

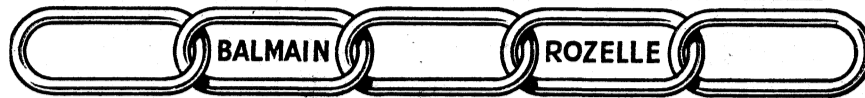
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Council Aims To Commence Child-minding

Public reaction to Leichhardt Council's investigation of the possibility of establishing municipal child-minding centres has been such that Council is now considering introduction of a pilot scheme at its Glebe kindergarten.

The Mayor, Ald. N. Origlass, says that the idea would be to extend the scheme in due course into other parts of the municipality.

The idea to be investigated is to have a centre open to children of mothers who work and who could leave them there between, say, 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

This would require somebody to be present before and after ordinary kindergarten hours.

Council decided at last week's meeting that, in order that a start could be made with Council's venture into child-minding centres, a report be furnished by the Engineer on the feasibility of introducing a pilot scheme at the Hilda Boller Kindergarten, Glebe.

This would operate between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. using trained and untrained staff or non-working mothers.

The report would refer to:

- Capacity of the kindergarten, and its potential capacity.
- Hours of individual pupils attending.
- Policy of preference to a particular section (such as working mothers and underprivileged families).

Inquiries

During November Council published newspaper advertisements inviting parents to register children they desired to be accommodated at child minding centres in Balmain, Glebe and Annandale, the possibility of whose establishment Council was investigating.

Inquiries were received from 12 persons at

Leichhardt Town Hall, 39 at Balmain Town Hall, 7 at Glebe Town Hall and 14 at Annandale Council Chambers.

One Balmain mother wrote that she had been employed in a part-time job and had found it extremely difficult to find someone willing and able to look after her 3-year-old son.

After talking to mothers in her group of friends, she felt that a centre of this type run perhaps only during school hours or a little longer would be of great benefit to this area, especially because of its high density housing and lack of parkland.

"Battle"

Another Balmain mother said she had had a continual battle to obtain proper care for her two children while she followed her career.

She was very aware of the problems of the mother who, either from necessity or a wish to use skills she might possess, wished to obtain employment.

Such centres, she added, would fill a very definite and urgent need in a community in which increasing numbers of mothers were employed outside the home, but in which the need for adequate, properly supervised child care facilities had to date been almost completely ignored.

Miss J. Fry, Principal of the Sydney Day Nursery and Nursery Schools Association, gave some particulars of that body's activities.

These covered 15 nursery schools caring for children from 2 to 5 years, and six day nur-

series caring for children under 2 years.

Current enrolment is approximately 1,000, of whom 59% have only one parent.

There is a Government subsidy of \$365,000. Cost per child is \$15 per week and fees are based on a means test.

Nurseries

One-parent families pay about \$4, so that the more children in need who are enrolled the greater the gap between fees and costs.

Children under 2 are cared for by trained nurses or mothercraft nurses, and those over 2 by trained teachers assisted by untrained staff.

The centres open 10 hours daily for 49 weeks of the year.

Miss Fry said 70,000 pre-school children in N.S.W. had mothers who work, of whom about 20,000 were cared for in pre-school centres.

Many centres were privately owned and staffed by untrained people.

Miss Fry added: "We cannot afford to ignore the problems of children. The rate of mental breakdown and deviant behaviour is increasing rapidly in the community.

"The basis of behaviour is established in the first five years of life and these influence emotional security, social behaviour, language development and attitudes to learning.

"Unless children are well cared for in their early years their chance of happiness and a successful life in the future is greatly reduced".

Balmain's Child Artists En Masse



Behold the concentration and the artistry! This little one—unfortunately the photographer failed to get her name—was typical of the child artists who covered themselves with glory (and paint) at last Saturday's paint-in held by The Balmain Association at Gladstone Park.

The showers held off until the paint-in was just about finished, and the 250 children who responded to the Association's invitation to "get with it" in a paint-sloshing adventure produced a fantastic number of pictures.

Simeon Beckett, aged 8, appeared to have created some sort of record by producing 13 pictures. Most children did at least two, and many did more than that.

