Boys' Brigade.

Balmain Rotarians acted as officials at check points and helped organise the lunch and other aspects of the project.

At the Gladstone Park

start point officials were joined by prominent well-wishers, including Mr Roger Degen, M.L.A. for Balmain, and Balmain "Tigers" Terry Parker, Bob Smithies and Peter Fardell.

The walkers were of all ages, the youngest being a boy of nine.

Rotaract Vice-president, Mr Robert Hart, said the Club wished to thank all those who helped in the project, including local businessmen who had subscribed generously to the fund.

The project is to purchase in due course a home for the first Richmond Fellowship operations in Australia.

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R.S.L. Seeks Better Position For Balmain's Cenotaph

Following the suggestion by Balmain Police that the time has arrived to move the Balmain cenotaph to a safer and more dignified position, Balmain-Rozelle R.S.L. Sub-branch is asking Leichhardt Council to arrange for this to be done.

Secretary of the Sub-branch, Mr R. Jones, said that the members had agreed with Inspector L. Dingwell that the cenotaph had now become a traffic hazard because of its position in Loyalty Square.

They considered that it would be desirable to move it to another position, such as Gladstone Park.

In the conditions existing when it was erected, the position was satisfactory. The growth in population and in traffic, however, had caused it to become a hazard.

Mr Jones said the Sub-branch was informing the Council that it had been approached by the Balmain police in the matter, and had referred

the proposal to members.

They had resolved at their last meeting to approach the Council with a request to arrange transfer of the cenotaph to a suitable location.

Although they would not nominate Gladstone Park specially, the park appeared to be a logical place for it.

The Sub-branch sought the opinion of Council as to a desirable position, and requested that Council should do the work.

Mr Jones told "The Link" that the Balmain Cenotaph was a very old monument and that great care would be needed in handling the removal.

It could fall to pieces if the work was not done in the right manner.

While this step has been mooted for many years, it has become a matter of urgency now that work is under way of construction of a supermarket right at this spot.

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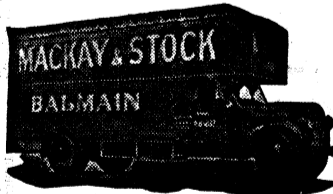
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R.S.L. CORNER

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Dominoes: Dickie Gray and Jack McLean from Tommie Quinn and Phyllis Murphy.

Secret ball: Bobbie Hunter, from a field of 30, with quite a few favourites toppled.

Sports Club outside fishing: Kingsley Lynch won both trophies, for biggest (5½ lb Morwong) and most fish.

This Sunday morning a talent quest will replace the solo artist. It

is difficult to say who will be favourite, as Jimmie Nash, Donnie Martin, Les Wetherhead, Ronnie Meaney, Ossie Kidd, Killer Coyle and quite a few others sing a good number.

As members can see by the advertisement, the Club's two big days for the year are Sunday, April 18, and Anzac Day (April 25).

April 18 is the date for the members' commemoration dinner, with 12 artists appearing on the one day in three different sessions of entertainment, lasting 11 hours, non-stop.

There will be a further 11 hours of non-stop entertainment on Anzac Day.

Three well-known Balmain people passed away last week—Les Day, who had lived here for over 30 years and was very well known on the waterfront; Jock McLeod, ex-member of the Club (aged 67); and Stella Brown, who will be sadly missed by her son, Leslie.

R.S.L. Soccer

Last week-end's results of Balmain R.S.L. Soccer Football Club games were:

W.S.S.C. Pre-season K.O.: U/9 lost, U/11C won (lost 2nd round), U/11 A won, U/12 lost, U/15 lost, A/A lost.

R.S.L. Pre-season trials: U/7 won, U/8 lost, U/9 lost, U/10 won, U/11 lost, U/12 lost, U/15 lost.

The Club has acquired a new coach, Mr H. Lennars, an ex-international from Germany, who will assist any of the other coaches with his knowledge and experience in any way he can.

Balmain-Rozelle R.S.L. Club

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SPECIAL NOTICES: Commemoration Day tickets are now available, and there will be no tickets sold or distributed after Sunday, the 4th April, also this Sunday morning is a local Talent Quest.

Thursday, 11.50 a.m., hot snacks, charge 25 cents, 8 p.m., Knock-out Domino Tournament, \$30.

Friday, 11.50 a.m., hot snacks, charge, 25 cents, 8 p.m., Knock-out Euchre Tournament, \$30.

Saturday, 9.30 a.m., Club opens, 12 o'clock snack bar opens, 8 p.m., Brian Charles, vocalist.