The Association distributed over 1,000 sheets of paper, and kept up a running supply of paint (much of which went on to the artists—and their parents—as well as the paper).

Many of the youngsters ended the morning

Traffic In Watson Lane

Leichhardt Council has decided to widen Watson Lane, Balmain, because of increased traffic as a result of patronage of the Woolworths' Supermarket parking area.

Estimated cost is \$831.

completely covered in paint (fortunately water soluble).

No doubt their parents agreed that the cleaning required had been in a good cause, since it kept the youngsters absorbed as well as giving their artistic expression full scope.

There are sure to be some famous artists coming out of this lot!

The best of the pictures will, the Association hopes, be on display in a city bank, to show the rest of Sydney what Balmain can do in the way of child art.

Mr Bill Haesler, Association President, acknowledged with thanks the permission given by the Council for use of

Public School for use of easels, and local firms for help with the utensils, such as the paper and cans for the paint.

A soft drink firm supplied free drinks for the "contestants".

Mr Haesler said that local artists who helped the children with comment on their work said there was some definite talent displayed.

Quite a few of the youngsters—aged from 1½ years to 15—displayed a definite understanding of colour and design.

Column NINE

MINDING CHILDREN

Leichhardt Council seems ready to embark on a child-minding effort, to provide a community service in a field where help is singularly lacking.

Most people will agree that help should be forthcoming from an authoritative source to parents in genuine need of assistance in caring for their young children outside the home.

Hence there is much to commend Council's approach to this problem.

Leichhardt Council has made a feature of assisting under-privileged residents in various fields, and where a child-minding centre would help under-privileged parents, and in particular one-parent families, the venture would be in line with past practice.

Ratepayers of course will want to know whether this scheme is another effort which will add to the amount of money they will have to pay in rates, or whether it would pay for itself.

If it is to be another rate-boosting idea, a cool, hard look should be given to the method of financing it.

Only in cases like a seriously embarrassed widow, deserted wife, or prolonged illness should a subsidy be contemplated.

For instance, the mother who seeks child-minding help because she wishes to continue her career although her child is still young could normally have no claim to a subsidy.

Many people in fact believe a young mother's place is in the home unless there is urgent need to go to work.

The working mother is nevertheless a product of the modern age, accepted by many, and her needs, like those of others, should be met if possible.

BALMAIN ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

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Conducted by the N.S.W. Department of Education in the Public School, Marion Street, the College provides a variety of courses, all being open to any adult.

Most courses cater for homemaking, handicrafts and hobbies, but academic classes, such as typing, shorthand, Italian and School Certificate studies, are available.

A 12-week membership fee enables attendance of as many classes as desired on the four evenings weekly the College is open.

Pensioners are exempt from payment.

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When term commences students can enrol on Monday evening, Monday to Friday, by attending the College between 7 and 9.30 p.m., when classes are in session, or

COUNCIL MOVE ON PROPERTY VALUES

A slightly different approach to the Valuer-General in regard to the rating of properties zoned for home units was decided upon at last week's Leichhardt Council meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Ald. P. O. Bray, was given leave to amend his notice of motion on the subject, and the amended motion was carried.

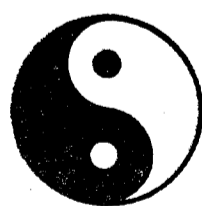
This was: "That Council advise the Valuer-General of the resolution of this Council of 19/10/71 regarding town planning and of Council's resolution of 18/1/72 regarding interim codes for erection of buildings in Residential 2 (b) areas;

And that the Valuer-General be further advised that the immediate effect of these resolutions must be to substantially

reduce the valuations prepared by him for land zoned as Residential 2 (b) under the Leichhardt Planning Scheme.

"So as to prevent municipal and water rates burdens being imposed on owners, Council requests as a matter of urgency that the Valuer-General supply additional valuations, for rating purposes only, of all single-dwelling properties in areas zoned Residential 2 (b) under the Leichhardt Planning Scheme, and that, to this end, Council is willing to assist the Valuer-General in listing the properties in question.