Sunday, 9.30 a.m., Club opens, sick parade, Talent Quest. First \$25, Runner-up \$10; Third \$5. 3 p.m., The Joy Boys with Harrie Dwyer, 7 p.m., Dance Night, prizes for the Barn Dance and a Jack-pot Monte Carlo worth \$10.

Sunday, 4th April, 3 p.m., The Digger Reval Show, also last day for tickets for the Members' Commemoration Dinner.

Sunday, 18th April, Members' Commemoration Dinner. March starts at Coles corner at 9.15 a.m., 12 artists appearing, 11 hours straight entertainment.

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Scores were—Balmain Tigers 13 goals 14 behinds (92); University, 6 goals 4 behinds (40).

Rickie Winch scored 4 goals, and Jeff Cann two.

Other scorers were Ian Banner (a promising player whose presence gives the team a boost), R. McDonald, G. Foster, N. Birrs, and S. Cramp-ton.

Presentation of the Blackhall's Chemist Award to coach Bob McDonald was well deserved.

Balmain's reserves gave a very good display of football and deserved their win.

Scores: Balmain 5, 11 (41); University, 4, 11 (35). Worthy of mention were Ken Johnson, Glen Richardson, Alan Reinten, Tony Baker, Peter McKay, Len Thomson, and Steve Bevan.

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Reunion In Balmain Revives Old Football Memories

BY TOMMY McCOY

The 21st annual reunion of Fitzroy Junior Rugby League Old Boys took place at the usual rendezvous — Balmain Leagues Club old rooms at Nelson Street, Rozelle.

The event recalls a meeting on a Sunday morning in 1916 in a small upstairs room in Darling Street, Balmain, near Gladstone Park.

It was of the Balmain National Club and was convened by Harold Matthews in order to change the club's name to Fitzroy Junior R.L. Club.

Thus began Harold's illustrious career which took him to the highest organising and administrative positions as Secretary to the N.S.W.R.L. and the Australian Board of Control.

Norm (Latchem) Robinson, also dedicated to Rugby League, has gone a long way since and is now one of its top administrators. We are proud of them.

The get-together as usual was opened by Harold welcoming those present. He then called for one-minute's silence as a mark of respect for deceased members.

Four more were added to last year's absentee

total. Joe Palmer, our popular press man, Mick Bell, George Robinson (Latchem's elder brother) and Tom Cooper passed away during the year.

This grieves us greatly. Alas, we have no replacements.

The session then got under way with the singing of our theme song, "For me and my gal". What a beating we've given that over the years! Laughter and song was the order of the night, with funny stories we could hardly hope to get into these columns.

Now, who were there?

On the left: Sid Jones, Cec Jackson, Ernie Leyland, Bill and Harry Nix, Jack Rae, Frank Robinson, Doug Vannan, Sid Robinson, Sr., and his son Sid, Jr., Bill Skelton and Sid Keller.

Now, wait for it . . . a visit from the great international and the youngest player ever to be chosen for a tour of England — Charlie (Chook) Fraser, looking like a million dollars.

He's promised to come again in 1972.

On the right: Jim Beattie, Artie Bennett, Eric Bottomley, Bert Johnstone (Balmain's first ball boy), Ron Matheson, Tommy Walker, Norm Wood and Danny Stewart.

At the top: Harold (Sec.) Matthews, Hilton O'Halloran, Jim Russell and yours truly.

If I've missed anyone I'll never live it down.

Latchem could not be with us for the whole evening. He was at Belmore Park to see Balmain lose to Canterbury, but returned afterwards.

An apology was received from Arlo Wilton (away on holiday).

Harold's football quiz as always was a scream. Each tried to outcheat the others, and Harold had the time of his life adjudicating. He got more hoots than the late Joe Wallis as he handed out gifts to winners.

We have much to thank the three musketeers — Harold, Latchem

Club Fishing

Another round of the interclub fishing competition will be held next Saturday, March 20, the boat leaving Dawes Point 4 a.m.

Balmain Leagues Club fishing club will hold its monthly outing next Sunday, March 21, from Darling Street wharf at 5 a.m.

Boats leave right on time.

Club President, Alf Patterson, back from his holiday at Conjola, said he had caught so many fish that he would give away all the fish he caught on his next three trips.

and Jim — for their efforts over the years to ensure the success of these functions, which most probably would have lapsed without them.

Eric Davis, now at 579 Darling Street, Balmain, phone 82-3191, has been having a rough trot owing to illness. He would appreciate a visit or phone call from any of his Fitzroy mates.

Les Stevens, 4 Macquarie Terrace, Balmain, is very ill and would be pleased to see visitors.

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