"Council further determines that, in bringing relief to the said property owners in the manner proposed, Council reserves the right to require rates to be paid on the original valuation in any case where a single dwelling is sold for purposes permissible under the Residential 2 (b) zoning under the Leichhardt Planning Scheme".



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Thursday, 8 p.m., Knockout Domino tournament, \$30.

Friday, 8 p.m., Knockout Euchre tournament, \$30.

Saturday, 9.30 a.m., Club opens, 8 p.m., Graham Carn, guitar vocals.

Sunday, 9.30 a.m., Club opens, sick parade. The Formula Two, winners of the North Sydney Leagues Club Talent Quest, 3 p.m., Live Show. Brenda Buckley, female vocalist, Mario Sgro, male vocalist, backed up by The

Tuesday, 8th February, 8 p.m., Annual Sub-Diamonds Sextette, 7 p.m., Dance Night, prizes for the Barn Dance and a Jackpot Monte Carlo worth \$40.

Branch Meeting, Election of Officers off the floor for 1972.

Saturday, 12th February, votes close for Annual Election.

Monday, 14th February, 8 p.m., Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Officers off the floor for 1972

Wednesday, 16th February, Club Meeting

Council News In Brief

Dawn Fraser Pool Wall

That the Dawn Fraser swimming pool structure is in "A phase-out period" was the statement made to Leichhardt Council by the Engineer, Mr G. A. Wilson, reporting on a complaint.

The complaint had requested improvements to the "filter" on the surrounding wall of the pool.

Mr Wilson said the term filter evidently referred to vertical boarding extending from deck level surrounding concourse to below water level.

These scum boards had developed cracks between them due to movement of the pool structure.

It had been suggested that timber battens be nailed over the cracks but this would not be satisfactory. The boards

were only a few years old and in not unreasonable condition.

"The general deterioration of the structure to which they are affixed is a factor which has been recognised by Council", said Mr Wilson.

The report has been accepted by Council.

Lights At Terminal

Work by the Maritime Services Board to adjust the lights over the White Bay terminal to remove a nuisance to local residents has not been successful, according to a Leichhardt Council inspector.

The Chief Electrical Engineer for the M.S.B., Mr McCloud, had arranged to have the lights adjusted to create a minimum of nuisance, and if that proved ineffective, to investigate means of shielding the lights to eliminate the problem.

Mr McCloud has now agreed to make a full investigation of the problem associated with terminal lighting and then to decide on rectifying measures.

He explained that the White Bay lighting complex had been submitted in a lighting design competition, which it won.

For the purpose of that competition, the flood lights had been re-directed for the best lighting effect.

Dilapidated Building

Residents' efforts to get Leichhardt Council to do something about a dilapidated building in Duke St., Balmain, have produced a reply that it is part of a Council open space development.

Because of the advanced state of dilapidation Council will not spend a large sum of money on renovation.

It proposes to board up the property as protection against further vandalism until other properties are acquired to add to the park at the rear.

Building Of Town Houses

Building approval has been given by Leichhardt Council for erection of a 2-storey residential flat building with parking under, comprising nine town houses, at the corner of Lookes and Gallimore Avenues, Balmain East.

Town planning approval was given last year.

The application was by Stephen Klein and Associates, architects, on behalf of Karl Developments.

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Sunday, a.m., Euchre tournament, 3 p.m., Craig Berry, instrumentalist, and on same programme Formula Two, vocal duo, 7.30 p.m., Jill Lindfield, vocalist.

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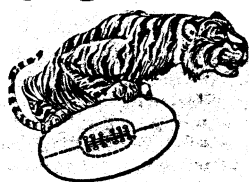
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CAMPAIGN**

Leichhardt Council has decided to call a public meeting on Saturday, February 12, to discuss its campaign in opposition to construction of expressways through the municipality.

The meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. at the Dr Foley Rest Park, corner Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road, Glebe.

Business of the meeting will be to hear a report on the activities of the Anti-expressway Committee; confirm public support for the anti-expressway movement; and consider and determine proposals for continuing action.

Association Attitude

The Balmain Association will, at its next general meeting, discuss whether it will become involved in the anti-expressway campaign.

Although Balmain itself is not affected by the expressway plans, the Association has now extended its boundaries to cover the whole of Rozelle ward of Leichhardt Municipality.

A section of Rozelle will be affected by the Department of Main Roads plan for the North-western Expressway.

Mr W. Haesler, Association President, said the anti-expressway committee had been invited to send spokesmen to the meeting to address it on the matter.

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BUSINESS OF MEETING:

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- (2) Confirm public support for Anti-Expressway movement.
- (3) Consider and determine proposals for continuing action.

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A.L.P. And Civic Groups: Protest At Reported Move

A report that the N.S.W. Labor Party is considering "proscribing" members of civic groups has caused The Balmain Association to write in protest to the Assistant Secretary, Mr B. Childs.

Mr W. Haesler, President of the Association, said that according to the report a move was contemplated that would make members of civic groups ineligible to be members of the Labor Party, and vice versa.

In his letter, Mr Haesler said this would be a backward step by the Labor Party.

It seemed to be brought about by the defeat of certain Labor aldermen in the recent Council elections, who laid the blame on civic groups in the area.

Independent investigation, he said, would reveal a completely different reason for residents' dissatisfaction with the

old Council.

The Balmain Association since its inception had enforced its non-party political constitution.

During the recent Council elections it had called a public meeting and invited all candidates from Balmain and Rozelle wards to address it.

All except Ald. Casey and ex-aldermen Hefferman had attended; the meeting date clashed with their Rozelle branch meeting.

One A.L.P. candidate for Balmain had addressed the meeting.

Of Balmain and Rozelle ward candidates, the following were mem-

bers of The Balmain Association—one Labor, two Liberal, 1 Independent, 1 Communist.

"Although the Association had long been a critic of the old Council", said Mr Haesler, "It has never involved itself in criticism of the Labor Party.

"The Association has always prided itself on being able to discuss in a non-party political atmosphere the affairs of Local Government with ex-aldermen and current aldermen.

"If you were to take a census of the membership of any of the civic groups in the area you would find that over 50% would be Labor supporters, and this proposal will disillusion many members of civic groups".

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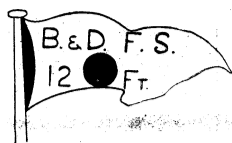
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for some of the final
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Spray and Moomba Too in
the senior 2-ups, and Little
Ripper and Nymph in the
junior 2-ups.

Results were:

Senior 1-ups: 1, Trance
(G. Rumford skipper),
Speers Pt. Club. 2, Marlin
(L. Harding), Teralba. 3,
Wahoo (C. Surry), Yarra
Bay. 4, Gemini IV (G.
Hoar), Manner Park. 5,
June (W. Holloway),
Yarra Bay. 6, Valkyrie
(R. Evans), Hunters Hill.

Senior 2-ups: 1, Peg-
asus (D. Anstey, Teralba
Club), won on countback
from Pee Wee (D. Lamp-
recht), Lane Cove. 3,
Thistle (R. Johnston),
Lane Cove. 4, Penguin (R.
Rice), Greenwich. 5, Star
(J. Jones), Greenwich. 6,
Joker (M. Byrne), Lane
Cove.

Junior 2-ups: Craftier
(M. Spies), Hunters Hill
Club. 2, Mayso (P. Mason),
Teralba. 3, Trade Wind
(B. Coy), Teralba. 4, Jack-
pot (A. Hall), Marmong

Pt. 5, Venture (R. Dig-
man), Yarra Bay. 6, Blue
Bunny (I. Roxburgh),
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Super Snails

Sunday's event for Super
Snails resulted: 1, Blue
Bird (B. Robinson-P. Sym-
ington); 2, Livonia (Barry
Robinson-K. Lysatt); 3,
Crusader (Miss J. Phillips-
J. Pope). Fastest, Blue
Bird.

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regatta was won by Stan-
ley Reeves (P. Pont-J. Hal-
stead), with Livonia
(Barry Robinson-K. Lysatt)
second.

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Placings were: Lesley T.
(R. Brown) 1, Viking (A.
Griffith) 2, Kirra (R.
Phillips) 3.

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Trophy event resulted:
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ing 3. Fastest time, Lesley
T.

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